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Winter Break Edition

Community Services e-News



Happy Holidays,

As we enter the holiday season and school winter break, I encourage you to spend time with family and friends if you can and to enjoy together some of the many activities and attractions Richmond has to offer. Perhaps it's a winter skate at Minoru Arenas or the Richmond Ice Centre, a scenic stroll along the dike trails, or a fitness class or swim at the Minoru Centre for Active Living. No matter what you choose, it is important to remain active and connected during this season, and there is truly something for everyone in our city. On behalf of the Council and staff at the City of Richmond, have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Malcolm D. Brodie
Mayor



Winter Wonderland Skating

Until Sunday, January 7 | Minoru Arenas

Lace up your skates, it's time for a Richmond tradition. Winter Wonderland at the Minoru Arenas is back! Grab 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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Winter Break in Richmond

Saturday, December 23 – Sunday, January 7

Choose from the many activities taking place over the two-week break including strolling through the creative [festive light displays](#) in Steveston Village, at City Hall Plaza and other areas of the city. Or drop in and make some waves and have fun this holiday season at Watermania. Get splashed from the giant tipping bucket, take a whirl on the tot slide or water slides and play in the wave pool. Minoru Centre for Active Living and City Centre and South Arm community centres are open on Christmas Day with some all-ages programs and activities. For more details about these and other programs, click the link below.

There are also lots of holiday-themed and regular programs this season for all ages. Programs include crafts, daycamps and out trips. Visit the [Program Registration](#) page to browse and register online.

Also, know before you go by checking the [holiday hours](#) for all City facilities.

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Let Them Unwrap the Gift of Health and Wellness

A perfect last minute 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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Christmas Day Activities in the City

Monday, December 25

Planning to stay active during Christmas Day? Minoru Centre for Active Living, City Centre Community Centre and South Arm Community Centre will all be open. Choose from great activities that include Parent and Tot Gym, Karaoke, a movie marathon, art programs or enjoy a workout in the fitness centre. Come join the fun activities for you and your family and stay active on December 25 day.

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