



Summer Activities

“Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.” – Jenny Han

As summer is now in full swing, our personal calendars are filled with relaxing vacations, road trips, baseball games, farmers markets and spending quality time with friends and family. The summer season is full of fun outdoor activities whether you live in Florida, Kansas, Connecticut or Arizona. Summer is also a great time to organize a community event to meet and interact with your neighbors.



5 Ideas for a Community Summer Event

1. **Plan a Block Party or Barbeque:** A block party is a relaxing and casual way to get to know the neighbors in the community. Pro Tip: Plan outdoor games to increase interaction
2. **Plan a Summer Clean-Up Day:** A clean-up day allows homeowners to come together to show pride in their community by doing small projects that are not included in a landscaping contract. Pro Tip: Communicate what you will be doing so homeowners dress accordingly
3. **Organize a Book Exchange:** A book exchange allows neighbors to exchange books without having to travel to a library or purchase a new book. Pro Tip: Make sure the book you put in the exchange is one you don't plan to have returned
4. **Form an Exercise Group:** An exercise group is a great way to promote healthy living and hold each other accountable. Pro Tip: Make it fun for homeowners of all fitness levels
5. **Host an Outdoor Movie Night:** If you have a projector and a white sheet, they can easily be used to project a movie for the neighborhood. Pro Tip: Choose a family-friendly movie

5 Tips for a Successful Community Event

1. **Volunteers:** Solicit volunteers and assign them to a specific aspect of the event, a Social Committee can be very helpful in planning these events.

2. **Set the Date and Location:** If the event is held at the community, decide ahead of time where it will be located and set a start and end time.
3. **Communicate:** Advertise the time and date and provide an alternate date if the event has to be rescheduled due to weather. Decide how the rescheduled date will be relayed to the homeowners.
4. **Vendors:** Ask one of the community's favorite vendors if they would like to attend.
5. **Donations:** Provide an opportunity for members of the community to get involved by providing food, tableware, snacks, garbage bags, etc.

Remember hosting a community event does not have to be perfectly executed, take mental notes for next time. Relax, have fun, stay positive and enjoy your neighbors and your beautiful community.

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