



Festival of Neighbourhoods
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Is your Neighbourhood Celebrating its History?

Qualify for the new Centennial Award!

This year in honour of Kitchener's 100th Anniversary, the Festival of Neighbourhoods is introducing the Centennial Award. This award recognizes a neighbourhood that makes the city's centennial anniversary part of its get-together. The Festival of Neighbourhoods also recognizes neighbourhoods that incorporate in their gatherings ideas that help weave the community together, such as inclusiveness, safety, traditions, arts & culture, the environment, youth, etc. Be sure to tell us how your neighbourhood celebrates the city's 100th Anniversary. For more information about the city's centennial visit www.kitchener100.ca This year consider the history of your neighbourhood when you organize your neighbourhood gathering!

Neighbour to Neighbour

Contact us at entries@festivalofneighbourhoods.ca to provide feedback and to share your stories!

If you have stories about your neighbourhood that can inspire others to bring their neighbours together, tell us all about it. Did your neighbourhood gathering make a difference to your quality of life? Did it help break the ice between your neighbours? Do the kids in your neighbourhood know each other and play together? Do you feel it is just safer and more fun? Did you find that it wasn't really that difficult to gather your neighbours together for an activity?

"Neighbour to Neighbour" aims to show the real life stories that bring neighbours together, and how coming together impacts their lives. We don't publish names or locations to ensure everyone's privacy. Nevertheless, all stories are real, occur in Kitchener and illustrate the positive impact of building community from the ground up!

Resources and Supplies to Help your Activity

On another note, have you ever had an idea for a neighbourhood gathering, but something held you back? We are welcoming any ideas that you might have about resources and supplies to help neighbourhoods organize and hold their activities. A popular resource that we have made available to groups is the Grand Trunk, filled with art supplies and games geared to neighbourhood gatherings. What do you think would be useful to make gatherings easier, safer and more fun? We want to hear from you!



Oprington Drive Neighbourhood in the spring of 2012, at their Earth Day and Pizza Party!

Early Bird Draws Bring Fun Rewards to Lucky Winners

Register before August 31st for the last Early Bird Draw and a chance to win a pool party for your neighbourhood at a City of Kitchener indoor pool!

Congratulations to the neighbourhood near the Fischer-Hallman Road and Bleams Road, called "Diversity 'R' Us", bringing their neighbourhood together to enjoy its cultural diversity with performances by neighbours of all ages. Thank you to Grand River Inflatables - www.grandriverinflatables.com - for donating the prize of the use of a bouncy castle to the winning neighbourhood. This prize will surely help make the next gathering that much more fun!

Additionally, the Alpine Neighbourhood Association won the year's first early bird draw with a prize of one hour of free ice-time at a City of Kitchener Arena. The Alpine Neighbourhood organized a Halloween Night Food Drive, picking up food donations door to door for the Food Bank.

The last Early Bird Draw this year will be on September 4th. Any neighbourhood that registers an eligible gathering that has taken place after October 1st, 2011 will be entered in the draw for a neighbourhood pool party at either the Breithaupt Pool or the Cameron Heights Pool. Don't delay, and register soon! Click on the link below:

www.kitchener.ca/en/livinginkitchener/resources/FestivalofNeighbourhoods2011-2012registrationInformationForm.pdf

Why hold a neighbourhood gathering? How do I bring my neighbours together?

Go to www.kitchener.ca/fon to learn all about the Festival of Neighbourhoods or for a registration form.