

Olde Berlin Town Neighbourhood Association

Fall 2019 Newsletter

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Hi Neighbour

Residents are encouraged to bring ideas or concerns to the next Open Board meeting starting at 7:30 pm on **Tuesday, October 8th** and held at the Downtown Community Centre 35B Weber Street W, Kitchener.

Community action and participation contributes hugely in sustaining a caring and concerned neighbourhood. A big thank you to Hal Jaeger and the many involved residents who came out to share feedback and recommendations regarding the 30-40 Margaret Avenue Development. Approvals at the city level are near completion. There were many personal endeavours, meetings at the Church of the Good Shepherd and numerous meetings at city hall – Heritage Kitchener, City Council, Committee of Adjustment – seeking the best possible result for all.

The Jane's Walk last May had a fantastic number of people come out to walk and talk about our laneways. These 'back roads' of Olde Berlin Town remain a topic of interest for the neighbourhood. The new pavement is helpful but the lack of adequate lighting is still a concern. The Board is considering applying for a Placemaking Challenge grant through 'Love My Hood' program.

Your O.B.T. Board for 2019 has been busy with meetings about safety issues, the Duke Street consumption treatment site, bicycle lanes on Young & Maynard streets, development concerns, heritage matters, proposed revisions to our Secondary Plan, and creating an event [see Sept 29th pop-up café] so you can meet more of your neighbours. A picture gallery has started in Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/oldeberlintown/>. Thanks to board members Sandra Castle, Rosemary Coleman, Donna Kuehl, Kathy Lawrence, Peter Meier, Chris Mulligan, Jane Parmley, and Leslie Stallard for stepping forward and making a commitment to our neighbourhood.

Donna Kuehl, chair

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 7th – study session re Secondary Plan
Sept 17th – Heritage & Development Committee
Sept 21st – Doors Open in Waterloo Region
Oct 8th – O.B.T. 'town hall' Board Meeting
Sept 29th – O.B.T. Pop-up Café
Nov 17th – Festival of Neighbourhoods

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

A volunteer from Olde Berlin Town/Civic Centre neighbourhood is needed for Heritage Kitchener. This City of Kitchener committee has citizen representation to provide advice and feedback to city council on heritage issues. The commitment is to read the monthly package prepared by Heritage Planning Staff, participate at a monthly meeting (4-6 pm on the first Tuesday of the month) and to liaise with the neighbourhood when an application comes up within the Civic Centre Heritage District.



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SOCIETAL ISSUES:

Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) update

This summer residents from Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood were invited to contribute to an Interim Site Advisory Group to share information and provide some input as community partners on site design and service planning, public education and community engagement. The Region's Public Health Department plans to launch the Interim CTS site at 150 Duke Street West in Kitchener this Fall on the upper level. While the site is a key response to the opioid crisis, once it is fully implemented in 2020, the focus will be to provide support, resources and connections to treatments that people need. Your representatives recommended an open educational session prior to the launch date. Our neighbourhood will have representation on the permanent Site Advisory Group that will be consulted on issues such as fostering relations with the community, education regarding concerns or risks, mitigation recommendations, privacy and respect for all.

The following information is an update from the Region of Waterloo Public Health and Emergency Services.

Planning is Underway for Interim and Permanent Consumption and Treatment Services Site (CTS)

In June of 2019, following approval from Regional Council, Public Health filed all necessary applications including the Federal application for an exemption to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Provincial application for funding for a Consumption and Treatment Services site in Kitchener. On July 26, 2019, Health Canada approved the Region's application for an exemption from the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) to operate a Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) site at 150 Duke Street, Kitchener. The application for the interim CTS site at the same location was also approved. The Provincial Application for funding continues to be under active review by the province.

Public Health and Sanguen Health Centre will be partnering in the operation of the site and have been meeting regularly to establish the operating plan. In terms of design and development the City of Kitchener has received a preliminary site plan to assist with streamlining the site plan approval process. Partners and community members continue to be engaged in the process as we work towards launch. A Community Advisory Group will advise on a range of topics associated with the service including site planning, community engagement and issue response. A full CTS with wrap around support services is intended to be launched in early 2020 in the same location. For more information and ongoing updates visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/cts

What are Consumption and Treatment Services?

Consumption and Treatment Services are a place where people can use drugs in a monitored, hygienic environment to reduce harm from substance use while offering additional services such as counselling, primary care, and opioid-dependency treatment.

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Preventing CRIMINAL ACTIVITY & promoting NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY

With the warmer weather, illegal activity in the Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood has also been increasing. We see this trend every year. **You can help make our neighbourhood safer by reporting 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://www.wrps.on.ca/en/services-reporting/online-reporting-.aspx>.

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. You can access this information online at: <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/about-us/statistics.aspx> and check out maps of the city at Crime Map (<http://maps.policereporting.ca/wrps>). **Based on the information on the Crime Map, in the Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood from June 8 to July 8, 2019, there were 100 reported incidents including 2 break and enters, 4 thefts under \$5000, 1 motor vehicle theft and 1 robbery.**

Separate from the police, 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>.

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: Report criminal activity to the police and bylaw complaints to the city. Your neighbourhood association would also like to hear about any incidents that happen to better liaise with our city and regional representatives. Please help keep us informed of incidents or concerns you have by writing to us at writeus@oldeberlintown.ca. This will not replace reporting to the police or bylaw.
- **Project 2:** As the days get shorter, try to keep your porchlights on. Rather than turning out your lights at night, 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.
- **Project 3:** Home security audit: Consider completing an audit of your home security. You can access a home security checklist at: <https://www.wrps.on.ca/en/recruiting/resources/homesecurity-selfaudit.pdf>. The checklist will draw your attention to areas around your home that, if corrected, may lower your chances of being a victim of crime.

Let's keep our Olde Berlin Town a safe and welcoming place to live.

Jane Parmley, Neighbourhood Safety Group

◆ *Fostering pride in our community*

◆ *Maintaining a safe neighbourhood*

◆ *Promoting community awareness*

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Festival of Neighbourhoods . . . November 17th . . . 1-3 pm at City Hall

On Sunday, November 17th, the Festival of Neighbourhoods wraps up this season with their annual celebration to thank and recognize neighbourhoods who organize inclusive and accessible gatherings! Qualifying events may win a \$20,000 Neighbourhood Capital Improvement Grant from the City of Kitchener or a special award! Complete events by Sept 30th, must register before Oct 5th. Find resources at: <http://www.waterlooregion.org/neighbourhoods>



Civic Governance – Heritage & Development Committee

Neighbourhood Planning Review of Civic Centre Secondary Plan

A study group for Olde Berlin Town's plan has been meeting regularly since December 2018. They are comparing our existing Secondary Plan to the 1st draft of the proposed new plan, identifying key points to keep and improve upon from the existing plan and trying to assess the zoning of each property in the current plan to the new zone changes recommended. Transitions from low-rise residential zones is the top concern within the Neighbourhood planning reviews. It is important to ensure that the Heritage District Plan recommendations are properly incorporated, upheld and being adequately reflected in the revised Secondary Plan. **Check the zoning on your own property. Participation is welcome at our study sessions and written comments can be sent to writeus@oldeberlintown.ca**

The following is a summary of the past year's sequence of events:

In December 2018, the City of Kitchener Planning Department unveiled a poster display of the first draft of its proposed neighbourhood plan for the Olde Berlin Town (i.e., Civic Centre) Neighbourhood. On March 2nd, at the OBTNA Annual General Meeting, participants reviewed the posters and planning process. Residents of Olde Berlin Town then contributed to a review of the proposal via written submissions and participation at our four study sessions and 2-hour round-table discussion with the Planning Department on March 30th. Some of the key requests included more internally consistent zoning, zoning that better aligns with the Heritage District requirements, more gradual transitions as required by the Official Plan, and zoning of churches that includes a primary institutional use. Residents

Secondary Plan Workshops for Olde Berlin Town residents

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 1:00 pm

Note: Civic Secondary Centre Plan is scheduled for City Council in October

How to Review Zoning

Go to www.oldeberlintown.ca/zoning.

Follow the step-by-step instructions with all the links you need. The process is as follows:

1. Look up the addresses you are interested in on the existing and proposed zoning maps
2. Look up the identified zoning regulations and special provisions.
3. Compare the suggested allowable uses, heights, setbacks, etc.

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also contributed to the development of the Urban Design Guidelines, a non-binding complement to the zoning bylaws, in a 2-hour design charrette on March 6th.

A portion of the materials, and a guide to reviewing zoning, is available on our website (www.oldeberlintown.ca/planningreview). The entire presentation is online at www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/civic-centre.aspx.

Following the enactment of the first phase of Kitchener's new zoning bylaw (CRoZBy) on April 29th, things have taken a substantial twist. On June 6th, the province enacted changes to the land-use legislation through Bill 108 that may undercut much of the new zoning bylaw and renders municipal legislation more susceptible to be overruled at appeal bodies without municipal control. While we await Kitchener's Planning Department's response to the provincial changes and the second draft of the Secondary Plan, neighbours continue to review the first draft.

30-40 Margaret Ave - development update

Activa's proposed two six-storey buildings with its proposed 234 units connected through a glass common room for the vacant lot at 30-40 Margaret Avenue is in the final stage of approval. A new sign is now on the site.

A Neighbourhood Information Meeting was held Thursday, May 9th, with approximately 60 people in attendance. Resident concerns could be broadly grouped into two categories – site plan and heritage. . Site plan concerns included preservation of backyard leisure for Ellen St homes, storm water and salt run off to Ellen houses, shadowing, preservation of trees, wind tunneling, increased pressure on on-street parking and traffic, and space for snow accumulation. Heritage concerns included maintaining the cadence and character of the street and single family nature of neighbourhood, ensuring natural light and reducing the perception of a height difference, maintaining the existing boulevards and streetscape, and isolation of 54 Margaret.

When neighbours met with Activa and MHBC, Activa's planning consultant, at the end of May to discuss some of the concerns, they were told of plans to reduce water run-off from the property below current levels and a fence and tree-replanting plan to create privacy screens. Site plan approval was granted by Planning Staff.

MHBC prepared a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), an evaluation of the adherence of the development proposal to the Heritage District Plan and the impact on the heritage resources. Heritage Kitchener reviewed the HIA and heard seven neighbourhood submissions at a public meeting on June 4th. MHBC then submitted an updated HIA on June 26th, which included three design changes: a shift of the building three metres away from 54 Margaret (to reduce shadowing and isolating of 54 Margaret), operable gates from the private patios of the ground floor units facing Margaret to improve the 'front door' relationship to the street, and a reduction in height of the fence along Margaret. MHBC also submitted a Heritage Permit



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Application (HPA), the next step in the process. At a follow-up meeting with representation from the neighbourhood association, MHBC confirmed that the ground floor units facing Margaret would have locks operable from the outside and that landscaping would soften the masonry lower portion of the fence along Margaret. On August 6th, Heritage Kitchener recommended approval of the HPA to Council and Council granted approval on August 26th.

In the course of the application to the Committee of Adjustment for an additional 24 units and a reduction of required resident and visitor parking spaces, MHBC announced an additional 8 underground visitor parking spaces. On August 20th, the Committee of Adjustment granted approval on condition that 61 additional bicycle spaces be provided.

Several neighbours were surprised that a building of such height and massing could be contemplated under the Heritage District Plan. The zoning of 30-40 Margaret predates the creation of the Civic Centre Heritage District Plan and was part of a previous vision for the neighbourhood. The extensive heritage district policies and guidelines for 30-40 Margaret were created “to ensure that new development maintains the heritage character of the District.”

Thank you to all the neighbours who made submissions and attended meetings to discuss site plan and heritage district plan matters and to the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario for guidance and support. Thank you to Activa and MHBC for the care put into the proposal and for reaching out to the neighbours so generously. It takes a community to protect a community. More details are available at <http://oldeberlintown.ca/category/land-use/30-40-margaret/>

H. Jaeger and J. Parmley

Development Project Updates

64 Margaret (Vive Development): Demolition pending

30-40 Margaret (Activa): Made Site Plan application. Heritage Permit Application received required municipal approvals.

Ahrens & Victoria (formerly Magic Bedroom): Upgrades underway by new owner

Young/Weber: Awaiting Heritage permit application;

Next Committee Meeting*

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

*7:00 pm at Downtown Community Centre

Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District



REFERENCES for Civic Centre Heritage Conservation District (CCHCD) ... in Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood

CCHCD Plan: www.kitchener.ca/en/resourcesGeneral/Documents/DSD_PLAN_HeritagePlanCivicCentre.Pdf. Building(s) or property changes may require a [heritage permit](#). Vacant buildings within an HCD subject to heritage provisions of the [property standards bylaw](#).

- City of Kitchener: Heritage & Policy Planner 519-741-2200 ext. 7839; find Heritage Kitchener Committee www.kitchener.ca
- Region of Waterloo: <https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/exploring-the-region/heritage-conservation-toolbox.aspx>
- Ontario Heritage Act: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90o18>

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O.B.T. Neighbourhood Mini-Grant Program

Do you have a special event you want to organize in Olde Berlin Town neighbourhood? You can apply for an O.B.T. mini-grant of up to \$50 to support your initiative.

Request application form at writeus@oldeberlintown.ca

Important Numbers To Know

- ◆ Police (519) 653-7700 or 519-570-9777
- ◆ Gas Leaks (519) 741-2529
- ◆ Property Standards (519) 741-2345 www.kitchener.ca/bylawguide
- ◆ Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
- ◆ City of Kitchener's Contact Centre (519) 741-2345
- ◆ Garbage (519) 575-4400 www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste
- ◆ Ward Councillor, Sarah Marsh (519) 741-2786
sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca

Sign up at our website to receive our monthly updates/e-news <http://oldeberlintown.ca/signup>

OBTNA Board Members

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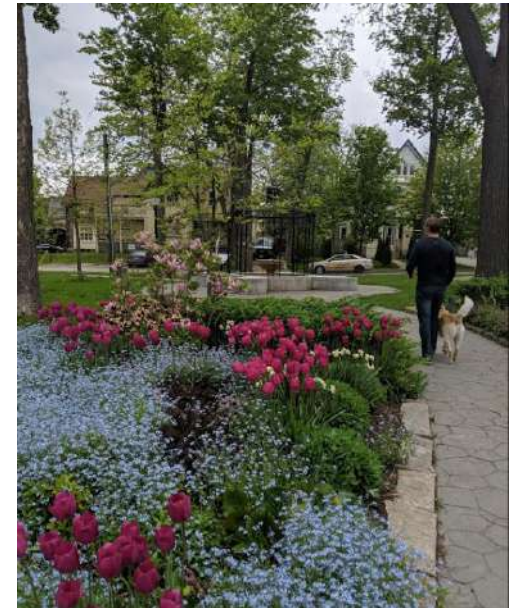


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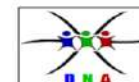
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FALL PROGRAMS 2019

Registration begins Tuesday, August 20, 2019



DNA, a volunteer alliance of Downtown Neighbourhood Associations, offers 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'

REGISTERED PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	Program Dates	#Classes	Cost	Activity #
Creative Movement - Wed.	3-4	Wednesday	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Sep 18 - Nov 20/19	10 weeks	\$ 40.00	38258
Kinder Acro - Wed.	3-5	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Sep 18 - Nov 20/19	10 weeks	\$ 40.00	38260
Kinder Acro Plus - Wed.	6-9	Wednesday	5:00 - 5:30 pm	Sep 18 - Nov 20/19	10 weeks	\$ 40.00	40519
Ballet - Wed.	5-8	Wednesday	7:15 - 8:00 pm	Sep 18 - Nov 20/19	10 weeks	\$ 55.00	38262
Jazz - Wed.	5-8	Wednesday	6:30 - 7:15 pm	Sep 18 - Nov 20/19	10 weeks	\$ 55.00	38264
Little Pediatrician School	6-9	Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Sep 19 - Oct 24/19	6 weeks	\$ 67.00	38274
Little Nutrition School	6-9	Thursday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Nov 17 - Dec 12/19	6 weeks	\$ 67.00	38273
Little Vet School	3-5	Thursday	10:00 - 11:00 am	Sep 19 - Oct 24/19	6 weeks	\$ 67.00	38272
Little Medical School	3-5	Thursday	10:00 - 11:00 am	Nov 17 - Dec 12/19	6 weeks	\$ 67.00	38271
Kids Night Out with Little Medical School	6-10	Friday	5:00 - 9:00 pm	Oct 11/19	1 week	\$ 48.00	38275
Kids Night Out with Little Medical School	6-10	Friday	5:00 - 9:00 pm	Nov 15/19	1 week	\$ 48.00	38276
Robotics Fun - Mindstorms EV3	9-14	Friday	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Sep 27 - Nov 8/19	8 weeks	\$ 84.00	38270
The Planet Digs Bugs	3-7	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Sep 30/19	1 week	\$ 15.00	38277
Good Clean Fun	7-12	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Sep 30/19	1 week	\$ 15.00	38280
Colour Me Curious	3-7	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Oct 29/19	1 week	\$ 15.00	38278
Catch Me If You Can	7-12	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Oct 28/19	1 week	\$ 15.00	38281
Please Play With Your Food	3-7	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Nov 25/19	1 week	\$ 15.00	38279
Obey Newton: It's The Law	7-12	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Nov 25/19	1 week	\$ 15.00	38282
Dramatic Elements (session 1)	7-12	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Sep 25 - Oct 30/19	6 weeks	\$ 45.00	39708
Dramatic Elements (session 2)	7-12	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Nov 6 - Dec 11/19	6 weeks	\$ 45.00	39709
Zumba	18+	Wednesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Sep 25 - Oct 23/19	5 weeks	\$ 27.00	38267
Zumba	18+	Wednesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Nov 6 - Dec 4/19	5 weeks	\$ 27.00	38268
Zumbini (tot with parent)	0-5	Thursday	1:45 - 2:30 pm	Sep 26 - Oct 31/19	6 weeks	\$ 45.00	38269
Music Lessons (piano or guitar)	6-18+	Thursday	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Sep 26 - Nov 21/19	8 weeks	\$ 169.00	38283
Music Lessons (piano or guitar)	6-18+	Thursday	6:00 - 6:30 pm	Sep 26 - Nov 21/19	8 weeks	\$ 169.00	38285
Music Lessons (piano or guitar)	6-18+	Thursday	7:30 - 8:00 pm	Sep 26 - Nov 21/19	8 weeks	\$ 169.00	38286
Music Lessons (piano or guitar)	6-18+	Thursday	8:00 - 8:30 pm	Sep 26 - Nov 21/19	8 weeks	\$ 169.00	38287
Group Music Lessons (piano & guitar)	6-18+	Thursday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Sep 26 - Nov 21/19	8 weeks	\$ 48.00	38289
Dance It Out	16+	Monday	12:00 - 12:45 pm	Oct 28 - Dec 16/19	8 weeks	\$ 32.00	38266
The Great Brain Workout - Fitness for Your Aging Brain	18+	Wednesday	3:30 - 4:30 pm	Sep 25 - Nov 27/19	10 weeks	\$ 65.00	39645

DROP-IN PROGRAMS	AGES	DAY	TIME	DATES	#Classes	Drop-In fee	Activity #
Dodgeball	16+	Monday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	starts Oct 28/19	weekly	\$ 3.00	38257
Volleyball at noon	18+	Tuesday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	starts Sep 3/19	weekly	\$ 3.00	38173
Badminton	16+	Wednesday	7:00 - 9:30 pm	starts Sep 18/19	weekly	\$ 3.00	38125
Indoor Soccer	16+	Thursday	6:30 - 8:00 pm	starts Sep 5/19	weekly	\$ 3.00	38146
Advanced Basketball at noon	18+	Friday	12:00 - 1:00 pm	starts Sep 6/19	weekly	\$ 3.00	38122
Women's Volleyball	18+	Saturday	11:00 - 12:30 pm	starts Sep 7/19	weekly	\$ 3.00	38256
Adult Floor Hockey	18+	Saturday	1:30 - 3:30 pm	starts Sep 7/19	weekly	\$ 3.00	38121
Music Lessons - group (piano or guitar)	6+	Thursday	6:30 - 7:30 pm	starts Sept 26/19	weekly	\$ 7.00	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.