## Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin May 2019



Inspired to by the City of Mississauga's 20-minute Makeover, twelve residents of Elmridge Drive celebrated Earth Week by giving back to their environment.

In just one-hour, the small but mighty group managed to clean up over 8 bags of litter and recycling from the Credit Mills area. Jess Mann, the Team Lead for Elmridge's Neighbourhood Watch, expressed she's "sad to know that our environment is taxed like that, [but] thrilled that as a small team we could make such a difference!"

The group enjoyed themselves so much, they decided to make it a monthly occurrence!

## Elmridge Drive Watch



Earth Day: April 22nd, 2019 - Thank you Elmridge! Ward 11

WAY TO GO ELMRIDGE!

## Planning a Potluck for your Block Party?

Check out
www.perfectpotluck.com
Simple and effective way to
plan for groups



View our 7-Step Guide to Planning a Block Party here

An important aspect of an effective Neighbourhood Watch is the social aspect. Meeting your neighbours and having everyone network face-to-face is one of the most rewarding parts of the program. As such, we try to encourage all Watch Members to work together to throw at least one social event a year – most often during the summer months. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage families and meet new neighbours!

These events are often referred to as "Neighbourhood Watch Block Parties". These events are simply community events for you and your neighbours that take place right on your own street. We've seen great success through these events, which sometimes take the form of:



- BBQs
- Block garage sales
- Neighbourhood Clean-Ups
- Casual coffee outside





You'd be surprised by how willing neighbours are to help with the set-up, clean up, or in providing food/snacks/tables/chairs for a community event!





## Host a Great Block Party and Win an Award!

See our 2018 Winners from the Award Categories Below

<u>Best Overall -</u> Varden Court & Galbraith Drive <u>Rookie of the Year -</u> Periwinkle Crescent <u>Most Creative</u> - Miriam Way <u>Best Participation</u> - Elmridge Drive

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