

# JAMES COHAN GALLERY

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Bill Owens, *Fourth of July Party*, 1972, Black and white photo, from *Suburbia*

Right now at the Pacific Design Center, the photography exhibit "Bill Owens: Suburbia" offers an insight into the beginning of American suburban life. The exhibition presents a selection of photographs from Owens's classic 1973 book "Suburbia," which captured Americans as they transitioned into home ownership and the great expanse of suburban life. As cities became polluted, congested and less hospitable to residential life, Americans embarked on an urban exodus toward the promise of low-traffic cul-de-sacs, thick green lawns, and 4th of July block parties.