



What is a Block Blitz?

Block Blitz is an annual community event that brings together homeowners and volunteers to help cleanup, landscape, paint, and repair as many homes as possible in a single day, rain or shine, at no cost to residents. This year's event will be held on **Friday, September 15, from 9am-3pm**. Block Blitz is also Home HeadQuarters annual fundraiser, but instead of asking you to buy a ticket to a dinner or gala, we ask you to volunteer your time, as part of a sponsored team, to help a neighborhood and its residents. Proceeds raised support Block Blitz and Home HeadQuarters' programs.

What Will I Do?

Volunteers can clean up, paint, landscape, and renovate! Typical volunteer jobs include clearing brush, raking leaves, painting pretty much anything, sealing driveways, planting flowers, mulching and much more.

What Should You Bring?

You do not need to bring anything except for yourself! Home HeadQuarters will provide volunteers with snacks, water, and lunch (usually served about 12:30-1pm). We will also provide you with work gloves that are yours to keep!

What Should You Wear?

All volunteers should wear comfortable work shoes or sneakers and clothes that can get dirty (think paint)! If you are on a driveway sealing team, old shoes/pants make the most sense. If you are volunteering in a park or working on large overgrowth areas, we suggest wearing long pants, good shoes or boots, and spraying yourself (especially shoes) with a strong insect repellent and wearing gloves at all times. If you are volunteering as a part of a team, we encourage you to wear t-shirts from your organization or group if you have them. Please remember to check the weather forecast and dress accordingly – layers can be great in September and Block Blitz happens rain or shine!

Where Do You Go?

Block Blitz festivities will kick-off in a designated area at 9am sharp (we'll send a map to your volunteer coordinator). There will be some folks speaking and lots of photo taking. When you first arrive, check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Our staff will give you all the information you need to have a fantastic day giving back to our community.

Expectations...

We work to help the WHOLE neighborhood. This means that you might work on a vacant house, a rental property or an empty lot. Most of the work is completed by volunteers and is therefore cosmetic in nature. This event is geared towards volunteers and provides no expectation for tenants or homeowners to work on projects. There may be some who can't participate and others who choose not to participate—there may be some who watch you work! We know that any improvements made benefit everyone in the neighborhood, including the homeowner who lives across the street, the kids who walk past the vacant house to school and the various groups who work to improve their community every day.

Sign Me Up!

Complete the Block Blitz Volunteer Waiver form and return it to HHQ or email it to info@homehq.org. Questions? Contact Liam, Mary Jo or Karen at (315) 474-1939 or via email at info@homehq.org. Thank you for participating!

