

## Watertown's Annual City Wide Block Parties Checklist

A block party is one way to bring families, neighbors and friends together, in a FUN way. It is also an opportunity for your neighborhood to begin building a caring, safe and drug-free neighborhood. Having a block party is just one way to develop a sense of community among your neighborhood.

If you are thinking about organizing a neighborhood block party, the following information can be used to plan your block party.

\_\_\_ Have co-coordinators to help plan (if needed)

\_\_\_ Location of your block party

\_\_\_ The **flyer** we provided in your packet can be copied and distributed within your neighborhood, **or you can make your own. Have the youth in your neighborhood help by making flyers and/or distributing them around the neighborhood.**

\_\_\_ Use **Name tags**. That way people can become familiar with each other – especially if you have new neighbors!

\_\_\_ There are things available through Park & Rec.

- "Picnic Packets" that include games - \$5 fee
- Volleyball, badminton
- To see what else is available **call Park & Rec. at 882-6260**

\_\_\_ **Alternative locations** in case of rain:

- City Auditorium
- Hockey Rink
- Derby Downs
- Schools around your neighborhood
- Area Churches

You need to call these places to make reservations in case of rain. (But it won't rain, right?!)

\_\_\_ Blocking a street is something you can do...You will need to **fill out a form from the police department if your neighborhood wants to this for the party.**

- If any questions please **contact Lee McPeck** at the Watertown Police Dept at **882-6210**.
- **Also, call the Police Department to let them know of your block party and they will stop by!**

\_\_\_ If you want **game/activity ideas** to get your neighbors involved, you can contact the Prevention Library at the Human Service Agency at 884-3524, or Watertown Regional Library at 882-6220.

\_\_\_ Promote your block party to be alcohol -free.

\_\_\_ Please **fill out the evaluation form after your block party**, this will help plan for next year's block parties. This also enters your Block Party for a drawing!

**Thank you** for your participation and coordination! Your help is greatly appreciated!!

**Thank you** for motivating others to participate in your neighborhood block party!! If you have any questions, please contact the NE Prevention Resource Center at 884-3524.