

Our Community

Neighborhood Get-Togethers: A New Kind Of Community Service

(NAPSA)—As Americans look to answer a new kind of call to service, people across the country are rediscovering ways to connect with their community.

In just one year, an estimated 60 million Americans volunteered in some capacity, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service. Whether it's through ongoing volunteerism or simply knocking on doors and saying hello, people are finding ways to connect and make a difference.

If you'd like to get involved in a community movement, there are a number of things you might try. For instance:

- Encourage people on your street to join a recycling program, or host a clothing or food drive.
- Raise money for a local school or arts program.
- Bring dinner to an elderly neighbor.
- Start a book drive.
- Organize a creative no-cost community get-together.

There are great opportunities to bring people together without having to spend money this summer. For example, more than 6,000 neighborhoods and about 600,000 people have already come together over the past four years as part of the annual Dreyer's/Edy's Slow Churned Neighborhood Salute.

The program awards neighborhoods throughout the country with a complimentary doorstep delivery of the company's Slow Churned Light ice cream (with half the fat and 30 percent fewer calories than regular ice cream) along with all the fixings to host a party for up to 100 guests.

That means no strain on your budget to give back or any give to your waistline! Nominate your



More than 6,000 neighborhoods have gotten together for a unique ice cream gathering.

neighborhood to win one of 1,500 block parties by May 29 at SlowChurned.com. There are more block party planning tips available on the Slow Churned Web site throughout the summer.

Try this recipe for a delicious ice cream dish that can help break the ice with new neighbors you've been meaning to meet:

Crisp Cookie Dough Ice Cream Pops *Makes 8 servings*

8 individual pkgs (.78 oz. each) rice cereal marshmallow treats

8 small scoops Dreyer's/Edy's Slow Churned Light Cookie Dough Ice Cream

8 pop or craft sticks
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
Assorted colored cake decorations or cookie crumbs

Cover cookie tray with plastic wrap. Place in freezer. Cut each treat in half to make 16, ½-inch-thick rectangles.

Place scoop of ice cream onto treat; flatten and spread to edge of treat. Top with another treat. Insert stick; place on tray in freezer.

Repeat to make 8. Freeze until firm.

Microwave chocolate chips and oil in 1-cup glass measure on medium power (50 percent) 2-3 minutes. Stir until smooth.

Dip ⅓ of treat into chocolate; allow excess to drip off.

Quickly sprinkle with decorations. Place on tray and freeze. Repeat with remaining treats. Serve or place each in resealable plastic bag; store in freezer.

For more information, visit www.SlowChurned.com.



These ice cream pops are a sweet way to break the ice with neighbors.