



Festival of Neighbourhoods  
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## Reach Out to New Neighbours at Your Next Get-Together

*Feeling welcome when you are the new kid in the block is awesome*

Neighbourhood gatherings are a great chance to meet neighbours face to face. We all know how sometimes this is difficult, even after living in the same place for many years. For new-comers, being invited to a neighbourhood gathering soon after arrival is a golden opportunity to meet their neighbours, start feeling like they belong in their neighbourhood, and to build a social network close to home.

Don't forget to reach out to new neighbours when you organize your next neighbourhood gathering. Make sure they know they are invited. Hand deliver an invitation and talk to them about what is being organized. They might not know the location, or the activity, or even understand why neighbours would be getting together!

The **Reach! Challenge** outlines ways to make sure no one in your neighbourhood is left out. You will find tips that will help you target barriers to inclusion that might apply to your neighbourhood. Check it out if you are not sure how to make everyone feel welcome at your next neighbourhood gathering.

*Festival of Neighbourhoods encourages people to come together with their neighbours. Remember to register your inclusive neighbourhood gathering (held between Oct. 1st, 2017 and Sept. 30th, 2018) with the Festival of Neighbourhoods before October 5th, 2018. Join us at Kitchener City Hall at the Festival Celebration on Sunday, November 18th, when the draw for two \$20,000 neighbourhood capital improvement grants will be held and the winners announced.*

## What are Neighbours Doing to Get Together?

*These inclusive activities never fail to bring out neighbours. If you want to do something similar, but you don't know how, contact us to help you get started right away!*



Victoria Park Neighbourhood Pumpkin Palooza right after Halloween



The Wetlands Neighbourhood Earth Day Clean-Up in April



Central Frederick Neighbourhood's Hohner Porch Party in May



Schneider Creek Neighbourhood BBQ & Potluck in June

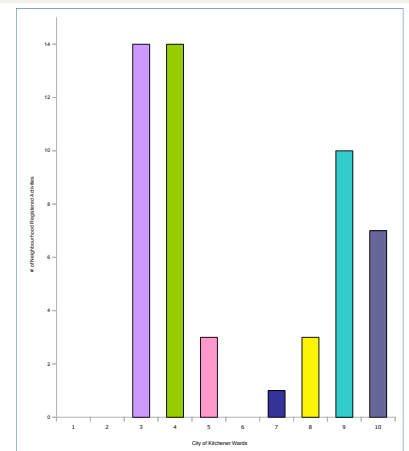
## Quick Links

- [Useful Contacts & Resources](#)
- [Neighbourhood Activity Guide](#)
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- [Reach! Challenge](#)
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• Register your neighbourhood activity by July 31 for a chance to win a prize for your next neighbourhood gathering.

• The new **registration form** focuses on how your neighbourhood gathering was inclusive of all your neighbours. Be sure to report all that was done to reduce barriers to participation and to welcome everyone.



Neighbourhood Registrations by Ward as of July 12, 2018  
**Everyone Wins When Neighbours Come Together!**