



How-To Guide

# BLOCK PARTY





## **Introduction**

# **Why Should We Know Our Neighbours?**

**Our communities thrive when we care about each other and our neighbourhoods. Being connected to our neighbours:**

### **Helps us feel safe**

**Neighbours who know each other are more likely to watch out for one another.**

### **Boosts our health**

**Neighbourhoods that are safe, clean, welcoming and supportive, create healthier communities and healthier people.**

### **Makes us happy**

**Communities that are open and accepting foster feelings of belonging and closeness.**

### **Helps young people thrive**

**Support from caring neighbours helps youth show greater leadership, success in school, healthy behaviours and acceptance of diversity.**

### **Builds strong communities**

**Neighbours who care about each other have the power to make a difference in the community when they come together.**

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## Why Host a Block Party?

Block parties are a fun way to get to know your neighbour. Neighbours who know each other, look out for one another. This active participation in the community is a critical element in developing a caring and safe community.

## Why Host a Block Party?

Have Fun!

Make new friends!

Sense of belonging to your community!

Meet your neighbours!





# Getting Started

## Easy Steps to Block Party Success

### **Register your Block Party**

The easiest way to get started is to register. If you prefer, you can register in person by completing the form at the back of this guide and bringing it to the Town Office or email it to [development@oxbow.ca](mailto:development@oxbow.ca)

### **Organize your Food**

The Town of Oxbow and the Southern Plains Co-op will provide free hamburgers, hotdogs, and buns once a year to approved block parties.

- Please order food for only those who confirmed attendance.
- Food orders must be in by 10 am on the Monday prior to your party.
- Organize a potluck for desserts, sides, and snacks

### **Plan Fun Activities**

- Download the Block Party Activities for some great ideas.
- Request a Recreation Loaner Bag

### **To Qualify for Approval**

- Applications must be submitted a minimum of 7 days prior to the planned party
- Must include everyone on the block
- If inviting the side connecting street, everyone must be included on the side street
- Only include the people living on the blocks included in the party for food order
- Only one block party per Street or Ave, will be supported per year

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# Block Party Tips

- Engage with your neighbours on finding a date that will work.
- Send an invitation to everyone. See attached document for a template.
- Prepare for the weather. Consider an alternate location in case of rain or inclement weather. This may be someone's garage or party tent.
- Have activities suitable for all generations to encourage everyone to participate
- Invite neighbours to help with the party. For example, ask people to help with set-up, clean up, engage youth in planning kids activities, or ask people to bring food and chairs. People like to contribute and will be more engaged as a result.
- Remember alcohol is only permitted on private property, not town streets or parks.



# Block Party Application Form



SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:

Town of Oxbow • 307 Main Street T: 306-483-2300 • E: [development@oxbow.ca](mailto:development@oxbow.ca)

Or complete online at

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Organizer(s) First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENT DETAILS

Please include all streets

Event Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_

End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## STREET CLOSURE:

Street Closure Required:

Yes

or

No

Barricades are to be placed in front of:

House # \_\_\_\_\_

and House # \_\_\_\_\_

House # \_\_\_\_\_

and House # \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Burgers/Hot Dogs/Buns? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

or

No

Rec Loaner equipment required? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

or

No

Number of homes being invited? \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

What to bring: \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP to: \_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_

by What date: \_\_\_\_\_

With the following information:

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_, # of Children \_\_\_\_\_ and if you would like to help.

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