

December Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closest Share Walk-In</u> starting at 11am • <u>Virtual English Basics</u> 8pm-9pm 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conversation Intercambio English/Español</u> 6pm-7:30pm 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Virtual English Conversation Circle</u> 7pm-8pm • <u>Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony</u> - 5pm 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Christmas Party for YMCA Immigrant Services Clients</u> 2pm-5pm
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Christmas in the Park</u> 1pm-6pm 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>English Conversation Circle</u> 7pm-8pm 	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Virtual English Basics</u> 8pm-9pm 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conversation Intercambio English/Español</u> 6pm-7:30pm 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Virtual English Conversation Circle</u> 7pm-8pm 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A Merry Elm West Christmas</u> 6pm-8pm
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hanukkah</u> • <u>ReDeck the Halls Holiday Market</u> - 10am-4pm 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>English Conversation Circle</u> 7pm-8pm 	16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Virtual English Basics</u> 8pm-9pm 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conversation Intercambio English/Español</u> 6pm-7:30pm 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Virtual English Conversation Circle</u> 7pm-8pm 	20
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Winter Solstice</u> 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CANCELLED: English Conversation Circle 	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Christmas Eve</u> • CANCELLED: Virtual English Basics 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Christmas Day</u> • CANCELLED: Conversation Intercambio English/Español 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Boxing Day</u> • CANCELLED: Virtual English Conversation Circle 	27
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YMCA Events:

- **English Conversation Circle In-person** - YMCA Gym - 140 Durham St. - Registration required by emailing newcomer-info@ymcaneo.ca
- **Virtual English Basics** - on Google Meets - Registration required by emailing newcomer-info@ymcaneo.ca
- **Conversation Intercambio English/Español** - Main Public Library - 74 MacKenzie St. - Drop-in, no registration required.
- **Virtual English Conversation Circle** - on Zoom - Registration required by emailing newcomer-info@ymcaneo.ca
- **Christmas Party for YMCA Immigrant Services Clients** - Join us for some holiday fun for the whole family! | Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 2pm-5pm, free for all YMCA Immigrant Services Clients. Registration required by emailing your settlement worker!

Please note that all our English Conversation Circles and English Basics will be paused **from December 22, 2025 to January 5, 2026** for the holidays.

Events in the Community:

- **Closet Share's Walk-In Thrift Store Reopening** - every Wednesday, starting Dec 3, 2025 from 11am-7pm at Closet Share | 162 MacKenzie St. Come on by, browse amazing pieces, and support a great cause while you shop. Every purchase helps us continue providing free clothing across our community.
- **Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony** - Mayor Paul Lefebvre invites the public to take part in the annual Mayor's Tree-Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5 at 5pm in the courtyard of Tom Davies Square (200 Brady St.). Enjoy BeaverTails from a food truck, arts and crafts and complimentary hot chocolate at the lighting. Attendees can take advantage of free GOVA Transit to the event by telling the bus driver you're going to the ceremony when you board.
- **Christmas in the Park** - Enjoy a free photo with Santa at our festive photobooth, write your letter to Santa, get creative at the craft and cookie decorating stations, and cozy up with s'mores by the fire. December 6th & 7th from 1:00 - 6:00pm. Entry through monetary donation to our Accessibility Fund. Free shuttle service available running every 30 mins from the South End Wal-Mart parking lot (in front of Dollarama)
- **A Merry Elm West Christmas** - Time: Saturday, December 13, 2025, 6-8pm. Location: 505 White Ave | Elm West Playground.
- **Hannukah (Chanukah)** - Learn about Hanukkah by clicking on the link [here](#).
- **ReDeck the Halls Holiday Market** - a festive celebration of vintage, upcycled, and low-waste holiday gifting! Enjoy local vendors, a Kids' Craft Corner, and a fun Swap Table for sustainable gift exchanges. Admission is by donation. Sunday, Dec 14 at 10am-4pm at Northern Water Sports Centre (NWSC) | 206 Ramsey Lake Rd.
- **Winter Solstice** - December 21 marks the winter solstice—the shortest day and the longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. For Indigenous people celebrating winter solstice, it is a time to gather with family and community, share stories and celebrate traditional practices that honour the cycles of nature. Read more about it [here](#).
- **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** - Read about Christmas traditions in Canada [here](#).
- **Boxing Day** - is a popular tradition on December 26th, marked by major sales and shopping deals, but also by relaxing, enjoying holiday leftovers, watching sports, and spending time with family. Read more about it [here](#).
- **New Years Eve and New Years Day** - in Canada is a statutory holiday on January 1st, where many businesses, schools, and government offices are closed, so it is wise to plan ahead. Read more about New Years celebrations in Canada [here](#).

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