



Festival of Neighbourhoods
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20th Anniversary Special Neighbourhood Awards

20 Years Celebrating Neighbours at the Festival Finale

We are celebrating the 20th year of the Festival of Neighbourhoods with special awards at the Festival Finale.

The Mayor's Challenge

For the 20th Anniversary of the Festival of Neighbourhoods, let Kitchener Mayor Carl Zehr know what your neighbourhood means to you. This challenge is open to all citizens of Kitchener, regardless of age. You can write it, draw it or record it, and mail or email it. All entries must be submitted to the Executive Assistant to the Mayor sarah.fitzpatrick@kitchener.ca; 200 King St. W. PO Box 1118 no later than September 30th, 2013. Please go to www.kitchener.ca/fon for full contest rules and submission form. The chosen entry will win a walk with the Mayor around their neighbourhood. This is a great chance to connect with the Mayor and celebrate your neighbourhood!

Tamarack Seeking Community

Festival of Neighbourhoods is partnering with the Tamarack Institute to launch the [Community Conversations Award](#). Gather your neighbourhood for a conversation about your community, your neighbourhood, what you like best in it, your memories, hopes and dreams. Be sure to register the conversation with Festival of Neighbourhoods.

Steadfast Neighbourhood Award

This Award will recognize neighbourhoods in which neighbours have come together consistently for many years. We look forward to hearing about their experience at the Finale.

Neighbour to Neighbour

People share thoughts that reflect the value of coming together with their neighbours

"I am amazed every day at the positive influence this garden has had on our neighbourhood. Not only has it connected and created new relationships among a diverse group of people, it continues to draw new neighbours in."

Early Bird Draw

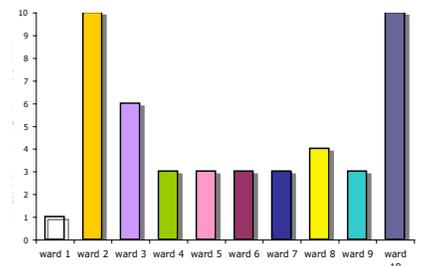
Register your neighbourhood gathering!

The September Early Bird Draw is coming up for registrations received between July 1st and August 31st. If you have held a neighbourhood activity after October 1st, 2012, you are eligible to enter the draw for a neighbourhood prize of one hour free ice time in a Kitchener arena!

Congratulations to Hilltop Festival Neighbourhood, winners of the July Early Bird Draw! They received a \$50 gift card towards a rental from [Grand River Inflatables](#), roughly equivalent to a one hour bouncy castle rental!



A game of tug of war at the Longest Day of Play in June at Max Becker Common Park, organized by Williamsburg Neighbourhood Association and the Gathering Church, and led by youth volunteers.



Ward Challenge

A new interactive map to see where and how neighbours get together

Once again, this year we are encouraging Kitchener's ten councillors to be supportive of neighbourhood gatherings in their ward.

Dan Glenn-Graham of Ward 10 has won the bragging rights to the challenge for two consecutive years. See the [interactive map](#) to follow where neighbours have been coming together and the sorts of activities that they are organizing, and to see what winners of the \$10,000 grant have done with their award. Register your activity and help your ward win the challenge!

QUICK LINKS to FoN Resources

- [Registration Form by fax, mail or email](#)
- [Full Online Registration](#)
- [Short Online Registration, to be completed by phone](#)
- [Online Booking Neighbourhood Activity Trunk](#)



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