

Holiday Entertaining

Throwing A Holiday Block Party

(NAPSA)—You don't need to be a gifted entertainer to spread holiday cheer. That's the word from entertainment gurus such as Kassie Jones, Vice President of Holiday Merchandising for the TV shopping network HSN and hsn.com, who says, "Sharing the spirit of the holidays can be easy—in fact, entire blocks can get involved."

Party planners say holiday block parties have become a popular way for people to turn their streets from "Bah Humbug Boulevard" into "Winter Wonder-Lane." They offer these tips:

- **Start Early**—Begin on a Saturday morning and deliver cookies to your neighbors. Include a note instructing them to bring their favorite broken ornament, a liquid libation of choice and a musical instrument to your house at 7 p.m.

- **Party Prep**—Pique your neighbors' interests by beginning your party preparations early in the day and continuing throughout the afternoon. Place outdoor ornaments—such as the Bouncing Santa and Snowmen Yard Ornaments that can be found on hsn.com—in the front yard. For added attention, offer a bowl of holiday punch to would-be guests passing by.

- **Setting Up**—Place chairs, a table, ice chests and a fire pit in the yard for everyone to see (if it's



Holiday block parties can help spread cheer in a neighborhood.

too cold, move the party to the garage). You may also want to provide musical instruments, along with the words to classic holiday songs for sing-alongs later in the evening. Set up a table with decorating items such as tapestry candles, garland and craft glue for your guests to transform their broken ornaments into homemade holiday candleholders or wreaths.

According to Ms. Jones, "Getting into the holiday spirit can be contagious. Once you start the yuletide festivities, the spirit will spread like wildfire." For more ideas, tune in to HSN and hsn.com, where holiday décor and gift-giving items are available throughout the holiday season.