

Santa Cruz Neighbors, Inc.

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Are you ready to reconnect outdoors with your neighbors again? Would you like to have traffic on your street blocked for an afternoon? Invite your neighbors to gather outside on your block to have some fun, make personal connections and celebrate your neighborhood! SantaCruzNeighbors.org will help you achieve this rewarding experience.

Santa Cruz Neighbors, Inc. is encouraging the residents of Santa Cruz to participate in the 12th annual Santa Cruz Neighbors' City-wide Block Parties to be held on Sunday, September 26th anytime between NOON and 8 PM. Representatives from the City of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Police Department, Fire Department and other City Departments along with UC Santa Cruz are available to visit the Block Parties!

## **The Event**

Date: Santa Cruz Neighbors 12th Annual Block Party on Sunday September 26, 2021

<u>Time</u>: 12PM to 7PM - YOU choose the time of your gathering.

<u>Location</u>: Your street, driveway, yard, or two blocks! There are street closure requirements. Permit with rules will be followed up with you as the Host.

Organize your Team: Many hands make light work – get your neighbors involved in the planning phase. Make it as simple as just coming out with tables and chairs. Bring a dish to share. The children get to play in the street and there could be more organized games. You create a time to visit with your neighbors and catch up with news and even safety issues.

The Plan: The 'Block Party Lead' submits an application as soon as the block team is assembled. Have team members join you in contacting everyone living on your block. You want neighbors to receive a personal, face-to-face, invitation. It is important to have their buy in to avoid 'day of' conflicts such as no parking areas, blocked driveways and other access issues etc.

Please note that you should have your flyer created so that you can leave at door if no one is home. Please go back and recontact neighbors who were not home. Some Neighborhoods have also designed and printed up door hangers to leave on cars with the street closed day and times! Santa Cruz Neighbors can help you with ideas.

Santa Cruz Neighbors.org will help getting your City Permit (music is included in the permit), scheduling 'City' guests to visit, create a flyer if needed, and provide barricades for you to pick up and much more! Please go to SantaCruzNeighbors.org for all the support you need.

Questions and Contact us at email@santacruzneighbors.org or call 831 423-0745

Santa Cruz Neighbors is a citywide 501c3 non-profit since 2001 that helps a network of neighborhoods to partner with, local government, educational institutions, and local businesses, and non-profits dedicated to safer neighborhoods, a Community oriented government and provides a neighborhood voice for the residents of Santa Cruz.