

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Statutory Public Meeting and Recommendation Report - 1881 Fairview Street

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 2 9:30 am

Address: virtual meeting held in hybrid

A.J. Clarke and Associates Ltd. has made an application on behalf of Amalie Holdings Limited to amend the Zoning By-law for the property located at 1881 Fairview Street. The application proposes to amend the Zoning Bylaw by removing supermarkets and grocery stores from the list of prohibited uses under site exception 405.

Application materials are posted on the City's Development Project webpage at www.burlington.ca/1881fairview

This meeting will be held at Burlington City Hall.

Speaking at the Public Meeting as a Delegation:

To speak at the Statutory Public Meeting, there are two options:

1. Pre-register to speak by noon the **Friday** before the meeting is to be held. You can pre-register in one of the following ways:
 - a. complete the online delegation request form at www.burlington.ca/delegation;
 - b. submit a written request by email to the Office of the City Clerk at clerks@burlington.ca, or
 - c. phone 905-335-7600, ext. 7481.
2. Register during the Statutory Public Meeting.
 - a. If you are attending the meeting virtually, you can register to speak by emailing clerks@burlington.ca, as noted in the ticker tape that will be scrolling along the bottom of the live stream webcast of the meeting with registration information.
 - b. If you are attending the meeting in person, you can register to speak during the meeting by following instructions provided at the meeting.

Speakers are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes each and are webcasted online. If you have presentation materials, they must be submitted to Legislative Services at clerks@burlington.ca no later than noon, the **Friday** before the meeting to allow for their distribution and review by all members of the Committee. Please note the content of all submissions is considered public and will be posted to the City's website.

To Watch the Public Meeting Online:

Visit the City's website at www.burlington.ca/calendar by searching for the meeting date for the Committee of the Whole and clicking the 'Watch Video' link.

Special Exhibition | Iron Willed: Women in STEM

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 2 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 1240 North Shore Blvd. E

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Official Plan Amendment for Employment Area Open House

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 2 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 1201 Appleby Line

Date: Tuesday, December 02, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Appleby Ice Centre, Community Room 1

Dallas Smith

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 2 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

Big Loud artist Dallas Smith has a track record of noteworthy success — from front man of platinum-selling rock band Default to 3x consecutive CCMA *Entertainer of the Year*, and now his U.S. debut. Across his storied career, the bona fide hitmaker has amassed 13 No. 1 singles at Country Radio, 18 gold-certified singles, seven platinum-certified singles, and four gold-certified albums, with more than 520 million global streams and over two million album equivalents to date.

A multiple JUNO and CCMA Award winner, Smith released his self-titled album, *Dallas Smith*, in October of 2023, via Big Loud Records, marking the first full-length release with the label. With writing credits from country music superstars HARDY, Cole Swindell, ERNEST, Gorley, and GRAMMY-winning songwriter Hillary Lindsey, the 12-song project is produced by acclaimed producer and frequent collaborator Joey Moi (Morgan Wallen, HARDY). Smith recently celebrated his 13th No. 1 single with the album’s lead single “Fixer Upper” and will headline numerous festival dates this summer including Country Thunder Saskatchewan and Country Thunder Calgary.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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Full Moon Ceremony

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 3 5:00 pm

Address: Sweetgrass Park - 565 Woodview Rd, Burlington, ON L7N 2Z9

Indigenous full moon ceremonies are sacred gatherings honouring Grandmother Moon and are led by women. Based on the lunar calendar, they provide a time for the community to reconnect with themselves and strengthen their ties to others and the natural world through healing and renewal. The ceremony occurs at or near sunset, with a reflection on the past month, and setting intentions for the next cycle.

If you are attending a full moon ceremony, please bring water and a chair as seating is limited. Men and women are invited to join, women attending are asked to wear a skirt.

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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Friday, December 5, 2025

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Ward 6 Drop-in Session

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Address: 2010 Appleby Line (Starbucks inside Metro grocery store)

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A Night at Ireland House

Date and Time: Friday, December 5 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 2168 Guelph Line

Eat, drink and be merry! Step back in time and celebrate the holidays during “A Night At Ireland House.” Guests will spend the evening sampling traditional Victorian foods served from the hearth and woodstove while touring the historic house. There will also be the opportunity to sip local wine and craft beer along the way while listening to carolers and roasting chestnuts on an open fire.

There are two time slots available to book, 6pm & 7:30pm. Tickets are \$57/person (\$54/members) and must be purchased in advance, tax is included in the price. Please dress for the weather as a portion of your experience will take place outdoors. Ticket includes wine and beer sampling, food sampling, and historic home tour. This is a 19+ event.

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Leahy: Celtic Roots & Christmas Cheer

Date and Time: Friday, December 5 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

Looking for a lively and festive performance to kick off the holidays? Look no further than *Celtic Roots and Christmas Cheer*, a moving concert featuring the award-winning Canadian musical group, Leahy. With deep roots in Canadian folk and Celtic music culture, Leahy will enthrall you with their infectious energy, impressive musicianship, and dynamic performance.

Lose yourself in a captivating mix of original Leahy songs and tunes, along with traditional Canadian, Irish, Scottish and French-Canadian music. Be mesmerized with their spectacular French-Canadian step-dancing and, in keeping with the season, be gladdened with classic Christmas songs and carols, all infused with Leahy's signature contemporary style.

Saturday, December 6, 2025

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The Play It Forward Event - Community Toy & Book Swap

Date and Time: Saturday, December 6 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: The Hub in Burlington Centre 777 Guelph Line, Burlington ON

Welcome to **The Play It Forward Event- Community Toy & Book Swap!**

Join us at **The Hub at Burlington Centre** for a fun-filled day of swapping toys and books with your community. Bring your gently used toys and books to trade with others. It's a great way to declutter and find new treasures for free!

Let's promote sustainability and sharing while having a blast. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to give back and play it forward.

See you there!

Angela Coughlan Monthly Community Events

Date and Time: Saturday, December 6 2:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Address: 2425 Upper Middle Rd, Burlington

Monthly Community Events at Angela Coughlan Pool

(Regular Admission Rates Apply)

Each month, we're turning up the fun with themed activities for all ages! Whether you're crafting, playing games, or dreaming of becoming a lifeguard, there's something for everyone. Come swim, learn, and laugh with us! All activities are listed below!

November 23rd : Fall Leaf Mural & Fun Swim

Let's turn our pool into a cozy autumn scene! Help us build a paper leaf mural on the walls — bring your imagination and creativity. After crafting, enjoy a splash in our fun swim!

December 6th : Ice Safety Games

Winter is coming — are you ready? Join us for interactive ice safety games and activities. Learn how to stay safe around frozen water and what to do in an emergency. It's cool and educational!

January 10th : Winter Hat & Snowflake Crafts

Let's transform Angela Coughlan into a winter wonderland! Create snowflake art and cozy hat crafts to decorate our space. It's a blizzard of creativity! After crafting, enjoy a splash in our fun swim!

February 14th : Learn How to Become a Lifeguard

Ever wondered what it takes to be a lifeguard? Come learn the steps to join the team, how to volunteer in aquatic, and play lifeguard-themed games. Your journey starts here!

April 19th : Duck Scavenger Hunt & Craft

Quack your way through a duck-themed scavenger hunt! Then, get crafty and colour your own duck to take home. Don't forget to join the fun swim while you're here!

May 16th: Swim Assessments

Planning to take swim lessons this summer? Come get assessed to find your perfect level! We'll help you get ready for registration and answer all your questions. After your assessment, enjoy a splash in our fun swim!

June 7th : Boating Safety and Learn about our Weekly Summer Events

Heading to the cottage? During our fun swim lifeguards will teach you the essential boating safety tips and how to use lifejackets properly. Play games, win prizes, and take home life-saving knowledge for summer fun!

Jay Davis Feeling Bublé Christmas

Date and Time: Saturday, December 6 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

Move over, Elvis—the holiday throne has a new occupant. Michael Bublé’s 2011 album *Christmas* has become a modern classic, selling over 16 million copies worldwide and amassing more than 4 billion streams. In the U.K. alone, it has sold over 3 million copies, making it the biggest-selling Christmas album of the 21st century.

This December, experience the magic live with *Michael Bublé: The New King of Christmas*, a tribute show celebrating the smooth vocals and timeless charm that have redefined holiday music. From “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas” to “White Christmas,” the performance captures the spirit of Bublé’s beloved album.

Critics have hailed Bublé’s *Christmas* as a holiday staple, with *Billboard* noting its enduring popularity and chart-topping success. The album’s blend of classic tunes and Bublé’s signature style has resonated with audiences worldwide, solidifying his status as the new face of Christmas music.

Join us for an evening that honors the legacy of holiday music while embracing the fresh energy Bublé brings to the season. It’s a festive celebration that even the King would applaud.

Sunday, December 7, 2025

The Play It Forward Event - Community Toy & Book Swap

Date and Time: Sunday, December 7 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Heritage Workshop: Tea Blending & Christmas Tour

Date and Time: Sunday, December 7 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 2168 Guelph Line, Burlington

Create personalized Christmas gifts and enjoy a holiday-themed tour of Ireland House Museum! Join Certified Tea Sommelier and founder of The Monarch Tea Co., Katie Cyr, as you learn about the art, history and culture of tea blending as well as tips and tricks for creating your perfect brew. Guests will enjoy a comforting cup of tea

as they learn about the different uses of popular herbs and spices. Participants will be able to create three 20g custom loose-leaf tea blends, receive their own tea wheel, and food grade Kraft bags to store their new blends in. Participants will also have the opportunity to take a holiday-themed tour of Ireland House Museum after the 1.5 hour workshop (3:00pm). Light refreshments included. This workshop is suitable for ages 16+.

Santa Claus Parade

Date and Time: Sunday, December 7 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: To be confirmed

Parade Route:

Santa Claus is coming to town! Due to road construction happening along the existing parade route, the City of Burlington must change the route for 2025. This also presents an opportunity to make the route shorter, which is something many residents have requested.

- The road closure will be roughly 3 kms in length with the parade route starting at the Central Hub (Teen Tour Way).
- The marshalling area will extend to Guelph Line on New Street
- The parade will end on Brant Street at Blairholm Avenue, with the dismantling zone moving onto private property
- The road closure ending at Ghent Avenue.

Donations

Support your community and bring a non-perishable food donation to the Parade. The Burlington Teen Tour Boosters will be collecting in support of the Burlington Food Bank.

Representatives of the Burlington Oldtimers Hockey Club will also be collecting donations in support of the parade on behalf of the parade organizing committee (collection through cash only).

Letters to Santa

Bring your letters for Santa, which will be collected by letter carriers from Canada Post along the parade route.

Event Sponsors

Thanks to the generous support of our 2025 Parade Sponsors:

- Stay tuned!

The generous support of our sponsors makes it possible for us to offer great free events

Christmas with The Ennis Sisters

Date and Time: Sunday, December 7 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

For over 25 years, Maureen, Karen and Teresa have been captivating audiences with their highly woven sibling harmonies and endearing humour. With a mix of original songs, holiday classics, humorous recitations and a little Irish step-dancing, *Christmas with The Ennis Sisters* is sure to ignite your holiday spirit. Don't miss the chance to delight in a tradition cherished by so many!

Monday, December 8, 2025

Ward 6 Drop-in Session

Date and Time: Monday, December 8 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Address: 3500 Dundas Street, Unit 5 (Tim Hortons - Walkers and Dundas, in Longo's plaza)

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Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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Coyote Etiquette and Petiquette pop-ups at Central Library

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 10 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 2331 New Street Burlington Public Library- Central Branch

Every other week, Animal Services hosts a Coyote Etiquette and Petiquette Pop-Up table at Central Library. Stop by our pop-up table to ask questions and learn more about a variety of topics, including:

- How to haze coyotes and coyote-proof your property
- How to report off-leash dogs
- Bylaws related to stoop-and-scoop
- Leash-free areas around the city, and more!

Heather Bambrick and Broadway

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 10 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

Join Canada's leading ladies of theatre, jazz, and cabaret as they celebrate the season with a fabulous evening of holiday classics and lesser-known seasonal gems, all put together in original arrangements with tons of musicality and humour! It's *The Most Wonderful Time ... Maybe!!*

The show features songs from Broadway's recording of the same name ("... a musical version of the best office Christmas party ever!" ~ Mark Rheume, CBC Radio) as well as several crowd favourites. Whether performing as a trio or alongside some of Canada's finest jazz and theatre musicians, this show consistently brings audiences to their feet!

Thursday, December 11, 2025

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Ireland House After Dark | Victorian Christmas Tours

Date and Time: Friday, December 12 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 2168 Guelph Line

Visit Ireland House after dark to learn about Victorian Christmas traditions. This guided tour experience will take you through Ireland House, decorated for the season, as you hear about how the Ireland family would have prepared for, and celebrated Christmas, and discover the origins of traditions that have lasted to present day. Tickets include light refreshments.

November 14, 28 and December 12

Saturday, December 13, 2025

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Wonder Lab STEAM Workshop

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Joseph Brant Museum, in partnership with STEAMULATION Lab, is excited to bring you the Wonder Lab series—three fun-filled workshops packed with exotic, hands-on experiments. Each session explores a different theme, from explosive chemical reactions to weird liquids and colourful density towers.

You can register for any single workshop or sign up for all three for the full experience. Each session is unique, exciting, and guaranteed to spark curiosity in every young scientist!

Workshops are designed for children between the ages of 5 - 9 years old. The cost is \$30/session. For more information, or to register, visit here: <https://museumsoburlington.ca/education/kids-clubs/>

Chris McKhool: Celebrate!

Date and Time: Saturday, December 13 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

Inspired by travels around the world, Chris celebrates the multicultural mosaic of our country with songs about Bodhi Day (Buddhist), Carnival (Quebec), Chanukah, Chinese New Year, Christmas, Diwali, Eid, Halloween, Kwanzaa (Pan-African), Indigenous Traditions, Ramadan and Winter Solstice. *Celebrate!* is a window into many cultures from around the world and provides young audiences with a glimpse into the different customs, celebrations and festivities enjoyed in Canada. Traditional and original songs by Chris encourage us to share with our neighbours and friends and celebrate together, with kids joining Chris on stage to play rare percussion instruments from around the world.

Spectacular special guest artists include Ernie and Maryem Tollar, Alberto Suarez, Aviva Chernick, Shannon Thunderbird, Donne Roberts, Rebecca Campbell, Chris' musical friends from Sultans of String, and more!

Tansley Woods Pool Monthly Community Events

Date and Time: Saturday, December 13 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 1996 Itabashi Way, Burlington

Monthly Community Events at Tansley Woods Pool

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Each month, we're turning up the fun with themed activities for all ages during our fun swims! Whether you're

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A Very Charlie Brown Concert

Date and Time: Saturday, December 13 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

A treasured soundtrack of the holidays.

Celebrate the season with Vince Guaraldi's beloved soundtrack of the 1965 Emmy Award-winning film, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. This heartwarming performance features music from the album performed by Adam Bowman on drums, Duncan Wilson on piano, and Tyler Wagler on bass. The trio is accompanied by Burlington's own Enchorus Children's Choir.

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Culinary Kids Club

Date and Time: Sunday, December 14 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 2168 Guelph Line

Culinary Kids Club is a once monthly drop-off program at Ireland House Museum on Sunday afternoons between 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Culinary Kids Club is designed for children between the ages of 8 – 12 years old. The cost is \$30/child for each session (includes tax).

Portable containers with sealable lids are recommended for kids to bring home their culinary creations.

Pre-registration is required, and space limited. See you in the kitchen! Learn more, or register here: <https://museumsofburlington.ca/education/kids-clubs/>

Sounds of Christmas LIVE! -- A Burlington Concert Band Holiday Tradition

Date and Time: Sunday, December 14 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Holiday Inn Burlington, 3063 South Service Rd.

Winter is in the air, which can only mean that the Burlington Concert Band's annual Christmas concert is almost here.

The Sounds of Christmas LIVE!

*featuring a special performance
of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas*

***Sunday, Dec. 14
at 2 p.m.***

Holiday Inn Burlington, 3063 South Service Rd.

*Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online or at the door (but only if we don't sell out beforehand).
Proceeds from the performance will go to support the Burlington Food Bank.*

Thursday, December 18, 2025

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The Foster Festival: A Niagara Christmas Carol

Date and Time: Thursday, December 18 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

A newly adapted Canadian version of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Jamie Williams, in partnership with the St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre. In commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Welland Canal Company and the construction of the Canal itself, The Foster Festival has taken Dickens' beloved holiday ghost story and set it in 19th century St. Catharines at the time of the Canal's second build. This world premiere of *A Niagara Christmas Carol* is a uniquely Canadian take on the traditional story of Ebenezer Scrooge's redemption.

The story framed by William Hamilton Merritt brings in the historic personages of Catharine Merritt, James McGill, John Beverley Robinson, Captain John McCarthy, and William C. Chace and the parts they play in Scrooge's redemption. This Canadian adaptation pays homage to Dickens' wonderful social commentary and how it applies to our local history.

Friday, December 19, 2025

The Foster Festival: A Niagara Christmas Carol

Date and Time: Friday, December 19 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 440 Locust Street

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Sultans of String: Christmas Caravan

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As winter crests and the mercury falls, everyone from your taxi driver to the music supervisor at the mall starts running timeless hits like “Jingle Bells” and “Silent Night.” But for their *Christmas Caravan* show and album (which hit *Billboard’s* World Music Charts and The New York Times Hits List), Canada’s global groove wizard s Sultans of String celebrate the holiday spirit with an adventurous musical trip around the world, featuring exuberant originals, world-music inspired classics, and seasonal favourites to warm your heart on a cold winter’s night.

From fiery fiddle tunes to a Caribbean sleigh ride, this surprising and delightful holiday fiesta heats up when Sultans of String bring their signature sound to well known gems such as “Little Drummer Boy,” “Jesu,” “Joy of Man’s Desiring,” a Turkish twist on “Greensleeves,” “Silent Night,” as well as a django-jazz inspired “Django Christmas,” and a Rumba-Flamenca fuelled “Jingle Bells.”

Christmas Caravan is also a special awareness and fundraising bash for the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). As UNHCR fundraising partners, the band has raised over \$11,000.

“Helping refugees is a cause we care about deeply – with more than 122 million people forcibly displaced worldwide in desperate need of our support. They have every right to live a safe and dignified life as much as we do,” says McKhool.

Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Aldershot Pool Monthly Community Events

Date and Time: Saturday, December 20 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: 50 Fairwood Place W, Burlington

Monthly Community Events at Aldershot Pool

(Regular Admission Rates Apply)

Each month, we’re turning up the fun with themed activities for all ages during our fun swims! Whether you're crafting, playing games, or dreaming of becoming a lifeguard, there’s something for everyone. Come swim, learn, and laugh with us!

December 20th : Ice Safety Games

Winter is coming — are you ready? Join us for interactive ice safety games and activities. Learn how to stay safe around frozen water and what to do in an emergency. It’s cool and educational!

January 17th : Winter Hat & Snowflake Crafts

Let's transform Angela Coughlan into a winter wonderland! Create snowflake art and cozy hat crafts to decorate our space. It's a blizzard of creativity! After crafting, enjoy a splash in our fun swim!

February 21st : Learn How to Become a Lifeguard

Ever wondered what it takes to be a lifeguard? Come learn the steps to join the team, how to volunteer in aquatic activities, and play lifeguard-themed games. Your journey starts here!

April 18th : Duck Scavenger Hunt & Craft

Quack your way through a duck-themed scavenger hunt! Then, get crafty and colour your own duck to take home. Don't forget to join the fun swim while you're here!

May 16th: Swim Assessments

Planning to take swim lessons this summer? Come get assessed to find your perfect level! We'll help you get ready for registration and answer all your questions. After your assessment, enjoy a splash in our fun swim!

June 20th : Boating Safety

Heading to the cottage? During our fun swim lifeguards will teach you the essential boating safety tips and how to use lifejackets properly. Play games, win prizes, and take home life-saving knowledge for summer fun!

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Whitehorse

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This holiday show extraordinaire will feature songs from their celebrated holiday album along with festive classics and other highlights from Whitehorse's genre-spanning, award-winning albums. Whitehorse, the partnership of Melissa McClelland and Luke Doucet, will be joined by their band and special musical guests.

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Tims Hortons Free Skating

Date and Time: Sunday, December 21 1:00 pm

Address: 1400 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington, ON L7S 1B3

The City of Burlington offers free skating during the winter break, thanks to the sponsorship from Tim Hortons.

Drop-in only, no online reservation is needed. Skate is first come, first serve until capacity is reached. There will be no skating on Dec. 24 to 26, 2025.

Visit our [Drop-in Programs page](#) before leaving your home in case of cancellations.

For the complete listing of dates and times, visit burlington.ca/timsfreeskate.

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Monday, December 22, 2025

Winter Break Kids Camp

Date and Time: Monday, December 22 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 1240 North Shore Blvd E

Winter Break Camp at Joseph Brant Museum is for children aged 5-12 years and runs from 9:00am -4:00pm on December 22, 23, 29, 20 and January 2. The cost is \$55 per day (members receive 10% off). Each day is a different themed filled with games, crafts and fun! Space is limited, pre-registration is required. Email museumeducation@burlington.ca with any questions.

December 22

Learn about what life was like during the cold, dark winter months, and how people would have made cheer from the harvest to brighten up the days!

December 23

Learn about 4 different holidays and celebrations which take place through the winter months: Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Yalda, and Las Posadas. We'll play games, make crafts, and celebrate in style.

December 29

Join us for some snow-filled fun! Whether mother nature is cooperating or not, we'll find fun ways to enjoy the winter season, with snowy experiments, art projects, and games.

December 30

We're settling in for a cozy day - wear something cozy and comfy, like pajamas or sweats. We'll build log cabins, enjoy some hot chocolate, and take it easy.

January 2

We're exploring the Arctic today following in the footsteps of famous explorers, learning all about the landscape, flora and fauna, and the dangers that lurk in this snowy wonderland.

<https://events.burlington.ca>