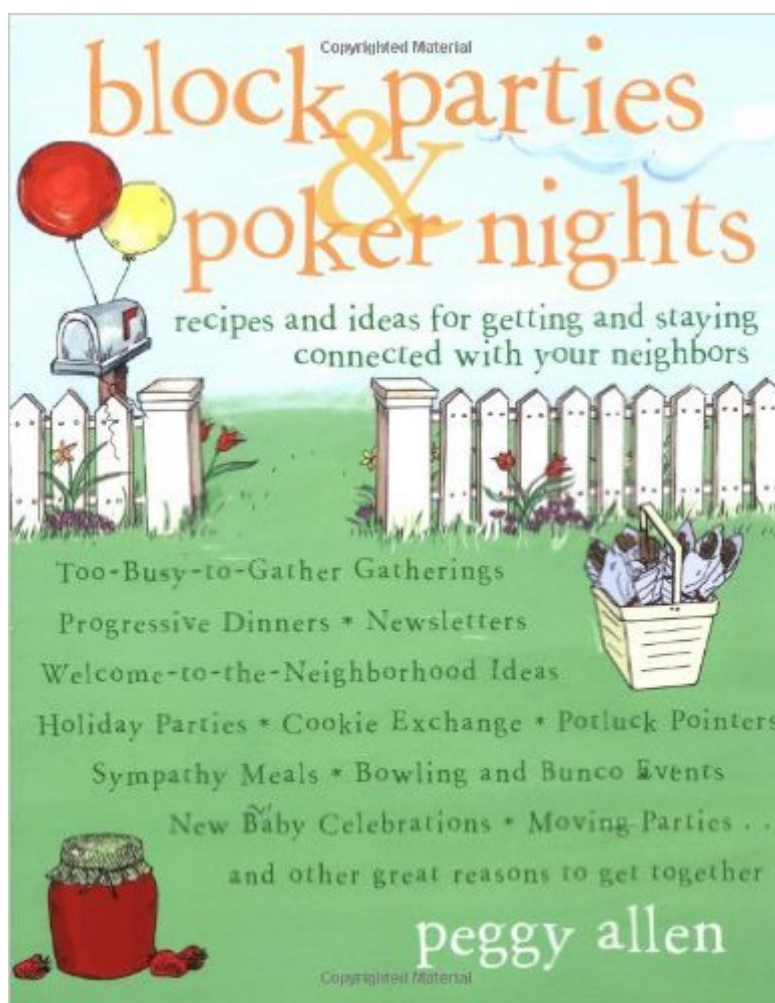


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# Block Parties & Poker Nights: Recipes And Ideas For Getting And Staying Connected With Your Neighbors



## Synopsis

Across the country, folks are rediscovering potluck parties, progressive dinners, and other neighborhood gatherings as a way to forge bonds that endure long after the last dish is cleared away. From small, adults-only get-togethers to neighborhood extravaganzas, Block Parties and Poker Nights has dozens of creative ideas, for fun, fulfilling community events and the tried-and-true dishes that make them so memorable.\* Recipes for soup buffets, salad bars, and backyard barbecues \*\* Welcome baskets for new neighbors and homemade treats to share \* \* Tips on foods that travel well \*\* Ways to support families in times of need with reheatable comfort food \* \* Celebrations for all seasons, from Fourth of July bashes to Kentucky Derby parties\*\* Suggestions for starting treasured holiday traditions like caroling parties and cookie exchanges \*\* And, everything you need to know to throw a blow-out block party with all the trimmings \*

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## Customer Reviews

I read the other reviews before I wrote this, and I couldn't help but notice that NOT ONE of the "reviewers" said anything about the recipes. Why? Because they are terrible! Let me explain: I am a cookbook reader, collector, cook and baker. I read/review and try cookbooks ALL THE TIME. This cookbook is terrible! The recipes just do not work - and I've tried a lot of them. As far as ideas go, if you want to get really chummy with your neighbors, then buy this book - that's where it gets 2 stars from me.

My family recently moved into our first home in the suburbs. We're on a very busy street without

sidewalks so none of the kids on the block knew each other. This book has really helped us learn how to connect to our new neighbors. We started throwing neighborhood parties for all occasions, and the kids on the block finally know each other. This book has so many fun and inventive ideas, adorable drawings, and easy recipes that work well for crowds. Three new families have moved in this year and the book has given us wonderful ideas to welcome them! (We now bring welcome baskets that include a list of important places in the area.) I wish someone in the neighborhood had read this book before we had moved in!

I am always on the lookout for fun things to do - fun party suggestions. This book was the most fun I've had in a while just reading all the recipes and ideas. It is loaded. I was thinking BLOCK PARTY when I ordered it, and am truly excited to throw one now that I am armed with so many fun ideas, but so many of the parties presented would also work with ANY group of people, they don't have to be your next door neighbors. These parties would work for getting fellow co-workers acquainted (the bowling party would be a great company Christmas Party), or helping church people get acquainted, and a couple of them would even work for a family reunion. I was actually jealous of all the "neighborly" stuff that was presented. I wish I lived in such a friendly, caring, involved, and fun neighborhood as some of the folks who's stories were featured. I think I'm going to try and be courageous and give some of these ideas a whirl. I haven't tried any of the recipes (there are a lot of them) but they all look yummy. If you are into throwing parties and are also yearning to be the chairman of neighborhood social committee (held back until this moment only by the lack of creative ideas) you'll \*L\*O\*V\*E\* that you found this book!!!!

Nice addition to my extensive cookbook collection. I have so much fun collecting cookbooks, I need a 2nd home to house them all

The recipes are good and easy. I get lots of compliments on the food I bring to parties!

You can watch Martha Stewart and HGTV all day long and still not know the significance of food as an emotional currency during gatherings. From paying your respects to saying hello to the new neighbors, you'll be reaching for this book so much it belongs next to the dictionary and yellow pages.

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