

Township of
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TOWNSHIP EVENTS CELEBRATE FESTIVE SEASON

The smell of Christmas trees and gingerbread is in the air, carols are being sung, and kids are eagerly anticipating Santa's arrival: the holidays are here and the Township of Langley is set to celebrate.

Christmas in Williams Park returns for its 28th annual scenic drive with an extended run. Every night for three weeks, from Friday, November 30 to Saturday, December 22, guests can drive through the magical setting at 238 Street and 68 Avenue from 5:30 to 9:00pm to view the park's spectacular show of lights from the comfort of their vehicles. The event is free, but donations are gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of maintaining the displays.

Another Township tradition, **Pioneer Christmas** at the Langley Centennial Museum, will be held Saturday, December 8 at 9135 King Street in Fort Langley. Enjoy pioneer and traditional crafts and toys, decorate a mini gingerbread house, and mail your letter to Santa at the historic post office. The event will include a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and a visit and photos with jolly old St. Nick. Sessions run from 10:00am to 12:00pm or 1:30 to 3:30pm and the cost is \$10 for a family of four. Pre-registration is recommended. Call 604.532.3536 or visit RecExpress.ca.

Christmas is in the Air at the Canadian Museum of Flight, Hangar # 3, 5333 – 216 Street. On Saturday, December 15, the new event will be offered from 10:00am to 1:00pm, and guests are invited to welcome Santa as he flies in from the North Pole. The celebration will include pictures in the airport hangar with Santa, a Christmas craft station, and holiday games. Admission includes entry to flight exhibits in the Museum. The cost is \$10 for a family of four and pre-registration is recommended. Call 604.533.6106.

The **gift shops** at both the Museum of Flight and the Langley Centennial Museum will be open during the events and feature special holiday sales for those looking for unique and specialty gifts. Proceeds from the sales will help support the museums.

Little ones aged one to eight can enjoy crafts, cookie decorating, story time, games, and activities during the **Holiday Family Fun Event** on Sunday, December 9, at West Langley Hall, 9308 – 208 Street. Sessions run from 10:00 to 11:00am or 11:30am to 12:30pm. Cost is \$5 per child and registration is required at **RecExpress.ca**. Call 604.882.0408 for information.

Lace up your skates for a chance to take to the ice on the night before Christmas. A **Christmas Eve Skate** will be held Monday, December 24 at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre, 27032 Fraser Highway, from 1:00 to 3:00pm, and at the George Preston Recreation Centre at 20699 - 42 Avenue in Brookwood, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Regular admission rates and rules apply. See **tol.ca/skate** for details.

Kids can stay active and have fun over the holidays with skating, swimming, games, sports, arts and crafts during several Township of Langley **Holiday Camps**. Camps are available at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre, George Preston Recreation Centre, W.C. Blair Recreation Centre, Walnut Grove Community Centre, and Willoughby Community Centre from December 27 to 28, and January 2 to 4, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Visit **tol.ca/camps**.

Township recreation and community centres will also host a number of festive special events for children, including **Holiday Kidz Flip Out Friday**, **Holiday Tot Romp**, and **Holiday Family Pool Fun**. Little ones aged 2 to 8 can dance their hearts out at the **Winter Wonderland Jelly Bean Dance** at the Willoughby Community Centre, Saturday, December 15, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, and parents can finish their last minute shopping while the children enjoy **Kids' Night Out** at the Walnut Grove Community Centre, on Friday, December 21 and Friday, December 28, 5:30 to 8:30pm. For more information visit **tol.ca/events**.

NEW YEAR'S EVENTS:

Children can celebrate the New Year by bouncing, jumping, running, and playing the night away at the **Kids' New Year's Eve Bash**. The event runs Monday, December 31 from 6:00 to 9:00pm at Lynn Fripps Elementary School, and includes games, a dance party, a hot dog and water, and an early countdown. Cost is \$10 per child. Visit **tol.ca/events**.

Glide into 2019 with **Public Skate** sessions at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre on Monday, December 31 from 11:00am to 1:00pm, or Tuesday, January from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Skate at the George Preston Recreation Centre on New Year's Eve from 10:00am to 12:00pm, or on Tuesday, January 1, from 4:30 to 6:00pm. Regular admission rates apply.

Start a new tradition, be a part of local history, and dive into 2019 by taking part in the Township's First Annual **Polar Bear Plunge** at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre. The all-ages event will be held Tuesday, January 1 at noon. Cost is \$3 and registration is limited at **RecExpress.ca**.