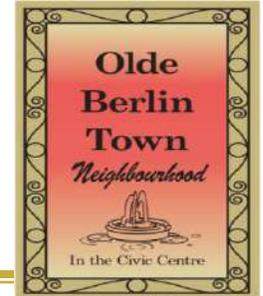


Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

Fall & Winter 2018 Newsletter

www.oldeberlintown.ca



Hi Neighbour

ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER? THE CHILLY WINDS OF NOVEMBER ARE HERE. AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS NOT FAR BEHIND.



We are fortunate to have rych mills's special presentation on November 15th about the transitions on one block in our neighbourhood from 1958 to today.

Safety issues are a big concern in our neighbourhood. Please keep our neighbourhood 'Crime Prevention' flyer in an easy place to find. It's being delivered with this newsletter. The Oct 3rd Crime Prevention meeting was well attended and people were vocal about their concerns. Thank you to those residents who came forward to join our Neighbourhood Safety Group of concerned citizens. See more in their article on page 2.

The Region is exploring a "Made in Waterloo Region" prototype for a Supervised Consumption Service (SCS). Visioning sessions involve a cross section of community leaders, key service providers, and community members. These sessions are prior to any public consultation.

Heritage concerns are on the horizon as well. Intensification developments are on the fringe of Olde Berlin Town and the Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD). Areas of interest include the corners of Young & Weber, and Ahrens & Victoria. Demolition of the houses along Victoria between Margaret and Ellen is expected this December.

Donna Kuehl, Chair



A Neighbourhood in Transition

Talk by rych mills

Thursday November 15, 2018, 7pm

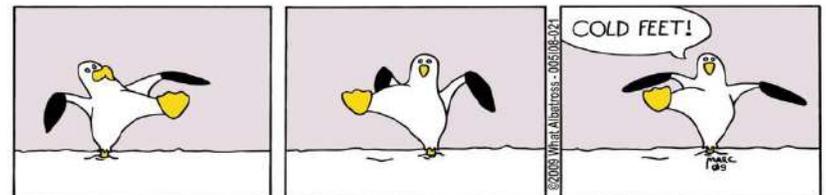
Downtown Community Centre

35B Weber St. West, Kitchener

One large block in the **Olde Berlin Town neighborhood** provides a dramatic example of how quickly cities change. At one time the Frederick-Ellen-Queen-Weber block was Berlin's prime residential district. Within a few decades not a single home remained.

Local historian rych mills provides a visual "sit-down-walking tour" of the block full of photos of people (and their buildings) who would have been that block's residents in the 19th and 20th centuries and reviews the gains, losses and trade-offs. A question-and-try-to-answer session follows.

There is no admission charge, but seating is limited. For more information see our website blog.



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What can you do to prevent CRIMINAL ACTIVITY & promote NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY?

Many thanks to everyone who came out to the Community Crime Prevention meeting on October 3rd. Over 40 neighbours participated in a lively discussion with representatives of Waterloo Regional Police Service (Constable James Mitchell), Bylaw Enforcement at the City of Kitchener (Gloria McNeil), and the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council (Christiane Sadeler). Most of the attendees indicated that they had experienced some type of property break-in, theft, attempted theft or other issue in the past few years. Neighbours were asked to indicate on a map of the neighbourhood where those incidents were located.

It is important to report any incident, **no matter how minor**, to the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS). Non-emergency incidents can be reported either by phone (519 570-9777) or using the online reporting system at: <https://reports.policereporting.ca/dors/en/filing/selectincidenttype?dynparam=1541083157708>. The WRPS uses the information received about incidents to understand where crimes are occurring and how to distribute resources. So even if nothing was taken from your car that night someone rifled through it – letting WRPS know it happened may help identify a trend in a neighborhood and allow them to assign resources appropriately.

City bylaw officers enforce bylaws related to issues such as: fencing, fireworks, parking, property standards and snow events. You may call the contact centre 24 hours a day (519 741 2345). You can also file an online complaint about: graffiti, park litter, parking, potholes, and sidewalk hazards at <https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/report-a-problem.aspx>. The identity of the person making the complaint is kept confidential. Bylaw enforcement has already worked with the owners of vacant properties in our neighbourhood to ensure they have been boarded up to prevent unauthorized access.

Community crime prevention projects: It takes a whole community to create safer neighbourhoods. We all need to work together to make our neighbourhood a safer place.

Project 1: Report Incidents: As a neighbourhood association, we would like to hear about any incidents that happen. Please let us know by emailing writeus@oldeberlintown.ca. This will not replace reporting to the police or bylaw but will help us track what is going on right here and better liaise with our city and regional representatives.

Project 2: As the days get shorter, lets try to keep the “**Porchlights On**”. Rather than turning out your lights at bed time, keep your porchlight on from dusk to dawn to provide additional lighting on the street and deter crime. Keeping the lights on doesn't need to be energy demanding. If you haven't already done so, please replace your porch light bulbs with energy efficient LED or CFL bulbs.

Other projects are in the works including a safety audit and lighting in the laneways. These initiatives will take a bit more time to implement, such as identifying resources, assessing lighting options, and contacting people whose homes back onto the laneways. We welcoming those residents who offered to join our Safety Group and keep our Olde Berlin Town a safe and welcoming place to live.

What can you do ?

Be vigilant and report suspicious or illegal activity to:

The police:

- **911 for EMERGENCIES**
- **519.570.9777 to report non-emergencies**
- <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/services-reportingonline-reporting-.aspx> to report online

Crime Stoppers:

- **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**
- **submit a tip:**

www.waterloocrimestoppers.ca

Kitchener Bylaw Office:

- **519-741-2345**

Keep yourself and your property safe!

“Street Proof” yourself against crime by

- * walking in well lit areas
- * appearing confident and purposeful
- * being aware of your surroundings
- * using sidewalks when possible

For more www.wrps.on.ca/en/staying-safe/personal-safety.aspx

Protect your property by

- * locking up your doors and valuable items
- * lighting your property effectively
- * keeping car doors locked
- * communicating with your neighbours

For more www.wrps.on.ca/en/staying-safe/home-safety.aspx

Jane Parmley, Neighbourhood Safety Group

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THINGS to DO



November 15th 10:30 a.m. A Neighbourhood in Transition: local **historian, rych mills**, provides a visual “sit-down-walking tour” at the Downtown Community Centre.

November 17th 10:30 a.m. Christmas is just a few weeks away. This year’s **SANTA CLAUS PARADE** begins at Frederick Street and heads north on Weber Street. Check the official parade route, by visiting the Lions Club of Kitchener website:

<http://lionsclubofkitchener.com/1343-2/>

November 18th 1:00-3:00 pm The 25th Annual Celebration of **Festival of Neighbourhoods (FON)** is at City Hall Rotunda. Their mission remains to foster and grow community by encouraging citizens to come together across diversity within their neighbourhoods, and by celebrating their accomplishments! <http://www.waterlooregion.org/neighbourhoods>

Feb 9, 2019 10:30 a.m. Annual General Meeting starting with a 20-minute introduction to the architectural styles of buildings in the Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood by heritage advocate Sandra Parks.

Have an idea for an event, activity, newsletter article?

Email: writeus@oldeberlintown.ca



The falling leaves drift by the window, the autumn leaves of red and gold ... And soon I'll hear old winter's song, when autumn leaves start to fall

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Heritage Issues: Young & Weber update

On August 14th, Heritage Kitchener reviewed the owner-commissioned Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) on the proposed demolition and redevelopment of 50-52 Weber Street West, 56 Weber Street West, and 107 Young Street. Heritage Planning staff recognized the three houses as legally designated cultural heritage resources and asserted that the HIA lacked evidence for its statements and conclusions. The owner would need to submit a Heritage Permit Application for any proposed demolition.

Our neighbourhood Heritage Committee is seeking additional members. Please contact us if you are willing to help.

Social Issues: Supervised Consumption Services update

As of June 19th the Region of Waterloo candidate SCS site in Kitchener was 115 Water Street. Since that time a survey yielded 45 alternative locations in Kitchener, and a second candidate location was identified at 150 Duke Street West, Kitchener.

Recently, the Region invited a representative from the Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association (OBTNA) to attend a visioning session to explore what a “Made in Waterloo Region” prototype for a SCS would look like. This session is “prior to consulting with the public regarding the candidate sites”.

The Region of Waterloo’s website

<https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/health-and-wellness/supervised-consumption-services.aspx> notes that all community consultations regarding Supervised Consumption Services are cancelled until further information on the status of the provincial funding program has been received. Should consultations be rescheduled in the future, written notifications will be sent out to all occupants within 250m of a candidate location. Additional consultation sessions will be advertised on their website.

On October 22, the provincial Ministry of Health announced their new program called Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS), under which there will be an application process for existing and potential sites.

Winter Vacation . . . Something to think about



If you go south for a vacation there’s a few things you could think about to make your home safer. Here’s a checklist to consider:

1. Did you know that most home insurance policies state that you are not covered for damages if you are away from your home – for some, as little as three days! Consider this: a) contact your provider to improve on your coverage, b) have a friend or relative do daily walks around your property c) ensure the outside lights are working,
2. Have the mail picked-up daily and cancel your newspaper. Do not leave signs of a vacant property.
3. Purchase quality timers for your lights.
4. Shut off your main water supply. Pipes do burst and you do not want to deal with a mess.
5. Turn down the heat. Not off but low. No need to heat a vacant home at 22C. Perhaps all you need is 15C.

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Sarah Marsh, City Councillor for Ward 10

Kitchener City Hall, 200 King St. W.
Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7



Hello Old Berlin Towne Neighbours!

I am honoured and humbled by the support I received this last election from Ward 10 residents. Thank you for your trust in me. I look forward to working with you over the next four years.

In recent conversations with residents, I've heard about an increase in criminal activity in your neighbourhood. I recommend that you report any and all suspicious or criminal activity by calling police dispatch at 519-653-7700 or reporting online at wrps.on.ca. I've also received requests to look at installing street lights in the alleyways as a crime prevention effort. We will look into this over the coming months, so let me know if you have input about this topic.

Speaking of neighbours, the annual Festival of Neighbourhoods celebration is coming up. I hope to see you at City Hall in the afternoon on November 18 2018. Come be inspired by your neighbours and other residents across the city, and see which neighbourhoods receive the various awards and the two \$20,000 neighbourhood improvement grants!

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, 

Civic Governance Land Use How does it affect your back yard?

The OBT Civic Centre Secondary Plan review will soon be underway. What do we want? A safer community? More cohesion? More parks and recreational space? Better care for the environment? A more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community? All these goals have expression in land-use planning.

Engaging in this discussion is your opportunity to promote the values you want in your community.

If you would like to have input into our new Secondary Plan, please contact us.



Important Numbers To Know

- ◆ Police (519) 653-7700
- ◆ Gas Leaks (519) 741-2529
- ◆ Property Standards (519) 741-2345
www.kitchener.ca/bylawguide
- ◆ Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
- ◆ Ward Councillor, Sarah Marsh (519) 741-2786
- ◆ City of Kitchener's Contact Centre (519) 741-2345
- ◆ Garbage (519) 575-4400
www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste

OBTNA Board Members

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WINTER PROGRAMS 2019

Registration begins Tuesday, November 20, 2018

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

Register for programs in person or online at www.kitchener.ca, select 'Things To Do'; or, go direct to:

<https://ca.apm.activecommunities.com/activekitchener/Home>



REGISTERED PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	Program Dates	Cost	#Classes	Activity #
Creative Movement - M	3-4	Monday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Jan 7 - Mar 18/19	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	28042
Creative Movement - W	3-4	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Jan 9 - Mar 13/19	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	27475
Family Yoga	2-8	Thursday	5:30 - 6:15 pm	Feb 7 - Mar 14/19	\$ 38.00	6 weeks	27481
Kinder Judo	5-7	Tuesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 12/19	\$ 40.00	10 weeks	27487
Ballet -M	5-8	Monday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Jan 7 - Mar 18/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	28043
Jazz - M	5-8	Monday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Jan 7 - Mar 18/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	28044
Jazz Ballet Combo - M	9-13	Monday	7:30 - 8:15 pm	Jan 7 - Mar 18/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	27486
Ballet - W	5-8	Wednesday	6:45 - 7:30 pm	Jan 9 - Mar 13/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	27474
Jazz - W	5-8	Wednesday	6:00 - 6:45 pm	Jan 9 - Mar 13/19	\$ 55.00	10 weeks	27485
Youth Development Judo	8-13	Tuesday	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 12/19	\$ 73.00	10 weeks	27493
Teen/Adult Judo	14+	Tuesday	7:30 - 9:00 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 12/19	\$ 83.00	10 weeks	27490
Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Tue	18+	Tuesday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	Jan 8 - Mar 26/19	\$ 60.00	12 weeks	27490
Power-Fit Workout at Noon - Thur	18+	Thursday	12:10 - 12:55 pm	Jan 10 - Mar 28/19	\$ 60.00	12 weeks	27489
Hatha and Laughter Yoga	18+	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Feb 6 - Mar 13/19	\$ 38.00	6 weeks	27482

DROP-IN PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	DATES	Drop-in fee		
Dodgeball	16+	Monday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	starts Jan 7	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Adult Floor Hockey	18+	Saturday	1:30 - 3:30 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Badminton	16+	Wednesday	7:00 - 9:30 pm	on-going	\$ 3.00	weekly	drop-in
Basketball at noon - Advanced	18+	Friday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Diaper Free Baby	parent & tot	1st Wed/month	10:00 - 11:30 am	Year-Round	free	monthly	drop-in
Volleyball at noon	18+	Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	on-going	\$ 2.00	weekly	drop-in
Indoor Soccer	16+	Thursday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	on-going	\$ 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

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.



Neighbourhood Programs at the Downtown Community Centre

35B Weber Street West, Kitchener

Volunteers from Olde Berlin Town participate on the Board of the Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance with other Neighbourhood Associations in and around downtown Kitchener.

The DNA, coordinates affordable programs in FALL, WINTER, & SPRING for all ages at the Downtown Community Centre.

Neighbourhood volunteers deliver newsletters and the seasonal program booklet.

To register, you can phone 519-741-2501, register at the Centre in person, or select programs on-line at:

www.kitchener.ca then, select . . Things To Do. select . . Program registration and assistance

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