

4 Reasons to Get to Know Your Neighbors

A Glimpse at Palo Alto's Neighborhood Programs

1. Party in the Streets

Neighborhood Block Party Program



Through the block party program, the city temporarily closes residential streets so neighbors can stay in touch at their front doorsteps. This free program is a great opportunity for neighbors to become acquainted before an emergency. Residents may request appearances by County Fire and Sheriff's units at block parties. Block parties may be held for celebrations, sports, games, barbeques, and other neighborhood activities. For more information, contact To request a block party application, call 777-3354.

2. Prevent Crime

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program trains residents to recognize and report suspicious activities. Program participants also learn about home security and other crime prevention techniques. To schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting in your home call Susie Jones, Palo Alto Police Department

3 Beat the 'Quake

Neighborhood Preparedness

When disaster strikes and you're not home, who will check on your family, pets, or home? – Your neighbors, of course. Many Cupertino neighborhoods have organized for earthquakes and other disasters and have created a safer, friendlier place to live. Cupertino's emergency preparedness program, administered by the Santa Clara County Fire Department and the city of Cupertino, assists residents with neighborhood organization.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Emergency services will be overwhelmed for the first 72 hours following a major earthquake, flood, or fire. This 20-hour course offers hands-on training in life safety skills to help you and your family be better prepared for emergencies.

To learn more about Emergency Preparedness programs, contact the Office of Emergency Services Coordinator.

4 Create Community

Neighborhood Block Preparedness Coordinators (BPC).

BPCs provide the essential communication that brings neighborhoods together and serve as a vital links between the neighborhoods. and the City.

Basic training is provided on how to meet and maintain contact with neighbors. BPCs are also informed of neighborhood and city issues that affect their neighbors.

New and established BPCs meet a few times a year to trade neighborhood tips and to learn communication techniques. For more information.

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