



Volunteers helping to make our community a better place to live

NEWSLETTER

DPPCA
Online Registration opens
Tuesday August 20 at 8:30 a.m.
www.kitchener.ca/activenet



Outdoor Winter Rinks Volunteers needed!

City of Kitchener rinks are completely dependent on weather and volunteer support. Without generous help from our community volunteers, our rinks wouldn't be possible.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of our outdoor rinks, call us at 519-741-2200, ext. 7389 for more information.

For rink locations, please visit www.kitchener.ca/winterrinks

FAMILY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Do you need help in finding resources for you and your family?

We Can Help!

Our goal is to assist children and families to access services they need within their own neighbourhood.



Support available includes:
 Food when you run short,
 Counselling referral,
 Recreation fees,
 Transportation



For assistance please call your worker to schedule a time for you to meet.
519-742-8327 x250

Fall 2019
*September, October,
 November & December*



Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre
 519-741-2641
 Website: www.kitchener.ca

Doon Pioneer Park Community Association
 Website: www.dppca.ca
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DPPCA Annual General Meeting

Will be held October 23, 2019

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DPPCA 2019 Christmas Miracle Food Hamper Project



Email: AnnualChristmasMiracleProject@gmail.com

Telephone: DPPCommunity Centre (519) 748-2641

Our Volunteers are getting things ready for the 2019 Christmas Miracle Food Hamper Project! Each year we plan to deliver healthy food hampers and knitted hats and mitts for children to 50+ families in our community. We do this alongside the Christmas Bureau operated out of the House of Friendship Emergency Food Hamper Program and the community association. We are thankful for the continued support received from area schools, churches, businesses and individuals over the past 35 years. You make this project possible!

Did you know?

- ❖ **\$175.00 WILL PAY FOR A CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER FOR A SMALL FAMILY OF 4.** This helps the family cover extra expenses during the Christmas season.
- ❖ **FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!** Donations received over \$20.00 will receive an income tax receipt from the City of Kitchener. Please make your cheque payable to the “**City of Kitchener**” and print your phone number on the back of your cheque, and deliver it in an envelope addressed to **DPPCA 150 Pioneer Drive, Kitchener ON N2P 2C2** to the Kitchener Public Library location at the Doon Pioneer Park Community during office hours.
- ❖ **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.** Donate non-perishable items to our project up until **Wednesday December 18th** by dropping them off at participating centres, area schools, churches and other neighbourhood businesses.
- ❖ **NEW KNITTED HATS AND MITTENS FOR CHILDREN ARE ALSO ACCEPTED.** Most needed are for kids ages 9 – 14. The donation box for these will be at the Pioneer Park Library until Wednesday, December 11th. Send us an email, or call the community centre office to donate new/unused yarn’ or to find out how to pick up yarn for volunteer knitters.
- ❖ **The “TOONIE FOR TINS Campaign” helps to pay for the perishable food items.** This project is easy to organize for your club, class or family. If everyone donates \$2.00, it helps to pay for the food purchases of the project.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEERS CAN REGISTER BY EMAIL FROM SEPTEMBER 12TH UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH.** Registration is limited so sign yourself and your family up early!
 - You can:
 - Join the CM Project Planning Committee!
 - Knit new hats and mitts for the children;
 - Sort out non-perishable donations on Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 pm;
 - Pack a family’s hamper on Saturday, December 21st at 9:00 am;
 - Deliver the hampers on Saturday, December 21st at 10:30 am.
- ❖ Let us know if your group needs our help to organize their own food hamper project, sponsor a family or run a fundraising event or campaign to raise awareness of the Food Hamper Project in our community.
- ❖ **FAMILIES IN NEED OF A FOOD HAMPER CAN REGISTER AT THE PIONEER PARK FOOD BANK IN NOVEMBER (Date to be determined)** or by contacting the House of Friendship Food Hamper Program at 807 Guelph St, Kitchener, 519-742-5860 (www.christmasbureau.ca). ID for all members in your family, and income information will be required to register.
- ❖ **GOT QUESTIONS?** We can now be reached by Email: AnnualChristmasMiracleProject@gmail.com, or by telephone to the Community Centre (519) 748-2641.

Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre Doon Pioneer Park Community Association Update

As we prepare this update in June, you may have noticed that the construction seems to be moving right along at the centre. We do not have an opening date as of yet but we are on time and on budget. Expansion info can be found on the city’s website: https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/doon_s-community-centre-expansion.aspx

Thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we ease back into our new facility. With it being difficult to know what September will bring for the Centre, we will continue to program on a smaller scale offsite for this fall session. Our programming will start off slowly after construction is done and we will increase and offer more programs as we are able. The DPPCA is looking forward to being able to be back in the new Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre! We will keep you informed on the DPPCA Facebook page and our website: www.dppca.ca

You are always welcome to send your questions or suggestions to us at info@dppca.ca. We appreciate your comments.



Hello Ward 4!

I hope everyone had an excellent, safe and happy summer. It certainly flew by.

We've certainly had our share of disruption and dust over the past couple of years. Between continued developments in Doon South, construction at Pioneer Park Plaza, to the Homer Watson improvement project – it has been a real test of patience. But! The bright spot this past summer was the official opening of Upper Canada Park. It was amazing to see so much activity there.

This park is a fantastic amenity for Ward 4 and the broader community. It's designed for beginner and elite baseball - not to mention the spectacular playground and basketball court! Plans to have the skate park installed this fall have been pushed back as the cost was significantly more than anticipated when it was tendered. I will be supporting this project during the 2020 budget process through a transfer of funds from the Gas Tax, and I'm hoping the majority of council agrees to include the skate park in the 2020 budget for implementation.

Traffic calming measures were undertaken in several neighbourhoods this summer, and seemed to work well. Sadly, we will still get those who continue to ignore the delineators and the speed limit. But, thank you to all those who do pay attention and continue to keep our streets safe.

At the time of writing this, our Community Centre is on track for a fall opening. I'm looking forward to celebrating with you on Opening Day. Contact me with your concerns at 226-752-9541 or email me at christine.michaud@kitchener.ca.

Councillor Christine Michaud, Ward 4

Jean's Corner

Canada Post likes our West Montrose Covered Bridge

On 17 June 2019, Canada Post issued 5 new stamps with the theme: Historic Covered Bridges. Waterloo Region's West Montrose Covered Bridge is pictured on one of these stamps. This bridge has an Upper Doon connection. In 1881, John and Benjamin Baer, known as Baer Bros., constructed the bridge for \$3,557.65. Their family home remains today at 1151 Doon Village Road. Baer Bros. were prolific bridge builders throughout the entire Grand River watershed.

Over the years, West Montrose Covered Bridge has suffered threats of demolition. In winter at this location, the Grand River can be a thick frozen mass. Then in the spring with the threatening freeze-thaw cycle of the river, ice jams form near and around the bridge. The spring melt of the river flows swiftly carrying large pieces of ice from upstream. These chunks of ice frequently end up jammed against the footings of the bridge. The Grand River Conservation Authority intensively monitors the river flow to ensure ice jams are not so severe as to harm the bridge and cause a flood in the village of West Montrose. Because of its design and its pastoral location over the Grand River, this bridge is very picturesque and so for these reasons, it was saved in 1942 from demolition. By 1954, there was a need for restoration of the deck, beams, windows and piers. In 1959, reinforced steel Bailey trusses were added beneath the wood panelling and deck. Originally this 62 meters long by five meters wide bridge was constructed totally of wood; its cladding consisted of red-painted white pine panelling and a cedar shingle gable roof. Although the bridge has been reinforced with steel, concrete, and stone, its appearance remains as it was in 1881.

The West Montrose Covered Bridge is one of the Region's most iconic symbols. It ranked second in a study of 100 heritage bridges completed by the Region's Heritage Planning Advisory Committee. Heritage bridges such as this one were an important factor in the 1994 designation of the Grand River as a Canadian Heritage River. West Montrose Covered Bridge is recognized as a Provincial Historic Site (1960), received Ontario Heritage Act Designation (2007) and is part of an identified Cultural Heritage Landscape in Woolwich Township. The Region's Heritage Planning Advisory Committee sponsors information plaques to accompany the Regional restored historic bridges. You may wish to take a scenic drive through Woolwich countryside to view West Montrose Covered bridge and its information plaque. Then again, you may first want to visit the website. https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/exploring-theregion/resources/Documents/2014_West_Montrose_Bridge_Plaque_FINAL_lores_FINAL-ACCESS.pdf

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How fortunate we are to have remaining an actual example of bridge building by the Baer Bros. of Doon/Upper Doon! And then commemorated with a Canada Post stamp.

Jean Haalboom



Online Registration Starts Tuesday August 20 at 8:30 am

The DPPCA is partnering with the City of Kitchener to offer online registration for neighbourhood programs. And it's SO easy!

Register online at www.kitchener.ca/activekitchener.

You will need:

- To create an account or sign into your account
- The barcode(s) for the program(s) you wish to register for
- Visa or MasterCard with valid expiry date

Register In-Person

You can also register in person after August 20th, you can also register at any community centre, City of Kitchener pool or on the 7th floor at City Hall. You will need your ID.

New Refund Policy – starting September 2018

A 100% refund will be given if you withdraw from a program more than seven (7) days before the first day of program. Refunds will only be given in the same form as payment made. Cash refunds over \$20.00 will be refunded by cheque. Please note: If a credit is left on an account, the credit will expire after three (3) years.

NO REFUND will be given if a request to withdraw is made less than seven (7) days prior to the first day of program.

Transfer Policy

Requests to transfer programs must be made prior to the third class taking place and will be based on program availability. Transfers after the third class must be approved at the program supervisor's discretion.

Privacy Policy

Doon Pioneer Park Community Association understands that you value your privacy. Our Association is committed to ensuring the confidentiality and proper use of any personal information you provide is used solely for the administration of DPPCA programs. For further information about the DPPCA Privacy Policy, please contact the DPPCA Secretary through the DPPCC at 519-741-2641.

Registration Information

All programs and schedules can be subject to change in date, time, fee and location. Programs will be cancelled if registration is insufficient. No registration fees for accessibility support workers. **Fee Assistance** is available to those who require it. This must be arranged at least one week prior to registration. For more information, please call the DPPCC at 519-741-2641.

Pick-up policy

Parents and/or caregivers will be granted a 5 minute grace period after class has ended to pick up the children 7 years of age and under from their program. For each 15 minutes or part thereof that a parent or caregiver is late in picking his or her child up, he or she will be required to pay \$5.00. The late fee is payable upon arrival and should be given to the DPPCA staff at location site.

For your information

Out of concern for the health, safety and enjoyment of all users of our services and facilities, the DPPCA will not tolerate smoking, alcohol, drug use or possession thereof, harassment, foul language, slurs or vandalism of any type.

Anyone who commits inappropriate or prohibited behaviour may be asked to leave a program without a refund, at the discretion of the DPPCA, in conjunction with the City of Kitchener's Behaviour-Unacceptable Conduct Policy.

For DPPCA participants' safety and liability purposes, only registered participants are permitted in program rooms during program time. All others are asked to wait in the lobby.

The DPPCA is unable to provide you with an allergy free zone.

If local schools are closed because of weather conditions, all DPPCA programs are automatically cancelled. Be advised that make-up classes will be arranged if possible but refunds will not be given.

Inclusion Services can help!



If you or your child has a disability and requires accommodation to participate, assistance may be available. Requests should be submitted at least **two weeks prior to the program start date** to allow time to coordinate the accommodation. Please call **Inclusion Services staff** at 519-741-2200 ext. 7229 or TTY 1-866-969-9994.

DPPCA PROGRAM INFORMATION

For safety reasons, **only registered participants are allowed in programming rooms/areas** and no food or beverages are permitted. All others are asked to wait outside.

All participants must be the minimum age on the start date of the program. The program instructors and program liaison/director reserve the right to assess any participant's readiness for any program and to reassign them to a more suitable class.

Out of concern for the health, safety and enjoyment of all users of our services and facilities, the DPPCA will not tolerate smoking, vaping, alcohol, drug use or possession thereof; violence, harassment, foul language, slurs or vandalism of any type. Patrons breaking the above policies will be asked to leave the facility and may be banned from any further DPPCA activities. The DPPCA also reserves the right to contact the police and/or parents.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Located at the Forward Church – 600 Doon Village Road

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
<p>Small Wonders Designed to be the intro class before attending Morning Marvels this program is specifically geared to meet the needs of the younger aged preschool child. Crafts, games and activities are designed to meet development capabilities and emotional needs. Small Wonders offers a smaller staff to child ratio. Parents/Caregivers do not stay for this program.</p> <p>Please be sure to bring a change of clothes including extra diaper(s) as well as a snack and a water bottle. (Min. 8 Max. 10 participants)</p>	Class 1 2 – 3 yrs.	Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 am No Class Oct. 14 th	Sept. 16 th Dec. 2 nd	\$187.00 11 weeks	38049
	Class 2 2 – 3 yrs.	Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 am	Sept. 20 th Dec. 6 th	\$204.00 12 weeks	38048
<p>Morning Marvels A program designed specifically for the child who will be entering into kindergarten. This program is designed to get your child ready for the immersion into the school environment. It is a well-balanced and structured program where children will develop their social, physical, and creative abilities with the use of a variety of activities. Parents/Caregivers do not stay for this program.</p> <p>Please be sure to bring a change of clothes as well as a snack and a water bottle. Participants must be toilet trained.</p> <p>NOTE: Class 1 is a 2 day program Class 2 is a 1 day program (Min. 11 Max. 14 participants)</p>	Class 1 3 – 5 yrs.	Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am – noon	Sept. 17 th Dec. 5 th	\$408.00 12 weeks	38019
	Class 2 3 – 5 yrs.	Wednesdays 9:30 am – noon	Sept. 18 th Dec. 4 th	\$204.00 12 weeks	38018

Looking for a VOLUNTEER opportunity...GREAT, we are looking for YOU.

If you have a passion for programming for children ranging in age from preschool to youth,

please visit our website for more details on this position: www.dppca.ca

Piano Lessons – Ages 6 - 99
Located at the Doon Presbyterian Church – 35 Roos Street

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
Piano PRIVATE LESSONS Want to learn piano? Learn piano in a private class with our classically trained instructor. Piano will be supplied during the private class. Piano is open to all age groups who want to learn (1 participant per time frame)	Class 1 Session 1 6 yrs. and up.	Mondays 4:30 – 8:00 pm 30 minute private class No Class Oct. 14	Sept. 16 th Oct. 21 st	\$120.00 5 weeks	4:30-5:00 pm 38020
					5:00-5:30 pm 38024
					5:30-6:00 pm 38025
					6:00-6:30 pm 38022
					6:30-7:00 pm 38030
					7:00-7:30 pm 38031
	Class 1 Session 2 6 yrs. and up.	Mondays 4:30 – 8:00 pm 30 minute private class	Oct. 28 th Dec. 2 nd	\$144.00 6 weeks	7:30-8:00 pm 38026
					4:30-5:00 pm 38021
					5:00-5:30 pm 38027
					5:30-6:00 pm 38028
					6:00-6:30 pm 38023
					6:30-7:00 pm 38032
	Class 2 Session 1 6 yrs. and up.	NEW! Wednesdays 4:30 – 8:00 pm 30 minute private class	Sept. 18 th Oct. 23 rd	\$144.00 6 weeks	7:00-7:30 pm 38033
					7:30-8:00 pm 38029
					4:30-5:00 pm 38040
					5:00-5:30 pm 38034
5:30-6:00 pm 38035					
6:00-6:30 pm 38036					
Class 2 Session 2 6 yrs. and up.	NEW! Wednesdays 4:30 – 8:00 pm 30 minute private class	Oct. 30 th Dec. 4 th	\$144.00 6 weeks	6:30-7:00 pm 38037	
				7:00-7:30 pm 38038	
				7:30-8:00 pm 38039	
				4:30-5:00 pm 38042	
				5:00-5:30 pm 38041	
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6:00-6:30 pm 38044					
6:30-7:00 pm 38045					
7:00-7:30 pm 38046					
7:30-8:00 pm 38047					

CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL

Located at the Pioneer Park Public School – 55 Upper Canada Drive

Parents and Caregivers do not stay for Children's basketball and soccer classes. Only registered participants are permitted in the program room.

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
Basketball This program emphasizes skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive participation in a fun and rewarding basketball experience where players can create a bond with the game, while also learning how to be successful away from the court. Participants must wear comfortable clothes and non-marking indoor shoes. Outdoor shoes are not allowed. (Min. 8 Max. 12 participants)	Class 1 5 – 7 yrs.	Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Sept. 18 th Dec. 4 th	\$42.00 12 weeks	38014
	Class 2 8 – 11 yrs.	Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm	Sept. 18 th Dec. 4 th	\$42.00 12 weeks	38015

CHILDREN'S SOCCER

Located at the Groh Public School – 225 Thomas Slee Drive

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
Soccer This program emphasizes skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive participation in a fun and rewarding soccer experience. Participants must wear comfortable clothes and non-marking indoor shoes. Outdoor shoes are not allowed. Class 1 & 3 (Min. 8 Max. 10 participants) Class 2 & 4 (Min. 8 Max. 12 participants)	Class 1 4.5 – 6.5 yrs.	Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm	Sept. 17 th Dec. 3 rd	\$42.00 12 weeks	38050
	Class 2 6 – 8 yrs.	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm	Sept. 17 th Dec. 3 rd	\$42.00 12 weeks	38051
	Class 3 4.5 – 7 yrs.	Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm No Class Oct. 31 st	Sept. 19 th Dec. 5 th	\$39.00 11 weeks	38052
	Class 4 8 – 11 yrs.	Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm No Class Oct. 31 st	Sept. 19 th Dec. 5 th	\$39.00 11 weeks	38053

ADULT YOGA AND TAI CHI

Located at the Doon Village Retirement Residence – 868 Doon Village Road

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
Tai Chi instructed by Stephen This alternative form of exercise is a combination of soft martial arts and meditation. It is a low impact fitness that improves muscle control, coordination and promotes health. (Min. 10 Max. 12 participants)	16 yrs. and up	Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Sept. 17 th Dec. 3 ^d	\$51.00 12 weeks	38054
Yoga Beginner instructed by Le Come, relax your mind and body and improve muscle tone, flexibility and circulation. Enjoy the benefits & have fun! Bring your own mat. (Min. 12 Max. 15 participants)	16 yrs. and up	Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Sept. 18 th Dec. 4 th	\$51.00 12 weeks	38056
Yoga – Intermediate Level instructed by Le This class will enhance your technique and enjoyment. In order to attend this class, you must have completed the beginner level. Bring your own mat. (Min. 12 Max. 15 participants)	16 yrs. and up	Wednesdays 7:15 – 8:15 pm	Sept. 18 th Dec. 4 th	\$51.00 12 weeks	38057

ADULT YOGA AND TAI CHI DROP IN PROGRAMS

These drop in classes are only available when the class is not fully registered. Cost of a drop in class is \$10
Please call the centre at 519-741-2641 to find out which programs are available to attend.



Our **ACTIVENet** registration system is the current registration system.
 You can register for programs using your email address, no more worrying about a PIN and Family ID.
 Find the programs you're looking for easily with its better search function.
 For more details visit: www.kitchener.ca/activekitchener

ADULT PROGRAMS AT AREA SCHOOLS

Programs are for ages 16 yrs. and up. Cost for the programming year which is September 2019 until April 2020 is \$155.00. These programs are NOT prorated until January 2020.

Floor Hockey	Tuesdays 8:15 – 10:15 pm	September 17 th	Brigadoon Public School	38017
Experienced Competitive Volleyball	Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 pm	September 19 th	St. Kateri Tekakwitha School	38055

Please Note: DPPCA Newsletter Delivery Stopping

The Doon Pioneer Park Community Association is currently making changes in the delivery of the DPPCA newsletters. Beginning Fall 2019, the newsletters are no longer being delivered to homes, so for now you can pick up printed copies at the KPL Pioneer Park branch and the DPPCC when it reopens.

Electronic versions can be found online at www.dppca.ca, www.kitchener.ca and on our Facebook page.

We are in the process of looking for alternate ways to distribute these newsletters. However, all programming details will continue to be available in the printed version of the ACTIVE Kitchener publication which is delivered to area residence and city wide.

Pioneer Park Library

150 Pioneer Drive
Kitchener, ON, N2P 2C2
519-748-2740

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Free Storytimes and more!

From babies to families, join us for stories, songs and more. Too Cool Doodlebug and Lego program. Check our Active Kitchener program guide or kpl.org website for details.

Registration begins September 9.



NEW! for Children Crazy Construction

Through stories, activities, and crafts we'll explore the world of "fixers". There are many ways to fix things. Which one will be your favourite?

Wednesdays, Oct. 30 - Nov. 20

PA Day: Crazy Car Build and Race

Make your own race car with four simple supplies and see how far and fast it will go!

Friday, Nov. 15 @ 10:30 - 12 pm

★ WATCH FOR

PA Day: Celebrate Science

PA Day: Halloween STEAM

Homework Help

Playful Tinkering

NEW! for Adults

Allons-y: French Conversation Adult

Improve your French fluency with a relaxed conversational group.

Tuesdays:

Sept 17, Oct 1, 15, 29, Nov 12, 26

@ 7 pm



Artist-at-Work: Pumpkin Carving

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Speed Friending

Book Club

FAVOURITES

- Board Game Café
- Technology workshops
- Resume Restart
- Chess Club
- Euchre and Scrabble
- Computer and Tablet Tutors



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