



Festival of Neighbourhoods
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Bring your Neighbours Together!

For tips and ideas about exploring your neighbourhood large or small, contact Kitchener's Festival of Neighbourhoods.

The basics for organizing any fun and safe gathering are pretty much the same. Whichever activity you choose for your neighbourhood gathering, give yourself enough time to plan it and keep it manageable. No need to shoot for the moon. After all, it's really about meeting one another, regardless of the activity.

By bringing your neighbours together just once, you help build a healthier, safer, and more fun neighbourhood for everyone year round!

Slice up the work pie into bite-sized tasks: to set a date for the event, to find neighbours who can lend a hand, invite everyone, contact helpful resources, get permissions necessary, gather supplies and/or food. In addition to the Festival contacts, www.happenate.com offers an on-line planning tool that can be used by several people at once. Don't try to do it all yourself! You might know a neighbour who would be excited about helping out. Approach him/her as soon as possible. Getting others involved can help create excitement and spread the word. Don't forget the teenagers. They're enthusiastic helpers and they can use the experience for their school volunteer hours. How many neighbours could you get involved to ...

- Make and deliver invitations and posters?
- Get supplies, such as food, games, music, etc.?
- Set up on the day of the get-together?
- Clean up and return borrowed items?
- Run a barbecue, organize games, or be the D.J.?

Planning ahead smooths the way, turns tasks into accomplishments, so everyone has fun! Even You.



Longest Day of Play, June 2014 in Voisin Park

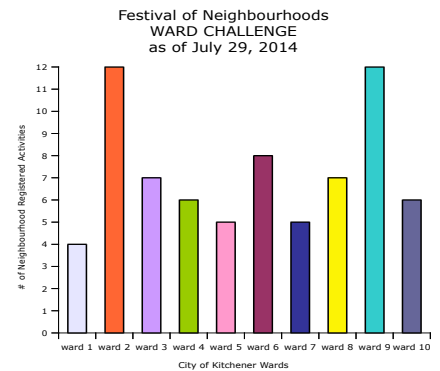
Get involved in your neighbourhood and contact us for ideas, resources and support. Receive helpful tips and make sure that your activity qualifies your neighbourhood for the \$21,000 capital improvement grant draw.

Register qualifying neighbourhood activities held between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014 with the Festival of Neighbourhoods before October 5, 2014. Join us at the Festival Finale at Kitchener City Hall on November 2, when the draw for the \$21,000 neighbourhood improvement grant will be held and the winner announced.

Neighbour to Neighbour

People share thoughts that reflect the value of gathering with their neighbours

"We provided a cost-effective family event which was not only affordable to families as it was free of charge, but also inexpensive for our community to host. It was vital to choose a movie that was appropriate for the entire family to enjoy, and we were also able to choose one that was fairly new in hopes this event to be even more novel. This event sparked new friendships throughout the community and gave us the opportunity to meet people we have seen before and have yet to meet. We were actually able to build community."



FoN BILLBOARD

- **Win a prize for your next neighbourhood get-together** - The September Early Bird Draw is open to any registered neighbourhood activities held after October 31, 2013. Registrations must have been received between July 1 to August 31.
- **Congratulations to Inge Court Circle for their BBQ & Potluck**, Winners of the June Early Bird Draw. The prize: A one year free subscription to the Neighbourhood Activity Trunk!!!
- **Participate in the Mayor's Challenge!** Whatever your age or whichever way you want, tell us what your neighbourhood means to you for a chance to win a tour through your neighbourhood with the Mayor.
- **New neighbourhood grant helps fund community projects.** A three year pilot project will see funds be made available to help support neighbourhood based projects in partnership with the City of Kitchener, community groups and the United Way of Kitchener Waterloo.
- **Cash grants** (from the Kitchener Safe and Healthy Community Advisory Committee) available for one time projects, initiatives or events that support inclusion and/or belonging within the City of Kitchener. Projects must be led by a group of residents within a neighbourhood.
- **Advertise your neighbourhood gatherings with the lawn signs** that were distributed at the 2013 Festival Finale. Please give us your **feedback** regarding the signs. We are looking to improve the signs for the next Festival Finale.

FoN QUICK LINKS

- [Registration Form - Mail/Fax](#)
- [Full Online Registration](#)
- [Short Online Registration - finalized by phone](#)
- [Neighbourhood Activity Trunk Online Booking](#)
- [2014 Festival Map](#)