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important dates

- December 10th - Human Rights Day
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 25th to January 2nd - Hanukkah
- December 26th - Boxing Day
- December 26th to January 1st - Kwanzaa
- December 31st - New Year's Eve
- January 1st - New Year's Day



Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on December 10th — the day on which the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Did you know that Canada played a central role in drafting this declaration? It states that each person is entitled to fundamental rights, including the right to equality, and the right to life, liberty and security of the person. It also recognizes the right to freedom of religion and speech and the right to participate in the cultural life of the community. Learn more at www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day.

A New Year

With the holiday season right around the corner, we wanted to share this special holiday edition of work.learn.play. to help you make the most of this joyful time of celebration.

We're grateful to everyone we've worked with this past year and wish you all a prosperous and healthy 2025!

Kevin & Tara

Get Your tree



Cedar Hill Christmas Tree Farm - daily from Nov 12 to Dec 24, Pakenham

Brigg's Tree Farm - Thurs to Sun, Nov 15 to Dec 22, Navan

Thomas Tree Farm - opening Nov 22, North Gower

Hillcrest Tree Farm - opening Nov 23, North Gower

MacGowan's Christmas Tree Farm - opens Nov 23, Kinburn

Stanley's Christmas Village - weekends from Dec 1 to 23, 2452 Yorks Corners Road, Edwards

Fallowfield Tree Farm - dates TBA, Stittsville

Laird's Tree Farm - dates TBA, Osgoode

Holiday Markets



Metcalfe Christmas Market - Nov 9 & Dec 14, Greely Community Centre

The Museum's Christmas Market - Nov 21 to 24, Museum of History

Ottawa Christmas Market - weekends Nov 22 to Jan 5, Lansdowne

Byward Winter Market - Nov 22 to Jan 26, Byward Market neighbourhood

Watson's Mills Christmas Craft Market - weekends Nov 23 to Dec 8, Watson's Mill, Manotick

Carp Christmas Market - Nov 29 & 30, Carp Fairgrounds

Christmas in Old Aylmer - Nov 29 to Dec 2 & Dec 6 to 8, Centre culturel du Vieux-Aylmer

Signatures Originals - Dec 4 to 8, EY Centre

Hanukkah Gift Fair - Dec 8, Greenberg Families Library

Grab Your Sled

Ottawa's best toboggan hills:

Bayshore Park

Bruce Pit

Conroy Pit

Craig Henry Park

Green's Creek

Marcel Lalande Park

Ski Hill Park

Walter Baker Park

Westboro Kiwanis Park

skate

Countryside Adventures (16495 Sixth Rd, Moose Creek)

Icelynd (6865 Fernbank Rd, Stittsville)

Lansdowne Park Skating Court (Lansdowne Park)

Le sentier du petit Pingouin (312 Ch Taché, Gatineau)

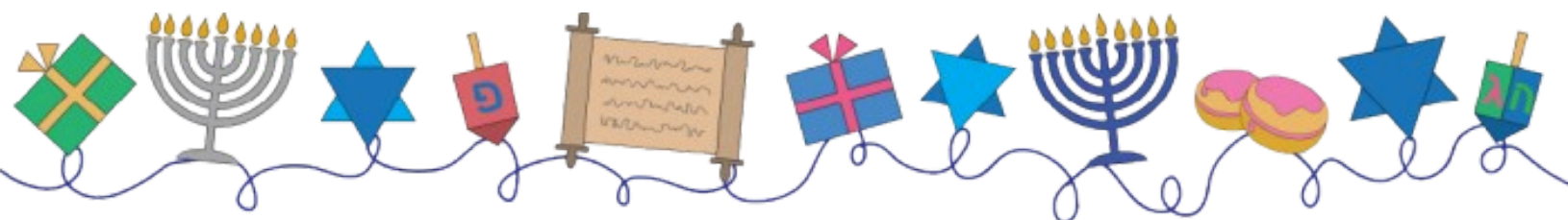
Patinage en forêt (9 Mnt Beausoleil, Lac-des-Loups)

Rink of Dreams (Marion Dewar Plaza)

RiverOak (2900 York Corners Road)

Ottawa Public Skating

Rideau Canal Skateway
(cross your fingers for 2025!)



Help Santa Toy Parade, Nov 16 @ 11am, Elgin & Laurier Streets
Barrhaven Santa Claus Parade, Nov 17 @ 5:30pm, Beatrice Drive, Barrhaven
Kanata Santa Claus Parade, Nov 23 @ 10am, Hazeldean Mall
A Royal Christmas, Nov 28, Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club
Santa's Parade of Lights, Nov 30 @ 6pm, St-Joseph Boulevard, Orleans
A Country Christmas, Nov 30 to Dec 30 (check schedule), Saunders Farm, Munster
Sweet Christmas Cookie Decorating Class, Dec 4, Broadhead Brewing Company
Pakenham Santa Claus Parade, Dec 7 @ 1pm, Stewart Community Centre
Carp Santa Claus Parade, Dec 7 @ 6pm, Carp Fairgrounds
Almonte Christmas Night Parade, Dec 8 @ 5pm, Almonte (route TBD)

play



look at
the lights

Magic of Lights, Nov 22 to Jan 4, Wesley Clover Parks, Corkstown Road
Alight at Night Festival, weekends Nov 29 to Jan 4, Upper Canada Village,
 13740 County Road 2, Morrisburg
Stanley's Holiday Stroll, weekends Dec 5 to 28, Stanley's Olde Maple Lane
 Farm, 2452 Yorks Corners Road, Edwards
Winter Lights Across Canada, Dec 5 to Jan 7, throughout Ottawa-Gatineau
Grand Menorah Lighting at Parkdale Park, Dec 10



watch/listen

Les lundis des tout-petits, until Dec 16, National Arts Centre
A Tyler Shaw Christmas, Nov 14, Algonquin Commons Theatre
Chamberfest Concert Series, Nov 15 & Dec 13, Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre
Trans-Siberian Orchestra: The Lost Christmas Eve, Nov 27, Canadian Tire Centre
Les Grands Ballets Canadiens - The Nutcracker, Dec 5 to 8, National Arts Centre Southam Hall
Light Up the Night in Almonte, Dec 6, Mill Street, Almonte
Russell Peters RELAX CANADA: It's not that serious World Tour, Dec 7, TD Place
A Drag Queen Christmas, Dec 9, Algonquin Commons Theatre
Great Canadian Road Trip, Doc Walker, Jason McCoy, Michelle Wright, Dec 12, Rideau Carleton Raceway
Nutcracker: A Canadian Tradition, Dec 13, CentrepoinTE Theatre
Ottawa Pops Orchestra Christmas Brass, Dec 14, Ottawa City Hall
CrakdNuts: A Holiday Circus Dream, Dec 14 & 15, LabO Theatre
Handel's Messiah, Dec 18 & 19, National Arts Centre Southam Hall
IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship, Dec 26 to Jan 5, Canadian Tire Centre
Bell Capital Cup, Dec 27 to 31, various arenas
Ottawa Kwanzaa Celebration, Dec 28, 4 to 11pm, Blu Legacy Convention Centre
MJ The Musical, Dec 31 to Jan 5, National Arts Centre Southam Hall



- **HR Power Lunch: Duty to accommodate disability, return to work and Ontario's Human Rights Code**, Nov 21, online. Register [here](#).
- **The Osgoode Certificate in Advanced Human Resources Law for Senior HR Executives**, Nov 26-29, online. Register [here](#)
- **HRPA Summit**, Nov 28, Ottawa Conference & Event Centre + livestream. Register [here](#)
- **Workplace Investigations Training & Certificate Program**, Dec 2 to 11, online. Register [here](#)
- **HRPA's Quarterly Legal Updates Package 2024/25**, Dec 5, online. Register [here](#)
- **Advanced Report Writing for Workplace Investigations**, Dec 5, online. Register [here](#)

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 mix, mingle & give back

Bells on Bank Street - A Roaring Christmas, Nov 19, Hotel Fairmont Chateau Laurier

Trees of Hope for CHEO: Suite Dreams, A Nutcracker Tale, Nov 24, Hotel Fairmont Chateau Laurier. Various levels of sponsorship available.

Sparkle & Pine Cocktail Gala Fundraiser, Nov 28, Tucker House, Rockland

100 Women Who Care Ottawa, Dec 2, Milestones Lansdowne

Christmas Cheer Breakfast, Dec 6, Infinity Centre. Corporate tables & single tickets available.

Cool Cat Cabaret Event in Support of Interval House Ottawa, Dec 7, allsaints event space

Holiday Charity Gala for CHEO, Dec 21, Saint Elias Banquet Centre

Ottawa New Year's Eve Charity Ball, Dec 31, Ottawa Conference & Event Centre

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