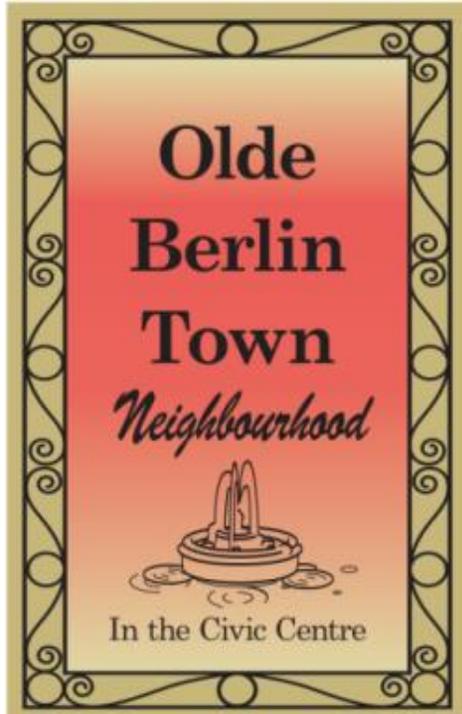
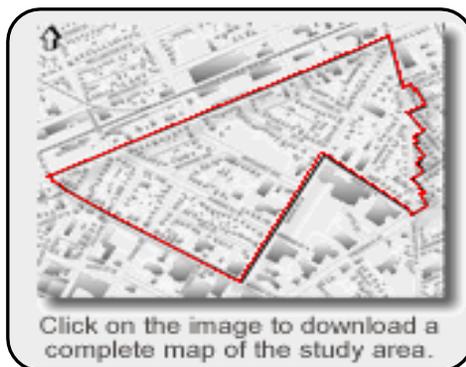


- ◆ *Fostering pride in our community*
- ◆ *Maintaining a safe neighbourhood*
- ◆ *Promoting community awareness*



Geographic Boundaries:
Weber, Lancaster, Victoria, & Frederick Streets



Hello Neighbours

Winter is officially just around the corner, but we've already had a pretty good taste of it! Guess it's time to dust off the shovels and rev up the snow blowers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD News, Views, and Reviews

Talking to the neighbours...

We have a lot of new neighbours on my street and one was ambitious enough to hold a potluck in the backyard on Labour Day. Some things we noticed in conversation:

- a lot of teachers and professors live on Ellen Street
- new neighbours do some amazing renovations, mostly having to do with the tiny closet space, tiny bathrooms, tiny kitchens, wet basements, old wiring etc. etc. You know what I mean because you probably have those on your list too.
- we also appreciate our long-time neighbours, especially the ones who have established gardens and who are willing to give advice and divide their plants with us. But really, no more purple coneflowers please. Do we all have purple coneflowers now?
- 5 families have moved from one house on Ellen Street to another house on the same street. Why? Because we love it here - and we covet each other's houses :}

I also met some neighbours from over the bridge at the Margaret Avenue Bridge Party on October 30th. If you weren't there, you missed out on a few speeches. Raj Saini's began with "I was told to keep it brief. But let me indulge myself" and included some veiled promises about a high-speed train from Toronto to Windsor. Won't that be fun to watch from on top of the bridge!

There was also a whole lotta fun - Giant Jenga, tug of war, reminiscing about previous businesses and neighbours who make this an interesting place to live. We had a bouncy

**Wishing everyone a safe and happy
holiday season and a prosperous New Year**

castle, sponsored by our property development neighbours on Margaret Ave, the Activa group and Hawksview homes. I understood there was to be an adults-only time but after a full dinner at Mei King, I wasn't in any shape to jump around!

Big thanks to Lane Burman and the gang from Mount Hope-Breithaupt Neighbourhood Association, also Central Frederick N.A members and my own Olde Berlin Town crew who did meet and greet into the early hours of dusk. Thanks Sarah Marsh and the city for closing the street once more (and we promise we won't do it again), our own Dan Glenn-Graham for replanting the weedy eyesore at the corner by the restaurant.

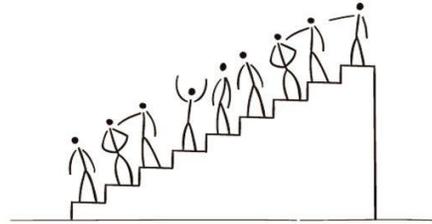
Word is that we might do an annual event in the parking lot between Mei King and LA Fitness. Please give us a shout on our OBTNA Facebook page if you are in favour or if you have any other great event ideas. Hint: check out MHBNA's soap box derby and lantern walk and CFNA's Hohner Porch Party and Studio tour. You can also contact Laura at gorman_laura@hotmail.com or 519 749 7007

Margaret Ave "BRIDGE PARTY" and celebration

What a super event with city officials, residents and the neighbourhood associations of Mount Hope Breithaupt, Olde Berlin Town and Central Frederick all out at the party. It was a chilly evening but hot chocolate warmed your hands and the lovely hot snacks from Mei King were a real treat. The kids had a fun time with games and the bouncy castle. There was even a drone taking photos of the event. Here are a few snapshots.



THINGS TO DO



The Festive Season

Are you planning something special on your street this December? We had a note to the editor with a suggestion about having a potluck get-together on your street, or maybe having everyone light up their Xmas lights for the first time on the same night. How about a Dog Parade in the park or a winter picnic?

Kitchener Public Library

All kinds of great events are happening. They have a new tech bar where you can try out different tablets and e-readers. Take advantage of our Queen Street branch – activities for babies, teens, adults, free flicks, games, books (of course!) and much more. It's right on our doorstep. What could be easier? Here's a link to their calendar: <http://www.kpl.org/programs-and-events>

Downtown Kitchener Events

Living so close to Downtown Kitchener makes it easy for Olde Berlin residents to access the amazing activities that are offered by numerous groups:

KRISTKINDL MARKET – first weekend in December at City Hall

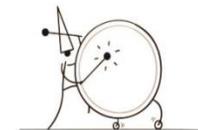
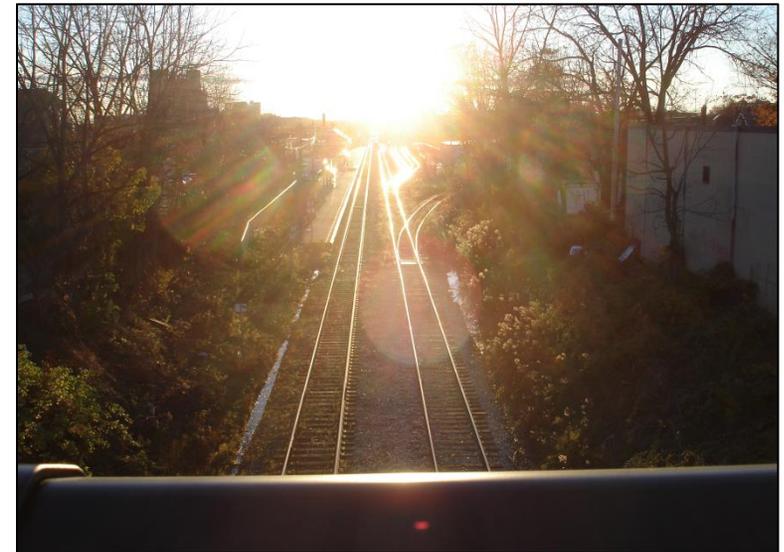
CHARLOTTE'S WEB – Registry Theatre, Frederick Street, Dec 3-6 by JM Drama

POTTERY & JEWELRY SHOW – in the Art District Gallery in December

THEMUSEUM – The Brush Off in January with 20 artists competing in 4 rounds of a friendly live-painting competition.

For a complete list check out this site: <https://www.facebook.com/dtkitchener/evens>

Here's the view from the top of the new Margaret Avenue bridge on October 30th and looking westward into the sunset and towards the train station



SPECIAL REQUEST: Many thanks to all our volunteers. We still need a couple of newsletter delivery people for Lancaster Street homes. We have 3 or 4 newsletters each year – one for each season. If you can help, contact Laura - gorman_laura@hotmail.com.



Within Olde Berlin Town

The Berlin Towers apartment located at 48 Weber Street West will soon be known as The Windermere. Urbanfund Corp. has “a controlling interest in this multi-residential rental complex redevelopment project. The property was acquired for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,400,000”. This company is a Canada-based real estate development and operating company, whose focus is to identify, evaluate and invest in real estate or real estate related projects. They own, develop and operate income producing properties. Units are slated for occupation soon. It will be interesting to see how this renovation unfolds as new neighbours move in.

Heritage

Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District

The Civic Centre Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District has nearly the same boundaries as our Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood. For anyone considering exterior renovations, there is a process to follow in Conservation Districts. Property owners can contact the Heritage Planner at the City of Kitchener with their questions. For example, a renovation proposal from a new owner of a property on Ahrens Street West was considered on Heritage Kitchener’s agenda at their November meeting. The next step was to go to the Committee of Adjustments.

Heritage Planner | Planning Division | City of Kitchener 519-741-2200 ext. 7839 | TTY 1-866-969-9994

Do You Have Ideas for a Neighbourhood Event ?

If you do, then we can work together, investigate resources to make it happen, advertise in the newsletter. We only print our newsletter 3 or 4 times a year and it’s delivered by neighbourhood volunteers.

You could submit photographs about our community to the editor. **Join our e-mail list** for on-going important information and periodic updates.

Email: adeline@sympatico.ca

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- ◆ Ward Councillor, Sarah Marsh (519) 741-2786
- ◆ Property Standards (519) 741-2330
- ◆ Gas Leaks (519) 741-2529

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35B WEBER STREET WEST, KITCHENER, ON N2H 3Z1

On The Edge . . . Santa Claus Parade – Nov 21st

There were some neat floats and cool characters at the parade. Here's a few of them taken at the corner of Weber & Victoria streets, including the big guy in red at the end of the parade!



Colouring Page





Dear residents of Olde Berlin Town and surrounding areas,

It was great to see many of you out at the Margaret Avenue Bridge party on October 30, as we celebrated its long-awaited opening.

As we see some of the buildings in Olde Berlin Town renovated, I want to mention a word of thanks to Bev Glenn-Graham for her work on the Heritage Kitchener Advisory Committee. Her ongoing attention to protecting the heritage aspects of the neighbourhood is much appreciated.

A warm welcome to the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council to the neighbourhood as they settle into the historic Governor's House next to the Kitchener Public Library. Another warm welcome also to the Hacienda Café, which now offers coffee and other treats that can be consumed as you sit and read a book at the Kitchener Public Library.

As always, if you would like to speak with me about any issues, questions or ideas you may have, my door is always open. I am reachable at sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca, my office 519-741-2786, or cell 519-807-8006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah Marsh'.

Councillor Sarah Marsh – Ward 10

There is **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING** on City of Kitchener streets between **December 1 and March 31, each winter**. Additionally, under the City of Kitchener's Tag and Tow Bylaw, vehicles impeding snow removal during or immediately after a "snow event" (when a significant snowfall is forecast) may be towed at the owners' expense and ticketed. Vehicles parked on the street but not towed will also be ticketed. The amount of a ticket for parking on-street during a snow event is \$80. To report cars that are illegally parked in Kitchener, please call 519-741-2330

Snow Shoveling Tips: When you shovel: • Shovel as soon as possible after a snow fall • Use a proper sized shovel • Do not shovel snow onto the road • Keep snow piles low so as not to obstruct the visibility of pedestrians and drivers • Carefully use safety salt only as necessary and/or sand on the ice • If you are going away during the winter months, please arrange for your sidewalks to be cleared • If you suffer heart or other medical problems, do not attempt to shovel snow • If you are unable to clear your sidewalks due to health or mobility restrictions, ask for help or refer to snow removal services • Wherever possible, help your neighbour!

YARD CLEAN-UP

November:

- Fertilize your lawn
- Turn off outside water connections. Drain garden hoses.
- Wrap screening around fruit tree trunks to protect from small animals.
- Clean fallen leaves in downspouts and gutters.

December:

- Don't push snow back onto roads
- Clear snow & ice from your sidewalks
- Remind children not to climb or play on snowbanks
- Keep your fire hydrant or gas meter clear of snow and ice

Give your home the once-over and tend to **winter preparation** tasks and repairs before the frost. Getting the exterior of the home ready for the cold winds, snow and ice is critical for keeping Old Man Winter out and keeping it warm and toasty inside. By being proactive, you'll lower your energy bills, increase the efficiency and lifespan of your home's components, and make your property safer.

PROGRAMS at the DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Olde Berlin Town is affiliated with the Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance (DNA) along with other Neighbourhood Associations around downtown Kitchener. The DNA, coordinates affordable programs in FALL, WINTER, & SPRING for Preschool Children, Children & Youth, Teens & Adults and Families. Community programs are presented at The Downtown Community Centre, 35B Weber Street W. To register you can phone 519-741-2501, register at the Centre in person, or select your program on-line at www.kitchener.ca and use WebReg.

*Bringing Neighbours together
in the heart of the city*

WINTER PROGRAMS 2016

Registration begins Tuesday, November 24th, 2015

Downtown Neighbourhoods Associations offer affordable programs at the Downtown Community Centre, 35B Weber Street West, Kitchener 519-741-2501

Register in person or on-line at www.kitchener.ca; go to Program Registration (WEBREG) to select the program of your choice.



SCHEDULE	AGES	DAY	TIME	Start Date	Cost	#Classes	WEBREG#
Creative Movement	3-4	Monday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Jan 11 - Mar 21/16	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	201165
Creative Movement	3-4	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Jan 13 - Mar 16/16	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	201166
Kinder Fun & Fitness	4-6	Tuesday	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Jan 12 - Mar 15/16	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	201223
Kinder Kids Yoga for Tot & Parent	2-5	Thursday	11:00 - 11:45 am	Jan 21 - Feb 25/16	\$ 30.00	6 weeks	201225
Ballet	5-8	Monday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Jan 11 - Mar 21/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	201153
Jazz	5-8	Monday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Jan 11 - Mar 21/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	201215
Ballet	5-8	Wednesday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Jan 13 - Mar 16/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	201154
Jazz	5-8	Wednesday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Jan 13 - Mar 16/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	201216
Guitar Lessons - introduction Child	8-12	Monday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Jan 18 - Feb 29/16	\$ 26.00	4 weeks	201147
Guitar Lessons - introduction Youth	13-17	Monday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Jan 18 - Feb 29/16	\$ 29.38	4 weeks	201218
Guitar Lessons - introduction Adult	18+	Monday	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Jan 18 - Feb 29/16	\$ 29.38	4 weeks	201217
Guitar Lessons - Level 1 for Children	8-12	Tuesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Jan 19 - Mar 8/16	\$ 49.00	8 weeks	201148
Guitar Lessons - Level 1 for Youth	13-17	Tuesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Jan 19 - Mar 8/16	\$ 55.37	8 weeks	201222
Guitar Lessons - Level 1 for Adults	18+	Tuesday	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Jan 19 - Mar 8/16	\$ 55.37	8 weeks	201219
Youth Judo	7-14	Tuesday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Jan 12 - Mar 15/16	\$ 66.00	10 weeks	201224
Women's Self Defense Class	18+	Tuesday	8:00 - 9:00 pm	Jan 26 - Mar 1/16	\$ 50.85	6 weeks	201226
Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Tue	18+	Tuesday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	Jan 5 - Mar 29/16	\$ 72.32	13 weeks	201229
Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Thur	18+	Thursday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	Jan 7 - Mar 31/16	\$ 72.32	13 weeks	201228
Yoga for Grown-Ups	18+	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Jan 20 - Feb 24/16	\$ 56.50	8 weeks	201227

DROP-IN PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	DATES	Drop-In fee		
Floor Hockey - family	8+	Monday	6:45 - 8:45 pm	on-going till June	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Adult Floor Hockey	18+	Saturday	1:30 - 3:30 pm	on-going till June	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Badminton	16+	Wednesday	7:00 - 9:30 pm	on-going till June	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Basketball at noon - Advanced	18+	Friday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going till June	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Basketball for Beginners	18+	Thursday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going till June	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Diaper Free Baby	parent & tot	1st Wed/mon.	9:30 - 11:00 am	Year-Round	free	monthly	drop-in
Pickleball	families -7+	Saturday	9:15 - 12:00 am	on-going till June	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Volleyball at noon	18+	Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going till June	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Indoor Soccer	18+	Thursday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	on-going till May	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Power-Fit Workout at Noon	18+	Tues or Thurs	12:10 - 12:55 pm	dates as above	\$ 6.00	weekly	drop-in

* No classes on January 1, February 15 due to the Downtown Community Centre being closed for statutory holidays. HST included on adult programs.

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