

Doon South

Backyard Sessions

WHO, WHERE & WHEN

Neighbours of Doon South.

Backyards, frontyards, garages & a local park. June to September, 2018.

WHAT

A series of 15 learning gatherings hosted by neighbours for neighbours. Some examples: Forest Therapy, Mortgage Rules & Home Equity, Making Kombucha, Home Maintenance, Electric Vehicles.

TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE...

The gatherings were designed so anyone in the neighbourhood could host a session about ANY topic of interest and anyone could attend.

Anyone could ask questions without fear of being judged.

Dates were chosen to maximize participation.

These sessions were free.

SUCCESS!

"This was a very open and understanding group - and everyone agreed to help each other, offer ideas, discuss successes and failures and share information"



BACKYARD SESSIONS

A series of informal gatherings where we can meet our neighbours, learn from each other, and build a strong sense of community.

Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chair and join us!

DOON SOUTH : SUMMER 2018

For session details or to RSVP join the 'Doon South Community Group' on Facebook or email Paula at phavill@gmail.com



"The concept is to meet neighbours, build a stronger social network, increase our sense of community, and professional networking. And while our neighbourhood is growing so rapidly, the concept of Backyard Sessions is meant to help our neighbourhood feel small and friendly."

New Doon

Neighbourhood BBQ 

WHO, WHERE & WHEN

Neighbours of New Doon. Wetland Way Park. Saturday, June 30, 2018.

WHAT

“This is our second year holding the BBQ. Different cultures were actively involved in doing the BBQ, serving and bringing things together”

TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE...

“This year we made an active effort to include all age groups... teenagers were solely responsible to take care of activities & games. Smaller kids from all over the neighbourhood took care of popsicles and drinks. It gave them a sense of responsibility and confidence. The gathering was held in the park which is already used by several neighbours as an evening gathering place.”

SUCCESS!

“One major achievement through this event is that a lot of people have made new friends and use the park more often to come and socialize. Kids come out more often because they are more likely to bump into familiar faces.”



“We have also made a social media group which we actively use to ask for recommendations, report suspicious activity, share information, etc..”

Auditorium

New Year's Skating Party

WHO, WHERE & WHEN

Neighbours of Auditorium. The Kitchener Auditorium. Monday, January 1, 2018.

WHAT

A one hour free skate plus board games, snacks and a concert.

TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE...

This gathering was advertised in many ways - Facebook, website, email (list of 400 residents) and flyers.

This gathering was hosted indoors, with barrier free access to the party room.

There were activities and tasks for all ages, from a welcome crew, to seniors serving hot chocolate & snacks, to children leading the opening ceremonies with "O Canada".

To help people meet each other & foster discussion, everyone had name tags with their name and street.

This gathering was free.

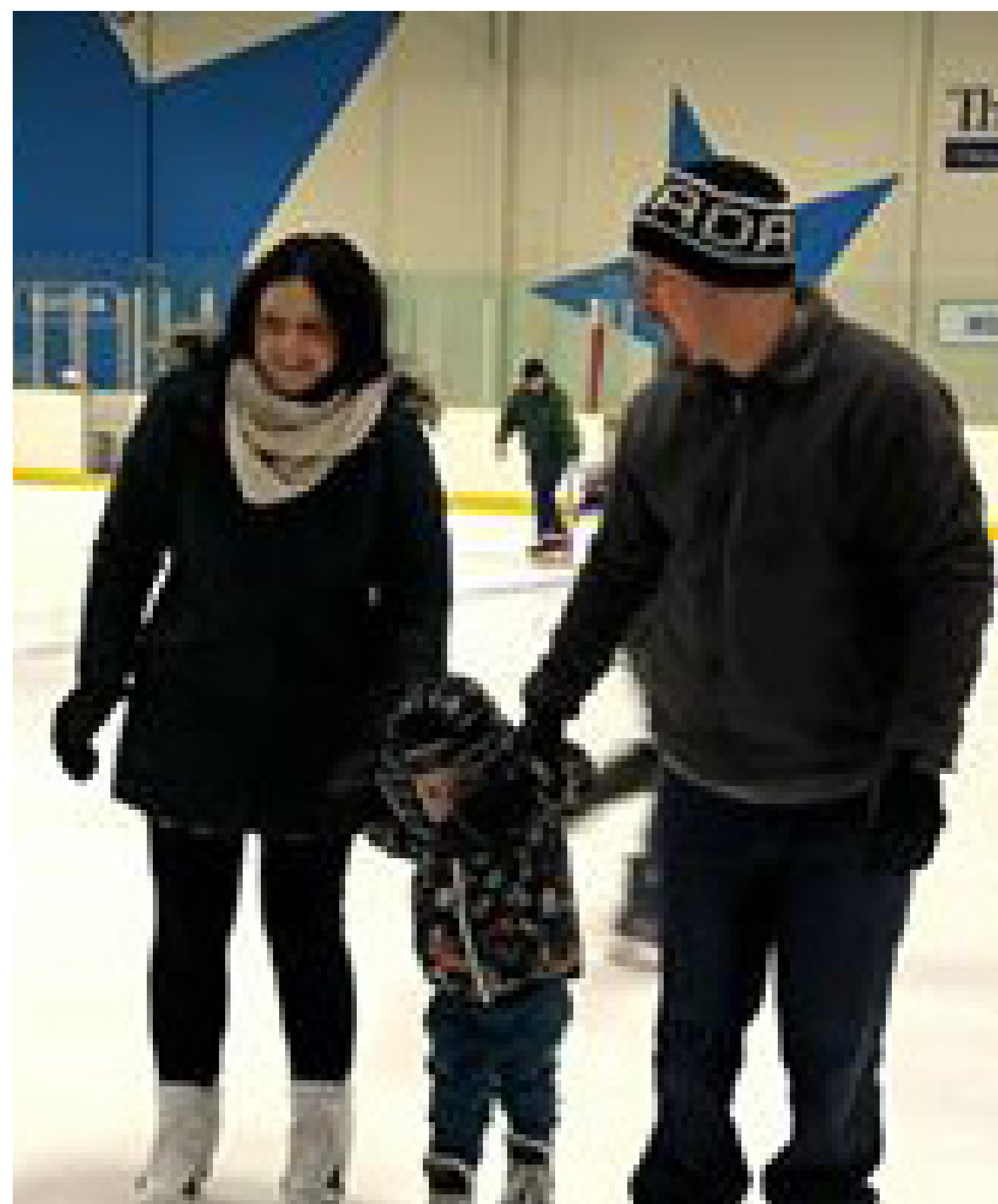
SUCCESS!

"The event was extremely well attended and received.

We had all ages attend both parts of the event,

and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, so much so that

we have booked the Aud to host this free party again at the same time next year."



"People were able to meet neighbours and enjoy some social time in a free and inclusive setting, as well as had the option to skate with friends and family."

Schneider Creek

Annual BBQ & Potluck 

WHO, WHERE & WHEN

The neighbours of Schneider Creek. Mike Wagner Green. Sat., June 16, 2018.

WHAT

"We hosted our annual BBQ Potluck in our parkette along the creek. Neighbours donated hot dogs & buns & brought a potluck dish of their choice to share. We updated neighbours on the news of the hood."

TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE...

This gathering was advertised with signs on the street, chalk on the road and invitations hand delivered door to door, letting everyone know that if for some reason they couldn't come, someone could bring the meal to them, and that everyone is welcome regardless of resources or ability.

The park is accessible and easy to reach by foot.

The date and time were chosen in the hope that more neighbours could attend.

There were activities and tasks for kids.

There was a welcome group providing name tags and an opportunity to share contact info.

SUCCESS!

"We know that interaction with the community helps with longevity, loneliness, mental health, and builds a sense of belonging and connection. This makes us a more caring community and it makes us feel like a safe community! Having a laugh and a chat, sharing ideas and food all makes for a lively, invigorated atmosphere in which we can connect and thrive."



Schneider Creek Neighbourhood Annual Potluck BBQ

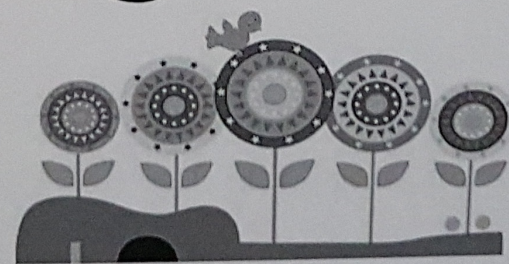
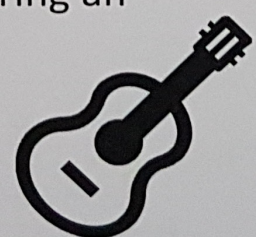
Saturday, June 16th 2018

Where: In the Park with no name (bottom of Peter St. to the right of the bridge)

From: 4 'till 6:30

- We want to invite all of our wonderful neighbours to join us for our annual Potluck BBQ! We will provide the hot dogs for a small donation of your choice to help cover the costs.
- Share an item for Potluck if you can... but it's not necessary. 😊
- There will be a lemonade stand and activities for the kids!
- Please join us for some chit chat and a bite to eat! Get to know some of your neighbours and hear all the latest Schneider Creek news!
- If there are any of our neighbours that you are aware of that find it difficult to get out but would enjoy a hand delivered lunch please let us know!
- If you have new neighbours on your street we encourage you to introduce yourself and make them feel a part of this great hood!

If you like playing music or singing, we encourage you to bring an instrument and jam.



- Please try to bring your own utensils – we will provide paper plates.
- Also, please bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket :)



"Our gathering encourages people to start by checking in with a new neighbour or with sick or elderly neighbours right from the start in the invite. This helps us include as many people as we can and helps us learn more about our neighbours. Even when delivering invites door to door or putting up a sign gives the opportunity to catch someone at home and have a wee chat!"