



Festival of Neighbourhoods  
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## The Mayor's Challenge Contest:

### Tell Us What Your Neighbourhood Means to You!

Whatever age you are, however you want to tell us, the Mayor will take a tour with the winning storyteller through their neighbourhood!

Participate in The Mayor's Challenge Contest by telling us what your neighbourhood means to you. You can tell us by writing about it, drawing it or making a recording.

Our neighbourhoods of front porches, sidewalks, parks, trails, roads, shops, driveways, and homes and the neighbours we share them with, are a vital part of our daily experience, and the backdrop to many of our memories. That's what this contest is all about. Share with us a story, moment of reflection, picture or memory about your neighbourhood. Your thoughts and feelings about your neighbourhood are important to your community and its history.

Last year's winner was Marie Morneau from the Kingsdale neighbourhood area. Marie won for her description about her dedication over many years to her neighbourhood and in turn, how it has had such a strong impact on her and her family. She held a reception for the Mayor at the Kingsdale Community Centre on Friday, Nov. 8, 2013 and presented the mayor with a picture tour of her community and dreams she has for her area.

This contest is open to all residents of Kitchener, regardless of age. Deliver your submission no later than October 6th at 3:00 pm. Be sure to follow the contest instructions outlined in the [Mayor's Challenge](#) web page and to include the [Contest Entry Form](#) with your submission.



Marie Morneau, winner of last year's Mayor's Challenge, leading Mayor Carl Zehr and Councillor John Gazzola through a tour of her neighbourhood.

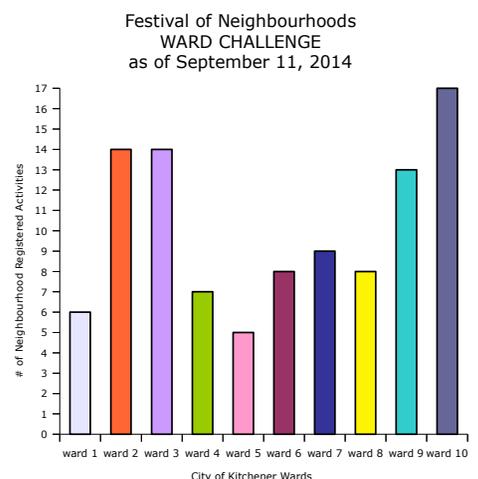
## FoN QUICK LINKS

- [Registration Form - Mail/Fax](#)
- [Full Online Registration](#)
- [Short Online Registration - finalized by phone](#)
- [Neighbourhood Activity Trunk](#)
- [Online Booking](#)
- [2014 Festival Map](#)

## Neighbour to Neighbour

People share thoughts that reflect the value of gathering with their neighbours

"It brought all ages together doing something worthwhile for the community. People got to socialize and know each other in a different setting than they are used to. We had the donations from Tim Horton's along with other prizes donated by the Neighbourhood Association. The emphasis is on volunteering and cleaning up to make the Centre a better place."



## FoN BILLBOARD

- **Congratulations to the Mount Hope-Breithaupt Neighbourhood** - winners of the September Early Bird Draw for their 2nd Annual Bike Tour. Neighbours will be able to enjoy a Pickleball demonstration, courtesy of the KW Pickleball Association.
- **New neighbourbournhood grant**, available thanks to a partnership between the City of Kitchener, community groups and the United Way of Kitchener Waterloo, **helps fund neighbourhood based projects**
- **Cash grants** (from the Kitchener Safe and Healthy Community Advisory Committee) available for one time projects, initiatives or events that support inclusion and/or belonging within the City of Kitchener. Projects must be led by a group of residents within a neighbourhood.

Festival of Neighbourhoods teams descended this summer upon selected Kitchener neighbourhoods to bring neighbours together with fun activities and games. Our thanks to Ruth Williams and Barbara McGrath, PEAK realtors for sponsoring and taking part in the summer outreach project at the [Millwood area](#) and the [Westchester blitz](#), and to Gordana Limic, a participant from the Women Building Community Project, who was our ambassador in the [Moorgate/Markwood neighbourhood blitz](#).

