



## RECREATION SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

**FROM:** B. ROTH, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES

**NOTED:** D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES  
M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**RE:** 2019 HOLIDAY SEASON SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE CITY OF BARRIE COMMUNITY CENTRES

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Once again this Holiday Season, the City of Barrie's Recreation Services is offering exciting activities for all ages at our Community Centres. Our Neighbourhood Programming Teams have put together an exciting line-up of drop-in activities, workshops and special events. Highlights of the different programs and events are provided below, and a full schedule is available on the City's website at [barrie.ca](http://barrie.ca).

### OUTDOOR ICE RINKS

The outdoor rinks are scheduled to open in December, provided Mother Nature cooperates! The Circle at the Centre will open December 13<sup>th</sup> and the Centennial Outdoor Rink, located on the concrete playing surface close to the Tiffin Boat Launch, will open December 20<sup>th</sup>. Both rinks are open daily, weather permitting, from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### ELVES WORKSHOP

Join Santa and his elves for some holiday fun! Make crafts, sing songs and much more on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Holly Community Centre and from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at East Bayfield Community Centre. Events are free with a donation to the Barrie Food Bank.

### HOLLY DAYS

The Holly Community Centre is once again celebrating the holiday season with HOLLYDAYS, a series of fun and **FREE** Holiday themed performances and entertainment. Join us in the lobby throughout the month of December to enjoy live music, singing, dancers and more. Check out [barrie.ca](http://barrie.ca) for further details.

### HOLIDAY CAMP AND WORKSHOPS

**Winter Break Camp:** This is the place to be over the holidays! Sports, games, crafts and much more! Ages 4-5 and 6-12. Daily options starting December 23 to January 3.

**Camp Samplers:** Try out our camp programs with these shorter, two-hour camp samplers; a perfect fit in your busy holiday schedule! Camp Cuisine sampler, Junior Sport Sampler, Craft Time Sampler, Dance Sampler, or LEGO Sampler and more! Ages 6-12. December 23 to January 3. These two (2) hour sessions offer great variety over the holidays for \$11.00 each. Please visit [barrie.ca](http://barrie.ca) for the various times and locations.



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### THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

**Parkview Singers Annual Holiday Concert:** The Joy of Christmas Cheer directed by Jake Veenstra on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Community Church located at 128 St. Vincent Street. Come and enjoy the sounds of the season while helping support the Barrie and District Christmas Cheer. Admission is free and donations to the Barrie and District Christmas Cheer are appreciated.

### TIM'S SKATES

Tim Horton's is once again sponsoring public skates; providing our community with **FREE** skating at our three (3) major facilities:

Allandale Recreation Centre	December 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
	December 30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
East Bayfield Community Centre	December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
	December 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.
	December 30 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Holly Community Centre	January 2 <sup>nd</sup> (both rinks)	1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

### HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	<b>CLOSED</b>
December 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	<b>CLOSED</b>
December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	<b>CLOSED</b>

The Recreation Services Team wishes everyone a joyous holiday season and we hope to see you at our upcoming community events.