



GREAT IDEAS FOR GREAT NEIGHBOURHOODS

Curious to learn what's happening in your neighbourhood and other neighbourhoods in Victoria? Looking for some local and global inspiration for community building and placemaking ideas? Here are some ideas, resources and updates to help you create a vibrant neighbourhood.

Ideas from Around the City

Community Dinners

Community dinners are a great way to meet your neighbours and enjoy a meal someone else has prepared. Several community centres offer community dinners for your enjoyment. Oaklands Community Dinners happen on the last Sunday of every month at the Community Centre. The Fernwood Community Meal happens Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm, by donation, first come, first served. Fairfield community dinners will also resume in October. Check their website for more details.



Community Dinners are back for DINE-IN! Come join us for a delicious meal prepared by chef Bob, Becky, and volunteers! Join us September 25th 5:00-8:00pm



Halloween in the City

Quadra Village Community Centre is hosting a Haunted House on October 29th from 6pm-7:30pm. Come to the front of the centre at 901 Kings Rd and check in with our Welcome Table. Please stay home if you have any COVID or cold symptoms. One pod at a time. Masks required. Warning: There will be dark, tight spaces, blood, spiders, loud noises and flashing lights. Best suited for ages 5+. The first part of the haunted house will have stairs but it can be skipped to accommodate accessibility needs. Please let the welcome table know. For more info community@quadravillagecc.com

What makes for a good placemaking project?

Seating, plants, lighting and colour are the basic elements that create a welcoming and inviting space. Here is a great example in Fairfield utilizing 3 of these four key elements and using a *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* to make it happen. If you see a place in your neighbourhood that needs some revitalizing, reach out to your Neighbourhood Liaison to see how we can support your idea. You can take a walk up to 600 block Cornwall St to see this in person.



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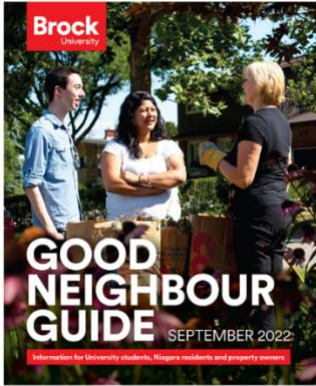
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Ideas from Further Abroad

Good Neighbours

Good Neighbour Guide 2022



As the school year gets underway and students settle into their new homes, Brock University’s Welcome Wagon headed out into the community to spend time with Niagara’s newest residents. Brock staff, alumni and student volunteers, along with local community representatives, went door to door to speak with students and other residents in popular student neighbourhoods. In addition to the Brock contingent, the Welcome Wagon team included Thorold Mayor and members of Thorold council, and representatives from the Niagara Regional Police Service, Regional Municipality of Niagara and St. Catharines Bylaw Enforcement. The group answered questions and discussed with students the importance of being good neighbours in their new community, making responsible choices while living off campus and understanding their rights and responsibilities as student tenants. They

also handed out 750 bags filled with resources on topics such as student housing, waste management, volunteering and responsible partying. Included in the information kits delivered to homes was Brock’s annual [Good Neighbour Guide](#), which provides helpful information about neighbourhood relations and getting involved in the community. For more information on the Welcome Wagon, visit Brock’s [Neighbourhood Relations web page](#).

Community Activation



The *My Main Street Community Activator* provides support for community projects in southern Ontario (excluding Toronto),

including events and activities, main street enhancements and policy and partnership development, designed to draw visitors and increase local vibrancy. As communities continue to adapt to COVID-19, this program provides support for local groups to revitalize neighborhoods and reimagine public spaces including main streets, downtown strips and plazas, as vibrant and inclusive places that work for everyone.



Via Italia Summer Street Closures
Windsor, Ontario

The Via Italia BIA hosted 13 consecutive weekends of summer street closures throughout the summer of 2021. They helped to bring the community together by creating a pedestrian thoroughfare. This allowed restaurants and retail operations to expand into the street and operate on a larger scale when indoor capacities were limited.

They showcased local musicians, often times strolling, and often times set up outside of a long-term care home to play to residents on their veranda who were under lockdown.



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Making it Happen



Monitoring Collaboration Tool

Have you ever wondered how you can improve your collaborative work? The Tamarack Institute has developed a tool designed to help you monitor and assess the quality of collaboration that occurs amongst a group. The use of this tool will encourage participants to reflect on their process and groups dynamics and share perspectives on how to improve their collaboration, which can have a positive impact on the outcomes of such projects. These perspectives can also offer valuable insight on how to improve project design and functionality. Furthermore, this monitoring effort creates reflective space within a project that allows participants to slow down and thoughtfully consider their approach and efforts. Learn more about this tool on [Tamarack's webpage](#).

Build Your Community Development Table Using ABCD - Free Webinar November 1

Historically, organizations and municipalities have built and brought the table into a community, but how can we shift this thinking so that communities are able to build their own table? Rather than bringing the table, organizations and municipalities need to act as the legs, which support community to build the table and then set it themselves. This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to explore Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) through discussions and breakout activities. We will focus on the elements and methods of ABCD, how to incorporate an ABCD lens to put community at the centre of your work. Learn more about this free webinar and register [here](#).



The My Great Neighbourhood Grant program is still accepting applications until October 15. If you have an idea, reach out and talk to us about how to proceed. We've got lots of helpful information on our [webpage](#). Your idea + City funding = great projects!

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