

Festival of Neighbourhoods  
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## 2012 Wraps up with the Finale

*Everyone wins when they come together with their neighbours!*

Neighbourhood heroes from all over the city gathered on Sunday, October 21st, to celebrate and share their experience to inspire us all to come together with our neighbours. This year we received 77 registrations, with participation from 47 neighbourhoods. Congratulations to this year's winners:

Ward Challenge Award, sponsored by the Festival Organizing Committee: Councillor Dan Glenn-Graham from Ward 10.  
Newcomer Award, sponsored by Kitchener Safe and Healthy Community Advisory Committee: Rosemount Drive East of River Road - Street party with Olympic games.

Neighbourhood Pillar Award, sponsored by Social Planning Council of K-W: Olde Berlin Towne N.A. - Annual Picnic.

Arts & Culture Award, sponsored by CityWorks: Dekay St. 9th Annual Street Party.

Youth Award, sponsored by Waterloo Regional Police Service: Valleyview Neighbours - Safety can be Fun Fair.

Inclusion Award, sponsored by The Independent Living Centre of Waterloo Region: Trinity Village - Fall Fair.

Safer Neighbourhood Award, sponsored by Swansons Home Hardware Building Centre - Olde Berlin Town N. A. - Annual Picnic.

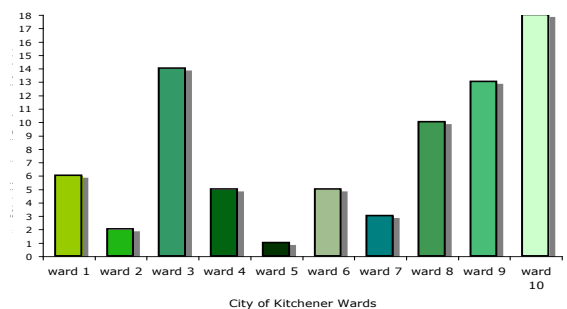
Green Neighbourhood Award, sponsored by Enermodal Engineering: Cherry Park N. A. - Community Cleanup and BBQ.

Heritage Award, sponsored by Happenate: Olde Berlin Towne N. A. - Annual Picnic.

Neighbourhood Connections Award, sponsored by Social Planning Council of K-W: Fairview Mall - Watching the Olympics in air conditioned environment.

\$10,000 Capital Grant, sponsored by City of Kitchener Community Services: Valleyview Neighbours - Safety can be Fun Fair.

WARD CHALLENGE



### Neighbour to Neighbour

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

*"People really feel like this area is not just a home, but a real community, a village and a place where they want to be, raise their children, and give back".*

## Festival of Neighbourhoods celebrates its 20th year

*It is a time to look back at our accomplishments, and to look forward to see what we can be...*

*We need 20/20 Vision!*

The new Festival Year has begun. Be sure to register any neighbourhood activities held after October 1st. Any activities held up to December 31st are eligible to enter the first early bird draw if registered before January 14th, 2013. To register and for information on the Festival go to [www.kitchener.ca/fon](http://www.kitchener.ca/fon). New this year is the online registration form.

Halloween and the Holiday Season have traditionally offered neighbours an opportunity to get together. Fall season is also a good time to go out for walks, or do crafts, and indoor activities, and you could be doing it with your neighbours, whether it is a one time gathering, or regular weekly meetings! Just be sure to invite everyone in your neighbourhood. It is up to you to decide the shape and size of your neighbourhood. It can be a street, a block, a multi-residential building, or it can be several streets and blocks... whatever feels right!

2012 Festival Finale at Kitchener City Hall. Attendants spent time creating scrapbook pages of their neighbourhood activities. Many brought photographs and were able to show everyone how they came together in their neighbourhood. The scrapbook is now a tradition, and is available for anyone to see for ideas and inspiration. Thanks everyone!

