

Block Club Ideas

Overview

Have you ever thought of doing something with your block club but didn't know what to do? Here is a list of special observances that you might be able to organize. This list is by month and gives a synopsis of the intent and a place to contact for further information.

January

Crime Stoppers Month

The emphasis is on disseminating information to the public on felony crimes. Local programs sponsor offering anonymous reporting systems that offer rewards for productive tips that help police solve crimes.

For more information, contact:

[Crime Stoppers International, Inc.](#)

P.O. Box 30413

Albuquerque, NM 87190

Ph: (800) 245-0009

March

National Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week (first week in March every year)

This week is promoted by the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to urge parents to understand drug and alcohol abuse among youth and provide facts, prevention, and intervention strategies.

April

Child Abuse Prevention Month

National, state, and local organizations participate in activities to draw attention to child abuse and neglect. This effort emphasizes prevention efforts and community collaboration as the key to success in preventing child maltreatment.

For more information, contact:

Minnesota Committee to Prevent Child Abuse

Ph: (651) 641-1568

Alcohol-Free Weekend (typically first weekend in April)

"I'm Free for the Weekend" is an opportunity for adults to role model positive behavior and eliminate alcohol consumption, which is the third leading cause of preventable deaths in the nation. Communities can urge adults to sign a commitment to be alcohol-free for the weekend.

National Volunteer Week

This is an opportunity for organizations to celebrate the good work of their volunteers. It's also an opportunity to publicize the benefits of volunteerism and recruit additional volunteers.

National Youth Service Day

This is a celebration to honor what young people have accomplished in their communities and to encourage continued active involvement.

For more information, contact:

[Youth Service America](#)

1101 15th St. NW, Suite 200

Washington, DC 20005

Ph: (202) 296-2992

August

National Night Out (First Tuesday in August every year)

This evening seeks to heighten violence and drug prevention awareness and to generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts. This event also strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community relations and sends a message that communities are organizing and fighting back

For more information locally contact Pam McCreary at the Saint Paul Police Department Crime Prevention Unit 651-266-5625

Or nationally;

[National Association of Town Watch](http://www.NATW.org) www.NATW.org

P.O. Box 303

Wynnewood, PA 19096

Ph: (800) 648-3688

October

Crime Prevention Month

This challenges individuals and communities to take action to prevent crime and build communities that nurture and protect young people.

For more information and a free guide, contact:

[National Crime Prevention Council](#)

1700 K St. NW 2nd floor

Washington, DC 20006-3817

Ph: (202) 466-6272

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

This raises public awareness of domestic violence. It is an opportunity to promote prevention efforts.

Turn Off the Violence Day (October 10 – date may vary each year)

Children, teens, and adults turn off violent television and music and do not attend violent movies. It is an opportunity for schools to teach conflict management skills, families to share activities, and communities to provide violence prevention events and programs. It is also an opportunity for youth to tell government leaders how violence affects their daily lives.