



Kelley relaxes in her block party's dinner space on Bryan Hill and Sinclair Malcolm's front lawn in Queen Anne. The red-and-white checkered blankets—marked by chic, homemade signs staked in the lawn—designate picnic spots for each family.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 IS NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME! Originally instituted by the Seattle Police Department 26 years ago to establish crime watch groups in neighborhoods, Seattle's Night Out Against Crime has become the day for a citywide block party. Register your name with the police at seattle.gov/police/NightOut and you can block off your street to traffic for the evening and request that local firefighters stop by to show off their shiny fire trucks for the kids (pending any emergencies, of course).

BLOCK PARTY!

KELLEY MOORE'S FESTIVE TIPS FOR AN EASY, FAMILY-FRIENDLY BLOCK PARTY BRIMMING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE

I CONSIDER MYSELF LUCKY to live in a neighborhood where two of my dearest friends live just across the street and where neighbors go out of their way to help each other. But even with that, we rarely have a chance to get together because we are all so busy. So this year, in anticipation of the Seattle Police Department's annual citywide block party, Night Out Against Crime (on August 4; see box for details), I decided to round up my neighbors for a sophisticated—yet kid-friendly—meet-and-greet in my Queen Anne neighborhood. Block parties often work best when there is a central gathering spot, but I also wanted to create an event that would help the neighbors get to know each other better, so I took a round-robin approach. The party was stationed at three different homes throughout the evening: cocktails on my porch; grilled kebabs, tabouli and other potluck items at a comfy picnic spot at another home; and a backyard puppet show for kids (complete with a sno-cone machine) in another yard. The rotating locations make for a laid-back, welcoming party enjoyed by tykes and busy adults alike.

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▼ Beverages for the party are served on my front porch. Adults imbibe in a refreshing, playful variation on the Arnold Palmer iced tea and lemonade drink made with local Finamoré Limoncello and served from a faux antique dispenser. Lemonade is an easy substitute for the teetotalers in your party.



find it:

PAGE 38 (LAWN): Red and white checkered picnic blankets, \$12.99 at Target. **(PORCH):** Large glass apothecary jars, \$268 each from Anthropologie; red and black melamine serving trays, \$12.99 each, and blue acrylic tumblers, \$21.99/each at Target; Washington state glasses, \$12 each at Fireworks Gallery; white bowl, \$4 each at Anthropologie; Capri rolling wicker bar cart, \$799 at Pottery Barn; Finamoré Limoncello, \$34.95 at Washington state liquor stores. **THIS PAGE (ON TABLE):** Assorted tumbled glass, \$17.95/5-pound bag at Bedrock Industries; blue and cream grid-patterned plates, \$31.99/12 and large grid-patterned serving tray, \$7.99 at Target; small red serving bowls, sauces and kebabs provided by Bryan Hill and Brasa Restaurant, and kebab sticks from Mrs. Cooks, \$7.75/ four; red and black Chef'n silicon brushes, \$7.99-\$9.99 at Dish It Up!; red Klean Kanteen stainless steel bottles, \$9.95 at Bed, Bath and Beyond. **(BASKETS):** Yellow and orange serving baskets, \$9.95 each at Sur La Table; ribbon, Kraft brown tissue paper and take-out boxes at PS Stores; biodegradable utensils, \$6.25/50 at Goods for the Planet; small square red napkins, \$2.99/50 at Target; tabouli from Brasa Restaurant. **(PUPPET SHOW):** Frame, \$105, and felt puppets, \$22.95 each, at Top Ten Toys; assorted sno-cone holders with sno-cone machine rental, \$60 per day at Aurora Rentals. Signage and invite design by Kelley Moore Creative Media, Inc.

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Anthropologie

Downtown*
1509 Fifth Ave.
206.381.5900
anthropologie.com

Aurora Rents

Green Lake
8800 Aurora Ave. N
206.729.7368
aurorarents.com

Bed, Bath and Beyond

Downtown*
1930 Third Ave.
206.448.7905
bedbathandbeyond.com

Bedrock Industries

Lower Queen Anne
1401 W Garfield St.
206.283.0497
bedrockindustries.com

Dish It Up!

Magnolia
2425 33rd Ave. W
Suite B
206.281.7800
dish-it-up.com

Fireworks Gallery

Westlake Center*
400 Pine St.
206.682.6462
fireworksgallery.net

Goods for the Planet

South Lake Union
525 Dexter Ave. N
206.652.2327
goodsfortheplanet.com

PS Stores

SoDo
6100 Fourth Ave. S
Suite 259
206.762.4478
pkgspec.com

Pottery Barn

University Village*
4645 University
Village
206.522.6860

Sur La Table

Pike Place Market
84 Pine St.
206.448.2244
surlatable.com

Target

Northgate*
302 NE Northgate Way
206.494.0897
target.com

Washington state liquor stores

http://liq.wa.gov

>> For more chic block party ideas, tune into "Moore to Life" with Kelley Moore on King-5 Morning News on KONG-TV on July 31 at 8:45 a.m.

For the refreshing recipe for Finamoré Arnold Palmer cocktails, go to seattlemag.com and search "finamore arnold palmer's"



▲ Block parties are a perfect opportunity for potlucks. To create a cohesive look for the food table, I spread aqua sea glass in square grids on the table. I placed kebabs, sauces and stacks of plates in two sections, and left sections open for other potluck dishes. ▲ Show your neighborhood pride—and stay connected with your neighbors. My party favors—red water bottles—are decorated with a "Queen Anne Rules" label and a tag with neighbors' phone numbers, so we're all just a call away.



▲ Serve hand-held food with minimal need for plates: I packaged neighbor (and Brasa owner) Bryan Hill's tabouli in take-out boxes, and wrapped napkins, biodegradable utensils and a cookie for dessert in easy-to-carry yellow and orange wicker serving baskets. Guests grab the kebab they want and take a picnic to their blanket.

▼ Spread the word that it's block party time with festive tags to hang on neighbors' door knobs. To learn how to create these invites, go to seattlemag.com and search for "door invites."



▲ Brush up on your fairy tales with a puppet show that makes it easy for tots to entertain themselves. Neighbors (left to right) Ilaria Kaiser, Ethan Greenberg, and Wren and Jaimie Richards catch the first show.