

# Festival of Neighbourhoods Finale 2015

## Brainstorming Activity

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### Winter Ideas

<p>           Make a skating rink/ hockey rink            Festive potluck x 3            Board game night            Shovel party            Bonfire/ Outdoor fire x3            Toboggan party x7            Snowman building x2            Movie night/ day x3            Polar bear dip            Porch party            Caroling x3            Dance party            Family day            Christmas party x3            New year's eve party (family friendly) x 3            Holiday party            Grey day            Snowball fight x2            Cross country skiing            Winter fest x2            Toy drive            Snow sculptures            Chili contest x2            Festival of lights            Skating party (and fire) x6            Shovel snow for seniors            Pizza with Santa            Snow shoeing x 2            Florida Party            Fun fair x2            Garage sale            Mini Olympics            Events based on holiday traditions            Snow forts x2            Lights walk            Driveway shoveling group            Trail walk         </p>	<p>           Gingerbread House building            Craft sales            Recipe sharing            Bake sales            Hot chocolate            Tree trimming            Valentine's party            St. Paddy's party            Lantern Walk x2            Snowman parade            Ice carving            Road hockey x2            Sleigh ride            Pick up hockey            Indoor basketball            Yoga and other classes            Arts and crafts            Music classes            Book club            Dog sled party            Multicultural discussion            Rangers' game            Mommy/ baby day            Progressive dinner            Free swim            Craft party to decorate poles            Birding            Winter walk            Street walk            Christmas tree burning            Winter sports            Card event "older neighbours"            Solstice part            Decorating            Swimming – beach days            Indoor BBQ- summer themes         </p>
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## What are ways you can keep neighbours involved for the long term?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Effective communication</li> <li>- Website x2</li> <li>- Enthusiasm</li> <li>- Social media X4</li> <li>- Community newsletter x3</li> <li>- Flyers</li> <li>- Keep inviting people</li> <li>- Posters announcing events</li> <li>- Accessible promotion</li> <li>- Engage the media</li> <li>- Survey</li> <li>- Questionnaires</li> <li>- Email</li> <li>- Marketing</li> <li>- Knock on doors</li> <li>- Build relationship</li> <li>- Saying hello x2</li> <li>- Birthday/ Christmas cards</li> <li>- House/ pet-sitting</li> <li>- Get to know neighbours skills etc.</li> <li>- Asking people what they want</li> <li>- Involve them</li> <li>- Use their expertise</li> <li>- Recruit them to be on the committee</li> <li>- Give ownership of a task</li> <li>- Spread responsibility, share responsibility</li> <li>- Rotate leadership, share leadership x2</li> <li>- Multiple organizers</li> <li>- Changing executive</li> <li>- Volunteerism</li> <li>- Assisting one another</li> <li>- Volunteer opportunities</li> <li>- Work with other community organizations</li> <li>- Recognition</li> <li>- Volunteer appreciation – dinner parties</li> <li>- Thank them</li> <li>- Celebrate successes</li> <li>- Celebrate each other</li> <li>- Appreciation events</li> <li>- Prizes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rotate location</li> <li>- Rotating house parties</li> <li>- Meet at a senior's home</li> <li>- Regular meetings</li> <li>- Provide food and drink</li> <li>- Convenient times</li> <li>- Consider all walks of life and abilities</li> <li>- Cultural connections</li> <li>- Frequent events x 2</li> <li>- Annual events x4</li> <li>- Make it fun x2</li> <li>- Fundraising events (bbqs, auctions, etc.)</li> <li>- Let your kids play outside</li> <li>- Engage youth</li> <li>- Participating in Festival of Neighbourhoods'</li> <li>- Do not be afraid to get rid of old stand bys</li> <li>- Take risks</li> <li>- Steal ideas from other places</li> <li>- Love</li> <li>- Little libraries</li> <li>- Kids</li> <li>- Dogs</li> <li>- Outreach programs</li> <li>- Programming (affordable, unique, meaningful)</li> <li>- Variety (eg. ages)</li> <li>- Diversified events/programs</li> <li>- Innovative</li> <li>- Multigenerational traditions</li> <li>- Social events</li> <li>- Start a choir</li> <li>- Park days</li> <li>- Welcome Wagon</li> <li>- Annual national holiday observance</li> <li>- Activities with older neighbours</li> <li>- Programs</li> <li>- Gardening (sharing seeds) x2</li> <li>- Book clubs</li> </ul>
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