



Transportation Department

Special Events

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Block Parties

What qualifies as a block party?

- Primary participants are residents of the neighborhood where the street is closed
- Mandatory cover charge or fees are not charged to participate
- No large-scale amplified sound is used
- All other applicable ordinances are observed

Requirements & Regulations

▪ Application

- A completed [Special Events application](#) must be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the block party and a permit must be issued prior to the event. Please describe all activities planned in the application.

▪ Map

- The map must clearly show the street(s) to be closed. It should be made digitally (i.e., with Google Maps, using a screenshot from the [County's property search](#)); however, it can be hand drawn, if necessary.

▪ Barricades

- An easily removable barricade shall be used to close the street (i.e., cones, sawhorses with signs, rented barricades). The barricade must be able to be removed quickly in the event that emergency personnel need to access the street.
- Block parties are typically held on low-volume streets, preferably cul-de-sacs; requests for parties on higher volume through streets will be denied.

- **Notifications**

- A good faith effort must be made to contact the residents on the impacted block to notify them of the block party. The local [fire protection district](#) must also be notified. Please state your notification plans (i.e., phone calls, emails, neighborhood Facebook or other social media, flyer, etc.) in the application.

- **Noise**

- Please state if amplified or live music will be present. All block parties are subject to the [County Noise Ordinance](#).

- **Alcohol**

- Not permitted if the event is open to the general public or if sold.)

- **Restrooms**

- It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide restrooms for the event. Restrooms inside a building with permission of the owner or rental of portable facilities are both acceptable; please indicate your plans on the application.

- **Clean-up**

- Sponsor is responsible for cleanup after the event. All debris and trash must be removed from an event site immediately after the event. Please consult the [Zero Waste planning guide](#) for suggestions on how to minimize waste from the event.