

Hi [Neighbor's Name],

I just wanted to drop you a quick note to sincerely apologize for arriving late to your gathering the other day. I truly appreciate your patience and warm welcome even though I was delayed.

Unfortunately, I was held up by [brief explanation if appropriate, e.g., some last-minute work/the traffic/another commitment running over], and I didn't want to miss the chance to enjoy your wonderful hospitality despite being late.

Thank you so much for your kindness and understanding. I really enjoyed our time together and hope to make it up to you soon-maybe I can host something next time!

Looking forward to catching up again.

Warm regards,
[Your Name]