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Monthly News from Neighbourhood Services

Gold Bar Block Party - Physically Distanced Smooth Marimba Rhythms!



On a cool and pleasant Saturday in September, Gold Bar neighbours Carole Cheslock and Margaret Seringer-Deeg organized a Block Party on their street. Neighbours were entertained by [Sticks and Stones Percussion](#) group. This was a great opportunity to build connections between neighbours, while maintaining physical distance.

Everyone brought their own seating, sanitizer and mask – and children stayed with their family or group. Approximately 80 people, ranging in age from two to their mid-70's, enjoyed the live musical performance. Closing the road for the block party allowed ample space for the event, which encouraged people to stay after the performance and mingle at a safe distance.

Organizer Carole Cheslock noted that, *“an unexpected benefit...was that the event gave us an opportunity to meet neighbours on our block whom we had never talked to despite living here for many years. I think this opportunity to safely connect with our neighbours and build community is especially important during these COVID times.”*