

RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR, A. NUTTALL, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: D. BELL, DIRECTOR, RECREATION AND CULTURE SERVICES, EXT. 4352

NOTED: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER, COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES

M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RE: HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING AND FACILITY HOURS

DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2022

The purpose of this Memorandum is to inform members of Council that the Recreation and Culture Services is offering exciting activities for residents over the holidays, throughout the City's recreational and cultural facilities.

Holiday Camps

<u>Winter Break Camps:</u> This is the place to be over the holidays. There will be sports, games, crafts and much more, for ages 4-5, 6-8, 6-11, and 9-12. Camps will be available at Peggy Hill Team Community Centre and East Bayfield Community Centre from December 27th-30th and Jan 2nd-6th. Registration for the camps can be made at <u>play barrie.ca</u>.

55+ Centre Events

<u>Holiday Lights Tour:</u> On December 19th, hop aboard the Festive Lights Tour Bus. In partnership with Barrie Transit, this tour will stop at various points of interest, as participants view the festive lights in and around Barrie. The 90-minute tour will begin and end at Allandale Recreation Centre. After the tour, hot apple cider and other refreshments will be served in the 55+ Centre Hall. A prize will be awarded for the best holiday costume. The cost is \$22 per person and registration can be made at play.barrie.ca, or at Allandale's Client Service Desk.

<u>Holiday Lunch and Celebration:</u> Celebrate the holiday season on Tuesday, December 20th with a festive lunch and dessert in the Allandale 55+ Centre from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. The cost is \$12, and registration is in person at the Centre or by phone at 705-728-6332. From 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. The event will include musical entertainment by "The Paraguinns", dancing, games, prizes, and refreshments sponsored by the 55+ Advisory Committee.

Theatre Events

Theatre by the Bay presents "The Christmas Note", written by local playwright Michael Whyte and featuring the songs of country artist Jason McCoy, at the Five Points Theatre on December 15th.

Infinity Performing Arts Studio (IPAS) presents "The Grinch Retold" at the Georgian Theatre on December 17th. In this live-action adaptation of the beloved children's tale by Dr. Seuss, the IPAS students re-tell the story of 'The Grinch' using popular songs that we all know and love.



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Holiday Hours

Our three major recreational facilities, as well as the Eastview and Sadlon Arenas, will be open the following hours over the holiday period:

Saturday, December 24th 6:00 a.m.–Noon;

Sunday, December 25th Closed;
Monday, December 26th Closed;

December 27th-30th
Saturday, December 31st
Normal Operating Hours;
6:00 a.m.–Noon; and

Sunday, January 1st Closed.

On December 31st, the Barrie Colts host the Guelph Storm at the Sadlon Arena for a New Year's Eve game, starting at 7:30p.m.

The Recreation and Culture Services Team would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season.