



What is G.A.I.N.?

G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona to join forces and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. **G.A.I.N.** showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer nation. On **G.A.I.N.** day (3rd Saturday in October), we invite neighborhoods to come together and make their community a safer, better place to live.

Planning

- Ask people in person for help
- Your event doesn't have to be huge or elaborate
- Get more people in your event by asking them to help-divvy up the workload...it is a "neighborhood" event
- Have flyers or signs so you can advertise your event – kids are great at helping with this!!
- Make sure you have: tables, chairs, ice chests, canopies, trash bins...(ask APS or SRP for cardboard trash bins)
- Tailor your event to the people living on your block (For example, if you have a lot of little children, plan activities that will be interesting to young kids and their parents)
- Don't be afraid to contact local businesses-the answer is "no" unless you ask
- Are you going to need barricades or to block off a street? Information regarding closing off a street or obtaining barricades: <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/neighborhood-matters/block-party-frequently-asked-questions>
- Are you thinking about having your event at a local park? Please review the rules & regs for park use at: <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks>
- Interested in having the Phoenix Fire Department at your event? Please visit : <https://www.phoenix.gov/fire/community-outreach/event-request-form>

Activities/ideas

- Bicycle parade
- Chalk art/make a mural or banner
- Face/finger painting
- Games
- Snow Cones
- Inflatable bouncy
- Water balloon toss
- Pumpkin/Halloween crafts & decorating
- Scavenger hunt
- Name tags are quite helpful
- Display photos from past parties/events
- Chili Cook-off or Salsa contest
- A neighborhood garage sale
- Have a local business at your event
- Dessert competition – yummy!
- Exchange info
- Establish a block watch if you don't already have one
- Introduce the Block Watch Captains and Co-captains

Invitations

- Signage – people need to know where/when...
- Invite the owner/managers of rental property on your block. Ask them to invite their tenants
- Encourage involvement from businesses on or near your neighborhood
- Create or update your neighborhood block map. Tell everyone that the new maps will be available at your event
- Extend your event to invite a nearby street. Everyone will meet new neighbors and the effectiveness of your block watch/G.A.I.N. event will spread
- Many businesses will come out and participate in your event - but you need to ask early!

Remember to have fun!