



# Working In Neighborhoods Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Leaders:

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## NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT

Newly formed Homeowners Association, Michael Heights, held their second ever association meeting on Thursday, August 13, with approximately 75 neighbors along with a few city and state officials in attendance. It was a wonderful turnout and a shining example of how neighbors can come together, participate, and have a voice within their community. They are currently preparing to participate in the **Citywide Block Party** on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep your WIN Liaison Staff posted of your events, and remember; we would love to give an occasional "shout out" of all the great things happening within our communities.

You can keep us informed at [neighborhoods@cityoftulsa.org](mailto:neighborhoods@cityoftulsa.org) or by calling 596-1292.

Respectfully,

Your WIN Neighborhood Liaisons

## CITYWIDE BLOCK PARTY DAY 2009

Every year the City of Tulsa has a citywide Block Party Day. These block parties provide a good way to get together and meet your neighbors. Block parties can vary from elaborate celebrations complete with children's activities to small picnics. The Department of Working in Neighborhoods can arrange for visits from the Tulsa Fire Department and the Tulsa Police Department, and provide barricades to block off your streets during the party.

This year, the Citywide Block Party is taking place on **Saturday, September 19, 2009**. You can [register your block party online here](#).

## JUST A FEW REASONS WHY TO HAVE A BLOCK PARTY

- To have fun – there is no excuse needed to celebrate!
- To meet your neighbors. When you know who lives in your neighborhood, the more likely you are to identify strangers or suspicious people.
- To increase the sense of belonging in your neighborhood.
- To make additional connections within the community. When you know people, you can exchange skills or resources and perhaps organize a book club, baby-sitting co-op, share walking to school duties, or find new friends for your children.
- To meet some of the long time residents and learn the history of the neighborhood.
- To have a neighborhood clean-up day.
- To start a neighborhood tradition of getting together at least once a year!