

Town of
Stettler



Neighbourhood Block Party Guide & Application



Introduction:

A neighbourhood block party is an opportunity for neighbours to get together, meet each other, have fun and maybe work together on a common activity. Getting together with neighbours for an evening of fun and food is not only enjoyable, but it also enables a renewed attachment among people in your area. As friendships grow, so do safe and caring neighbourhoods, and overall they become a more pleasant place to live. This guide was put together to assist those in planning these events so that we can hopefully have more of them!

Top 10 Reasons to have a Block Party:

1. To have fun. No excuses or reasons are needed to celebrate.
2. To provide an opportunity to know your neighbours and where they live.
3. To increase the sense of belonging to a community.
4. To establish friendships.
5. To learn a little about each other and who might need a little extra help from time to time, as well as learn from those with varying backgrounds and interests.
6. To help with safety/crime prevention by knowing who lives where and who does not.
7. To strengthen neighbourhood spirit and encourage residents to look after the neighbourhood.
8. To make additional connections within the community. When you know people, you can exchange skills or resources and perhaps organize a walking group, find baby-sitting, or even borrow a cup of sugar!
9. To have a neighbourhood clean-up day, play some good music and barbeque once all the work is done.
10. To start a neighbourhood tradition of getting together at least once a year!



Getting Started:

- ❑ Get a group together to plan the event. An easy way to do so is to use a **“Block Party Questionnaire”** (see www.stettler.net). The questionnaire can be: dropped off door-to-door, completed by phone, sent by email, etc.
- ❑ With the group decide details like:
 - ❑ **When to have the party?:** day and time and perhaps a rain-out date too.
 - ❑ **How big to make it?:** which street/block to invite.
 - ❑ **Type of party?:** a potluck where everyone brings a dish, a picnic where everyone brings their own meal, or a barbeque where everyone brings their own meat or organizers purchase items and neighbours just provide money., etc. *Note: regardless of the type of party, such events are still subject to all laws and bylaws.*
 - ❑ **Where to have it?:** a local park, the street, a cul-de-sac, someone’s backyard, etc.
 - ❑ **Who will fill out the application?:** if having the party at a park or on a street, an application (next page) needs to be filled out. The application is also available at the Stettler Recreation Centre or at www.stettler.net. The application allows you to reserve the road barricades which are available at the Stettler Recreation Centre if needed. This form also allows the Town to notify emergency services regarding the temporary road closure, and to better coordinate park maintenance. This needs to occur at least 14 days prior to the event.
 - ❑ **Where is help needed?** There is a sample sign-up sheet at www.stettler.net. Additional items that are commonly organized are:
 - ❑ Invitations (see www.stettler.net for a template)
 - ❑ What sort of activities and/or entertainment will occur
 - ❑ Nametags
 - ❑ Chairs
 - ❑ Who will organize the next block party?





Neighbourhood Block Party Application Form

To be processed by Parks & Leisure Services (SRC)

Name and contact information of applicant: *Please include address, phone number(s) & email*

Address or location of event: _____

Date and times (start + finish) of event :

Note: The application is good until 10:00pm at which time any items (including barricades) are to be taken down and removed from the street by the applicants.

Rain out date/times for event: _____

Will any barricades be needed to block streets? Yes No

1. Map of Area: *Please draw a rough map of the block party area with locations where roads are to be barricaded (if applicable).*

Please note that application must be received a minimum of 14 days prior to the event, also:

- Emergency Services will be notified of the event by the Town of Stettler as required
- If roads are being barricaded, participants must live adjacent to the area being barricaded. Also, those neighbours still needing access must be accommodated.
- Road barricades are available on a first come/first serve basis from the SRC and are to be picked up and returned there.
- All attendees are required to adhere to all established laws and bylaws