

# Block Party Activities



Getting To Know Your  
Neighbours!

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## Human Bingo

Human Bingo is a game you can play with your neighbours in order to learn interesting facts about each other. Neighbours walk around and mingle until they find people that match the facts listed on the bingo sheet.

This game works best with a large group of people and can be played with ages 12 and up. The materials required include: bingo sheet and pens for each person.

The objective of this game is for neighbours to wander around and obtain the signatures of people who have the facts listed on their bingo sheet. The first person to have their entire bingo sheet signed wins!

### Instructions:

Pass out a bingo sheet to each person, along with a pen. Explain the objective of the game and the following rules:

- 1) Each person you talk to may only sign your sheet once (or twice if you have a smaller group).
- 2) To win, you must have your entire bingo sheet signed.

Feel free to create your own Bingo sheet as well!

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Has a cat

Is  
vegetarian

Is afraid of  
spiders

Has met a  
celebrity

Has lived  
on a farm

Speaks  
French  
fluently

Does not  
drink  
coffee

Has won a  
gold  
medal

Plays the  
violin

Has  
contact  
lenses

Listens to  
country  
music

Has three  
brothers  
or sisters

Loves  
pizza

Wakes up  
early

Loves to  
read

Has two  
or more  
children

Favourite  
colour is  
red

Has lived  
in a  
different  
country

Cuts their  
own hair

Has green  
eyes

Has a  
birthday in  
the  
summer

Grew up  
in Alberta

Enjoys  
baking

Has been  
to Hawaii

Plays  
hockey



## **Block Party Favour Board**

One benefit of knowing your neighbours is having the chance to swap favours and help each other out when help is needed. One way to make swapping favours easier is by having a favour board at your next block party.

### **What is a favour board?**

A place for neighbours to post favours they are offering and favours they are in need of; such as babysitting, carpooling, landscaping, cooking, etc.

### **Why should I have one?**

It gives neighbours a chance to give and receive free help, while also building friendships and developing a sense of community.

### **How can I make it happen?**

When handing out invitations for your upcoming block party, ask neighbours to fill out a paper listing something they have to give and something they are in need of. Then set up a board at your block party and post the papers there for neighbours to see.

## Block Party Favour Board

We are interested in setting up a favour board at our next block party, where neighbours have the chance to swap favours and help each other out where help is needed. Favours could include things like babysitting, carpooling, landscaping, cooking, etc. Please feel free to fill out this sheet and bring it with you to our next block party.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ House # \_\_\_\_\_ Email:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Something I am in need of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ House # \_\_\_\_\_ Email:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Something I can offer to others:



## Neighbourhood Photo Scavenger Hunt

Have neighbours divide into teams and ensure that each team has a camera. Each team also gets a list of locations/items which they must take a picture of in order to complete the scavenger hunt. Give a time limit and have all teams meet back at a specific location when the time runs out. Neighbours can end the game by looking through and sharing the different pictures they took during the scavenger hunt. The team that gets the most pictures (or points) wins the game.

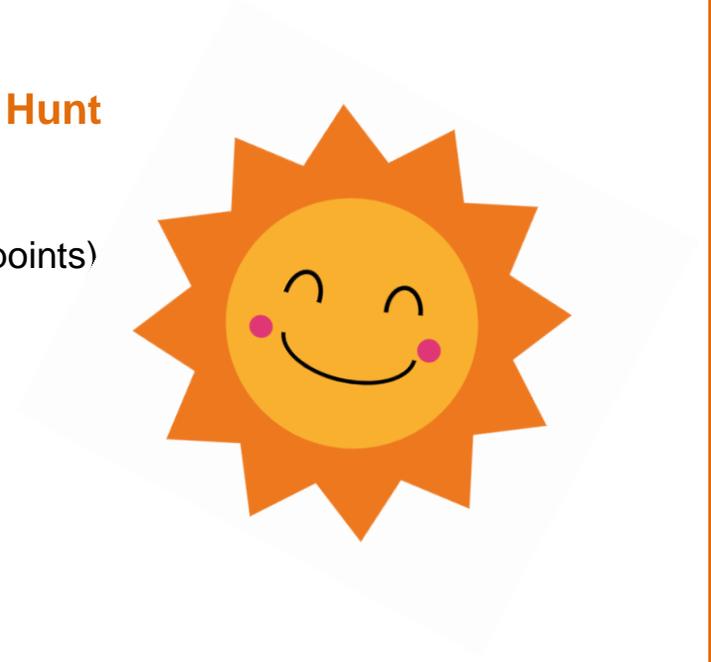
Some helpful rules are:

- 1) Teams must stay together at all times.
- 2) Each picture should include all group members, excluding the person taking the picture.
- 3) Teams that arrive back late will have points deducted.

Feel free to create your own photo scavenger hunt list as well!

## Neighbourhood Photo Scavenger Hunt

- An interesting lawn decoration (10 points)
- A yellow house (5 points)
- A Canadian flag (10 points)
- A stop sign (5 points)
- A “For Sale” sign (10 points)
- A wind chime (10 points)
- A Halloween decoration (15 points)
- Christmas lights (10 points)
- A park bench (5 points)
- A house with the number 13 in the address (10 points)
- A car with a bumper sticker (10 points)
- A bouquet of blue flowers (5 points)
- A unique mailbox (10 points)
- A swing set (10 points)
- A dog (5 points)



## Match the Person to the Fact

While handing out invitations for your upcoming block party, ask neighbours to provide a random fact about themselves that most people do not know. Neighbours can also provide the facts at the block party. Collect the facts and place them in a hat. During the block party, have neighbours pick a fact out of the hat and then have them try to find the person the fact is about. After everyone has finished, you can have people share the facts they learned. This is a great activity for learning more about your neighbours and building a sense of community during block parties.

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Name:

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Fact about me that most people do not know:

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Name:

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Fact about me that most people do not know:

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Name:

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Fact about me that most people do not know:

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## Guess Who

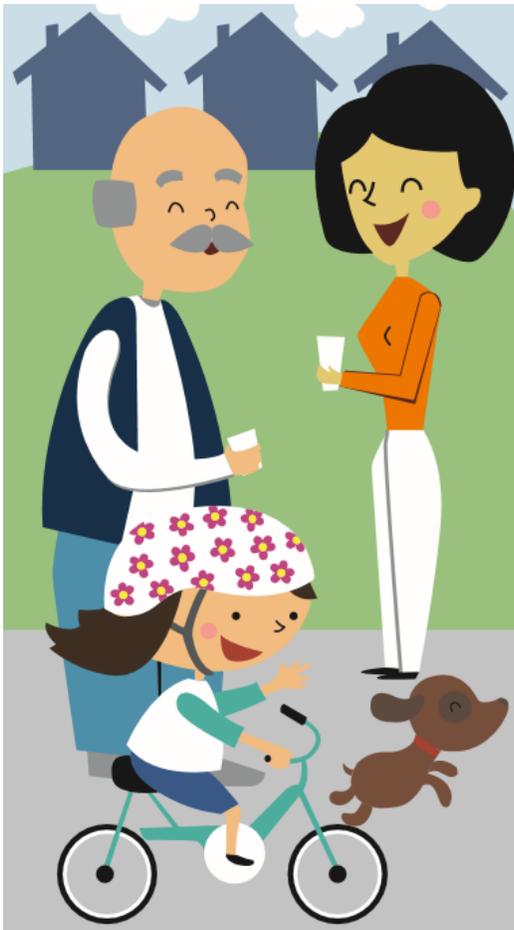
Tape the name of a famous person on each person's back. As people socialize, they can ask for clues about their famous person. To make the game harder, tell neighbours that they can only use yes or no questions to guess the name on their back. The last person to guess the name on his or her back loses.

<b>Queen Elizabeth II</b>	<b>Johnny Depp</b>	<b>Mahatma Ghandi</b>
<b>Oprah Winfrey</b>	<b>Madonna</b>	<b>Donald Trump</b>
<b>Justin Bieber</b>	<b>Albert Einstein</b>	<b>Marilyn Monroe</b>
<b>Elvis Presley</b>	<b>Leonardo Da Vinci</b>	<b>Tiger Woods</b>
<b>Tom Cruise</b>	<b>Stephen King</b>	<b>William Shakespeare</b>

<b>Christopher Columbus</b>	<b>Walt Disney</b>	<b>Neil Armstrong</b>
<b>J.K. Rowling</b>	<b>Amelia Earhart</b>	<b>Cleopatra</b>
<b>Charles Darwin</b>	<b>Thomas Edison</b>	<b>Jane Austen</b>
<b>Meryl Streep</b>	<b>Stephen Hawking</b>	<b>Marie Antoinette</b>
<b>Princess Diana</b>	<b>Brad Pitt</b>	<b>Alfred Hitchcock</b>
<b>Justin Trudeau</b>	<b>Michael Jordan</b>	<b>Mother Teresa</b>

## Name Tag Ideas

- Include your house/ unit number
- Include the names of your children/ significant other
- Include your name on your child's tag
- Include your favourite activity
- Include a fun fact about yourself
- Include an icebreaker question for people you meet to answer (see pg. 13 & 14)



## Ice Breaker Questions



- How long of a consecutive time have you spent in a car?
- What is the name of an exotic country that you would like to go to for a vacation?
- Which is the best vacation you have ever had?
- Only choose one vacation destination where would you pick and why?
- What is your most favorite place on earth?
- What would be your dream job?
- What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- What is one goal you'd like to accomplish during your lifetime?
- Which three words would you use to describe yourself?
- What is one thing you really like about yourself?
- What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?
- Choose your age forever, what age would you choose and why?
- Have 3 wishes granted, what would they be?
- Have an endless supply of any food, what would you get?
- Be an Olympic athlete, what sport would you compete in?
- Be in the movie of your choice, what movie would you choose and what character would you play?
- Be someone else, who would you be?
- Buy a car right now, what would you buy?
- Change anything about yourself, what would you change?
- Choose an imaginary friend, who would you choose and why?
- Go back in time and change history, what would you change? Why?
- Have any kind of pet, what would you have?
- Learn any skill, what would it be?
- Live anywhere in the world, where would you live?
- Live in any period of history, when would it be?
- Meet any historical figure, who would you choose and why?
- If you could replay a fun (or big) moment in your life, what would you choose?
- Watch your favorite movie now, what would it be?
- Watch your favorite TV show now, what would it be?
- Be an animal for one day, what would you be and why?
- Read one person's mind, whose would it be?
- Meet a famous person, who would it be?
- What was a time when you got into big trouble with your parents?

- What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?
- What is your favorite cartoon character, and why?
- If you were to change your name, what would you change your name to? Why?
- Do you have any siblings? What are they like?
- Does your name have a special meaning and or were you named after someone special?
- If you had this week to do over again, what would you do differently?
- What would you do in life if you knew you could not fail?
- What would you do if you did not have to work?
- If you were stranded on a desert island, what three items would you want to have with you?
- If you had a time machine that would work only once, what point in the future or in history would you visit? Why?
- What is your favorite hobby?
- What outdoor activities do you like to do?
- What is one favorite thing you do by yourself?
- What is your favorite sport or physical activity?
- What is something you hate doing? Why?
- What is something you love doing? Why?
- What is a hidden talent you have?
- What is your hidden talent?
- If money and time was no object, what would you be doing right now?
- Can you share one quote or saying you love, that keeps you going in life?
- Food for soul or music for soul? Why?
- If you could go back in time and change history, what would you change? Why?
- If you had one day to live over again, what day would you pick?
- If your house was burning down, what three objects would you try and save?
- What do you consider the most important event of your life so far?
- What do you consider your greatest achievement?
- What do you think the secret to a good life is?
- What do you value most in life?
- What gift have you received that you will always treasure?
- What is your motto in life?
- What would you like to be known for?
- What is the one thing you can't live without?
- What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?