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# Winter fun and holiday happenings in Georgina

**Georgina, ON** – The holiday season will soon be upon us, along with the official arrival of winter. There are plenty of ways to get active and have fun in Georgina throughout the winter months, as well as holiday happenings to get you in the spirit.

## **Keswick Santa Claus parade**

Santa Claus is coming to town. Santa arrives in Georgina for the annual <u>Georgina Kinsmen's Santa Claus</u> <u>Parade</u> on Saturday, Nov. 19. The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. at Woodbine Avenue at Dovedale Drive, heads north and ends on Woodbine Avenue at Wexford Drive.

## Santa to a Senior

Become Santa to a senior this holiday season. Until Dec. 11, you can make a difference in the life of a senior by providing a Christmas gift to a long-term care resident at Cedarvale Lodge and River Glen Haven. Visit one of the participating stores in the community to pick up a Christmas wish tag and help spread a little holiday cheer. Visit <u>georgina.ca/events</u> for more information on how to participate.

# **Old Fashioned Christmas and Festival of Lights Countdown**

Kick off the holiday season in Georgina on Saturday, Nov. 26. Take a walk back in time at <u>Old Fashioned</u> <u>Christmas</u> and experience a traditional 19th century holiday celebration with Georgina Pioneer Village decorated for the season. Enjoy live music, a chance to meet Santa, and complimentary hot chocolate and cookies. At 5:30 p.m., make your way to the front of the Civic Centre to join in on the countdown to the Festival of Lights. Enjoy a magical holiday tribute with festive animated lighting set to music, fun for the whole family!

# Festival of Lights continues

Enjoy the lights all season long. Experience the <u>Festival of Lights</u> Nov. 26 through to Jan. 2, 2023. Travel along the ROC parkway and Civic Centre grounds in your vehicle while experiencing a magical holiday tribute with festive animated lighting set to music that can be enjoyed through your car radio on channel 101.7FM.

## Link Winter Market

The <u>Link Winter Market</u> is back. Enjoy this popular one-of-a-kind shopping experience. Find gifts and treasures from local artisans, chefs, farmers and more. A great Sunday outing including live music, food demos, henna tattoos and delicious treats. It takes place Sunday, Nov. 27 and Sunday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Link in Sutton.

# Sutton Santa Claus Parade of Lights

On Dec. 3, Santa arrives in Sutton for the annual <u>Santa Claus Parade of Lights</u>. Beginning at 5 p.m. in Jackson's Point, the parade travels down Dalton Road to High Street, then along High Street ending at the fairgrounds.

## Winter program and lesson registration

Registration for winter programs and lessons begins Dec. 6 at 8:30 a.m. for residents and on Dec. 13 for non-

residents. Register online at <u>georgina.ca/recreation</u> or by phone at 905-476-4301. Early registration for ski and snowboard lessons for ROC winter 2022/23 season pass holders opens Nov. 29 at 8:30 a.m.

### **Stephen Leacock Theatre of Performing Arts**

Celebrate Christmas with the Ennis Sisters at the Stephen Leacock Theatre of Performing Arts on Dec. 9. Maureen, Karen and Teresa have captivated audiences for years with their highly woven sibling harmonies and endearing humour. Visit <u>stephenleacocktheatre.ca</u> for performance and ticket information.

The Stephen Leacock Theatre of Performing Arts presents Essence of the Nutcracker on Dec. 20. Ballet Jörgen's Essence of the Nutcracker is a national treasure that will warm the hearts of young and old alike. It is a holiday tradition that has showcased the magic of the season for years. Visit <u>stephenleacocktheatre.ca</u> for performance and ticket information.

#### Drop-in winter and holiday schedules

Be sure to check out <u>georgina.ca/recreation</u> for the latest drop-in schedules. There are many activities for all ages including public swim, public skating and pickleball to name a few.

#### **ROC'N New Years Eve Family Bash**

Ring in the New Year with family and friends at the <u>ROC</u> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 31. Take part in fun family-friendly activities and enjoy entertainment including live performers. Kiddie countdown with a hot chocolate toast at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Regular prices apply for chalet menu items, tube and lift tickets.

#### Winter Break Camp

A full-day fun camp at the Georgina Ice Palace from Jan. 2 to Jan. 6, 2023. It includes sports, games, crafts, skating and more. There is everything you need to keep your child busy over the winter break. Before and after care is available. Learn more information and to register at <u>georgina.ca/camps</u>.

#### Last chance to save - fall sale ends Dec. 6 for 2022/23 ROC season pass

Be sure to take advantage of this last opportunity to save. Tube, ski and snowboard all season long. Check out the benefits that come with the ROC season pass. Visit <u>georginaroc.ca</u> to learn more.

## Ready for a ROC'n winter season

The ROC is excited to welcome everyone back for the 2022/23 winter season with a target opening date of Dec. 17 (weather dependent). Complete with a carpet lift and snowmaking capabilities, this four-lane snow tube hill offers thrills for all ages for a low price of \$25 for two hours. Test your skiing or snowboarding skills on the ramps, rails, bumps and jumps in the terrain park or sign up for a lesson in the snow school. Visit <u>georginaroc.ca</u> to learn more.

#### Pefferlaw Ice Pad

Get ready to lace up the skates. The Pefferlaw Ice Pad is tentatively scheduled to open for the season on Dec. 19 (weather dependent). This open-air outdoor skating facility has hockey boards and a roof. This is an unsupervised ice pad – use at own risk. Visit <u>georgina.ca/skating</u> for the skating schedule once opened for the season.

Visit georgina.ca/events for more information on these and other Georgina events and activities.

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