

Frequently Asked Questions about G.A.I.N.

1. *Is there a lot of expense involved in holding a G.A.I.N. event?*

The expense involved is entirely up to you.... most neighborhoods do not spend a great deal of money. Solicit donations, tap into neighborhood talent, have everyone bring something, or do a neighborhood collection to purchase what's needed. With a little bit of planning, any G.A.I.N. event can be made a little more special with the help of local businesses. Determine what you are going to need for your event and be specific on what you are going to request. Go to the business in person and ask the manager/owner for a donation –It's a lot harder to say no in person. Be prepared with a donation letter request written out when you meet with them that includes the date of the event, a brief description, and what you are requesting. (Once you register your G.A.I.N. event, you will also be sent an introduction letter along with your confirmation of registration that you may present to businesses when requesting donations)

2. *How much time will I need to spend on planning my G.A.I.N. event?*

Again, that is up to you....some neighborhoods have small events, while others block off streets for big events or host them at local parks. You can plan it all yourself, but it's highly recommended that you include others in your neighborhood to help plan the event. It helps give people a sense of ownership and makes the work load less for everyone. You may decide to start a committee and each person is assigned to certain tasks.

3. *I've never hosted a G.A.I.N. event before – what should I plan for?*

Your event can be a social occasion, a community project, or both. Some neighborhoods have quiet get togethers while others block off streets and have an all out street party or host an event at a local park. Activities may include a potluck, entertainment, pool party, block party, youth activities, face painting, BBQ, ice cream social, yard sale, neighborhood cleanup, or curb painting. It's all up to you. Again, it's a good idea to talk to your neighbors and see what will bring your neighborhood together. The bigger the event, the more help you will need to pull it off.

4. *My neighbors and I are currently not active in our neighborhood – how do we know who to invite to our event?*

That is also up to you. You can check with the G.A.I.N. 2011 Coordinator to see if there are any other groups in your area who are planning an event and may decide to contact them for a joint effort. Otherwise, the decision is up to you. Your event might include your block, an area surrounding a local park, your

subdivision, apartment community or Mobile Home Park. Again, feel free to contact the G.A.I.N. 2011 Coordinator to discuss ideas.

5. *Do I really need to register my G.A.I.N. event?*

Yes, if you would like to have any City representation at your event, you need to register. In addition, the first 75 events registered will receive a special Emergency Kit containing items that would be useful in the event of an emergency.

6. *What if I would like to have my Council Member, Mayor, or other City personnel attend my event....do I need to call them?*

Once you have registered, a list will be compiled of all events in the City and distributed to Mayor, Council, and other City Departments along with Fire and Police personnel so they can plan to attend as many events as time permits. However, feel free to extend a personal invitation to your Council Member, Mayor, or anyone else you would especially like to attend if possible. Special requests for the Police Department should be made through the G.A.I.N. 2011 Coordinator. (Please remember Police and Fire personnel are on-call during the event and subject to responding to calls for service which preclude attending events and there are no guarantees the specific persons invited will be able to attend)

7. *I heard that in past years, the Police Department has supplied posters, trash boxes, literature, and giveaway items to registered parties – how do I go about getting these items?*

Funding for many of these items was donated in the past by a statewide G.A.I.N. Sponsor who is no longer able to participate. We also have received a lot of feedback from past G.A.I.N. Night Event Hosts who have requested changes in the items provided in past years. We reassessed the topic this year and came up with some new ideas. The first 75 registered events will receive a new Emergency Kit filled with items to help you with your event. We will also be putting together Informational Packets from the Police Department and other participating City Departments for distribution at your event. There will be a schedule of pick up times distributed closer to October 23rd for the Emergency Kit and Informational Packets. So don't forget to register early!

If you have any other questions, please contact the Glendale Police Department's G.A.I.N. 2011 Coordinator:

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