

Planning a Movie Night

The Basics

- Parks Movies

Portland Parks series of Movies in the Parks in the summer costs each neighborhood between \$300 and \$1000. Some of this cost can be defrayed by recruiting local business sponsors.

- Licensing

The Federal Copyright Act requires licensing of any video to be watched outside the home. This is especially enforced if the event is to be advertised.

- Indoor Movies

Indoor movies are a good all-weather alternative as you'll never get rained out and will only have to pay for the movie license.

- Parks Rental

Neighborhood Associations are allowed two free park rentals per year. One of these is reserved for National Night Out. Check hours carefully.

- Noise Variance

If projecting sound in a public space it may be necessary to purchase a noise permit. The cost of these permits varies.

- Neighbors West-Northwest Equipment

You may borrow a movie projector, screen, speaker, and microphone for a neighborhood movie from the coalition office. Check for availability of equipment that could make your neighborhood movie night or special event less pricey.

Spotlight: Sylvan-Highlands Movie in the Park

In August of 2010 Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood held their first alternative National Night Out event, gathering neighbors and nearby neighbor Arlington Heights Neighborhood for a movie in the park. Neighbors gathered for a community potluck at Hoyt Arboretum and then viewed a family-friendly movie at the Hoyt Arboretum picnic shell.



The neighborhood was able to take advantage of cheaper equipment rentals and

licensing of movies by participating in the Movies in the Parks program. In total the equipment rental was \$300, movie licensing \$30 and park rental \$20.

This neighborhood event was part of a series of events Sylvan-Highlands staged throughout the year. The events were sponsored by the Neighborhood Small Grants program and were designed to increase involvement and membership in the neighborhood.

