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Hi, neighbors!

The Portland Bureau of Transportation and the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association are making it easy for us to host a block party. The idea is that we're stronger and more resilient as a community the better we know our neighbors, and block parties are one way to do that.

We're wondering if neighbors would be interested in doing something and / or would object to other neighbors doing something?

This could include closing the street to automobiles for 2-4 hours to have a potluck, BBQ or ice cream social in the street. It doesn't have to be in the street - it could be the sidewalk or someone's backyard, but we thought it might be nice not to have traffic coming through for a couple hours.

If we close the street to automobiles, local cars (you, us, anyone coming to visit this block) could still access the street, but people going through our block to get somewhere else would use another route. The City informs emergency responders like fire and police. The people coming and going on our block might have to wait a minute or two for barricades to be moved at either end of the block. We would not apply for an amplified noise permit, but there would be some noise from people talking - hopefully laughing, etc. - in the street. Maybe acoustic music or smoke from a BBQ,.

**What do you think?** I'm going to knock on doors to ask, but in case I miss you, there's a brief survey on the back and if you don't mind sharing your opinions, you could drop it in our mailbox, or text, email, or call with questions, suggestions, objections. We don't want to do something that everyone hates! If we hear that enough people are interested, we'll follow up.

Name and contact info:

**Circle the option that best reflects your thoughts and add notes if you'd like.**

**A. I love the idea and would like to help!**

*Any thoughts or suggestions? Please be sure to add your name and contact information at the end!*

**B. I don't mind if it happens. What would make it more appealing? Or what would make it terrible?**

**C. I hate the idea and would be annoyed and disturbed if neighbors did something in the street. Do you have any specific concerns or objections you'd be comfortable sharing?**

Help us figure out what would be a good time - if we do this - by responding below.

Circle one - this time & date is :	Potential Date
Terrible   OK   Great	
Terrible   OK   Great	
Terrible   OK   Great	
Terrible   OK   Great	
Terrible   OK   Great	
Terrible   OK   Great	
Terrible   OK   Great	
Terrible   OK   Great	

**Helpful for follow up ...**

Your name / s	
Address	
Best contact <i>phone</i> (is text ok?) or email	