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## holidays & observances

- June 1<sup>st</sup> - *Say Something Nice Day*
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - *Leave the Office Early Day*
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - World Environment Day
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Intl Day of Play
- June 24<sup>th</sup> - Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - Intl LGBT Pride Day
- July 1<sup>st</sup> - Canada Day
- July 30<sup>th</sup> - Intl Day of Friendship
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> - *Ice Cream Sandwich Day*
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Civic Holiday
- August 16<sup>th</sup> - *Tell a Joke Day*
- September 7<sup>th</sup> - Labour Day



**Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day** (Fête nationale du Québec) is celebrated annually on June 24 to honor the French-Canadian culture, language, and heritage. While originating from the feast day of St. John the Baptist, it has evolved into a major patriotic celebration of Quebec's national identity and the French language, often serving as a counter-holiday to Canada Day. It is a public statutory holiday in Quebec, characterized by parades, bonfires, and concerts celebrating Quebecois nationalism.



## Sunny with a Chance of Fun!

Summer often brings a welcome change of pace — and an opportunity to reflect, reset, and even plan ahead.

We're grateful for the opportunity to partner with organizations doing important work and hope you find something valuable in this edition.

Whether you're navigating workplace challenges, supporting leaders, or getting organized for the months ahead, we'd be happy to be part of the conversation.

*Kevin & Tara*

# Summer Markets

**613 Flea**, June 6/20; July 4/18; Aug 1/15, Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park

**Alta Vista Market**, every Saturday St. Thomas the Apostle Church

**Barrhaven Farmers' Market**, every Sunday, Nepean Woods Park & Ride

**Beechwood Market**, every Saturday, 203 Stanley Avenue

**Carp Farmers' Market**, every Saturday, Carp Fairgrounds

**Cumberland Farmers' Market**, dates TBA, 1115 Dunning Road

**Elgin Street Market**, every Sunday, Boushey Square

**Fetch Local Markets**, Jun 13/; Jul 11; Aug 8, various locations

**Gloucester Night Market**, Jun 19; Jul 17; Aug 14, Earl Armstrong Arena

**Main Street Farmers' Market**, every Saturday, Grande Allée Park

**Metcalfe Farmers' Market**, every Saturday, Metcalfe Fairgrounds

**Orléans Farmers' Market**, every Thursday, Ray Friel Recreation Complex

**Parkdale Night Market**, every Wednesday, Parkdale Public Market

**Wakefield Market**, every Saturday, 38 Chemin de la Vallée de Wakefield

**Westboro Farmers' Market**, every Saturday, Byron Linear Park

**Urban Art Collective Hintonburg Night Market**, every Thursday, Urban Art Collective, 1088 Somerset Street West

## Festival Fever

**Saravah Brazilian Festival**, Jun 6, Byward Market

**Shawarma Fest**, Jun 7, Byward Market neighbourhood

**Festival Franco-Ontarien**, Jun 11-13, Major's Hill Park

**Ottawa Fiesta Extravaganza**, Jun 13-14, EY Centre

**Ottawa Italian Festival**, Jun 19-21, Preston Street

**Welcome to Stittsville Multicultural Festival**, Jun 20, Village Square Park

**Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival**, Jun 20-21, Wesley Clover Parks

**Festival L'Outaouais en Fête**, Jun 19-24, Des Cèdres Park

**Ottawa Greek Festival**, Aug 13-16 & 20-23, Hellenic Event Centre

**Indian Food Festival of Ottawa**, Aug 21-23, Clarke Fields Park

## Britannia Village

## Community Arts Crawl

June 6, 11am to 4pm

Britannia & Howe

## The Great Ottawa

## Markets Collective

## Detash

Craft Overstock & Food Market

June 13th, 11am to 4pm

Bell Sensplex

## ArtsPark Festival &

## Market

June 13, 10am to 4pm

Parkdale Public Market

## Carp Garlic Festival

August 15, 8am to 3pm

August 16, 10am to 3pm

Carp Fairgrounds

## Pride Night Market

August 22, 5pm to 9pm

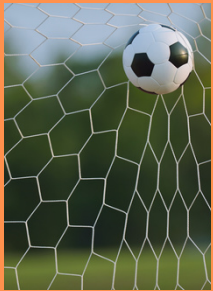
Parkdale Public Market

**Weekend Bikedays**, until Oct 12, various locations  
**Light at Night Kayaking**, multiple dates available, Paterson Creek Park  
**The Chef's Table**, Jun 3-5; Aug 14-16/27-29, 1 Elgin Restaurant  
**Orleans Craft Beer Festival**, Jun 5-6, Centrum Plaza  
**Capital Ribfest**, Jun 5-7, RA Centre  
**Doors Open Ottawa**, Jun 6-7, various locations  
**Art in the Park**, Jun 13-14, Central Park  
**Jurassic Kingdom**, Jun 26-Jul 12, Wesley Clover Parks  
**Ottawa On Tap Beerfest**, Jul 4, Canadian Tire, 2135 Robertson Road  
**H.O.P.E. Volleyball SummerFest**, Jul 11, Mooney's Bay  
**Fanaticcon**, Jul 18, Ottawa Conference & Event Centre  
**The Corn Maze Festival**, Jul 18-Aug 30, Saunders Farm  
**Kaleidoscope Kayaking**, Jul 29; Aug 1/5/8/12/15, Waverley St & Queen Elizabeth Dr.  
**Navan Fair**, Aug 6-9, 1279 Colonial Road, Navan  
**Russell Agricultural Fair**, Aug 13-16, Russell Fairgrounds  
**Capital Fair**, Aug 14-23, 4899 Albion Road  
**Capital Pride**, Aug 22-30, various locations across Ottawa



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## Catch a Game!



**FIFA World Cup**, Jun 11 to Jul 19, watch on TSN!  
**Atlético Ottawa** - Jun 9; Jul 4/17/26; Aug 8/19/28, TD Place  
**Ottawa BlackJacks Professional Basketball Club** - Jun 2/4/21/23/28; Jul 8/12/22, TD Place  
**Ottawa Rapid FC** - Jun 21; Jul 5/16; Aug 9/22, TD Place  
**Ottawa Redblacks** - Jun 6/20; Jul 3/19/31; Aug 30, TD Place  
**Ottawa Titans Baseball Club** - Jun 2-4/9-11/19-21/26-28; Jul 7-12/17-19/28-Aug 2; Aug 7-9/18-23;  
 Sept 1-3, Ottawa Stadium, 300 Coventry Road  
**Volleyball Nations League** - Jun 10-14, TD Place

**The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute**, Jun 13, Hard Rock Ottawa Hotel & Casino  
**Stittsville Front Porch Concert Series**, Jun 18, Stittsville neighbourhood  
**Ottawa Fringe Festival**, Jun 18-28, various locations  
**Ottawa Jazz Festival**, Jun 18-28, Confederation Park  
**Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival**, Jun 19-21, Mooney's Bay Park  
**RCMP Musical Ride Sunset Ceremonies**, Jun 25-28, Musical Ride Centre  
**Escapade Music Festival**, Jun 26-28, RA Centre  
**Gatineau Comedy Festival**, Jul 2-4, Place de la Cité  
**Almonte Celtfest**, Jul 3-5, Gemmill Park  
**Music and Beyond**, Jul 4-17, various locations across Ottawa  
**Ottawa Bluesfest**, Jul 9-19, LeBreton Flats  
**10-Minute Play Festival**, Jul 24-26, Ron Maslin Playhouse  
**Weird Al Yankovic**, Jul 26, Canadian Tire Centre  
**Glengarry Highland Games**, Jul 31-Aug 1, 34 Fair Street, Maxville  
**Ottawa International Buskerfest**, Aug 7-9, Sparks Street  
**Nostalgia Music Festival**, Aug 19-23, LeBreton Flats  
**North Lanark Highland Games**, Aug 22, Almonte Fairgrounds

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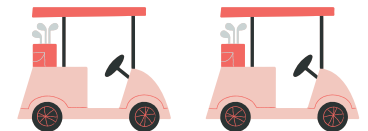
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- **Navigating AI in the Workplace: Legal Considerations for Canadian Employers**, Jun 1, online. Register [here](#).
- **Preventing and Responding to a Workplace Sexual Harassment Complaint ~ Practical Guidance for Employers**, Jun 3, online. Register [here](#).
- **HR Power Lunch: Step-by-Step Methodology for Compensation Reviews**, Jun 11, free for HRPAs members. Register [here](#).
- **The Human Advantage in an AI-Powered Workplace** Jun 16, Bayview Yards. Register [here](#).
- **Managing Tricky Termination Issues**, Jun 16/18 (AM & PM sessions available). Register [here](#).
- **Build a Better Employment Agreement: Drafting Essentials**, Jun 17, online. Register [here](#).
- **Collective Bargaining Ontario's Redesigned Reports**, Jun 17, Rogers Centre. Register [here](#).
- **Unlock Global Tech Talent for Your Ottawa Team**, Jun 21, online. Register [here](#).

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mix and mingle



**Ottawa Tech Open Golf Tournament**, Jun 4, Marshes Golf Club. Register [here](#).

**Business on the River: Celebrating Ottawa's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, Jun 4, Hull Marina. Register [here](#).

**Mayor's Breakfast** with Rick Leary, GM at OC Transpo, Jun 11, City Hall. Register [here](#).

**Forty Under Forty Awards Gala**, Jun 18, Casino Lac Leamy. Register [here](#).

**Ottawa's Best Networking Golf Tournament**, Aug 18, GreyHawk Golf Club. Register [here](#).

**SAVE THE DATE: DisruptHR Ottawa**, Oct 6th, Algonquin Commons Theatre. Stay tuned for more details!

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