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 371 WYANDOTTE WEST ☺

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

*January*

**BUDGET CITY COUNCIL** (written across Mon-Fri)

**Residents Meeting** (written on Wed 10)

**6-8pm** (written on Thu 11)

**OPTED WORKSHOP (see flyer)** (written on Thu 11)

**YMCA MEN'S NEWCOMER SPORTS 11:30-12:30PM, YMCA VOLLEYBALL, 6:30-8PM WATER WORLD** (written in Mon-Fri cells)

**YMCA WOMEN'S NEWCOMER SPORTS 11:30-12:30PM, YMCA VOLLEYBALL, 6:30-8PM WATER WORLD** (written in Wed-Fri cells)

**FLOOR HOCKEY 6:30-8PM WATER WORLD** (written in Thu-Fri cells)

**COMMUNITY CAFE 4:00-6:00PM ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN** (written in Fri-Sat cells)



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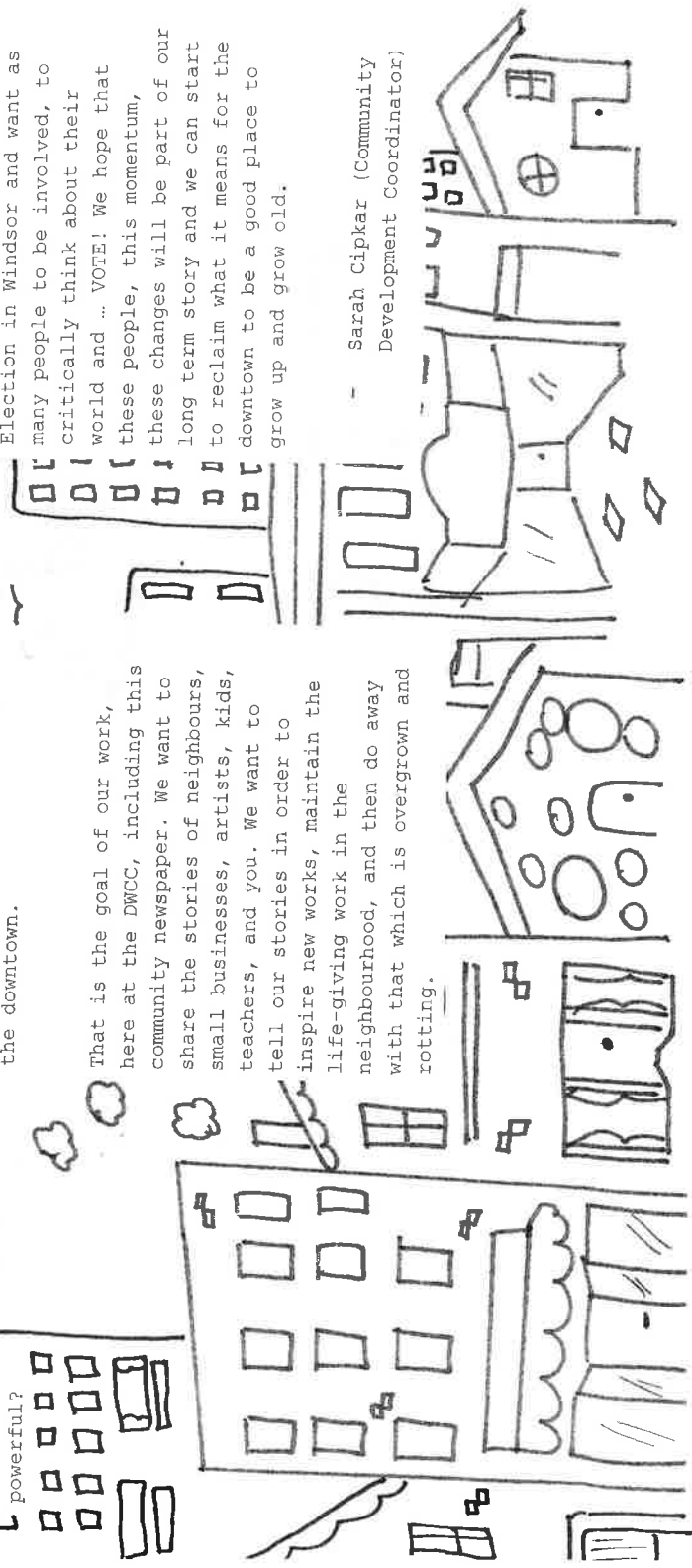
Right now - there is a struggle of sorts! We are fighting for our downtown and for our City. And part of that fight is coming up with our City Council's budget this year. We are wanting to reorient their priorities, and advocate for more investment and certain changes in our neighbourhoods. We are not alone in this ... There are other neighbourhood groups who are in this with us and wanting to work towards sustainable change.

We often look to other people, institutions, and even systems to fix problems that we may actually have the capacity to fix ourselves. I use the plural intentionally here. We are capable of more when we know each other, care for one another, and work together towards achieving goals. To be more specific, we want to connect you to the people, places, and happenings of the downtown.

That is the goal of our work, here at the DWCC, including this community newspaper. We want to share the stories of neighbours, small businesses, artists, kids, teachers, and you. We want to tell our stories in order to inspire new works, maintain the life-giving work in the neighbourhood, and then do away with that which is overgrown and rotting.

We look forward to the 2018 Election in Windsor and want as many people to be involved, to critically think about their world and ... VOTE! We hope that these people, this momentum, these changes will be part of our long term story and we can start to reclaim what it means for the downtown to be a good place to grow up and grow old.

Sarah Cipkar (Community Development Coordinator)



# Curried Sweet Potato Soup

3 large sweet potatoes  
 2-3 litres of veg broth  
 1 tbsp curry powder  
 salt + pepper

Recipe from Rino Bortolin

Peel + cube sweet potatoes. Cover w/ water/broth just over the potatoes. Add curry + salt + pepper. Bring to a boil, reduce heat + cook for 1 hour. Puree w/ hand blender until smooth. Enjoy!

## BUDGET priorities 2018

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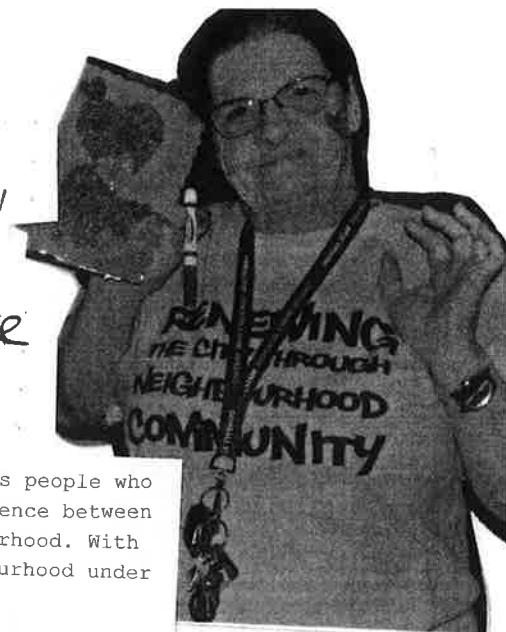
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What was your favourite memory from 2017?



# CHERYL, JANETTE AVE'S FAIRY GODMOTHER

(BY ERIN WAY)



Janette Ave resident Cheryl Laporte says people who care for their community are the difference between a dysfunctional and functional neighbourhood. With this in mind, she has taken her neighbourhood under her wing.

Looking after her community gives Cheryl a sense of purpose and pride. It's easy to get her talking about volunteering. She lights up when she tells stories about neighbours chipping in to help her or recognize her for the positive impact she's having on the neighbourhood.

It stings when someone disrespects the neighbourhood she cares for so much. One time Cheryl was cleaning up the alley, a couple of neighbours were shocked that someone would spend time caring for their dirty alley. They joined in to help Cheryl, to her delight.

The walls of Cheryl's home are covered in family photos and christmas stockings. She can list each of her grandchildren's ages and birthdays. She goes by "Grandma Cheryl," even to kids who aren't her blood relatives.

Outside her house, there is an "Adopt a Road" sign that says "Cheryl Laporte and Family." People sometimes mistake this sign to mean Cheryl's biological family, but that's not what she means. "My family is the community, the DWCC. That is my family."

On the sign under Cheryl's name it says "Keeping Windsor Beautiful." To Cheryl, Windsor is a place that can be, and deserves to be, beautiful. She's dedicated to making it so.

## crime prevention [CPTED] through environmental design WORKSHOP!

[RSVP - [dwbia@downtownwindsor.ca](mailto:dwbia@downtownwindsor.ca)]

When: January 11<sup>th</sup> 2018  
 5:30-8:30

Presented by: DWBIA & DWCC for BUSINESS OWNERS & RESIDENTS!



## BEST WINTERTIME SPOTS:

