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December

## Community Services e-News



### Winter Wonderland Skating

December 15 to January 7 | Minoru Arenas

Lace up your skates and glide through the holidays with this traditional Richmond wintertime activity. Bring your friends and family and skate to festive music while surrounded by thousands of sparkling lights, real snow banks, decorated holiday trees and more. All ages and abilities welcome! Regular admission rates apply.

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### It's time to get active and try something new in 2024!

#### Winter programs starts in January

There are still spaces available in a number of popular new year programs for all ages. For children 6 to 12 years old, classes in [visual arts](#), [languages](#) and [sports](#) can help them develop new skills. Programs in [digital arts](#), [martial arts](#) and [aquatics](#) can ignite the interest of youths 13 to 18 years old while a wide range of [online programs](#), [skating/curling](#) and [fitness](#) classes can help keep adults 19 to 54 years old staying active in the winter.

If you are 55+ years old and looking for an exciting out trip, we've also got you covered. Choose new programs in [dance](#), [music](#) and [fun tours](#) beginning January to help connect you with the community.

Registration is easy:

- [richmond.ca/register](https://richmond.ca/register)

- 604-276-4300, Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5:00pm
- In-person at any community facility

We offer programs for all ages and skill levels.

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## Youth engagement opportunity

### Youth Civic Engagement Program 2024

Join this nine-week education-to-action program that aims to create opportunities for youth (15-20 years old) to engage, develop skills and learn about local government. Learn how City decisions are made, get the opportunity to co-design projects that spark interest and present to a Mock City Council.

The Youth Civic Engagement Program takes place at City Hall every Wednesday from January 10 to March 6 from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



## Festive lighting throughout Richmond

### Now until early January

Nothing brings on the feeling of the holidays like beautiful festive lights and decorations. Grab a coffee or hot chocolate, bundle up and tour some of the City's light displays this holiday season with family and friends. No matter where you live in Richmond or where you go, there is something to see – and plenty of photo and selfie opportunities. Get outside, explore and be active during this most festive of seasons!

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## No.3 Road Bark Park safety enhancements

### Share your thoughts with us

Richmond residents are invited to share their feedback online about the safety enhancement options for the No. 3 Road Bark Park and adjacent dike trail. Visit [LetsTalkRichmond.ca](https://LetsTalkRichmond.ca) until Sunday, January 7, 2024 and take the survey.

The safety enhancement options are aimed to improve the experience for off-leash dogs, cyclists and pedestrians in and around the park located along the Dike Trail at the south end of No. 3 Road.

For more information, contact the City's Parks Department by



emailing [parks@richmond.ca](mailto:parks@richmond.ca), calling 604-244-1208 or visiting our [website](#).

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## Let Them Unwrap the Gift of Health and Wellness

### Looking for a local and healthy holiday gift?

Treat your loved ones this holiday season with a gift card to unwrap the best of Richmond's parks, recreation and culture. The Richmond Gift Card is a thoughtful present for your family and friends, giving them access to a range of activities, programs and lessons all year long. Let them experience fitness, dance, swimming, skating, arts and more!

The best part is you can select the amount, and the lucky recipient can choose the activity. Purchase the gift cards today at any of our Richmond facilities: Minoru Centre for Active Living, Watermania, Minoru Arenas, Richmond Ice Centre, Richmond Cultural Centre and all City of Richmond community centres.

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## Senior activities at Minoru Centre for Active Living

### Plenty of festive events and choices

Don't miss this month's great programs and offerings, including:

#### **Holiday Sing-A-Long with Herb - Drop-In**

Sing some holiday favourite tunes. No registration required.  
December 12, 1:30-3:00pm

#### **Christmas Baked Goodies**

Support the Minoru Seniors Society by ordering your delicious holiday cookies and fruit cakes all in time for the holidays. Drop by Minoru Centre for Active Living for more details.

Pre-ordering is required. The last day to order is **Friday, December 15**, with pick up on Thursday, December 21, between 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Seniors Centre Cafeteria at the Minoru Centre for Active Living.

#### **Christmas Dinner to Go**

Enjoy a delicious roasted turkey meal with garlic mashed potatoes, stuffing, glazed carrots, bacon parmesan Brussels sprouts, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, gravy and a slice of apple raisin strudel. Menu substitutions are not available.



Pre-ordering is required. The last day to order is **Saturday, December 16**, at noon, with pick up on Saturday, December 23, between 12:30 and 3:30pm at the Seniors Centre Cafeteria at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. Complete re-heating instructions included. Please bring your own bag.

### Shopping Bus Service

This unique, local service offers a transportation option for seniors wanting to shop at select retail locations. Servicing 10 independent senior housing locations and the Seniors Centre at Minoru Centre for Active Living, the shopping bus has two lines and travels to Lansdowne Mall, Walmart and Seafair Shopping Centre every Monday and Thursday from 9:45am to 1:30pm. \$2.00 round trip (cash only).

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## Save the Date

### Songs in the Snow

Sat, Dec 2, 4:00-6:00pm  
Sat, Dec 9, 4:00-6:00pm  
Sat, Dec 16, 4:00-6:00pm  
Town Square Park next to the  
Steveston Museum & Post Office

### Jingle Bell Teas

Sun, Dec 10  
Sat, Dec 16  
Sun, Dec 17  
London Farm

### Gateway Theatre: Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

Dec 14-31  
Gateway Theatre

### Naturalist Talks

Dec 23-24, 10:00am, 11:00am,  
1:00pm, 2:00pm  
Dec 27-31, 10:00am, 11:00am,  
1:00pm, 2:00pm  
Richmond Nature Park

### Walk Richmond

Sat, Dec 2, 10:00am  
Wed, Dec 6, 10:00am  
Sat, Dec 16, 10:00am  
Various locations

### Winter Tram at Steveston Tram

Dec 1-31  
Steveston Tram

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