

# This is your non-partisan, Atkins-approved, environmentally friendly, HYDROGEN FUELED, 38th annual official 2007 Block Party Invitation!



**The big day is June 9<sup>th</sup> – rain or shine** (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of June, as always—so you can put it on your calendar for next year). The day officially starts around 10am when the ponies show up (though please come out early and help us decorate!) and officially ends at 11pm when the DJ has to pull the plug.

## Features and Events:

- Pony Rides (from 10-noon)
- Kids Activities (throughout the day)
- Fire Trucks (and if we're lucky, an open hydrant)
- Pig Roast (Featuring the new and improved, patent pending, Pigtacular Pig Cooker 3000!)
- Pot Luck Dinner (Dinner will be served around 5ish. Please bring your stuff out after the group picture)
- Burger and Dog Station (for lunch and dinner)\*
- Keg Tent (Kegs tapped at noon. Please refrain from any drinking games. Seriously. It's not that kind of party.)
- Margarita Bar\* (for happy hour)
- Wine Bar & Tasting
- Raffle (with over 30 prizes from local merchants)
- A Centennial Birthday Party (our block turns 100 this year!)
- Featured T-Shirts (The design this year will focus on the 100 year birthday)
- The Traditional Group Picture (4pm Sharp!!)
- A Live DJ with Dancing (Our favorite DJ, Patrick will be back with a mix of games, contests, and dancing)

*\*These items are currently on the chopping block for lack of volunteers to spearhead them. If you are willing to help out, please email [brent@taoti.com](mailto:brent@taoti.com) so we don't have to lose these events! We also still need a few general volunteers willing to help out. If you wouldn't mind giving up 30 minutes of your time at the party, please email me.*

## Donations & T-Shirts

Each household is asked to contribute at least \$30. And this part is important: your guests should also contribute \$15 each. Where else can you get all of the above for \$15??? It's a steal, so please make sure your guests pony up so that we can afford to do this each year. You can make payment online with your credit card at [www.duddingtonplace.com](http://www.duddingtonplace.com). Or, please drop off a check (payable to Duddington Block Association) or cash to 135 Duddington. Make sure you indicate who you are and how many guests you expect. Donations determine whether or not we can do all of the above activities, **so please get your donations in by May 12** to give the planning committee enough time to make the required adjustments based on our budget. Last year we had over 90% donation participation on Duddington (about an average of 40% from the other surrounding streets.) Let's try to beat our record this year! Also, T-shirts will be available for order in a few more days. We expect them to cost \$13 each. If you'd like to buy a T-shirt, you may want to wait until the order forms go out so you can include your donation and T-Shirt order together.

## Potluck Dinner

Each household is asked to also contribute something to our potluck dinner. You need to make enough for you and 10 additional people! Our potluck was devoured in 20 minutes last year because there was not enough food given all the guests present. **So it's important to tell your guests to bring something to contribute too!**

## Guests

While we're on the subject of guests, there has been growing concern that our block party may be getting to be a bit more than just a block party. Friends and family of all residents are more than welcome. But you should probably draw the line there and not invite friends of friends, the softball team, everyone at the office, etc.. This is a BLOCK party—not a Capitol Hill free-for-all. **Don't forget to ask your guests to send in their \$15 and bring a potluck item too!** That's really important! Or, just point your guests to our website. We have a section addressed to them there so they know what to expect and what the block expects of them. This should take some of the awkwardness out of having to ask friends for money for a party.

## Parking

We get the city to bring in street cleaners on Friday night (June 8<sup>th</sup>) to clean the street. But they won't do it if there are cars on the street. As the street is officially closed down for this event, **all cars must be moved by Friday at 5pm or they will be towed** by order of the police. We don't want to tow anyone's car, so please don't forget to move your car.

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That's about all I can fit on a single page, so for pictures from past block parties and more of my long-winded, overly-thorough explanations and information and additional rantings and ravings, please visit [www.duddingtonplace.com](http://www.duddingtonplace.com). Also, if you are not already on our mailing list, please visit the website to sign up. Most of our info goes out via email, so if you're not on the list, you miss out!