

Geographic Boundaries:

Weber, Lancaster, Victoria, & Frederick Streets

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



Hello Neighbours

"Spring is sprung, the grass is ris; I wonder where the 'boidies' is!"

National Volunteer Week is April 10 - 16, 2016

Many thanks to all community volunteers who deliver newsletters, participate in activities and committees and contribute in unseen ways. You make a difference in our Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood.

"Volunteers are the roots of strong communities. Just like roots are essential for trees to bloom, volunteers are essential for communities to boom. Thanks to volunteers, our communities grow strong and resilient. Even the tiniest volunteer effort leaves a profound and lasting trace in a community, much like tree rings that appear over time."

EARTH DAY - April 22nd

Find a bunch of neighbours and friends and organize a clean-up event. Pick a park or a street and let's get started. If each of us does just a little bit to change our small corner of the city, then the cumulative effect will create a big change for our community. Let's preserve our boulevards and greenspaces for the enjoyment of all.



Olde Berlin Town Annual Neighbourhood Gathering

Saturday
May 28, 2016
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

YARD SALE

Rent a Table for \$5

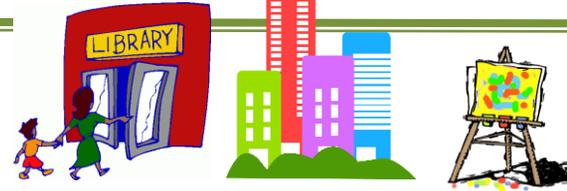
Proceeds to Humane Society

Special visit of four-legged friends "support dogs" from Humane Society

Games for Kids

Reserve Table: dnakitchener@bell.net

WHAT'S ON OUR DOORSTEP . . . ?



Kitchener Public Library

This great resource is just down the street at Queen & Ahrens. Here's their calendar link: <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: For a complete list, check out this Kitchener BIA site: <https://www.facebook.com/dtkitchener/events>

Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) <https://www.kwag.ca/en/> 60th Anniversary Year

KWAG is Waterloo Region's leading public art gallery, connecting people and ideas through art, with a focus on the best of contemporary culture. Visit the gallery on 101 Queen Street north. Find out about current and upcoming exhibitions or adult workshops; check out their online interactive spaces where you can research, reflect and respond to the ideas and themes in the Gallery's permanent collection and current exhibitions. Explore their website and the exhibition videos.

- *Saturday, April 30th* – is a jam-packed hour of fun prior to the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony's Family Concert Series. Get your ticket to enjoy art activities, musical demonstrations, and much more at both Centre In The Square lobby and at KWAG.
- *Friday, Apr 22nd* - PD Day Camp, 9 am-4 pm
- *Sunday, April 24th* - the "Walk the Talk: Vault Tour" offers a behind-the-scenes look into the vaults that house over 4000 works of art from the Gallery's Permanent Collection and are not usually accessible to the general public. Learn about art storage and caretaking, and flip through the racks of artwork with KWAG's Assistant Curator & Registrar, Jennifer Bullock. Bring your questions and interests - there's something new to see and learn every time.
- *Saturday, July 16th* – 60th anniversary Open House 12-5 pm



Editor Notes: Correction: In the winter edition of our newsletter, the apartment building at 48 Weber Street West was referred to as Berlin Towers, but the former name was actually the Berlin Palace. Thanks to one of our readers for sharing this. He also went on to say that the apartment had been built in the 1930's and had about 40 units; there were murphy beds and drop down tables and garbage chutes from the balconies right into an incinerator. It will soon be known as The Windermere.

You could submit ideas and photographs about our neighbourhood to the editor. **Join our e-mail list** for on-going important information and periodic updates. NEWSLETTER: adeline@sympatico.ca. FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/OldeBerlinTown>

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Neighbour Day ~ Saturday, June 11, 2016

Neighbours Day was such a huge success last year that it has become an annual event. This year's event is expected to be even bigger and will be held on **June 11th** in neighbourhoods across the city! It's all about connecting with people in your neighbourhood, learning what's available around you and finding a variety of ways to celebrate the vibrant and diverse city we live in. Take a look at the video on the city website to get a glimpse of what happened at last year's events! More information is at the city's website, www.kitchener.ca/neighboursday.

Not only will you see Neighbours Day events held at community centres and facilities across the city, but residents are gearing up to host events of their very own! To support the initiatives happening in neighbourhoods around the city, staff are working to provide useful tools and provide tips to help make it easier for residents to get involved.

You can plan an event of your own, or volunteer at one of the Community Centre facilities, or partner with them to provide programs or services to residents for the day's events.

Festival of Neighbourhoods (FON)

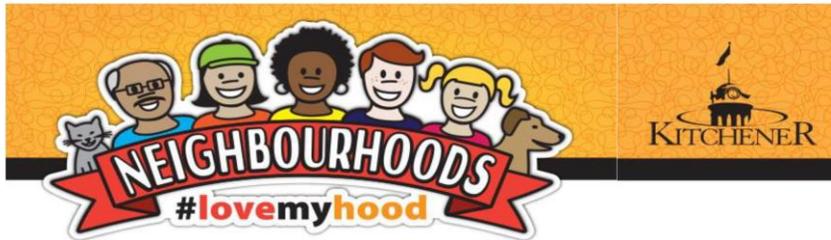
FON is a supportive incentive program that builds connections and celebrates neighbourhoods by encouraging community members to organize inclusive activities that bring neighbours together. Register qualifying activities held between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016 for a chance to win a \$21,000 capital improvement grant draw for your neighbourhood. The Festival Finale is at Kitchener City Hall on October 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, when the draw will be held and the winner announced.

Fun activities can happen throughout the year. Organizing a BBQ, potluck or picnic, a spring clean-up or creating a new event. The heart of neighbourhoods is get-togethers and having fun at your neighbourhood gathering. Give yourself enough time to plan and keep it manageable. No need to shoot for the moon. Involve as many neighbours as you can to organize the activity to ensure the activity is inclusive of everyone. See if you can get other neighbours involved by asking them to:

- Make and deliver invitations and posters
- Gather 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.

FON fun for everyone! *By bringing your neighbours together, even if it is just once, you help build a healthier place to live.*





Love my hood . . .

Kitchener's Neighbourhood Strategy

Wouldn't it be great if there was a strategy to support all the great things happening in our neighbourhoods? Well, soon there will be! Kitchener's first-ever neighbourhood strategy will help people connect and work together to do great things in their neighbourhoods.

The City of Kitchener is looking for input from EVERY neighbourhood across the city. Share your ideas this spring and summer through one of the largest, most inclusive community engagement processes in the city's history! This is an ambitious goal. Can you help make it happen? Learn more and get the latest news by signing up for e-newsletter updates at www.kitchener.ca/neighbourhoodstrategy or follow #lovemyhood on Twitter.

Register for the email newsletter: [sign up for our e-newsletter](#).

It's all about capitalizing on our strengths and making our neighbourhoods even better. Think of the best things happening in your neighbourhood. Then imagine more of those great things:

- more vibrant community gathering spaces
- more relationships between neighbours
- more people hanging out on their front porches, on their street or in the park
- more people engaged in a positive and proactive approach to neighbourhood development; and
- more support for vital community partners

SOUNDS COOL! HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

Reach out and connect with your ideas and suggestions.

Represent your neighbourhood:

- register for the Neighbourhood Strategy meeting Tuesday April 26, 2016 5-8:30 pm.
- speak to a person: Michelle Drake Neighbourhood Strategy Project Manager
519-741-2200 ext. 7082 | TTY 1-866-969-9994 michelle.drake@kitchener.ca

Neighbourhood Celebration

April 26, 2016

[Stanley Park Community Centre](#)
505 Franklin Street North, Kitchener

Help create Kitchener's first Neighbourhood Strategy and make neighbourhoods even better than they are today.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

food, music and family activities

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Entertaining presentations

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Community discussion

The Keynote Speaker is author, [Jim Diers](#), who shares ideas for transforming neighbourhoods from the ground up.

Meet Your Neighbours



My name is Kate and my family and I have been living in the Hibner Park area for a little over 5 years now. I am a full-time wedding photographer and have also decided to go back to school to obtain my Masters in Library and Information Sciences degree. I would love to start helping out in my community and can't wait to meet and make new friends in our neighbourhood. A few exciting, neighbourhood activities I would love to plan include movie nights in Hibner Park, summer cards and board games in the park, as well as a neighbourhood-wide used book sale to support the local library. I'm excited to meet you and your families!

Editor Note: Kate has some great ideas; if you want to help with one or two of these suggestions, please contact Donna or Laura; see our contact list.

Heritage: Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District

WILLIAM VALORES UTTLEY (1865-1944)

William "Ben" Uttley in 1893 bought the struggling *Berlin Daily Telegraph* and two months later launched the *Daily Record*, now the *Record*.

Born in Elmira, he was educated at the local public school, the Berlin High School and the Toronto Business College. He went through as a school teacher and taught for three years at Doon. He built a home at 20 Ellen Street in 1891. He began his active newspaper work with the St. Louis, Missouri, *Chronicle*.

Uttley was intensely interested in civic affairs and served as a member of the city council. He was one of the charter members of the Waterloo Historical Society, collected much historical data and published a *History of Kitchener* in 1939.

In 1919 he sold the *News Record* to W.D. Euler and W.J. Motz and returned to Elmira where he purchased the *Elmira Signet*.

sources: Waterloo Region Hall of Fame; uwaterloo



Home built by W.V. Uttley in 1891
20 Ellen Street East, Berlin
Since demolished

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Important Numbers To Know

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

City of Kitchener's Corporate Contact Centre - 519-741-2345
Heritage Planner, Planning Division 519-741-2200 ext. 7839

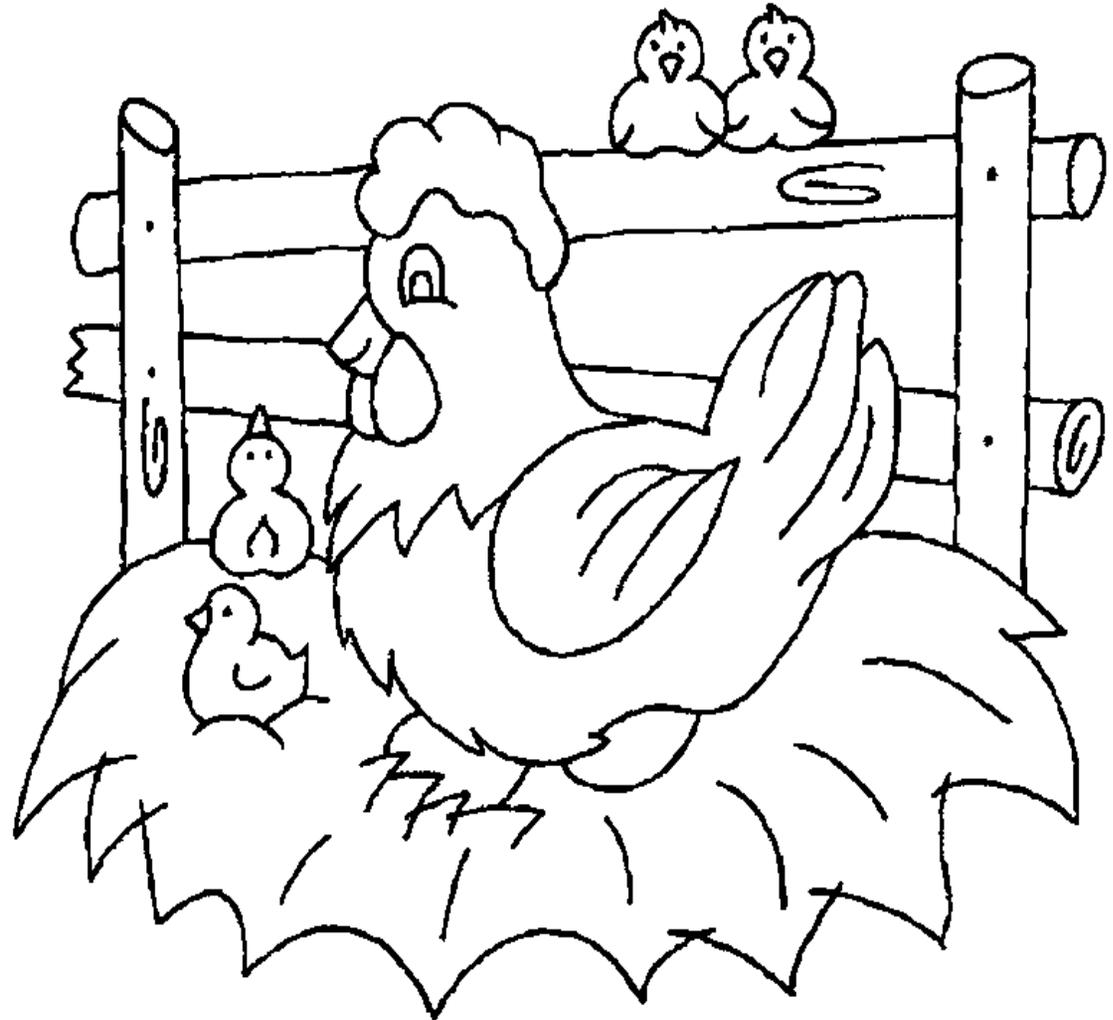
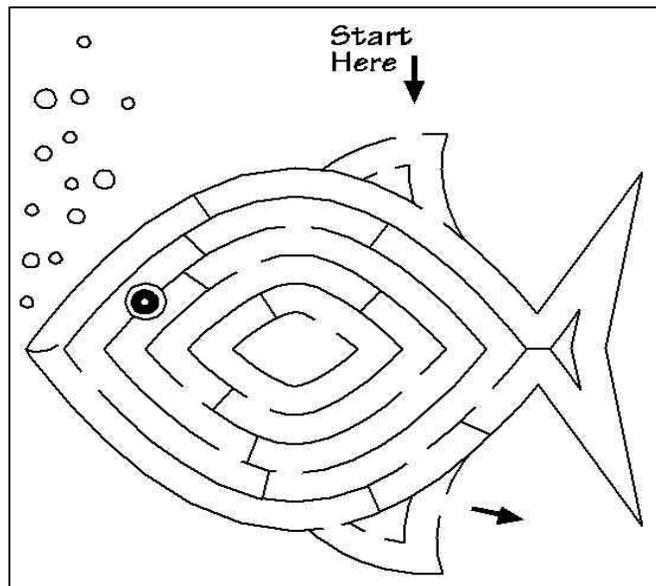
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Greetings Downtown Neighbours!

I hope you're keeping warm and active these days. We have lots happening at the Downtown Community Centre (DCC) to keep us engaged. For example, the Downtown Neighbourhood Association (DNA) has been developing two new and innovative programs that you might be interested in trying out. West African Hand Drumming or djembe is a unique opportunity to learn to play a traditional African instrument with your bare hands. The drum is prized for its versatility and powerfully loud sound. I can tell you first hand how great it sounds, because both my 5 year old son and my 70 year old father are keenly into hand drumming. You might also be interested in Art Therapy, a new program that looks to help people use artistic practice as a way to express emotions. As always, the DNA is pleased to offer a wide variety of affordable programs like yoga, judo and guitar lessons.

As we see the arrival of hundreds of Syrian refugees over this winter, I am excited to report that DCC staff and volunteers are currently training in order to provide them with the best possible welcome. Marhabaan (welcome) to our newest community members! Speaking of community members, remember to mark your calendars for Neighbours' Day 2016 happening this year on June 11th. The event includes a free pancake breakfast, demonstrations of activities available at the centre like pickleball, dance and much, much more! Check out our website for more information: www.kitchener.ca, keyword search "DCC".

I look forward to hearing from you with any city-related questions or ideas you may have. As always, I am reachable at sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca, my office 519-741-2786, or cell 519-807-8006.

Sincerely,

Sarah Marsh

"The best portions of a good man's life are his little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

**William
Wordsworth**

SPRING PROGRAMS 2016



Registration begins Tuesday, March 1st

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	Apr 4 - Jun 13/16	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	208044
Creative Movement	3-4	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Apr 6 - Jun 8/16	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	208045
Kinder Fun & Fitness	4-6	Tuesday	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Apr 5 - Jun 7/16	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	208048
Kinder Kids Yoga for Tot & Parent	2-5	Thursday	11:00 - 11:45 am	Apr 7 - May 12/16	\$ 30.00	6 weeks	208050
Ballet -M	5-8	Monday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Apr 4 - Jun 13/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	208043
Jazz - M	5-8	Monday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Apr 4 - Jun 13/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	208046
Ballet - W	5-8	Wednesday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Apr 6 - Jun 8/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	208061
Jazz - W	5-8	Wednesday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Apr 6 - Jun 8/16	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	208047
Guitar Lessons - introduction Child	8-12	Monday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Apr 4 - Apr 25/16	\$ 26.00	4 weeks	208059
Guitar Lessons - introduction Youth	13-17	Monday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Apr 4 - Apr 25/16	\$ 29.38	4 weeks	208056
Guitar Lessons - introduction Adult	18+	Monday	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Apr 4 - Apr 25/16	\$ 29.38	4 weeks	208055
Guitar Lessons - Level 1 for Children	8-12	Tuesday	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Apr 5 - May 10/16	\$ 37.00	6 weeks	208060
Guitar Lessons - Level 1 for Youth	13-17	Tuesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Apr 5 - May 10/16	\$ 41.81	6 weeks	208058
Guitar Lessons - Level 1 for Adults	18+	Tuesday	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Apr 5 - May 10/16	\$ 41.81	6 weeks	208057
Youth Judo	7-14	Tuesday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Apr 5 - Jun 7/16	\$ 66.00	10 weeks	208049
Women's Self Defense Workshop & Intro	18+	Thursday	8:00 - 9:00 pm	Apr 21/16	\$ 27.12	1 day	208318
Women's Self Defense Workshop & Intro	18+	Thursday	8:00 - 9:00 pm	May 19/16	\$ 27.12	1 day	208063
Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Tue	18+	Tuesday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	Apr 5 - Jun 28/16	\$ 72.32	13 weeks	208051
Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Thur	18+	Thursday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	Apr 7 - Jun 30/16	\$ 72.32	13 weeks	208052
Yoga	18+	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Apr 13 - May 18/16	\$ 42.94	6 weeks	208054
Art Therapy	18+	Wednesday	1:00 - 2:30 pm	May 4 - Jun 8/16	\$ 50.85	6 weeks	209615
West African Hand Drumming	18+	Monday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Apr 11 - May 2/16	\$ 27.12	4 weeks	208062

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/mnth	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 May 16 due to the Downtown Community Centre being closed for statutory holidays. HST included on adult programs.

The DNA is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization comprised of several Neighbourhoods in and around Downtown Kitchener. Neighbourhoods include Central Frederick, Olde Berlin Town in the Civic Centre, Victoria Park, Auditorium, Mt. Hope Breithaupt, King East and Cedar Hill.