



Volunteers helping to make our community a better place to live

NEWSLETTER

DPPCA
Online Registration opens
Tuesday November 19
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

Winter 2020

*January, February
& March*



Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre
 519-741-2641

Website: www.kitchener.ca

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Thank you Sandra Lachance

The Board of Directors would like to say a special **thank you** to **Sandra Lachance** for her many years of volunteer service with us. Sandra has recently retired from her position as our Community Liaison. She has been actively involved in our community for many years on various other committees as well as our Board.

We all wish her well in her volunteer retirement and in any future endeavors.

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2019 DPPCA Christmas Miracle Food Hamper Project



It's that time of year again to spread the spirit of giving. Our volunteers are busy preparing for the **2019 Christmas Miracle Food Hamper** deliveries to 50+ families in our community. We are thankful for the continued support received from area schools, churches, businesses and individuals over the past 35+ years. Together, we can make a difference!

How can you take part and be involved?

Financial Donations:

- \$175.00 donation pays for all the groceries in a Christmas food hamper for a small family of four. This gives the family extra money to spend for Christmas.
- The City of Kitchener will issue income tax receipts for any donations over \$20.00.
- Please make cheques payable to the "City of Kitchener" and print your phone number on the back of the cheque, and mail/deliver it in an envelope addressed to DPPCA 150 Pioneer Drive, Kitchener ON N2P 2C2, or drop-off at the Pioneer Park Kitchener Public Library location during office hours.
- Contributions via debit or credit are currently accepted at the Williamsburg Community Centre, 1187 Fischer-Hallman Road, Unit 620
- Donating \$2 to the "Toonies for Tins" campaign helps pay for the perishable food items that are included in each hamper. This project is easy to organize for your club, class, group of friends or family.

Non-Perishable Food Donations:

- Donations can be dropped off at the donation barrel located at the Doon Mills Guardian Pharmacy, 260 Doon South Dr., until Wednesday, December 18th.
- Needed items include: canned products such as soup, vegetables, fruit, stew, unsweetened/low salt fruit or vegetable juices, and spaghetti sauce; boxes of whole grain and low-sugar cereal, crackers, and jars of peanut butter.

New Winter Hats and Mittens for Children

- These items can be dropped off at the donation box located at the Pioneer Park Public Library until Wednesday, December 11th. Much needed sizes are for ages 9-14.

Volunteer (registration required)

- Volunteers are needed to help sort donations on Thursday, December 19th, and pack/deliver food hampers on Saturday, December 21st
- sign-up by calling the community centre office at 519-741-2641 or
- send an email to AnnualChristmasMiracleProject@gmail.com, until Friday December 6th.

If you need a Christmas Food Hamper for your family or know of anyone who can benefit from this project, please contact the House of Friendship Food Hamper Program at 807 Guelph St, Kitchener, 519-742-5860 or visit their website (<http://christmashampers.ca/how-to-apply/>).

If your group would like a presentation on how to sponsor a family or run a fundraising event or campaign, please call the community centre 519-741-2641. It will be greatly appreciated!

Volunteer Spirit Award

The Doon Pioneer Park Community Association would like to congratulate the recipients' of this year's Volunteer Spirit Award. The DPPCA recognizes 2 graduating high school students from our area who are continuing their education full time at a Community College or University. These students have demonstrated an outstanding record in volunteerism during their high school years.

Madison Coolman – Huron Heights Secondary School

Lily Do – St. Mary's High School

Lily and Madison, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Congratulations!



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

At the time of writing this, our community centre was on track for a fall opening. I want to thank everyone for their patience during the closure and expansion of the Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre. Enjoying the Doon Pioneer Park Community Association's programming and annual events in the new facility will be wonderful. I look forward to holding regular drop-ins at the centre to be advertised as Coffee with Christine to meet and chat informally about any ward or city items.

If you haven't taken advantage of the upgraded trails, ball diamonds, and new amenities at Upper Canada Park at the corner of Pioneer Dr. and Homer Watson Blvd, I do encourage you to visit. I am so pleased to see the park being well used by our community. Every time I drive by I notice that the basketball court is being enjoyed, and I often see residents on the trail circuit, and the ball diamonds in use.

Following public consultations, property owners and interested parties were invited to attend a public meeting with council on Oct. 22 at City Hall regarding the proposed amendment to the new zoning bylaw and the city's official plan. A new zoning bylaw that included most zones, but not residential, was approved back in April. The proposed amendment now adds residential zones to the city's new zoning bylaw. This stage of the new zoning by-law includes seven residential zone categories and associated permitted uses and regulations. Information can be found at www.kitchener.ca/crozby or by calling Tim Donegani, Sr. Planner 519-741-2200 x7067.

Just a reminder that loose leaf drop-off is open until Dec. 13 at Upper Canada Park located across from Pioneer Dr. across from Zehrs Plaza.

Contact me with your concerns and questions at 226-752-9541 or email me at christine.michaud@kitchener.ca.

Councillor Christine Michaud, Ward 4

Board of Directors Spotlight

Community Liaison

Hi Everyone,

Many of you know me as your former Ward 4 City Councillor. I am pleased to accept the position on the board of the Doon Pioneer Park Community Association as the Community Liaison. As the former Councillor for this area, I believe that I have some strong connections in the community that will be a benefit to this position. I am also looking forward to connecting with community groups throughout the area and the City. My hope is along with other liaisons, to help identify needs in the community and connect them with resources and city services.

I am pleased to be able to present this year's recipients of the Volunteer Spirit Award, Lily Do a graduate of St. Mary's High School and Madison Coolman a graduate from Huron Heights with their awards. Congratulations to both of these young ladies.

I look forward to meeting residents at the Community Centre once the expansion is completed.

*Sincerely,
Yvonne Fernandes*



Photo credit to Louisa Stephenson

Jean's Corner

Our Pop Cans are Worth More than our Heritage Structures

Thursday, 5 September 2019, the old '1868' Wesleyan Methodist Church at 19 Durham Street, Lower Doon hit the dirt. Demolished it was! There it lay as if an insignificant pile of rubble. By next day, its handmade orange red bricks, windows with frames from hand hewn old growth forest wood, and interior pine floor boards went into a dumpster likely to some place like the landfill.

Architecturally, the church was unique to the area in particular with its windows with 6 panes of glass over 6 panes and topped with a sunburst style of glass – windows like this can only be found in church buildings in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The church was built by the Baer Bros. of

Doon, extensive bridge builders in the Grand River Watershed and residents of Doon. An account in the 1966 Waterloo Historical Society Annual Volume shares how the church was the social focus of the community. Those people living on farms across the Grand River were drawn to "the lit" church on the hill'. One young man waded across the river and climbed the steep embankment of Durham Street to attend service.

In 1981, the newly formed Heritage Kitchener completed an inventory of significant heritage buildings. This 1868 Wesleyan Methodist Church was in the inventory. Any observer would believe all these facts should keep it safe from demolition.

By the 1980's, this old church closed its door and went into private ownership. Here it sat silently until 1994 when it was acquired by a local Lower Doon contractor. In June 1994, a request for demolition was made to Heritage Kitchener. The City's Building Inspector "thinks" that the building is not sound and should be demolished. One committee member, owner of his own construction company, agreed with the comment about stability but believed the building was salvageable. In July 1994, Heritage Kitchener agreed to the demolition with the following conditions: the church building be recorded for the archives; existing features such as the date-stone, the windows, wood trim and as much of the exterior orange-red brick as possible should be salvaged. Then, this fine old Wesleyan Methodist church was removed from the city's heritage inventory, now to be forgotten. Another demolition permit was requested on June 21, 2019 and issued on July 2. The only condition "All work shall comply with the 2012 Building Code." No follow-through on the 1994 motion for salvaging materials was ever included.

The demolition of the 1868 Wesleyan Methodist church raises many questions about our community's commitment to saving our heritage landmarks. Why was an evaluation of the building's stability not made by a structural engineer with heritage training? How could this building fall off our heritage radar? Why was the building inspector allowed to only 'think' it was unsafe? When restoration funds are available from the city and the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation, why did the owners have no desire to apply for them? Why was there no attempt to re-use the building? Why was there no condition for at least saving the building materials as a pre-condition of the demolition permit?

These questions lead me to my thoughts about our Region's environmental slogan "Reduce, re-use, re-cycle". Our schools teach the importance of reducing our waste. And all of us are busy sorting material such as pop cans, cartons, paper, and cardboard for re-use. Then why do we pay so little attention to re-using our old buildings? Why do we think it's an unaccomplishable effort to re-cycle our old buildings? And why do we so easily dump bricks, mortar, and wood, our natural resources into the landfill?

Hence, I can only conclude that our pop cans demand a better place in our hearts than our old buildings. Too bad the Wesleyan Methodist church didn't get wrapped up in a pop can.

Jean Haalboom

D.P.P.C.A. Update

As we mentioned in our update from the Fall 2019 Newsletter, we are moving our offsite programs from the Fall session back into the Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre for our January 2020 programming.

Due to the uncertainty of exactly when we will actually get back into the centre, we have limited program offerings for this Winter session.

We thank you for patience and understanding while we get back on track.

As always you can reach out to us at: info@dppca.ca

Online Registration Starts Tuesday November 19 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 at any community centre, City of Kitchener pool or on the 7th floor at City Hall on or after November 19th. You may be required to provide 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

NEW! All Programs located at Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre

For safety reasons, **only registered participants are allowed in programming rooms/areas**, all others are asked to wait outside. No food or beverages are permitted in the programming area.

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

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 Classes Feb. 17 th & Mar. 16 th	Jan. 6 th Mar. 30 th	\$187.00 11 weeks	42066
	Class 2 2 – 3 yrs.	Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 am No Class Mar. 20 th	Jan. 10 th Mar. 27 th	\$187.00 11 weeks	42065
<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. 16 participants)</p>	Class 1 3 – 5 yrs.	Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am – noon No Classes Mar. 17 th & 19 th	Jan. 7 th Mar. 26 th	\$374.00 11 weeks	42036
	Class 2 3 – 5 yrs.	Wednesdays 9:30 am – noon No Class Mar. 18 th	Jan. 8 th Mar. 25 th	\$187.00 11 weeks	42035

CHILDREN'S SOCCER

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
<p>Soccer This program emphasizes skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive participation in a fun and rewarding soccer experience.</p> <p>Participants must wear comfortable clothes and non-marking indoor shoes. Outdoor shoes are not allowed.</p> <p>Class 1 & 3 (Min. 8 Max. 10 participants) Class 2 & 4 (Min. 8 Max. 12 participants)</p>	Class 1 4.5 – 6.5 yrs.	Tuesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm No Class Mar. 17 th	Jan. 7 th Mar. 24 th	\$41.00 11 weeks	42067
	Class 2 6 – 8 yrs.	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm No Class Mar. 17 th	Jan. 7 th Mar. 24 th	\$41.00 11 weeks	42068
	Class 3 4.5 – 7 yrs.	Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm No Class Mar. 19 th	Jan. 9 th Mar. 26 th	\$41.00 11 weeks	42069
	Class 4 8 – 11 yrs.	Thursdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm No Class Mar. 19 th	Jan. 9 th Mar. 26 th	\$41.00 11 weeks	42070

Piano Lessons – Ages 6 – 99

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
<p>Piano PRIVATE LESSONS Want to learn piano? Learn piano in a private class with our classically trained instructor. Keyboards will be supplied during the private class.</p> <p>Piano is open to all age groups who want to learn (1 participant per time frame)</p> <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">New!! Special Programs PD day and Saturday</p> <p>HOME ALONE JAN 24/9-4 \$70. # 42765 Ages 8.6 – 13 years</p> <p>HOME ALONE FEB 22/9-4 \$70. # 42767 BABYSITTING FEB 22/9-4 \$70. # 42772 Ages 10.6 – 15 years</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;">New!! Program Location for all programs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doon Pioneer Park Community Centre 150 Pioneer Drive, Kitchener</p> </div>	Class 1 Session 1	Mondays 4:30 – 8:00 pm	Jan. 6 th Feb. 3 rd	\$120.00 5 weeks	4:30-5:00 pm 42037 5:00-5:30 pm 42041 5:30-6:00 pm 42042 6:00-6:30 pm 42039 6:30-7:00 pm 42047 7:00-7:30 pm 42048 7:30-8:00 pm 42043
	Class 1 Session 2	Mondays 4:30 – 8:00 pm	Feb. 10 th Mar. 23 rd	\$120.00 5 weeks	4:30-5:00 pm 42038 5:00-5:30 pm 42044 5:30-6:00 pm 42045 6:00-6:30 pm 42040 6:30-7:00 pm 42049 7:00-7:30 pm 42050 7:30-8:00 pm 42046
	Class 2 Session 1	Wednesdays 4:30 – 8:00 pm	Jan. 8 th Feb. 5 th	\$120.00 5 weeks	4:30-5:00 pm 42057 5:00-5:30 pm 42051 5:30-6:00 pm 42052 6:00-6:30 pm 42053 6:30-7:00 pm 42054 7:00-7:30 pm 42055 7:30-8:00 pm 42056
	Class 2 Session 2	NEW! Wednesdays 4:30 – 8:00 pm	Feb. 12 th Mar. 25 th	\$144.00 6 weeks	4:30-5:00 pm 42059 5:00-5:30 pm 42058 5:30-6:00 pm 42060 6:00-6:30 pm 42061 6:30-7:00 pm 42062 7:00-7:30 pm 42063 7:30-8:00 pm 42064

CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
<p>Basketball This program emphasizes skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive participation in a fun and rewarding 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)</p>	Class 1 5 – 7 yrs.	Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm No Class Mar. 18 th	Jan. 8 th Mar. 25 th	\$41.00 11 weeks	42032
	Class 2 8 – 11 yrs.	Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 pm No Class Mar. 18 th	Jan. 8 th Mar. 25 th	\$41.00 11 weeks	42033

ADULT YOGA AND TAI CHI

Program Description	Age	Day/Time	Duration	Cost	Activity #
<p>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 health. (Min. 10 Max. 16 participants)</p>	16 yrs. and up	Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm No Classes Feb. 4 th & 11 th & Mar. 17 th	Jan. 7 th Mar. 24 th	\$38.00 9 weeks	42071
<p>Yoga Beginner 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. 16 participants)</p>	16 yrs. and up	Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm No Class Mar. 18 th	Jan. 8 th Mar. 25 th	\$47.00 11 weeks	42073
<p>Yoga – Intermediate Level 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. 16 participants)</p>	16 yrs. and up	Wednesdays 7:15 – 8:15 pm No Class Mar. 18 th	Jan. 8 th Mar. 25 th	\$47.00 11 weeks	42074

Please note that drop in classes for Yoga and Tai Chi 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.

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

Pioneer Park Community Library is open during the renovations. Please confirm with kpl.org for all scheduled programs.

Free Storytimes and more!

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

Registration begins January 6, 2020.



NEW! for Children Countdown to New Years Craft Fest

Celebrate the New Year in style! Bring your creativity to make a paper countdown clock and a zany noise maker to ring in the year.

Monday, December 30 @ 2 - 3 pm

Snowflake Dance Party

Twirl and whirl in this active 30 minute program to celebrate winter and fun.

Wednesday, December 18

@ 10 - 10:45 pm

★ WATCH FOR

Cold Snap book and craft

Homework Help

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Reading Buddies

PA Day: Lego Ziplines

NEW! for Adults

Tech Showcase

Be introduced and receive basic introductions to three new technology tools at your branch library.

Our **VR Oculus Go**, **Cricut Die-Cutter**, and **Photo Scanner** help you explore new worlds, enhance your DIY projects, and digitalize your photo collections.

See kpl.org/programs for a description of these programs, and more!

ACTIVA Music in the Community



Enjoy an hour of wonderful music sponsored by Activa.

Saturday, February 4 @ 2 pm



Drop-in.

FAVOURITES

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



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