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Neighborhood fun on the Fourth

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Organizing a Fourth of July neighborhood block party has become a popular way to commemorate our nation's independence, and one of the most long-lasting and popular gatherings in the Lamorinda area has been the Ponderosa Lane Block Party in Saranap, which just celebrated its 40th annual bash this year.

An estimated 150 neighbors, family members and friends attended the event, which was also noted for having a fourth generation of children in attendance.

The event featured a long list of traditional events that the young people look forward to, including a parade, games, treats, a barbecue and potluck dinner and a piñata.

The parade staging area is under a tent on one of the neighbor's driveways. Red, white and blue trimmings are provided and children decorate their bikes, scooters, skateboards, strollers and wagons. They can also have their faces painted in patriotic fashion. In some years, the "Dad Brigade" decorates their lawn mowers and brings up the rear.

Games include a dunk tank, bobbing for apples, and a balloon toss. Dave and Kristen set up a sno-cone station, and Tim and Michelle's driveway serves as the refreshment stand and barbecue pit, grilling about 200 hot dogs for lunch and plenty of chicken to accompany the potluck dinner.

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