

Dear Resident,

The Brooklyn Center Police Department has developed a specific plan to address large parties occurring within the Liberian Community. Brooklyn Center has a large Liberian population and we are working hard to develop a positive relationship with their community while maintaining the quality of life for all our residents.

On --/--/-- the Brooklyn Center Police Department responded to a complaint of a large party at a residence in your neighborhood. The Police Department investigated the complaint and determined there was a large party occurring which disturbed the neighborhood due to loud music, loud voices, and a large amount of vehicle traffic. The Homeowner in charge of the party was cited for being in violation of Brooklyn Center's noise abatement ordinance.

The Liberian Culture places a high priority on family, including a large extended family. When a family member has a celebration at their house the invitation is made by word of mouth and many people are expected to attend. This often results in parties attended by hundreds of people that according to custom can last well into the night.

These parties conflict with our city ordinances and often cause a disturbance to the neighborhood. Our department will continue to take the appropriate enforcement action when responding to these parties. We will request a meeting with the homeowner as soon as possible to discuss the violations. We recognize these events are common in the Liberian culture. We will suggest steps the homeowner can take to control both the size of the party and limit the level of disturbance they cause their neighborhoods. Homeowners who refuse to take measures to control their events will be subject to additional fines and possible arrest.

This letter is being sent to assure you the Brooklyn Center Police Department is working to address the issue. I am working with Cultural Liaison Officer Monique Drier. Please contact either one of us with any questions or concerns.

Thank You,

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