

NEIGHBOR GET-TOGETHER

A guide for connecting



nurturing authentic, thriving community

STEP 1: KEEP IT SIMPLE

The first step is to **Keep it Simple**. By keeping it simple you are making it easier as the host and more accessible for your neighbors to participate.

- **Invite 8-10 households.** There is no pressure to invite the whole neighborhood. Smaller gatherings are easier to manage and create more space for the kind of conversations that increase relationships.
- **Host it outside.** Invite your neighbors to bring a chair to your front yard. A circle of chairs in your yard is better than a huge event in a parking lot.
- **Don't stress about food.** Food often brings people together, but it can also be stressful if you feel pressure to feed everyone.
 - Avoid hosting over meal times so people don't expect a meal.
 - Encourage people to bring snacks to share.
 - **Make the focus on something other than food like conversations with your neighbors!** Or something easier such as enjoying sidewalk chalk, bubbles, a fire pit, etc.

STEP 2: INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS



Invitations can be printed or simply handwritten on scrap paper. Include:

- your name
- phone number
- address, time, and date of the get together
- anything your neighbors need to bring

We recommend delivering the invitations in person by knocking on each of the doors of who you plan to invite. If they don't answer the door just leave the note on their porch or on their mailbox.

STEP 3: HOST YOUR GET-TOGETHER!

When your neighbors arrive, have a few questions ready to steer the conversation toward neighborhood connection. Here are some we recommend:

- What is something you love about your home?
- What is a skill or talent you have that your neighbors might not know about?
- Have you noticed a time on our block when someone has been especially neighborly?

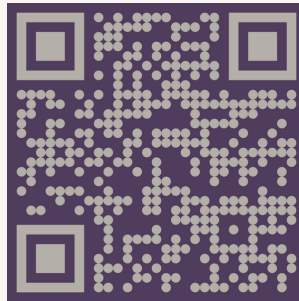
If you and your neighbors are willing, exchange contact information. If people are participating in **the 8 Front Doors Challenge**, they could fill out their block magnets at the get-together. (These can be found in the Shop on our website at neighboringmovement.org/shop or print your own using the template at the end of this guide!)

STEP 4: PLAN FOR A FUTURE GATHERING

Ask your neighbors if anyone is interested in helping plan another get-together or in joining you in connecting neighbors. Ideally, you could plan another date before your gathering ends. **Happy Neighboring!**

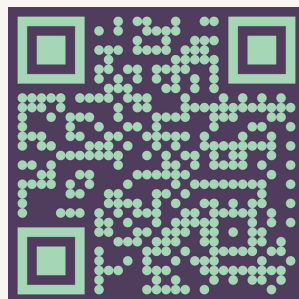
We would love to hear about your Neighbor Get-Together experience!

**YOU CAN SHARE AN AUDIO FILE OR TYPED STORY OF YOUR NEIGHBOR GET-TOGETHER EXPERIENCE WITH US!
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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR



**IN EACH BOX WRITE THE NAME AND
PHONE NUMBER OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WHO
LIVE IN THE 8 HOMES CLOSEST TO YOU**



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