



2023 Block Parties

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Block parties provide an opportunity to way to meet your neighbors, build the friendships that help keep our neighborhood safe, compile a list of contact information to share, and have a good time. To promote these goals, the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association will help pay for your party.

Here's how it works: You and your neighbors on at least one block-long street organize and execute a block party. The block party can be held inside a home, in a back yard, or in one or more front yards and driveways. Most popular is to block off a portion of the street.

If you want to block off all or part of a street, you **must obtain a permit** from the Mountain View Police Department. Download the Block Party Application form from the Block Parties page of the MLN website, www.montaloma.org/events/block-parties/. Email the completed form to the Records Unit <MVPDPPermits@mountainview.gov>. There may be a follow-up call to the applicant.

Allow 30 days for approval because the application must be approved not only by the Police Department but also by the Fire Department and the Traffic Engineer. The application notifies city services that you will be blocking off the street, so that in case of emergency, police and fire vehicles will not come barreling through, endangering you and your neighbors. Any street barricades must be movable to provide easy access for emergency vehicles. There is no fee for the city permit, and the applicant will be contacted once it is approved.

Note: The City does not provide barricades, but you can borrow orange safety cones and "Road Closed" signs from CERT. Contact John Thomas at johnt589@comcast.net, 650-964-2785, or via CERT@montaloma.org **at least two weeks before your party** to arrange for pickup and return.

The MLNA will provide partial reimbursement based on receipts submitted **within ten days of the event** for eligible party supplies (paper and plastic goods, food, and non-alcoholic beverages) and the number of participants: \$50 for parties with 10-19 people, \$100 for parties with 20-39 people, and \$150 for 40 or more people. Use the official sign-in sheet to verify participants' names and addresses as residents of Monta Loma. The reimbursement instructions are at montaloma.org/events/block-parties.

For sample invitations plus an items-needed list, see the Block Parties page at www.montaloma.org.

Neighborhood Watch is also an important aspect of a safe neighborhood. To learn more about home security, invite our Neighborhood Watch Captain, Tom Purcell on Alvin, to visit your block party by contacting him at MontaLomaNBC@gmail.com or via the Contact page at www.montaloma.org.