

Staff Memorandum



To: Mayor A. Nuttall and Members of Council

Subject and Ward(s): December Events Calendar in Recreation and Culture Services (All)

Date: November 26, 2025

Department Head Approval: K. Datema, Director of Recreation and Culture Services

Executive Management approval: J. Schmidt, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services

CAO Approval: M. Prowse, Chief Administrative Officer

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update regarding key programming, rental, and special event activities taking place during the month of December. The calendar in Appendix 'A' represents a summary of larger planned events taking place throughout our many recreation and cultural venues next month.

The City of Barrie Recreation and Culture team continues to provide the community with a wide range of events and activities throughout the month of December. From festive celebrations, sports and theatre, there are plenty of opportunities for residents and visitors of Barrie to engage, connect and participate throughout our facilities all month long.

The outdoor skating rinks at Will Dwyer Park and Circle at the Centre, located at City Hall, are expected to open for the season on Friday, December 19, 2025 (weather permitting).

Simcoe Skate Rentals will operate out of the Circle at the Centre skate changeroom offering skate rentals, skate sharpening, helmets rentals and skate aid rentals.

The recreation programming team has a variety of holiday programming and camps taking place for residents and visitors to enjoy. Our three major recreational facilities will be open the following hours over the holiday period:

Holiday Hours	
December 24th	6:00am-12:00pm
December 25th	Closed
December 26th	Closed
December 27-30th	Normal Operating Hours
December 31st	6:00am-12:00pm
January 1st	Closed

The theatres provide numerous opportunities to experience a variety of shows such as “Snow White and the Curse of the Ice Queen” presented by Onstage Performance Group at Five Points Theatre from December 3rd-7th and “Handmade Holidays” presented by the City of Barrie on December 19th. Georgian Theatre hosts “Blue Suede Tribute to Elvis-Christmas Special” on December 12th.

December sees many exciting events at facilities throughout Barrie, such as the Holiday Spice Market, December 5th-6th and on December 27th the Barrie Area Malayali Association Community Holiday Party at General John Hatyer Southshore Centre. The Trojan Cup swim meet takes place at East Bayfield Community Centre December 12th-13th. For the City’s 55+ Community there are many opportunities to stay active and involved throughout the holiday season; including a pop-up craft sale on December 1st at Parkview Centre and a Holiday Lights Bus Tour on December 15th.

The City of Barrie is happy to once again host the annual New Years Eve event on December 31st.

For a full list of drop-in activities, workshops and event schedules visit us at barrie.ca.

APPENDIX "A"

MONTH of DECEMBER		
DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY or EVENT
AT THE THEATRE		
December 3-7	Five Points Theatre	"Snow White and the Curse of the Ice Queen" presented by Onstage Performance Group
December 4	Georgian Theatre	"Holiday Recitals" presented by My Pre Academy
December 6	Georgian Theatre	"Elite Danceworks Holiday Dance Recital" presented by Elite Danceworks
December 7	Georgian Theatre	"The Christmas Carol Revolution" presented by IPAS
December 12	Georgian Theatre	"Blue Suede Tribute to Elvis - Christmas Special"
December 13	Georgian Theatre	"The Barra MacNeils" presented by Shantero
December 14	Georgian Theatre	"Kreative's Winter Whirl" presented by Kreative Dance
December 14	Five Points Theatre	"Holiday Recitals" presented by Modern Music Studio
December 17 & 18	Georgian Theatre	"2025 Showcase" presented by Legacy Acrobatics
December 19	Five Points Theatre	"Handmade Holidays" presented by the City of Barrie
December 19	Georgian Theatre	"Hassan Phills: This Tour is Jokes"
December 20	Georgian Theatre	"Soul of Motown Christmas Special" presented by Beaches Jazz Festival
December 21	Georgian Theatre	"Holiday Dance Recital" presented by T.M.S. Music School
ARENA EVENTS		
December 3	Sadlon Arena	Monsignor Clair Cup - SMCDSD High School Event
December 5-7	Sadlon Arena	Honda Christmas Party
December 11, 13, 18, 20 & 31	Sadlon Arena	Barrie Colts Home Games
December 16	Sadlon Arena	Kempfenfelt Cup - SOUTH SCDSB High School Event
December 17	Sadlon Arena	Kempfenfelt Cup - SCDSB High School Event
IN THE POOL		
December 12-13	East Bayfield CC	Trojan Cup Swim Meet hosted by the Barrie Trojan Swim Club
55+ ACTIVITIES		
December 1	Parkview Centre	Holiday Pop-Up Craft Sale
December 1	Parkview Centre	55+ Holiday Favourites Sing-a-Long with Don McNair
December 3	Allandale 55+ Centre	Winter Wonderland Dance and Entertainment
December 10	Allandale 55+ Centre	Holiday Floral Arrangement Making
December 15	Parkview Centre	Holiday Lights Bus Tour
December 16	Parkview Centre	55+ Festive Dinner

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DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY or EVENT
SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS		
December 2, 3, 16 & 18	Allandale Recreation Centre, Peggy Hill Team CC & East Bayfield CC	Winter Wonderland
December 5-6	Gen John Hayter Southshore Centre	Holiday Spice Market
December 6	Heritage Park	Santa Shuffle presented by Salvation Army
December 6	Allandale Recreation Centre	Bayanihan Club of Simcoe County Christmas Event
December 7	Allandale Recreation Centre	White Cedar Dental - Cookies with Santa Event
December 8 & 9	Allandale Recreation Centre & East Bayfield CC	Ornament & Card Making
December 9 & 11	East Bayfield CC & Peggy Hill Team CC	Frosty and Friends
December 10 & 17	Allandale Recreation Centre	Culinary Kitchy Kids - Holiday Cookie
December 12	Gen John Hayter Southshore Centre	Barrie Montessori Elementary School Christmas Concert
December 12	Allandale Recreation Centre	Simcoe Engage and Empower Winter Celebration Event
December 13	Gen John Hayter Southshore Centre	Persian Community of Simcoe County Community Dinner
December 13	Allandale Recreation Centre	Rox Of Hope Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser and Awards Event
December 13-14	Peggy Hill Team CC & East Bayfield CC	<i>The Canadian Cloth Circuit</i> Dodgeball Tournament hosted by Ottawa Dodgeball
December 19	Peggy Hill Team CC	Inclusion Youth Holiday Party
December 20	Allandale Recreation Centre	Barrie Trojans Awards Banquet
December 20	Gen John Hayter Southshore Centre	Barrie Persian Association Community Dinner
December 22, 23, 29 & 30	Peggy Hill Team CC	Adapted Youth Sense - Winter Break Camp
December 22, 23, 29 & 30	East Bayfield CC, Peggy Hill Team CC	Winter Break Camps
December 27	Gen John Hayter Southshore Centre	Barrie Area Malayali Association Community Holiday Party
December 31	Meridian Place, Simcoe Street	New Years Eve Event presented by City Of Barrie

Appendix:

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Pending # (if applicable):