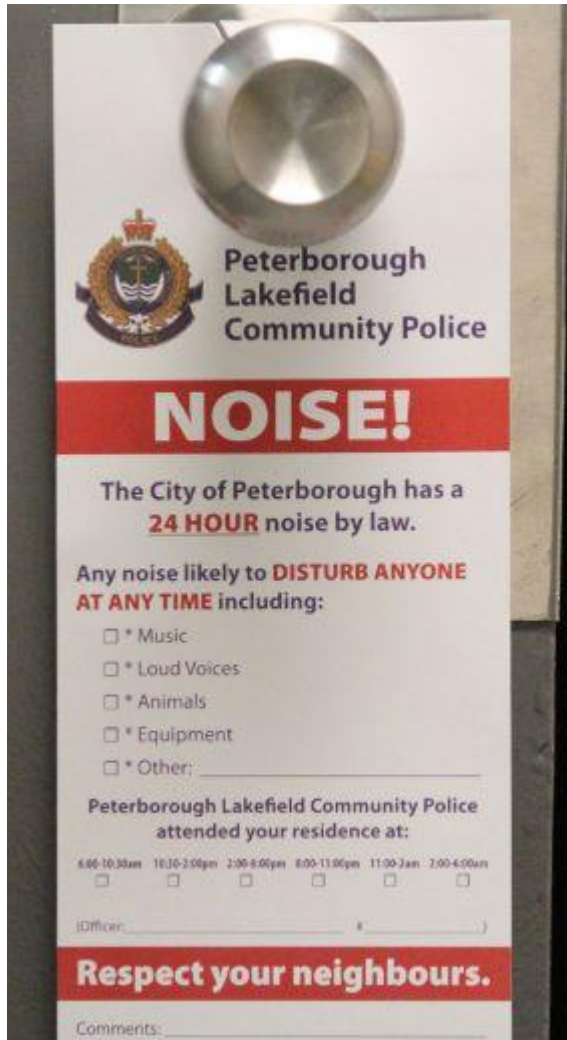


# That loud summer party could earn you a visit from police

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If your summer party gets loud, you may find a notice from city police hanging on your door, reminding you to respect your neighbours.

The police launched the new program this week as a way to get information to subjects of noise bylaw complaints when there's nobody home at the time police arrive.

The notices will detail the type of noise that was made and suggestions by officers on how to prevent it from happening again.

Noise complaints can involve loud music or crowds of people who disturb neighbours.

The city's noise bylaw is in effect 24 hours a day. It prohibits making or permitting noise likely to disturb anyone at any time.

The door hangings also feature a section that dispels inaccurate information, including the belief that the noise bylaw is in effect only after 11 p.m., and that a warning must be given by police before fines are levied.

In fact, no warning is required, and \$125 fines can be issued on police's first visit. For a second offence, there's no set fine and offenders must attend court.

City police officers responded to 1,611 noise complaints in 2012 and thus far in 2013 police have responded to 926 noise complaints.

The door hangers are left only when there's nobody home when police arrive.