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Happy Holidays!
December, 2010



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See and Do

Beauty and the Beast

This year's annual Christmas show performed by Theatre Burlington is *Beauty and the Beast* by Vic Hyde. The show runs from November 26th- 28th and again December 2nd - 4th with matinee and evening performances. For show times and tickets for this great family event [click here](#).

Waterfront First Skate



On December 4th the beautiful Waterfront at Downtown Burlington will be celebrating the Rotary Centennial Pond - Discovery Landing first skate. Bring your skates and leave your mark on the Rotary Centennial Pond. Come and see live performances and demonstrations from local skating clubs. For more information [visit](#) or call 905-335-7766. Please note this event is weather permitting.

Homestead Christmas

Come to Burlington for a [Homestead Christmas](#) with your family. Your experience will include traditional Christmas crafts, tours of the elegantly decorated Spruce Lane Farmhouse and seasonal stories and songs in the parlour. Learn about the holiday traditions of the Victorian era! Families will slip into Victorian costumes for their private visit with Santa and Mrs Claus. Victorian portraits will be captured during your visit with Santa will be yours to take home on a souvenir USB stick. Light refreshments will be served from the newly re-furnished wood-burning cook stove. Homestead Christmas activities are offered Saturdays and Sundays in December, plus December 20-23rd from 10am -3pm. Call 905-827-6911 ext. 228 to make your reservation for this wonderful event that will create memories that will last a life time!

Santa Claus is coming to Burlington

The City of Burlington and local Rotary Clubs are hosting the annual Christmas Parade on Sunday December 5th, 2010 - 2 p.m. It features 65 entries including bands, colourful floats, clowns, mascots and Santa Claus. The Burlington Teen Tour Band Boosters will be collecting non-perishable food items to support local food banks. Children are encouraged to bring their letters for Santa for collection during the parade by Canada Post letter carriers. Festive fun for all ages! For more information visit the City's [website](#).



Downtown Burlington Celebrates!

Come to [downtown Burlington](#) this month and enjoy two festive events put on by the Downtown Business Association. Meet at City Hall on Friday December 3rd at 7pm, purchase a candle in support of United Way of Burlington, then stroll through downtown Burlington and stop outside stores to watch local musical performances. Stop at Village Square for a tree lighting ceremony and then return to City Hall for holiday treats. [Holidays at the Hall](#) will happen on Saturday December 11th, and is a great event for families. There will be children's arts and crafts, games, activities, horse drawn carriage rides and holiday treats! Both events are free.

Holiday Lights at Spencer Smith Park



Enjoy a wonderful display of holiday lights while walking along the lakeside promenade at Spencer Smith Park. This is Burlington's unofficial "welcome to winter" event! On Sunday December 5th, at approximately 5:00 p.m. the event will begin at Spencer Smith Park. Visitors can expect the traditional procession of the Burlington Teen Tour Band, lighting of the CHML Tree of Hope, greetings from our Mayor, Honourary Co-Chair, and a visit by Santa. This is a free community festival for visitors and residents of all ages. For more information please visit the [website](#) or call 905-333-9868.

Ring in 2011 in Burlington!

There are lots of fun events in Burlington this New Year's Eve. [Central Park](#) will be having festivities from 7-10pm, with fireworks lighting up the sky at 10pm. Bronte Creek will be hosting Howl'n Hikes to ring in the New Year on December 31st! The Park Naturalist will be leading evening hikes where visitors will learn to howl like coyotes and then gather round the bonfire for the Countdown for Kids! The rink will offer extended hours on New Year's Eve, 9:30am - 12:30am. (weather permitting). [Click here](#) for more information. New Year's Day celebrations [January 1st](#) at Tansley Woods Community Centre from 12-4pm. For more information call 905 335 7600 ext. 7201.

TourBurl Girl Explores!

Subscribe to [Discover Burlington Ontario](#) to follow TourBurl Girl's latest adventures through our city! Recent blogs have included; Doorways to the Holidays, Busy Art Centre and lots more. We also have blogs from our Guest blogger; [Barbara Ramsay Orr](#) a freelance journalist, author of the Frommer's Guide to the Niagara Region, third edition (2010), Day Trips From Toronto for Globe Pequot and a lifetime resident of Ontario .

Dining

New restaurants

Burlington is home to a wide range of unique restaurants and we've just added some new ones to the list! Come try them out; [Earl's](#), a west coast chain and [Turtle Jack's](#) a Muskoka Grill, both are located at Mapleview Mall. Brant street also has a new addition; [The Alex](#), a small plate fine dining restaurant. Burlington has something for every taste bud!

Restaurant Holiday Hours

Want to eat out during the Holidays? Call us for restaurant hours - 905-634-5594.

Mark your calendars!

Plan to visit Burlington this coming February 21st - March 13th for Burlington's bi-annual [Taste of Burlington](#) presented by Wine Country Ontario. A Taste of Burlington allows diners to experience the eclectic styles and flavors of the world, as many of Burlington's finest restaurants offer prix-fixe lunch and dinner options. This programme diners will be able to fill out a ballot for a chance to win a trip for two to Myrtle Beach for 6 nights/7 days (includes airfare and accommodations) compliments of the [Myrtle Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau](#).

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Shopping

One of a Kind Shopping Event

Looking for unique and handmade gifts this holiday season? Visit the 2nd Annual Artist Showcase December 3rd - 4th at the Royal Botanical Gardens. The event features many local artists with a large selection of merchandise to choose from. Artists are on hand to show you how their artwork is crafted and answer your questions. For admission costs and times visit their [website](#).

Something for Everyone

Burlington has great shopping, whether you enjoy small unique boutiques; the Downtown core has many, large malls (we've got two) or big box stores such as [IKEA](#) and [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#), we are sure Burlington has what you are looking for! Some new stores have arrived at [Mapleview Mall](#); Hot Topic and Teapopia just to name a few. Shop and visit Santa this holiday season at [Burlington Mall](#) and [Mapleview Mall](#), visit their website for times. Our [Visitor Centre](#) has Burlington merchandise for those that want to bring home a "token" from their visit to Burlington.

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Where to Stay



Burlington Hotel Deals makes it easy to enjoy a weekend in Burlington this holiday season, with great hotel deals being offered at local Burlington Hotel Association properties. One and two night packages now available at \$20 off regular room rate. ADDED BONUS - Package includes your choice of one \$20 Gift Card for IKEA, Mapleview or Burlington Mall. Visit the [website](#) for details. The REST is EASY!

Burlington Bed & Breakfasts - Looking for a home away from home? Burlington has nine Bed and Breakfasts who are happy to be your host. Visit our [website](#) to download our 2010 Bed & Breakfast brochure or contact us to have it mailed to you.

What's Happening

December

- 1 - 19 [Doorways to the Holidays](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 1 - 19 [Burlington Fine Arts Juried Exhibition](#), Burlington Art Centre, BAC Regular Hours
- 1 - 31 [Makers' Choice 4 Exhibition](#), Burlington Art Centre, BAC Regular Hours
- 1 - 31 [Christmas Display](#), 8565 Guelph Line, 5:00pm - 10:00pm
- 2 - 4 ["Beauty and the Beast"](#), Theatre Burlington Drama Centre, Thurs 7:00pm, Fri 7:30pm, Sat. 11am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm
- 3 [Candlelit Stroll](#), City Hall, 7:00pm
- 4 [Burlington Student Theatre Performance](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 12:00pm - 2:00pm
- 4 [Christmas on the Rails](#), Streetcar Museum, 8:00pm
- 4 [Rotary Centennial Pond First Skate](#), Discovery Landing, 1pm
- 4 - 5 [Homestead Christmas](#), Bronte Creek Provincial Park, 10:00am - 8:00pm
- 4 - 5 [Season of First Frost](#), Crawford Lake, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 4 - 5 [Santa and his Reindeer](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 4 - 31 [Chenfu Lin: Fused Aesthetic Exhibition](#), Burlington Art Centre, BAC Regular Hours
- 4 - 31 [Paperworks: Evelyn Kelch & Erika Reisenberger Exhibition](#), Burlington Art Centre, BAC Regular Hours
- 5 - 31 [Lakeside Festival of Lights](#), Spencer Smith Park, 5:00pm
- 5 [Santa's Cabin](#), Ireland House at Oakridge, 1:00pm - 4:30pm
- 5 ["Wonderful Songs of Christmas"](#), Port Nelson United Church, 3:00pm
- 5 [Captain Corbin's Magic Pirate Winter Show](#), Royal Botanical Gardens 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- 5 [Santa Claus Parade](#), Burlington Mall to City Hall, 2pm
- 7 [Coriolanus](#), Burlington Student Theatre, 8pm
- 9 [Candlelight Tours of Yesteryear](#), Ireland House at Oakridge, 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- 10 - 12 ["Christmas Memories"](#), Drury Lane Theatre, 8:00pm, 2:00pm
- 11 [Christmas on the Rails](#), Streetcar Museum, 8:00pm
- 11 [Santa Claus Jingle Bell Run](#), Downtown Burlington, 9:00am
- 11 [Captain Corbin's Magic Pirate Winter Show](#), Royal Botanical Gardens 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- 11 [3rd Annual Gingerbread Village](#), Village Square, 4:00pm - 8:00pm
- 11 [Candlelight Tours of Yesteryear](#), Ireland House at Oakridge, 5:00pm - 10:00pm
- 11 [Holidays at the Hall](#), City Hall, 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- 11 - 12 [Homestead Christmas](#), Bronte Creek Provincial Park, 10:00am - 8:00pm
- 11 - 12 [Season of First Frost](#), Crawford Lake, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 11 - 12 [Santa and his Reindeer](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 12 [Breakfast with Santa](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 10:00am - 2:00pm
- 12 [Santa's Cabin](#), Ireland House at Oakridge, 1:00pm - 4:30pm
- 12 [Jazz at the Museum](#), Halton Region Museum, 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 12 [Olde Fashioned Christmas](#), Village Square, 11:00am - 4:00pm
- 17 [Sounds of Christmas VIII](#), St. Christopher's Anglican Church, 8:00pm
- 18 - 19 [Season of First Frost](#), Crawford Lake, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 18 - 19 [Captain Corbin's Magic Pirate Winter Show](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 12:00pm
- 18 - 19 [Santa and his Reindeer](#), Royal Botanical Gardens, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 18 - 23 [Homestead Christmas](#), Bronte Creek Provincial Park, 10:00am - 8:00pm
- 19 [Santa's Cabin](#), Ireland House at Oakridge, 1:00pm - 4:30pm
- 20 [Paletta Mansion Open House](#), Paletta Lakefront Park, 11am-2pm
- 20 Christmas cabaret night, Burlington Student Theatre, 7pm
- 27-30 [42nd Burlington Golden Horseshoe AAA Hockey Tournament](#), throughout Burlington
- 31 [New Year's Eve Hoopla](#), Mountsberg Conservation Area, 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- 31 [Family New Year's Eve](#), Central Park, 7:00pm - 12:00am
- 31 [New Year's Eve Family Skate](#), Bronte Creek Provincial Park, 9:30am - 12:30am
- 31 [New Year's Eve Events](#), Bronte Creek Provincial Park, 9:30 - 12:30am

January

- 1 [New Years' Day Free Family Party](#), Tansley Woods, 12:00pm - 4:00pm
- 1 - 3 [Season of First Frost](#), Crawford Lake, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 1 - 10 [Lakeside Festival of Lights](#), Spencer Smith Park, 5:00pm
- 2 - February 8 [Family Winter Carnival](#), Various Locations in Burlington
- 8 - 9 [Season of the Snowsnake](#), Crawford Lake, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- 14 -February 27 [Glass Under Glass Exhibit](#), RBG, 10:00am - 5:00pm
- 23 [Robbie Burns Run](#), Burlington Central High School, 9:00am

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Visit the Burlington Events Calendar for event information for visitors and residents at



<http://www.burlington.ca/>.

Looking for activities to do with family and friends over the holidays? Visit [The Heart of Ontario](#) for great holiday events and packages. For other Burlington discounts [click here](#).

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Visitor Services

The Visitor Information Centre is open daily from 9a.m. until 4p.m. including weekends to answer your inquiries, refer visitors, accept advertising and promote tourism partnerships. [Contact us](#) today! Visit our [website](#) for Holiday Hours.

If you have recently visited Burlington tell us about your visit. By completing this [survey](#) you will be entered into a draw for the chance to WIN a Burlington Prize Package Valued at \$50!

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