

Town of Barrhead

**BLOCK
PARTY
KITE**

TOWN OF BARRHEAD



A neighbourhood block party is the opportunity for neighbours to get together, meet each other, have fun and maybe work together on a common activity.

TOP 10 REASONS TO HAVE A BLOCK PARTY

- To have fun – no excuses or reasons are needed to celebrate.
- To provide an opportunity to know your neighbours and where they live.
- To establish new friendships or strength/revive old friendships.
- To increase that sense of belonging to a community.
- To meet neighbours on your block that might be able to help you with a gardening problem, or lend you that needed ingredient for your recipe.
- To encourage neighbours to look after the neighbourhood.
- To help with safety/crime prevention by knowing who lives where/who does not.
- To learn a little about each other and know who might need a little extra help from time to time.
- To increase security by knowing each other's schedules.
- To develop an opportunity to meet some of the old time neighbours and learn about your community history.

Benefits of being connected to your community/neighbourhood:

- ♥ Community members feel supported
- ♥ Fewer injuries in young children
- ♥ Bullying and violent incidents decrease
- ♥ Increase in educational performances
- ♥ Decreased levels of stress
- ♥ Drug and alcohol use decrease
- ♥ Neighbour disputes decrease
- ♥ Residents report improved health

PLEASE NOTE:

- Fireworks are prohibited in the Town of Barrhead by the Provincial Fire Code
- Fire pits, portable or otherwise, are not permitted in front yards or on the streets
- Alcohol consumption is not permitted on town roads or public property
- Noise Bylaw— Residence will refrain from loud noises between 10pm and 7am weekdays and 10pm and 9am (Sunday)

REMINDERS:

- Residents should observe security precautions by keeping doors locked and personal belongings in sight
- Be courteous; loud amplification of music is prohibited
- When setting up tables and chairs, emergency vehicles must have access
- Residents should move their vehicles from the street being used
- Ensure to plan for a backup day in case of a rain out!

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

It is recommended to use a public space, if at all possible, as this will increase the likelihood of shared responsibility for the event. If your block party is on public land (such as an alley, street or park) a block party permit is required. Other locations for hosting a block party include a neighbour's back yard, house or garage or a common room in a condominium complex.

The block party permit form is included in this kit. Please fill out the permit form and return it to _____ two weeks prior to your block party in one of following ways:

1. In person:
2. Fax: 780-674-
3. E-mail:

Block Party Host/Hostess Check List

TO DO LIST:

- Choose location
- Send out invitations
- Submit block party permit form (Town of Barrhead requires you to have a permit submitted at least two weeks prior to event)
- Plan games/activities for all ages
- Prepare a few group icebreakers
- Get kids and teens involved in planning and supervising
- Arrange to have tables available for food
- Decide whose BBQ will be used (you may need more than one)
- Arrange to have coolers available to keep perishable food items cool
- Obtain garbage cans and replacement bags
- Buy or make nametags
- Decide if pets are allowed

DAY OF:

- Designate areas for BBQ's, food, garbage, sitting and games/activities
- Set out a neighbourhood contact list for people to sign that can be used for future events
- Set out special interest sign-up sheets (babysitter's co-op, book club...)

CLEAN UP:

- At the end of the block party, please take down any signs that may have been posted in neighbourhood
- Ensure all trash and garbage has been picked up and cleared away
- Check to make sure everything is in the same condition it was before the event

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You are invited to a neighbourhood block party!

Block party host is: _____
To contact them please call: _____
or e-mail: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____
Place: _____

Please note you are responsible for meeting any special dietary needs of family members.

Remember, we are asking each family to bring:

- Salad *OR* Dessert
- Beverages for your family
- Meat of your choice, buns and condiments for your family
- Disposable plates, cups and cutlery for your family
- Chairs for your family to sit on

Please note:

Pets are: allowed not allowed.

In addition, the block party will require tables, coolers and BBQ's. If you are able to provide any of these items please contact your block party host at the above contact information.

If you have any questions please contact your block party's host.

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BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION



GENERAL INFORMATION

An application must be completed when a group of residents wish to host a block party in their neighborhood. The Block Party Application is approved through Parks and Recreation Director. Block Party approvals are granted on an individual basis considering such factors as location and date requested. You will be notified within 2 weeks regarding the success of your application.

Applications may be made by a homeowner on the block specified on the permit in the following ways:

1. In person: 5607 - 47 Street
2. Email: brandyrec@barrhead.ca
3. Fax: 780-674-2554

A map showing the location of the block party and the location of the temporary street closure must be included in the application. There are a limited number of barricades available through Public Works Services.

Please contact them at 780-674-2532 to arrange pick up and drop off of the barricades.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Block used must be occupied predominantly by owner/resident.
2. The Block Party Applicant must assume responsibility for being the contact person in charge of the function.
3. Emergency access must be permitted and available at all times during the event. (i.e. Fire, ambulance or police vehicles or personnel)
4. The applicant is responsible for cleaning up the area to the condition it was prior to the function.
5. No unauthorized fires or fireworks are permitted.
6. Alcohol is not permitted on town roads or public property.
7. Applicant must adhere to the Noise Control Bylaw and ensure that noise levels do not disturb residents not included in the event.
8. The applicant understands that there are risks and liability associated with holding a block party. To protect the applicant and the participating parties, it is recommended that insurance coverage be in place for this event. Should the applicant's homeowner insurance policy not extend to events such as this, Facility User Group insurance may be purchased through the Town of Barrhead.
9. The applicant agrees to hold harmless the Town of Barrhead, its agents, officials, directors, employees, volunteers, contractors, servants or representatives from all injury and damage to any person (s) and property which is caused by any activity, conditions, or events arising out of the Block Party (as stated on this application).
10. Special consideration by the Town of Barrhead must be given to block party events that include the use of bounce houses, jolly jumps, slides, livestock (petting zoo, pony rides, etc.) on public property. Please contact the Recreation Office at 780-674-2532 for more details.

I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions listed above.

Applicant's signature

Date



BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION



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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____ Application Date: _____

Street Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone (Daytime): _____ Phone (Alternate): _____

EVENT INFORMATION

Location of Event: _____

Date of Event: _____ Time: From _____ to _____

Will the area be barricaded? Yes _____ No _____ Anticipated number of attendees? _____

Is there a road closure involved? Yes _____ No _____

FOIP DISCLAIMER

Your personal information is being collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the FOIP Act, and will be used to aid in the administration of the Town of Barrhead Block Party Program. It will be treated in accordance with the privacy provisions of Part 2 of the FOIP Act. Should you have any questions about the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information, please contact _____ at 780 xxx-xxx .

Town of Barrhead Internal Use Only

Signature of Parks and Recreation Director: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Departments to be contacted for review:

_____ RCMP/Enforcement Services _____ Public Works _____ Fire Dept. _____ Parks/Rec