



Festival of Neighbourhoods
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Neighbourhood Activities Summer 2017

Be inspired to bring your neighbours together with these images of last summer's neighbourhood gatherings. Everyone is more willing to participate in outdoor activities when the weather is warm.



Schneider Creek Porch Party



Milli-Courtland Lasagna Dig



Sai Bhakti Dham Canada Day



New Doon BBQ

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Billboard

- Register your neighbourhood activity by July 31 for a chance to win a prize for your next neighbourhood gathering.
- The New Doon Neighbourhood pre-registered for a June 30th BBQ, and are the winners of the May Early Bird Prize, a local grocery store \$50 card!
- The new **registration form** focuses on how your neighbourhood gathering was inclusive of all your neighbours. Be sure to report all that was done to reduce barriers to participation and to welcome everyone.

Feeling Like we Belong in Our Neighbourhood has Great Rewards

Gather inclusively with all your neighbours to improve everyone's sense of well-being and the quality of life in your neighbourhood

Holding a neighbourhood gathering is a great way to meet your neighbours, and to encourage others to do the same. When we know who our neighbours are, we don't feel like strangers. We feel connected and contribute to helping others feel connected, just by being there, saying a friendly "hi" and sharing a smile.

When neighbours know each other, they become stronger and more resourceful to make their neighbourhood a better place to live. It is easier to notice what belongs, and what is out of place, as well as offering and receiving help from our neighbours. If we feel reasonably safe, with a sense of belonging, and a good sense of self worth, we can easily become attached to our neighbourhood. Over time, we can come to enjoy the neighbourhood cohesion that makes us all more resilient to the challenges of life.

Festival of Neighbourhoods encourages people to come together with their neighbours.

Remember to register your inclusive neighbourhood gathering (held between Oct. 1st, 2017 and Sept. 30th, 2018) with the Festival of Neighbourhoods before October 5th, 2018. Join us at Kitchener City Hall at the Festival Celebration on Sunday, November 18th, when the draw for two \$20,000 neighbourhood capital improvement grants will be held and the winners announced.