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Sunday, September 21st, 2008

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"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something."

- Sandra Day O'Connor

➔ ideas for organizing your gathering

Make it a party, a project or a potluck. Below are some ideas for your National Neighborhood Day gathering.

Fun Ideas:

- Block party
- Kids performance/play
- Battle of the Bands
- Kite flying
- Games – ultimate Frisbee, basketball, four square, whiffle ball etc.

Service Projects:

- Paint a classroom/floor/school
- Canned goods food drive
- Yard Cleanup -- help a senior citizen with a yard spruce up
- Blood drive

Civic Engagement:

- Voter Registration drive

Food and Drink:

- Spaghetti supper
- Pancake breakfast
- Backyard BBQ
- Pizza party
- Cocktail party
- Stone Soup party
- Invite the neighbors in for dessert
- Organize a progressive dinner for people living in your apartment building
- Picnic at the School
- Neighborhood lemonade stand
- Cookie Exchange

Neighborhood Beautification Projects:

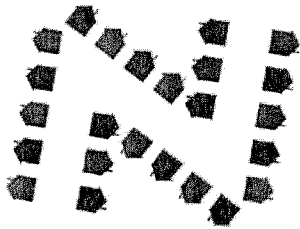
- Bulb or tree planting
- Invasive species plant cleanup in your park
- Fall landscaping clean-up
- Neighborhood Cleanup
- Bike trail repair
- Paint a neighborhood mural
- Help paint the fence in a community garden

Safety Projects:

- Child seat safety inspection
- Bicycle Tune-Up

Other Ideas:

- Yard Sale
- Bake Sale for Charity
- Treasure and White Elephant Swap
- Arts and Crafts Festival
- Book Sale or Exchange
- Historical Tour of the Neighborhood, School or a Landmark
- Naturalist Walk in School Grounds or Neighborhood
- Make a videotape of your neighborhood
- Create a neighborhood babysitters list
- Have a recipe exchange



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Participate in
National Neighborhood Day!

Third Sunday in September each year

***You can make your neighborhood a better place.
Host a National Neighborhood Day gathering!***

***Make it a party, a project or a potluck – choose whatever works
best for your neighborhood!***

***Welcome new neighbors and re-kindle old friendships making
your neighborhood stronger, more fun for everyone***

Ideas and information to make it easy at www.neighborhoodday.org

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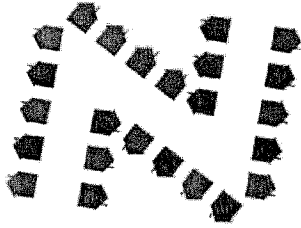
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Neighborhood Gathering - Please Join Us!!

Let's catch up and meet new neighbors!

Where: _____

When: Sunday, September 21, 2008 (Third Sunday in September)

Who: Neighbors, families and friends

What to Bring: Food, drinks, stories from the Summer!

RSVP/Questions: _____
organizer / phone # / e-mail

- Let's have fun!
- Meet new neighbors. Bring the kids!
- Gather current contact information (phone, e-mails) for the neighborhood
- Brainstorm neighborhood issues/projects we and our children might work on together!
- Getting to know each other better will make our neighborhood stronger, more secure and an even friendlier place to live!
- Any folding tables would be helpful.
- Paper plates, napkins and forks/spoons will be provided.

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(Simply copy the following text into your next organizational bulletin)

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