



**Bring your neighbours together with an inclusive activity such as...**

- a barbeque or potluck
- a plant or book exchange
- a neighbourhood clean-up
- a nature or history walk
- showing movies outdoors
- planting trees
- a fun fair
- a skating or tobogganing party
- a street party

**Festival of Neighbourhoods gatherings must...**

- connect neighbours face-to-face
- be inclusive of all neighbours
- build social cohesion within the neighbourhood

**When planning your neighbourhood gathering, think about the following...**

- arts & culture
- environment
- fun & creativity
- history-traditions
- inclusion
- safety
- social conditions
- youth



**Grant Programs**

The City of Kitchener may be able to support your efforts to build a stronger neighbourhood with the

- *Neighbourhood Matching Grant*
- *Safe and Healthy Community Advisory Committee's Inclusion and Belonging Grant*

To find out more go to  
<http://www.kitchener.ca/en/livinginkitchener/grantprograms.asp>

**Capital Neighbourhood Improvement Grant**

- Register your inclusive neighbourhood gathering (held between Oct. 1st, 2015 and Sept. 30th, 2016) with the Festival of Neighbourhoods before October 5th, 2016.
- Join us at Kitchener City Hall at the Festival Finale on Sunday, October 16th, when the draw for the **\$20,000 neighbourhood capital improvement grant** will be held and the winner announced.

*Please note that neither the Festival of Neighbourhoods nor its sponsors can be responsible for the liability arising from activities or gatherings.*

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**Bring your neighbours together!**



more safety  
 more sharing  
 more support

**LET'S HAVE FUN!**



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## What is Festival of Neighbourhoods?

Initiated in 1994 by individuals committed to building healthy communities, Kitchener Festival of Neighbourhoods is an initiative that encourages individuals and families to build stronger relationships with their neighbours and to celebrate their community.

Festival of Neighbourhoods invites citizens to plan activities, projects, events or gatherings in their neighbourhoods that bring neighbours together face-to-face and are open to everyone within the neighbourhood, as defined by those planning the activities.



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## Why Participate?

Knowing the people who live and play in our neighbourhood improves our quality of life with more safety, more support, more sharing and more fun!

All neighbourhood groups who register with the Festival of Neighbourhoods have access to support and resources and will receive an invitation to the Festival Finale for recognition and entry into a draw for a \$20,000 capital improvement grant.

Connecting with other like-minded people at the Festival Finale offers a chance to learn about what can work well in your own neighbourhood.

## How to Participate in Festival of Neighbourhoods

### Step 1

**Decide what the geographical boundaries are of YOUR neighbourhood** - which streets, homes, multi-unit complex, etc. It can be big or small. It's up to you.

### Step 2

**Plan an activity** that would include EVERYONE in YOUR neighbourhood and brings them together face-to-face so they can get to know each other.

Contact us for resources and support. Receive helpful tips and make sure that your activity qualifies your neighbourhood for the \$20,000 capital improvement grant draw.

Check out our Information Package, Neighbourhood Activity Guide, Neighbourhood Activity Trunk, and Registration Form on-line.

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### Step 3

**Invite everyone** in the area you defined as YOUR neighbourhood. Be inclusive!

### Step 4

**Register your activity** to qualify for a variety of awards and prizes. Access the registration form at [www.kitchener.ca/fon](http://www.kitchener.ca/fon) or call 519-579-3800. Registration deadline - **October 5th, 2016**

### Step 5

**Come to the 23rd annual Kitchener Festival of Neighbourhoods Finale - Sunday, October 16th, 2016 from 1 to 3 pm.** Find out what other neighbourhoods are doing and how. Refreshments, activities, prizes, neighbourhood stories and awards, including the draw for the \$20,000 neighbourhood capital improvement grant.