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## important dates

December 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> - Hanukkah  
December 21<sup>st</sup> - Winter Solstice  
December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve  
December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day  
December 26<sup>th</sup> - Boxing Day  
December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> - Kwanzaa  
December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Day



## winter solstice

The winter solstice is the day with the fewest hours of sunlight throughout the year, making it the shortest day of the year. Thankfully, after we reach the winter solstice, the days begin to grow longer and longer again until we reach the summer solstice - the first day of summer and the longest day of the year. Think of it this way: although the winter solstice means the start of winter, it also means the return of more sunlight. It only gets brighter from then on!

## looking back, moving forward

As you look back on 2025, we hope it's been a year full of inspiration, discovery, and the small joys that make work and life richer.

We hope this issue sparks some ideas to make your holidays cozy, joyful, and restorative.

Here's to a bright start to 2026!

Kevin & Tara

## get your tree



**Boisé Brabant**, Casselman

**Brigg's Trees**, Navan

**Campbell's Tree Farm**, Smiths Falls

**Carp Garden Centre**, Carp

**Cedar Hill Christmas Tree Farm**, Pakenham

**Fallowfield Tree Farm**, 6100 Fallowfield Road

**Hillcrest Tree Farm**, North Gower

**Johnston Brothers Tree Farm**, North Grenville

**Karlson Evergreens**, Embrun

**Laird's Tree Farm**, Osgoode

**MacGowan's Christmas Tree Farm**, 4611 Mohrs Road

**Mageau's Tree Farm**, 4843 Anderson Rd, Carlsbad Springs

**McKibbin Tree Farm**, Merrickville

**Thomas Tree Farm**, North Gower

## holiday markets



**Ottawa Christmas Market** – weekends now to Dec 31, Lansdowne

**The Museum's Christmas Market** – Nov 27–30, Museum of History

**Carp Christmas Market** – Nov 28 & 29, Carp Fairgrounds

**613Christmas!** – Nov 29 & 30, Carleton U Fieldhouse

**Christmas in Old Aylmer** – Nov 28–30 & Dec 5–7, corner of Principale, Patrimoine & Broad Streets

**Watson's Mills Christmas Craft Market** – Nov 29–30 & Dec 6–7, Watson's Mill, Manotick

**Chanukah Gift Fair** – Nov 30, Soloway JCC

**613 Ottawa Night Market** – Dec 5/12/19, Lansdowne  
**Orleans Holiday Arts Market** – Dec 6, Shenkman Arts Centre

**Originals Christmas Craft Sale** – Dec 10–14, EY Centre

**Metcalfe Christmas Market** – Dec 13, Greely CC

**Adàwàning: Indigenous Women's Art Market** – Dec 13 & 14, Atrium O'Brien @ NAC

## holiday glow

**Alight at Night**, select nights until Jan 15, Upper Canada Village

**Light Up the Night**, 6:30pm Dec 5, Almonte

**Magic of Lights**, 5pm to 9pm until Jan 3, Wesley Clover Parks

**Stanley's Holiday Stroll**, 6pm to 9pm Thurs-Sun until Jan 3, Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm

**Vintage Village of Lights**, 4pm to 9pm Fri-Sun, Cumberland Museum

**Winter Lights Across Canada**, various locations across Ottawa & Gatineau ([map](#)), Dec 8 to Jan 9

**Winter Wander**, Sparks Street

## holiday parades

**Riverside South Community Association Toy Mountain Parade** – Nov 29 @ 11am, Spratt Road

**Orleans Santa's Parade of Lights** – Nov 29 @ 6pm, St-Joseph Boulevard

**Osgoode Village Parade of Lights** – Dec 5 @ 7pm, Osgoode Main

**Richmond Christmas Parade** – Dec 6 @ 5:30pm, McBean Street

**Stittsville Parade of Lights** – Dec 6 @ 6pm, Stittsville Main

**Almonte Christmas Parade** – Dec 7 @ 5pm,

**Carp Santa Claus Parade**, Dec 13 @ 6pm, Carp Fairgrounds

**Almonte Christmas Night Parade**, – Dec 8 @ 5pm, starts at Rexall Parking Lot, ends at John Levi Community Centre

**Metcalfe Santa Parade & Toy Drive** – Dec 14 @ 2pm, victoria Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Line Road





**Santa's Holiday Train**, Nov 29/30 & Dec 6, Canadian Science & Technology Museum  
**Rendez-vous de la bande dessinée de Gatineau**, Dec 5-7, Maison du citoyen, Gatineau  
**Tracks & Trains: Railroads in Miniature**, weekends Nov 29-Jan 3, Science & Tech Museum  
**Retro Christmas Children's Holiday Party**, 10am to 4pm, Dec 6-7, Nepean Museum  
**Denim & Diamonds: New Year's Eve at the RA**, Dec 31, RA Centre  
**Hogmanay Ceilidh 2025**, Dec 31, Blessed Sacrament Hall  
**2026 New Year's Eve Ottawa Ball**, Dec 31, Preston Event Centre  
**New Year's Party**, Dec 31, Casino Lac Leamy  
**New Year's Eve Disco Bash**, Dec 31, Rainbow Bistro  
**New Year's Eve Countdown Party**, Dec 31, CRAFT Beer Market Ottawa



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outside

**Trail of Lights & Traditions**, 4pm to 8pm Thurs-Sun Nov 27 to Dec 28, Mādahòkì Farm  
**Pedaler Express Festive Party Bike**, Nov 28 to Dec 28, Ottawa Christmas Market  
**A Country Christmas**, Nov 29-Dec 30, Saunders Farm, Stittsville  
**Oniro Night Walk: A Magical Immersion Experience**, weekends to Jan 4, Parc Omega, Montebello  
**Osgoode's Christmas in the Village**, Dec 5-6, village of Osgoode  
**Mayor's 23rd Annual Christmas Celebration**, 3-6pm Dec 6, City Hall  
**Rink of Dreams**, 9am to 11pm daily starting Dec 6, City Hall  
**Stanley's Christmas Village**, weekends starting Dec 6 to 23, 2452 York's Corners Rd, Edwards  
**Ottawa Santa Shuffle Fun Run & Elf Walk**, 10am Dec 6, Lansdowne Park  
**Ottawa's Annual 5K Light Run**, 7pm Dec 11, Ottawa City Hall

**Ontario Festival of Small Halls**, to Dec 6, various locations  
**Free Thursday Nights presented by BMO**, Nov 27-Mar 26, National Gallery of Canada  
**All Fall Down: An Improvised Murder Mystery**, Nov 29 & Dec 6, Arts Court  
**Maestro: Competitive Improv Comedy**, Nov 29/30 & Dec 6  
**Les lundis des tout-petits** - Dec 1/8/22, NAC  
**Twelfth Night**, Dec 3-6, Gladstone Theatre  
**Kid Koala's The Storyville Mosquito**, Dec 3-6 & 10-12, NAC  
**Nutcracker - Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet with the NAC Orchestra**, Dec 3-7, NAC  
**A Sherlock Carol**, Dec 3-20, Ottawa Little Theatre  
**Mountains on Stage**, Dec 4 & 16,  
**The Nutcracker presented by Les Petits Ballet**, Dec 5 & 6, Meridian Theatres  
**Digi60 Filmmakers' Festival**, Dec 5-7, various locations  
**The Tea Party, Headstones, Finger Eleven**, Dec 6, TD Place  
**A Celtic Christmas Celebration with the Rideau Ramblers**, Dec 10, NAC  
**OrKidstra Holiday Concert**, Dec 8, 10 & 16, various locations  
**Disney's The Muppet Christmas Carol, Live in Concert**, Dec 11-13, NAC  
**Pique**, Dec 13, Arts Court  
**Brad Paisley: Truck Still Working Tour**, Dec 13, Canadian Tire Centre  
**Jingle Jazz**, 2pm & 7pm showtimes Dec 13, LabO Theatre  
**Sisters Matsumoto**, Dec 17 to 20, Gladstone Theatre  
**Ken Ludwig's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas**, Dec 27-30, Ron Maslin Playhouse  
**Bell Capital Cup**, Dec 27-31, various arenas

watch/listen



- **Reconciliation in 2025: Understanding the Post-Federal Election Landscape in Canada**, Nov 27 @ 11am, virtual, \$40.95. Register [here](#).
- **HRPA Northeast Chapter Inside Track: Member Information Session**, Dec 2 @ 1pm, virtual, free. Register [here](#).
- **2025 Year in Review and What to Expect in 2026** with Sherrard Kuzz, Dec 3 @ 9am, virtual, free. Register [here](#).
- **Motivational Interviewing for HR & Leaders**, Dec 4, 116 Albert, from \$411.15. Register [here](#).
- **HR Power Lunch: Effectively Managing Difficult Employees** (members exclusive), Dec 11 @ 12pm to 1:30pm, virtual, free. Register [here](#).
- **Ottawa Health Innovation Forum: A New Era of Growth**, Dec 4 @ 8:30am to 12pm, Bayview Yards, \$134.85. Register [here](#).

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jingle & mingle / give back



**Best Ottawa Business Awards**, Nov 28, Westin Ottawa. Register [here](#).

**100 Women Who Care Ottawa**, Dec 1, Milestones 325 Marché Way. Register [here](#).

**Ottawa Board of Trade Holiday Cocktail**, Dec 4, Jackson Café. Register [here](#).

**Christmas Cheer Breakfast**, Dec 5, Infinity Convention Centre. Register [here](#).

**Masquerade Charity Gala for CHEO**, Dec 12, Blue Legacy Convention Centre. Register [here](#).

**Second Annual Celebrity Gingerbread House Challenge & Auction**, Dec 13, 1140 Morrison Drive. Register [here](#).

**Ottawa New Year's Eve Charity Ball**, Dec 31, Ottawa Conference & Event Centre. Register [here](#).



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