

This Year's Neighbors Night Out is Tuesday, September 9th, 2014



In years past this event was held in August and known as "National Night Out" however, for the fifth straight year, Oklahoma City is hosting their neighborhood celebrations in September in hopes of more temperate weather.

Join us this year for Oklahoma's Neighbors Night Out, September 9, 2014
online registration opens in June at nacok.org.

Note these important Oklahoma NNO Dates:

May 1 - August 1

Early registration for neighborhood events. All Neighborhoods registering before August 1 will be entered in a drawing for Target gift cards! Registration forms are attached to this document, or you can register online at nacok.org.

August 1

Get your registration in today for a chance to win Target Gift Cards for your event! This is also the last day to submit your volunteer request to be considered for Target Volunteers for your event. Volunteer request forms are included with this document, or are available online at nacok.org

August 1- 29

Final Registration for NNO events. Register your neighborhood event to be included on the NNO Events Map, and the Master List distributed to Police, Fire, County and City agencies.

September 9

Neighbors Night Out in your neighborhood - Representatives from Neighborhood Alliance will be making the rounds, visiting as many events as we can! Every neighborhood event will receive a certificate of participation! Be sure to invite local law enforcement, fire fighters and your government representatives!



Register your event today at nacok.org



The first Neighborhood registering in each ward will be eligible for a free roll-away dumpster for a neighborhood clean-up day, provided by Waste Management.
They bring it, you fill it, they haul it away!

Here are some ideas for a great NNO Event!

Sample Activities:

- Block Party
- Cookout
- Bicycle Parade
- Jump Rope Contest
- Hula Hoop Contest
- BBQ
- Street Dance
- Storytelling Contest
- Painting class
- Visits from local fire and police
- Scavenger Hunts
- Karaoke
- Music and DJ
- Street Carnival
- Encourage everyone to leave their porch lights on
- Plant flowers in your park
- Pet Parades
- Dessert Contest judged by Fire, Police or Council members
- Group craft

Honor Police & Fire Workers:

- Bake & take cookies to local station
- Plant flowers at local station
- Send thank you cards
- Invite them to your event

Sample Refreshments:

- Watermelon
- Potluck Dinner
- Lemonade and Cookies
- Ice Cream
- Make your own Sundaes
- Pretzels and Chips
- Pizza
- Hamburgers and Hotdogs

Group Mixer Ideas:

- Awards for the oldest, longest living and newest resident
- Ask for oral history stories of your neighborhood
- Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt, "find a person who..." contest



Target is happy to provide volunteers for this year's Neighbors Night Out events. Return a request form, included in this packet, or fill out a request online at nacok.org.

Request deadline is August 1

(not all requests can be filled; Target has a limited number of Volunteers)

Target volunteers can help set up, cook hotdogs, entertain kids, clean up and help with many other duties at your event.

Tips for a Successful and Fun Neighbors Night Out

We know planning can be a challenge and many of you who celebrate NNO have asked Neighborhood Alliance for some tips and examples to make your events even better. Below you will find some information on what other neighborhoods have done for Neighbors Night Out in past years.

1. Get local sponsors! Residents of your neighborhood patronize the businesses in and around your neighborhood. Give those businesses an opportunity to give back by donating food and supplies for your celebration! Go in and speak with the manager. Ask for specific items and be reasonable about what you request. If you have received donations in the past, ask those businesses to support the neighborhood again.



2. Consider a Coop Event with a School! A school in your neighborhood can be a great focus for a celebration and often a great space for it! See if your local school would be interested in being a part of a NNO Event. **Schools can also be a great way of getting the word out to your neighbors and increasing attendance.**

3. Do you want your city officials to attend your event? Invite them! Invite your local fire and police departments to your party. Give your City Council member a call and let them know you would like for them to attend. Invite your State legislators and county officials. They all would love to come to your event!

4. Go Green! Let OKC Beautiful help you recycle! They have 75 recycle bins (with lids) available for you to check out & use at your next event. Whether you use 1 bin or all 75, they are FREE and available to you and your organization. Help us educate the Oklahoma City community about the importance of recycling. See OKCBeautiful.com for additional information.



5. Be innovative! Hold a fundraiser, raising money to purchase cases of Gatorade for your local police and fire departments. Many neighborhoods will hire a DJ or rent items like cotton candy machines, snow cone machines, bounce houses, etc. The Canyon North neighborhood used their volunteer patrol to hand out fast-food coupons to neighbors who were in their yards during Neighbors Night Out.

6. Contests are fun and bring out the neighbors! Miller neighborhood had a dessert contest and invited government officials to be the judges.



Be sure to share your success stories with us!

Scenes from Neighbors' Night Out 2013



NEIGHBORS' NIGHT OUT 2013!

Highlights from a few of the over 65 events held city-wide last year:

Lakeview Neighborhood Association (NW Expressway/NW 63/Meridian/Ann Arbor Terrace) had a variety of activities- a neighborhood pet registry, Home Depot volunteers painting faces and building birdhouses, a bouncy house, and a raffle table where residents could pay their dues, donate to the local school and purchase raffle tickets for large prizes.

Cambridge Park HOA's (SE 86th/SE 88th/Prairie Ridge Road/ Sooner Road) event boasted a DJ Booth run by neighborhood children, a basketball shot contest, a bounce house, numerous safety vehicles and over 60 adult residents talking, laughing and eating. Truly a picture of what NNO is meant to be, these neighbors were socializing, befriending each other, meeting their police and fire personnel and being reminded that their neighborhood is their sanctuary!

The Valley POA (NW 174th/NW 164th/Valley Crest Trail/N Western Ave) Held at the Platt College Culinary school's Chefs di Domani Restaurant, the event offered up exquisite cuisine paired with a Painting Class. Each table setting included a blank canvass on an easel and primary paint colors. Throughout the evening, the instructor led the group in recreating a beautiful nightscape. It was a fun, creative and very interactive way to build community in this neighborhood that is challenged by a mix of mandatory and voluntary sections. Great indoor location with a fabulous takeaway for everyone.



Who To Call...

If you will be closing off a street, expecting hundreds to attend, or inviting food trucks, you do need to consult with the City's Special Events Office:

City of OKC Event Permit Coordinator 297-2890 or specialevents@okc.gov
Check out the very helpful guide at okc.gov/specialevents for important information and fees related to closing streets or using street vendors (food trucks). These permits require a 30-day advance for application so PLAN AHEAD!

Invite the Police Department, Chief City and Majors...

Chief City 297-1100, chief.police@okc.gov
Bricktown Station 297-1180
Hefner Division..... 316-4416, robert.skalla@okc.gov
Santa Fe Division 417-8896, steven.brackeen@okc.gov
Springlake Division 316-5138, erick.huff@okc.gov
Will Rogers Division 316-4525, michael.loruse@okc.gov

Invite your City Councilperson, the Mayor and City Manager..

City Manager, Jim Couch..... 297-2345 or citymanager@okc.gov
Mayor Mick Cornett 297-2424 or mayor@okc.gov
Ward 1, James Grenier..... 297-2404 or ward1@okc.gov
Ward 2, Ed Shadid..... 297-2402 or ward2@okc.gov
Ward 3, Larry McAtee 297-2404 or ward3@okc.gov
Ward 4, Pete White 297-2404 or ward4@okc.gov
Ward 5, David Greenwell 297-2569 or ward5@okc.gov
Ward 6, Meg Salyer..... 297-2404 or ward6@okc.gov
Ward 7, John Pettis, Jr..... 297-2569 or ward7@okc.gov
Ward 8, Patrick Ryan 297-2404 or ward8@okc.gov

Invite the Fire Department, Chief and Majors...

Call Tess Hague at Chief Clay's Office to request a visit from equipment or personnel from your local station 297-3628 or tess.hague@okc.gov

Consider inviting the following to your celebration:

- State-level Representatives and Congress-persons
- Local clergy
- County Commissioner
- Public and private school officials
- Non-profit agencies
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops
- Neighborhood businesses
- Other City employees (Planning Department, Action Line, Code Enforcement)



This form is available to complete and submit online! See nacok.org

Neighborhood:
Contact Person:
Contact's Address:
Zip: Phone:
Email:

Briefly describe the NNO event your neighborhood is planning:
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Location of event:.....

Date & Time of Event:

Directions to Event: (give specific instructions so that someone unfamiliar with your area can find your event!).....
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Mail to: 1236 N.W. 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

- or -

Fax to: 405-521-0798

-or-

Better yet! Register online at nacok.org!!

Register by August 1 to be entered in the early-registration drawing to win Target gift cards for your neighborhood event!

Late registration deadline is August 29.



Neighbors Night Out Volunteers

Your Oklahoma City Target Stores will again be providing volunteers for the Neighbors Night Out celebrations. Target is accepting applications that will be filled on an "As Needed" basis. Submitting an application does not guarantee that volunteers will be provided to your event - Target has a limited supply of volunteers. You will be notified by August 7 if Target has chosen your event.



To be considered for volunteers:

- Fill out and submit the online request form by **close of business on August 1, 2014** at nacok.org (recommended)
- or -
- Complete **both sides** of this application and ensure the application is turned into Neighborhood Alliance **no later than the close of business on August 1, 2014.**
Mail to: 1236 N.W. 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73118
Fax to: 405-521-0798

Volunteer Request Form - Neighbors Night Out 2014

Application Deadline is Tuesday August 1!

(Submitting an application does not guarantee that volunteers will be provided to your event - Target has a limited supply of volunteers)

In addition to the contact information on your registration form on the reverse page, please provide the following:

of people expected to attend

Plans for Volunteers (if provided):

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Did you have an NNO event in 2013: If so, how many people attended (approx.).....

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES TO SUBMIT A VOLUNTEER REQUEST