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## Block Party Has Lasting Benefits

Recently I was talking with WHPOA president, Carole Magnuson, about all of the neighborly things that have come out of the last two **Cashmere, Tilden & Montana Neighbor Block Parties**. Our goals were met: **“get neighbors to chat. Let’s meet and greet each other in our neighborhood.”**

We now have a weekly Wednesday Night Walkers at UCLA, dinner parties and other neighborly get-togethers. People wave to each other as they walk their dogs or wash cars. We had two families who lived across Cashmere for more than 20 years talk and introduce themselves. Amazing how small the neighborhood becomes.

Here’s a little about the block party. We had a few founding families (**Patti & Larry Londre, Dana & Don Lumpkin, Linda Trozzolino, Susan & Bill Armistead, Margie & Peter Morgan, Asa & Steven Tucker, Bill & Evelyn Savage**) who were the core planning and producing group. Then we invited everyone using emails, signs, posters and this newsletter.

Another goal was to not spend money and to have no costs for entrance by hosting it potluck. It seems like everyone wants to be a part. Neighbors loaned tables and coffee pots, brought name tags, hot dogs, enchiladas, brownies, salads, fruit and vegetables and dip, soft drinks, lemonade, and more. Music comes from a CD player. And a tent shaded our driveway – very comfortable.

Think about a party that you don’t have to drive to, this spring or summer?

One of the most important things is to get the word out. A sample of our flyer is posted under “Files” on the WHPOA groups website. We’ve already picked our date for June 2005. Our Cashmere Tilden, Montana Block Party is scheduled for Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4PM. See you there.

—Larry Steven Londre, Board of Director and Membership Chair