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Niagara-on-the-Lake Launches “Neighbourhood of the Year” Contest to Celebrate Community Pride

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake is inviting residents to showcase their community spirit through the launch of NOTL’s Neighbourhood of the Year contest in celebration of Neighbour Day on June 20, 2026.

The initiative is designed to foster community pride, increase resident engagement, and celebrate the unique character of neighbourhoods across Niagara-on-the-Lake. Residents are encouraged to nominate their neighbourhood for a chance to win a Town-sponsored neighbourhood celebration on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Residents can submit nominations through an [online form](#) available on the Town’s website by sharing what makes their neighbourhood special. Participants are also encouraged to upload photos or a short video highlighting their neighbourhood’s spirit and sense of connection.

Submissions will be evaluated based on community spirit, creativity, storytelling, and alignment with Niagara-on-the-Lake’s values of belonging and connection.

The winning neighbourhood will receive a Town-supported neighbourhood party hosted at their nearby municipal park. The celebration will feature the Town’s Play in the Park trailer, light refreshments and snacks, decorations, and coordination support from Parks and Recreation Staff as part of June’s Parks and Recreation Month programming.

“The Neighbourhood of the Year contest is a fun and meaningful way to celebrate the people and places that make Niagara-on-the-Lake such a special community,” said Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa. “We know there is incredible pride across our neighbourhoods, and we’re excited to recognize the connections, stories, and community spirit that residents create every day.”



“This initiative is about bringing people together and encouraging residents to celebrate where they live,” said CAO Nick Ruller. “By highlighting neighbourhood pride and creating opportunities for connection, we are strengthening community engagement and showcasing the welcoming spirit that defines Niagara-on-the-Lake.”

The contest is open from now until June 9, and the winning neighbourhood will be announced thereafter. Good luck, Niagara-on-the-Lake neighbourhoods!

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