



Festival of Neighbourhoods
✿ Kitchener ✿

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Dear Konstantin,

Introducing the "Mayor's Challenge"

Tell us what your neighbourhood means to you

For the 20th Anniversary of the Festival of Neighbourhoods, let Kitchener Mayor Carl Zehr know what your neighbourhood means to you. This challenge is open to all citizens of Kitchener, regardless of age. You can write it, draw it or record it, and mail or email it. All entries must be submitted to the Executive Assistant to the Mayor sarah.smith@kitchener.ca; 200 King St. S. PO Box 118 by no later than September 30th, 2013. Please go to www.kitchener.ca/fon for full contest rules and submission form. The author and his/her neighbours of the chosen entry will win a walk with the Mayor around the neighbourhood. This is a great chance to connect with the Mayor and celebrate your neighbourhood!

Early Bird Draw Updates

Register early to enter the draw to win prizes that you can use at your neighbourhood gatherings

The July Early Bird Draw is coming up for registrations received between April 1st and June 30th. If you have held a neighbourhood activity after October 1st, 2012, you are eligible to enter the draw for a neighbourhood prize of a \$50 gift card towards a rental from [Grand River Inflatables](#), roughly equivalent to a one hour bouncy castle rental!

Congratulations to Edgewater Estates neighbourhood, winners of the April Early Bird Draw! They received one hour at a City of Kitchener indoor pool for a neighbourhood gathering.

QUICK LINKS to FoN Resources

- Registration Form by fax, mail or email
- Full Online Registration
- Short Online Registration, to be completed by phone
- Online Booking Neighbourhood Activity Trunk



Earth Day clean-up in Kitchener's Oprington Drive where neighbours came together for a good cause.

Road Closures for Neighbourhood Gatherings

Plan well in advance if you require to close your street

Contact Stephanie.brasseur@kitchener.ca at Transportation Planning 519 741 2200 x7373 for details. A written request must be made well in advance. The City of Kitchener does not require insurance for minor street parties. This does not preclude organizers from securing insurance if they wish. Alcohol is not permitted at minor street parties. All event organizers are asked to get the "No alcohol permitted" message out to attendees. All signage deemed necessary will be provided and placed by the departments.



Sunday, June 2nd, 2013, 1-5pm
Iron Horse Trail
Kitchener/Waterloo

We'll be There!

Count on us for smiles and games

Mark Sunday, June 2nd from 1 to 5 pm on your calendar to go for a fun walk or bike ride along the Iron Horse Trail. [Animate the Trail](#) is a one day event that brings together music, artists, dancers and creativity along the urban trail. We will have a table where we can answer all your questions about the Festival of Neighbourhoods and fun fair type games from our [Neighbourhood Activity Trunk](#). Come also ready to offer your entry for the Mayor's Challenge and tell us about what your neighbourhood means to you.

Neighbour to Neighbour

People Share Thoughts and Stories that Reflect the Value of the Festival to their Communities

"I am amazed every day at the positive influence this garden has had on our neighbourhood. Not only has it connected and created new relationships among a diverse group of people, it continues to draw new neighbours in."



At Jane's Walk in the St. Mary's Conservation Heritage District, neighbours met each other, and enjoyed a sunny walk!