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"20 Years Celebrating Neighbours"

Introducing this year's theme

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Festival of Neighbourhoods. We are very proud of our accomplishments over the years... so this year we want to do a bit of looking back and a bit of looking forward! Let's start with the first Festival Finale, featuring a parade of neighbourhoods and bicycle decorating at City Hall.

Meet your Neighbours this Spring

Things to do on March Break and Earth Day

March break is just around the corner, and it is a good time to get a head start on spring cleaning! Get your kids to clean up their closets of old books and toys and organize a book and toy swap in your neighbourhood. Invite all your neighbours to participate. Make it a day of fun for everyone!

April 22 will be Earth Day. Organize a community clean-up any time in April and register for supplies and support at www.kitchener.ca/earthday.

Early Bird Draw Updates

Register early to enter the draw to win prizes that you can use at your neighbourhood gatherings

The April Early Bird Draw is coming up for any registrations received between January 14th and March 31st. If you have held a neighbourhood activity after October 1st, 2012, you are eligible to enter the draw for a neighbourhood prize.

Congratulations to the Alpine Community Neighbourhood, winners of the January Early Bird Draw! They received a prize of a \$50 gift card from Grand River Inflatables towards a rental, which is roughly equivalent to a one hour bouncy castle rental! The Alpine Community Neighbourhood registered a free skate activity in December 2012.

www.grandriverinflatables.com



Neighbour to Neighbour

People Share Thoughts and Stories that Reflect the Value of the Festival to their Communities

"This has led to many spin-off activities: childcare, sharing of tools, cars, toys, backyards, gardens, street parties... kids of like ages who might otherwise not have met, have met through potluck."



The First Finale in 1995 at Kitchener City Hall with bicycle decorating & safety activities

Quick Links to FoN Resources

[Registration Form by fax, mail or email](#)

[Online Registration](#)

[Booking Form Neighbourhood Activity Trunk](#)

[Online Booking Neighbourhood Activity Trunk](#)

[Winter Ice Rinks in Kitchener](#)



A Day of Fun for Everyone

Neighbourhoods along the Ironhorse Trail are invited to hold an activity to Animate the Trail!

If you live near the Ironhorse Trail, bring your neighbours together to help Animate the Trail!

Activities that might be suitable are a music jamb, a lemonade stand, a book sale & exchange, or outdoor games. Go to the [Neighbourhood Activity Trunk](#) for ideas and supplies. To learn more about Animate the Trail go to <http://youtu.be/-eC2A60DyeY>, and the website at www.animatethetrail.ca and be sure to register before the deadline on March 15th.