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December 7

Parks, Recreation & Culture e-Newsletter



Skate at Winter Wonderland

Dec 13 to Jan 5 | Minoru Arenas

Get ready to lace up your skates and enjoy a classic Richmond winter tradition. Invite your friends and family to skate to festive tunes amidst thousands of twinkling lights, real snow banks and beautifully decorated holiday trees. This activity is for all ages and skill levels. Regular admission rates apply.

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Free Youth Engagement Opportunity

Youth Civic Engagement Program

Curious about how local government works?

Join the City's free 8-week education-to-action program for youth (15-20 years old) and learn how local government decisions are made. Co-design exciting projects, develop valuable skills and even present your ideas at a Mock City Council.

The [Youth Civic Engagement Program](#) takes place at City Hall on Wednesdays from January 15 to March 5 from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

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Carols and Crafts at Aberdeen Neighbourhood Park

Sun, Dec 8 | 2:30-5:30pm

Bundle up and embrace the holiday season at this new, free and outdoor event at 8331 Cambie Road. This event promises to be a wonderful opportunity to get into the festive spirit and celebrate with friends and family.

Shop for gifts, enjoy live music and take part in fun and festive activities at this cheerful community gathering that includes:

- A craft fair featuring unique, handmade gifts including jewellery, art and decor by local artisans and vendors
- Live carols by the talented trio *Angels on High*
- Performances by Richmond's pint-sized powerhouse Estella Celeste
- Free activities including writing letters to Santa and watercolour crafts
- Coffee and hot chocolate available by The Buzz Coffee Truck

This event is cancelled in inclement weather. Check richmond.ca/ParksPrograms two days before event for updated information.

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Give the Gift of Health and Wellness Searching for a healthy and local holiday gift?

Surprise loved ones this holiday season with a Richmond Gift Card, perfect for enjoying the City's parks, recreation and cultural activities. This thoughtful gift offers your family and friends access to a variety of programs and lessons throughout the year, including fitness, dance, swimming, skating, arts and more.

Choose the amount and the recipient can pick their preferred activity. Gift cards are available for purchase at any Richmond community facility, including 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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Free Movies at Richmond Public Library

3 family-friendly movies

[The Lorax](#)

Join us for this screening of *The Lorax*, featuring the voice talents of Taylor Swift and Zac Efron. The film will run on a loop. Can't stay for the whole movie? No problem, a copy may be available to borrow, just ask!

Giveaway to Family Film Club attendees - A limited number of FREE Taylor Swift-themed stickers made on the library's Cricut machine will be given away to attendees. One per person, first come, first served, while supplies last.

- Sat, Dec 7, 11:30am – 4:00pm, [Brighthouse Library](#), Drop-in

[A Christmas Carol and Elf](#)

Get in the holiday mood by taking in a double feature of classic holiday films!

- A Christmas Carol – Tue, Dec 24, 10:00am – 12:00pm, [Brighthouse Library](#), Drop-in
- Elf – Tue, Dec 24, 12:00 – 2:00pm, [Brighthouse Library](#), Drop-in



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Oliver! at the Gateway

Dec 12 to Jan 4

Don't miss the award-winning family musical, *Oliver!* at Richmond's Gateway Theatre. Come on a journey with young Oliver Twist as he navigates the Victorian London underworld, searching for a home, a family and – most importantly – love. With spirited songs like “Food, Glorious Food” and “Consider Yourself”, *Oliver!* is widely hailed as a theatrical masterpiece. Tickets start at \$40, with a pay-what-you-will preview on December 12.

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Save the Date

Songs in the Snow

Sat, Dec 7, 3:30-6:30pm

Sat, Dec 14, 3:30-6:30pm

[Steveston Town Square Park](#)

Winter Wonderland

Until Dec 31

[City Hall](#)

Community Services Connectors Program

Every Sunday

2:00-4:00pm

[Ironwood Library](#)

Community Services Pop Ups

Thu, Dec 12

3:00-5:00pm

[Brighthouse Library](#)

Winter Break Hours

Dec 23-Jan 5

Various locations

Walk Richmond

Sat, Dec 14, 10:00am

[Garry Point Park](#)

[Concession Stand](#)

Watch for the next Parks, Recreation and Culture e-Newsletter on Saturday, December 21.

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