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Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hi Neighbour

Canada 150 years old

How will our Olde Berlin Town neighbours celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada? We are one of the oldest settled areas in this city and several homes in our neighbourhood were already well established here by 1867. What did those first home owners think of Confederation? Imagine their reactions if they could come back for a visit in 2017. Let's talk about this and other things that may affect our neighbourhood at our annual meeting on February 11, 2017, to be held at Green Gables by Queen & Lancaster streets.



The Canada 150 logo is composed of a series of diamonds, or “celebratory gems”, arranged in the shape of the iconic maple leaf. The four diamonds at the base represent the four original provinces that formed Confederation in 1867: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Additional diamonds extend out from the base to create nine more points—in total representing the 13 provinces and territories.

Olde Berlin Town Neighbours

MEET & GREET

Saturday

February 11, 2017

11:00 – 12:00 a.m.

at

**Green Gables Guest House
189 Queen Street North**

Festival of Neighbourhoods update

Congratulations to the many winners of awards (environment, youth, safety, inclusion, arts and culture, pillar (5+ years registering), newcomer (first time registering), heritage) at the October 16th Festival. Central Frederick neighbourhood was one of the winners of the Capital Grant this year. You may remember that our Olde Berlin Town community won the Capital Grant in 2009 and as a result we were able to create and install our street banners. We were an early promoter of creating ‘place-making’ signs that identified our unique neighbourhood. There are some funds left over from that grant and the committee is planning to use the remaining funds for a final small capital project. Previously, a popular suggestions was a seating bench. If you could put a seating bench somewhere within Olde Berlin Town’s boundaries, where would it be? Bring your ideas to our next neighbourhood

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meeting or share your choice of the perfect spot for a bench. The committee will review the previous suggestions and entertain news ones at the up-coming meeting on February 11th.

Neighbourhood Strategy

A “resident-led” team has engaged over 5000 people in countless hours of conversation dedicated to generating a set of recommendations for Kitchener’s first Neighbourhood Strategy spearheaded in 2015 by the City of Kitchener. You can see a draft of recommendations, featuring things like community gardens, murals, neighbourhood events, inviting front porches, neighbourhood action plans and a whole lot more at <http://www.kitchener.ca/en/livinginkitchener/Neighbourhood-Strategy.asp>. Three major themes (Great Places, Connected People and Working Together) and 18 draft recommendations have been identified. By sharing the draft recommendations the community has an opportunity to confirm that they were heard them correctly before they are presented as a final strategy to City Council. Comments on any of the recommendations are welcomed and help is needed to prioritize the implementation of the recommendations. The document will be available on both the [City’s Neighbourhood Strategy website](#) and the City’s [Engage Kitchener](#) platform between now.

Michelle Drake, Neighbourhood Strategy Project Manager said “I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping to create Kitchener’s first Neighbourhood Strategy. Some of you participated on our projected team and others attended our community partners meeting. Many of you also helped promote our work and encouraged individuals and groups to provide their input through street teams and focus groups. A few of you even hosted your own focus groups. We could not have reached such a broad and diverse population without your help. We look forward to continuing to work with you in supporting our neighbourhoods. Thank you for everything you do for our community.” You can reach her at Community Services Department | City of Kitchener; 519-741-2200 ext. 7082 | TTY 1-866-969-9994 | michelle.drake@kitchener.ca

It would be great to have some city support in engaging neighbours in a vision for Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood.

*Note: An implementation plan for all of these recommendations is expected with the final report in February 2017

Here are some excerpts from the Neighbourhood Strategy reports on qualitative ideas related to inclusivity and diversity, as offered by the participants during the public engagement process:

- It would be nice to have a couple extra rest benches in shaded areas for the elderly walkers.
- Tool share, time bank - where people share skills and time.



FAMILY DAY
Feb. 20, 2017
This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities.

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- Knowing and connecting with more neighbours than just those beside us; neighbourhood outdoor movie nights; potluck picnics that share different ethnic foods.
- Snow and lawn angels to help clear snow and cut lawns of neighbours that can't.
- Be mindful of a neighbourhood's unique needs – demographics, ease of reach, distribution channels - and work to move away from one-size-fits-all approach.
- Mentoring a newcomer family.
- Focus on keeping people of all ages active and healthy, in formal and informal ways.
- Fitness programs for a variety of ages – yoga classes for kids, exercise classes for seniors.
- Equipment for a variety of ages – i.e., play structures for toddlers, exercise equipment for adults.
- Create reasons for youth to visit community centres, with programming and by creating youth rooms in all community centres.
- Focus on diversity within neighbourhoods - unite residents around larger societal issues (local food, environmental impact).
- Have identified 'Community Ambassadors' to welcome newcomers and people with needs or new neighbours.



DOWNTOWN KITCHENER

NEW STORES OPEN NOW or COMING SOON

- **Unity Baking**, 331 King Street W.
- **Prime Pita**, 29 King Street E.
- **Abe Erb Brewing Co.**, 151 Charles Street W.
- **Babylon Restaurant & Lounge**, 200 King Street E.
- **Cafe Joy**, 235 King Street E.
- **Elevenes on Scott + Refined Sugar Cakes & Sweets**, 15 Scott Street Unit #3
- **J&P Grocery**, 8 Queen Street N.
- **Smile Tiger Coffee Cafe** (located on the mezzanine)
- **San Francisco Panini**, 146 King Street W.
- **Scotiabank**, 1 Victoria Street S. *new branch
- **Settlement Co.**, 1 Victoria Street S.
- **The Golden Mean Wellness**, 150 King Street W.



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AROUND TOWN ... civic news

HERITAGE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Notice of intention to designate 48 Ontario Street as being of heritage culture or interest

Council directed staff to post notice of intention to designate 48 Ontario St. as being of cultural heritage value or interest. The former Legion building, built in 1910, is recognized for its design, physical, historical, associative and contextual values. It has value as a representative example of the Classical Revival style in Kitchener and displays a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REGARDING 48 ONTARIO STREET

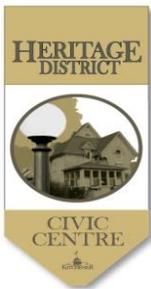
City Council approved a report recommending community engagement and consultation to determine the future of 48 Ontario Street (commonly known as the Legion Building). A range of options were presented within staff's recommendation on consultation, including but not limited to: Consideration to sell the property 'as is' or with minimal improvements, with consideration during public consultation as to whether the proceeds of the sale should be held in reserve for an Arts Hub at an alternative location in Kitchener.

NATURAL GAS PRICES:

If your house is heated with natural gas, your costs will be greater this coming winter. In a recent media announcement, the Kitchener's City Council "approved that the provincially legislated cap and trade component of the natural gas delivery rate be established at 3.5647 cents per cubic meter for all gas customers of Kitchener Utilities effective January 1, 2017. This charge will represent an approximate 10% increase in cost for the average residential customer, or approximately \$71/year."

Cap and Trade: "The cap and trade program is a provincially legislated emission trading system launched by the Ontario government to reduce the impacts of climate change. It places a price on the emissions from the burning of fossil fuels. Because natural gas is a fossil fuel, it is subject to this new charge. Kitchener Utilities must purchase emission allowances on behalf of its customers. This charge (3.5547 cents per cubic meter) will be included within the delivery rate on a customer's bill."

Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD)



A self-guided walking tour and map is available on the City of Kitchener's website. Here are a few examples.

10 67-69 Ahrens St W (1905)

This Berlin Vernacular style double house was built for insurance salesman George Baltzer. W.E. Woelfle (see #9) purchased the property soon after and it is still owned by the family. In the years before WWII, former Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King was a regular summer tenant.

22 183 Queen St N (1926)

Built for tannery executive August Lang, this residence resembles an elegant 18th century European townhouse. Composed of several Neo-Classical elements including a palladium shaped entry with wooden fanlight over the door, parapet walls at both sides of the building, and intricately patterned mullions in the dormer windows.

23 189 Queen St N (1908)

Built for town engineer William Davis and occupied successively by Caroline (Breithaupt) Augustine; Jerome and Joseph Lang; and the Wintermeyer family, whose son, John, led the Ontario Liberal Party. The home has three massive field stone chimneys, a distinctive Tudor door, and a steep roof with three large dormers.

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READY for WINTER ?

Winter seems to have arrived. The wind has a cold bite as it hits your skin and snow is not far behind. Let's hope you had time to do all those fall tasks and repairs to save on energy costs and increase the lifespan of your home.

December –January – February - March

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



Pedestrian Safety



It is the law in Ontario

Drivers and cyclists must stop and wait for pedestrians and school crossing guards to cross the entire road at:

- Pedestrian crossovers
- School crossings
- Any locations when a crossing guard is present

Safety tips for walking

- See and be seen
- Only cross at crosswalks or intersections
- Pay attention and stay alert
- Use the sidewalk
- Supervise children when near traffic



See and be seen

- Make eye contact with drivers and cyclists as they approach
- Be cautious while walking at dawn or dusk, when it is hardest to see or be seen
- Wear or place reflective material on your clothing, the more the better

Only cross at crosswalks or intersections

Drivers, cyclists or other road users expect pedestrians to cross at these places so they can be prepared.

- Watch for and follow signs and signals for crossing the road
- Cross only when traffic has come to a complete stop

Pay attention and stay alert

- Avoid alcohol, drugs, using electronic devices, cell phones, wearing earbuds or other distractions while walking

Use the sidewalk

- Use walking routes that have sidewalks whenever possible
- When there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic when on the road
- Stay off high speed roads that are unsafe for pedestrians
- Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice during the winter
- Wear footwear with non-slip soles to avoid slips and falls

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Hello Olde Berlin Town neighbours,

Happy Holidays! After a pleasantly mild fall, winter has finally arrived in full force. While the snow is beautiful to look at, it can be difficult to clear for those facing mobility challenges. If you need assistance with snow removal you have a couple of options. Did you know high school students must complete 40 hours of community service in order to graduate? Helping an elderly neighbour clear their drive is a great workout and a very helpful volunteer activity. Community agencies also offer a low-cost snow removal service for those who qualify. Contact The Working Centre's Job Cafe 519-743-1151 x 153 or Community Support Connections at 519-772-8787 for more information. Finally, if you have a neighbour who helps others clear their snow, don't forget to acknowledge them through the city's Snow Angel program! Individuals who are nominated will receive a thank-you letter from the mayor, and have the chance to win a \$100 gift card. Learn more: www.kitchener.ca/snowangels.

For history buffs, Olde Berlin Towne has a lot to offer! The Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD) now has an interpretive plaque in Hibner Park about the district. If you want to dig deeper, CCHCD's self-guided walking tour brochure is on the city's website: <http://www.kitchener.ca/en/livinginkitchener/SelfGuidedTours.asp>. Be sure to check them both out and expand your knowledge of Kitchener's history.

If you have any city-related questions or ideas, I am reachable at sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca or 519-741-2786.

Sincerely,

Councillor Sarah Marsh – Ward 10

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

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

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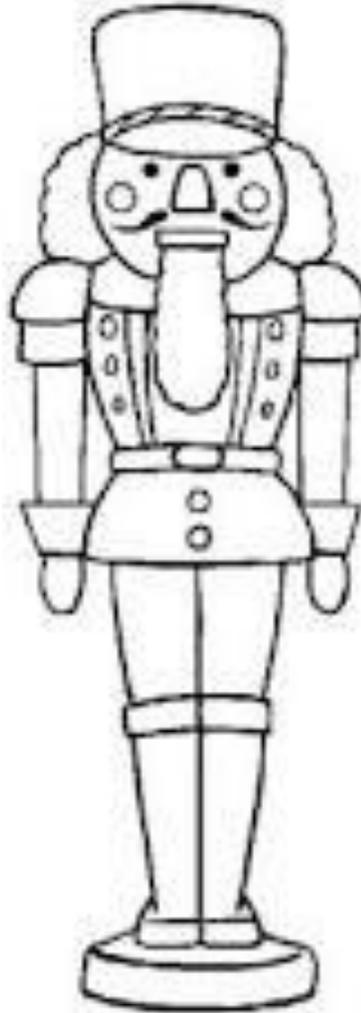
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**PROGRAMS
at the
DOWNTOWN
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

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 all ages 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.

Winter 2017

Registration begins Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016



Downtown Neighbourhood 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 OF PROGRAMS | AGES | DAY | TIME | Start Date | FEE | #Classes | WEBREG# |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Creative Movement | 3-4 | Monday | 5:30 - 6:00 pm | Jan 9 - Mar 27/17 | \$ 40.00 | 10 weeks | 228418 |
| Creative Movement | 3-4 | Wednesday | 5:30 - 6:00 pm | Jan 11 - Mar 22/17 | \$ 40.00 | 10 weeks | 228419 |
| Kinder Judo | 4-6 | Tuesday | 6:00 - 6:30 pm | Jan 17 - Mar 28/17 | \$ 40.00 | 10 weeks | 228422 |
| Kinder Kids Yoga for Tot & Parent | 2-5 | Thursday | 11:00 - 11:45 am | Feb 2 - Mar 9/17 | \$ 30.00 | 6 weeks | 228437 |
| Ballet -M | 5-8 | Monday | 6:00 - 6:45 pm | Jan 9 - Mar 27/17 | \$ 55.00 | 10 weeks | 228417 |
| Jazz - M | 5-8 | Monday | 6:45 - 7:30 pm | Jan 9 - Mar 27/17 | \$ 55.00 | 10 weeks | 229276 |
| Ballet - W | 5-8 | Wednesday | 6:45 - 7:30 pm | Jan 11 - Mar 22/17 | \$ 55.00 | 10 weeks | 228416 |
| Jazz - W | 5-8 | Wednesday | 6:00 - 6:45 pm | Jan 11 - Mar 22/17 | \$ 55.00 | 10 weeks | 228421 |
| Jazz/Ballet combo | 9-13 | Monday | 7:30-8:15 pm | Jan 9 - Mar 27/17 | \$ 55.00 | 10 weeks | 228420 |
| Artshine: - Parent and Tot | 3-5 | Tuesday | 5:30-6:15 pm | Jan 17 - Feb 21/17 | \$ 28.00 | 6 weeks | 227669 |
| Guitar - One-on-one lessons | 14+ | Tuesday | 6:00-6:30 pm | Feb 7 - Feb 28/17 | \$ 63.28 | 4 weeks | 228429 |
| Guitar - One-on-one lessons | 14+ | Tuesday | 6:30-7:00 pm | Feb 7 - Feb 28/17 | \$ 63.28 | 4 weeks | 228430 |
| Guitar - One-on-one lessons | 14+ | Tuesday | 7:00-7:30 pm | Feb 7 - Feb 28/17 | \$ 63.28 | 4 weeks | 231365 |
| Guitar - One-on-one lessons | 14+ | Tuesday | 7:30-8:00 pm | Feb 7 - Feb 28/17 | \$ 63.28 | 4 weeks | 231366 |
| Guitar - One-on-one lessons | 14+ | Tuesday | 8:00-8:30 pm | Feb 7 - Feb 28/17 | \$ 63.28 | 4 weeks | 231367 |
| Youth Judo | 7-14 | Tuesday | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Jan 17 - Mar 28/17 | \$ 66.00 | 10 weeks | 228423 |
| Artshine - Art for Teens | 12-15 | Tuesday | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Jan 17 - Feb 21/17 | \$ 35.00 | 6 weeks | 231118 |
| Self Defense Workshop & Intro to Judo | 15+ | Thursday | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Feb 16 - Mar 2/17 | \$ 50.85 | 3 weeks | 228428 |
| Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Tue | 18+ | Tuesday | 12:10 - 12:55 pm | Jan 10 - Mar 28/17 | \$ 67.85 | 12 weeks | 228425 |
| Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Thur | 18+ | Thursday | 12:10 - 12:55 pm | Jan 12 - Mar 30/17 | \$ 67.85 | 12 weeks | 228424 |
| Yoga | 18+ | Wednesday | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | Feb 1 - Mar 8/17 | \$ 42.94 | 6 weeks | 228438 |
| Artshine - Create with Confidence | 18+ | Wednesday | 1:00 - 2:30 pm | Jan 18 - Feb 22/17 | \$ 50.85 | 6 weeks | 228415 |
| Drumming for All Abilities | 18+ | Tuesday | 3:30-4:30 pm | Jan 17-Feb 21/17 | \$ 39.55 | 6 weeks | 231176 |

| DROP-IN PROGRAMS | AGES | DAY | TIME | DATES | Drop-In fee | | |
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| Floor Hockey - family | 8+ | Monday | 6:45 - 8:45 pm | on-going - Sept 12/16 - Jun 26/17 | \$ 2.00 | weekly | drop-in |
| Adult Floor Hockey | 18+ | Saturday | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | on-going - Sept 10/16 - Jun 24/17 | \$ 3.00 | weekly | drop-in |
| Badminton | 16+ | Wednesday | 7:00 - 9:30 pm | on-going - Sept 7/16 - Jun 28/17 | \$ 3.00 | weekly | drop-in |
| Basketball at noon - Advanced | 18+ | Friday | 12:00 - 1:00 pm | on-going - Sept 8/16 - Jun 29/17 | \$ 2.00 | weekly | drop-in |
| Basketball for Beginners | 18+ | Thursday | 12:00 - 1:00 pm | on-going - Sept 9/16 - Jun 30/17 | \$ 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 - Sept 17/16 - Jun 24/17 | \$ 3.00 | weekly | drop-in |
| Volleyball at noon | 18+ | Tuesday | 12:00 - 1:00 pm | on-going - Sept 6/16 - Jun 27/17 | \$ 2.00 | weekly | drop-in |
| Indoor Soccer | 16+ | Thursday | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | on-going - Oct 20/16 - Apr 27/17 | \$ 2.00 | weekly | drop-in |
| Power-Fit Workout at Noon | 18+ | Tues or Thurs | 12:10 - 12:55 pm | on-going - Sept/16 - Jun/17 | \$ 6.00 | weekly | drop-in |

* No classes on February 20th as the Downtown Community Centre is closed for statutory holidays. No children's classes March 13-18th for March Break. 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.



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