

City of Beaconsfield

BLOCK PARTY

THEME AND ACTIVITY

GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is here to provide with theme, food, activities and game ideas to make your party easier to plan and extra fun.

The Connectons team has prepared boxes filled with materials and accessories for your party. These are kits that are loaned out for neighbourhood parties. They will need to be returned after the party, along with all the equipment. Some boxes have fun decorations and games, while others have specific themes inspired by this guide. (This graphic signifies that a themed box is available.)



Here is what they contain:

- Thematic decorations
- Portable photobooth
- Snakes and Ladders game, special for Beaconsfield neighbourhood parties
- Sidewalk chalk



And a selection of 3 games from the following:

- Twister
- Bocce
- Potato sack race bags
- Giant bubble kit
- Volleyball net
- Giant checkers game
- Giant parachute
- Skipping ropes
- Croquet set
- Giant Jenga
- And many more!



Take a look at other Connecting Beaconsfield resources for block parties by visiting beaconsfield.ca/block-party

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DISCO PARTY

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BOX

Get out the disco ball and bust out your dance moves for a fun time with your neighbours.



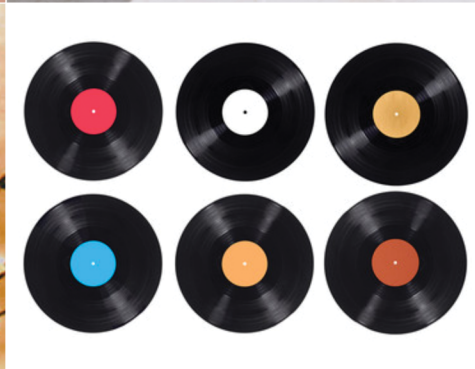
Food Ideas

- Cosmic Brownies
- Cheese balls (as disco balls)



Activities

- Have a dance party.
- Encourage people to dress up and have a costume contest.
- Invite people to show off their secret talent by having a talent show.
- Karaoke (see p.15)
- Musical statue (see p.15)



RED CARPET



Invite your neighbours to a time of elegance and sophistication in your neighbourhood.



Food Ideas

- Finger foods
- Sandwiches
- Popcorn: have different flavours and toppings.
- Candy bar: put out all the movie theatre staples.



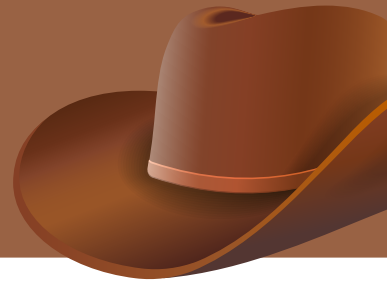
Activities

- Encourage people to dress up.
- Have people arrive on the red carpet and take pictures.
- Throughout the event, have people vote for who is most likely to do something and distribute awards at the end of the event.
- Karaoke (see p.15)



COUNTRY

Giddy-up cowboys! Grab your hat and your neighbours to learn more a-boot them!



Food Ideas

- Hamburgers and hot dogs BBQ (see p.14).
- Rootbeer
- Rice Crispies (as haybails)



Activities

- Have a lasso throwing competition
- Have a water gun shooting range
- Bean bag toss (available to borrow)
- Ring toss
- Learn a line dance



WORLD TOUR

Celebrate the diversity of your community by highlighting your different cultures and traditions.



Food Ideas

- Have each residence bring a dish from their cultures



Activities

- Share your favourite travel stories
- Have a world trivia (trivia books available)
- Olympics style games



FAMILY FAVOURITES

Get to know your neighbours by sharing all your favourite things.



Food Ideas

- Have each residence bring their family's favourite dish.



Activities

- Invite people to show off their secret talent by having a talent show.
- Board games (available to borrow)
- Family Feud (see p.15)



SUPERHEROES

Invite your neighbours to save the day with you and celebrate the heroes of your community!



Food Ideas

- Shield pizza
- POPcorn
- Italian hero sandwiches
- SUPERgreens vegetable platter



Activities

- Frisbee throwing
- Bean bag toss (available to borrow)
- Make superhero masks



PIRATES

Ahoy neighbours! Come discover the hidden treasures that are closer relationships with your neighbours.



Food Ideas

- Jell-o with shark candy
- Gold Coin chocolate
- Hot dog boats



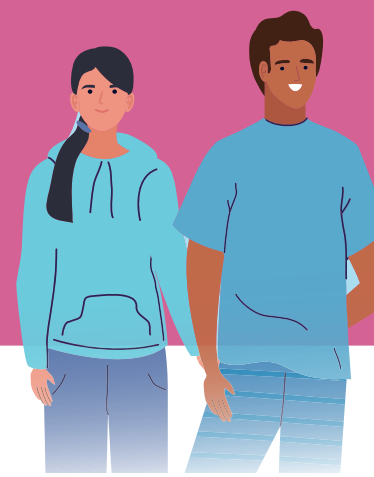
Activities

- Ring toss
- Fishing
- Scavenger hunt
- Hook craft



PYJAMA PARTY

You want a relaxing time with your neighbours, why not come in your pajamas?



Food Ideas

- Breakfast food
- Cereal Bar
- Sundae Bar
- Pizza



Activities

- Outdoor movie
- Donut-eating competition
- Best PJs competition



LUAU



Aloha! Can't go on a tropical vacation, bring the tropics to you and your neighbours.



Food Ideas

- Fruit salad
- Kebabs
- Coconut cupcakes
- Popsicles



Activities

- Limbo
- Coconut bowling
- Lei bracelet relay race
- Have a best Hawaiian shirt competition



WHODUNNIT



The game is afoot! Come together to uncover knowledge about your neighbours.



Food Ideas

- Have mystery meals



Activities

- Escape room game (available to borrow)
- Photo booth
- Game Hedbanz style (see p.15)



MORE IDEAS



Food Ideas*

Here are some food suggestions that are simple to prepare:

- Hamburgers and hot dogs - have everyone bring their own food and/or their BBQs to facilitate the process.
- Pasta salad
- Corn
- Mini sandwiches
- Salad
- Fruit salad
- Veggie platter
- Chips and dips
- Tacos in a bag - instead of tortillas, place all the elements in a chip bag.
- Pinwheel sandwiches

**Remember to ask for dietary restrictions.*



More Themes

- Zombies
- Glow in the dark
- Space
- Black and white
- A trip to the future
- Animal Jungle
- Hat Party
- Masquerade
- White lies
- Under the Sea

Tips on how to preserve food:

- Keep food indoors until needed.
- Know which cold foods to serve on ice.
- Use coolers - ask your neighbours to bring their coolers too.
- Make a portable hot box - turn a cooler into a warmer by lining it with clean towels and placing wrapped, heated bricks in the bottom.



ACTIVITIES

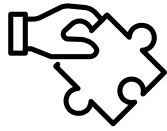


- **Karaoke:** there are many applications that make it easy: Yokee Karaoke, Smule, Star Maker, and more. (Please remember that the sound level (including music) must remain within acceptable limits and must not exceed 10:00 PM, in accordance with BEAC-033 regulations.)
- **Musical statue:** When the music starts, the players should dance along to it; when it stops, they must freeze. Any player moving while the music has stopped is out of the game.
- **Hedbanz game:** write the names of famous people on pieces of paper and distribute them to everyone. Over the course of the party, have everyone ask questions about the name they have received so that they may guess who they are.
- **Family Feud:** Features two teams who compete to name the most popular answers to survey questions to win. Use free templates to **create your own custom game (lifewire.com)**
- **Water Balloon Toss** (reusable water balloons are available to borrow).
- **Minute to Win It Games** (ideas: playpartyplan.com).
- **Fill the bucket race:** separate the participants into teams. One player from each team takes their sponge, runs down to the full bucket, fills the sponge with the water, runs back to squeeze as much water as possible into the empty bucket. Then the next player goes and so on, until they run out of water or the time session is up (sponges and buckets available to borrow)
- **Lawn Twister** (available to borrow).
- **Lawn bowling:** Potato sack run (available to borrow).
- **3 legged race:** a running event involving pairs of participants running with the left leg of one runner strapped to the right leg of another runner. The objective is for the partners to beat the other contestant pairs to the finish line.
- **Limbo**
- **Bubbles station** (giant bubbles maker available to borrow).
- **Olympics**
- **Outside movie night**



GAME IDEAS

If the games and activities that you had planned don't work out as you'd hoped or you need more ideas, here are some suggestions for simple games



West Wind Blows

Participants stand (or sit in chairs) in a circle. One person is put in the middle, and they say, "The West Wind Blows..." they must finish that sentence with something about themselves (e.g.: for everyone who likes the colour blue). If anyone else likes the colour blue, they must find a new spot in the circle. The person in the middle wants to also find an empty spot. Whoever cannot find a spot becomes the new person in the middle.

Human Knot

Group stands in tight circle. They reach across and hold hands of different people. They must untangle the group without letting go. If needed, the challenge can be reset.

Sleeping Wink

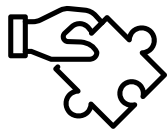
Everyone sits in a circle. Send one person away to be the detective. While they are gone pick one person who will wink (or stick out their tongue) to make people fall asleep. Call the detective back. They have 3 guesses to figure out who is winking.

The Line Up Game

Separate everyone into teams of 5 or 6. One person is the caller. He calls out "Everyone please now line up ..." and fills in the blank with a statement such as the suggestions below. All the players race to find the right order and shout when they are finished. Ideas:

- Everyone please now lines up in order of age, oldest at the front, youngest at the back
- Everyone please now lines up in first name alphabet order
- Everyone please now lines up by height, shortest first
- Everyone please now lines up according to your birthdays - first in the year goes first





Screaming Toes

Form a circle shoulder to shoulder, one team leader to shout “Eyes Down” and everyone looks at their toes. On the count of three everyone will look up and look at someone, if the person you look at is looking back at you/making eye contact you are out. the last person remaining wins.

Red Light/Green Light

At the start, all the participants form a line about 15 feet away from the stoplight (who is a participant). The stoplight faces away from the line of participants and say green light. At this point the participants are allowed to move toward the stoplight. At any point, the stoplight may say red light and turn around. If any of the participants are caught moving after this has happened, they are out. Play resumes when the stoplight turns back around and says green light. The stoplight wins if all the participants are out before anyone is able to touch him or her. Otherwise, the first participant to touch the stoplight wins the game and is stoplight for the next game.

Octopus

One person is the octopus and stands in the middle the other group has to get to the other side without getting tagged by the octopus. If you get tagged, you sit down where you got tagged and become seaweed! As seaweed you can reach out while sitting to tag others to be seaweed with you. The last person standing becomes the new octopus.

Evolution

This is a crazy game of rock paper scissors, everyone starts as a chicken, and has to walk around and act like a chicken when they find a partner, they play rock paper scissors the winner becomes a human and the loser stays a chicken. Chickens must play with chickens and so on. If you lose a game as a human, you go back to being a chicken and if you win you become a dinosaur. Chicken-> human-> dinosaur. Anytime you lose you go down a level.

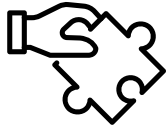
Horses Knights and Cavaliers

Split into pairs. 3 commands: Horses – one person sits on another person who is on their knees. Knights – one person on one knee the other sits. Cavaliers – One partner either picks up their partner princess style. Let the participants walk around in a blob but they must be away from their partner before you call the command. The last team to get into position is eliminated. If the team makes a mistake they are also eliminated.

Mirror, Mirror

Two lines face away from the leader except for the first person in the line. They watch the leader do 3 dance moves then pass it on to the next person in the line, like broken telephone.





Tag Games

- Cow Tipping Tag - When caught get down and moo like a cow. A friend must gently roll you over for you to be back in the game.
- Toilet Tag - squat with one arm up. A friend must 'flush' you so you must spin to get back in the game
- Hot Dog Tag - when caught lay down on the ground. 2 friends must be buns on either side of you to unfreeze you.
- Regular Freeze tag - so uncreative... Just freeze if caught.

Atoms

Participants run all around the room until the caller yells "Atoms (insert number here)". Participants then need to link arms on a group to the number called. Whoever does not find a group fast enough joins the caller.

Huckle Buckle

Pair off the group. Make two lines facing their partner about 20 paces apart. Caller calls "Huckle, Buckle (insert two body parts here)" (Ex: foot to hand). The pairs must run towards each other and connect the body parts. Last pair can be eliminated.

Ninja

Everyone stands in a tight circle. Everyone counts to three and jumps backwards as big as they can to expand the circle. One at a time a player can make one ninja move. They are trying to touch the arms or legs of the other players. The person who will be touch can try to avoid it in one move. If the person is touched they are eliminated. Keep going around the circle until only one person remains.

Squirt

Stand in a circle with one caller in the middle. They will point at one person and say "SQUIRT". That person must duck while the people on either side race to point at each other. They can either say "SQUIRT" or they must say the name of the person. The last person to point and say "SQUIRT" is eliminated. If the person whom the caller points does not duck, they are eliminated.

