

South Park takes social events seriously because they are central to our community-building efforts. Even if you're shy, please find time to attend an event or two and meet your neighbors. So many residents have found life-long friends here. It's why many residents "buy the neighborhood" as well as a house!

- JANUARY** | First HSPI meeting of the year. Come with planning suggestions.
- FEBRUARY** | Annual Chili Cookoff! Bring a crock pot and see if your recipe wins.
- MARCH** | Parks volunteers clean up garden beds. Neighbors reserve plots in the South Park Urban Garden.
- APRIL** | Easter egg hunt, perennial exchange, the annual Earth Day neighborhood cleanup.
- MAY** | An annual Memorial Day History Walk in the Woodland Cemetery. Look for the first PPD invitation; think about hosting one.
- JUNE** | Another party, another meeting. Possibly a neighborhood-wide Yard Sale.
- JULY** | Watch the Independence Day Fireworks from the South Park Green. Audition for a role in Shakespeare in South Park.
- AUGUST** | It's hot and neighborhood party season is winding down. Enjoy a beverage on your own porch or the patio of a South Park café. No HSPI meeting this month.
- SEPTEMBER** | Enjoy a performance by Shakespeare in South Park. Attend a HSPI meeting. Consider volunteering for an officer position.
- OCTOBER** | One hour before trick-or-treating, bring the kids to our annual Halloween costume parade. Attend a meeting and meet our officer candidates.
- NOVEMBER** | We put up lights on the Boulevard. Vote for new HSPI officers.
- DECEMBER** | No meeting, but please attend our jolly, annual holiday party.



Do you have an activity you'd like to organize and have HSPI sponsor? You are welcome to gather your friends together to host a "one off" event of your own creation. HSPI can help promote your efforts. In the past, neighbors have organized water slides, nerf battles, kick ball games, Santa visits and scavenger hunts – even music festivals.

### The Importance of Neighborhood Parties

Sometimes social media feels like "anti-social" media. The "Porch, Patio and Deck" party is a decades old tradition to encourage friendship and civility and help build a compassionate community. Perhaps we need it today more than ever. If your goal is to live happily in South Park, we urge you to get off the keyboard, meet in-person and see how people express themselves fully. We're all different, but we can all share food and friendship.



**The Porch.** It's back in style as a gathering place to enjoy fresh air and chat with neighbors. Lucky for us, the front porch predates the automobile like the rest of our pedestrian-sized surroundings, encouraging people to interact.