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Have you Brought your Neighbours Together this Year?

Remember to register your inclusive neighbourhood gatherings for a ballot at the Festival Celebration draw for one of two \$20,000 neighbourhood improvement grants from the City of Kitchener

Neighbours in Kitchener have been coming together for all sorts of activities to meet each other. At Festival of Neighbourhoods we value that gatherings bring people from different walks of life who live nearby to meet and chat. Whether your get-together was simple or elaborate, as long as it was inclusive of all your neighbours and allowed them to interact face to face, it is eligible for prizes and awards. Register your inclusive neighbourhood gatherings, held between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017, no later than October 5th!

Join us at the 2017 Celebration at Kitchener City Hall on November 19th from 1pm to 3pm to celebrate how neighbours came together this year, to learn from each other's experience and be inspired by those who take action to improve their neighbourhoods.

Neighbour to Neighbour

Neighbours of Queen's Park comment on the value of their neighbourhood gathering

"These types of events help neighbours connect in ways that are more than a simple hello. We get to chat as we all walk together, from house to house. We meet the newest neighbours this way as it tends to be a 'non-intimidating' event that is easy for people to join in and leave as they feel comfortable. Plus the kids just enjoy all getting together for a fun activity right in their front yards."

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1. Meet and Mingle at Doon South in August at Thomas Slee Park brought neighbours face to face for the first time, after growing a successful Facebook Group.

2. The annual Soupstock at Midtown in October 2016 continues to bring neighbours together around home made potluck food.

3. After winning the 2014 capital grant, the neighbourhood led transformation of Homewood Green is now complete, and will soon bring everyone together to celebrate. Congratulations!

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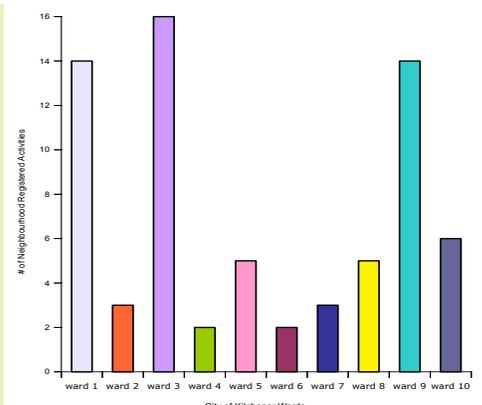


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Billboard

- Congratulations to Copper Leaf Crescent, the winner of the August Early Bird prize, a \$50 gift card from a local grocery store. Neighbours came together for a movie night organized by the youth.
- Share your Reach! Challenge story at the Festival Celebration with like minded neighbours. Contact us before November 3rd. if you made a special effort to reach out to all your neighbours and be more inclusive.



Neighbourhood Registrations by Ward as of Sept. 5, 2017
Everyone Wins When Neighbours Come Together!