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# Winter Excitement Guide



2019 / 2020

Edmonton



# This is OUR Winter!



**Are you a snow angel champion?  
Hygge master? Winter newbie?**

**Want to see yourself immortalized?**

Share your [#MyYegWinter](#) stories and hidden talents with us on Twitter [@WinterCityYEG](#) and Instagram [wintercityyeg](#).

We'd love to have a blizzard of stories to share at the end of winter. We might even feature some in a blog – or have you read yours on a podcast! And we're working on getting some swanky WinterCity prizes, too.



**Tell us what [#MyYegWinter](#) means to you.**



**#MyYegWinter** includes skating and meeting up with neighbours at our community league rink. I love being able to walk there and back and enjoy being active through the seasons so close to home.

**Laura Cunningham-Shpeley**

Executive Director, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

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**#MyYegWinter** is a place you need your sunglasses! In my mind, that is the true definition of a great place to live, regardless of the weather and outdoor temperatures. Winter in Edmonton also means hockey! Whether you are skating outdoors in the parks, in your backyard, in an arena cheering on your kids, or catching an Oilers game, Edmontonians love to play and watch hockey.

**Stuart Ballantyne**

Senior VP, Strategic Development, Oilers Entertainment Group

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**#MyYegWinter** is full of sun, a positive attitude, and dressing appropriately. I like to be more active when it is snowing than when it is raining. There are so many activities that can be enjoyed in winter – skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, just to name a few.

**John Brian Lucas, AKA 'Grampa Outdoors'**

Youthful 84-year-old and lover of all seasons outdoors



For stories, events and inspiring ideas visit [wintercityedmonton.ca](http://wintercityedmonton.ca)

For more information on the WinterCity Strategy visit [edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy](http://edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy)



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# iWalk 2018 International Walk to School Week

Oct 7 - 11, 2019

City-wide, [shapeab.com](http://shapeab.com)



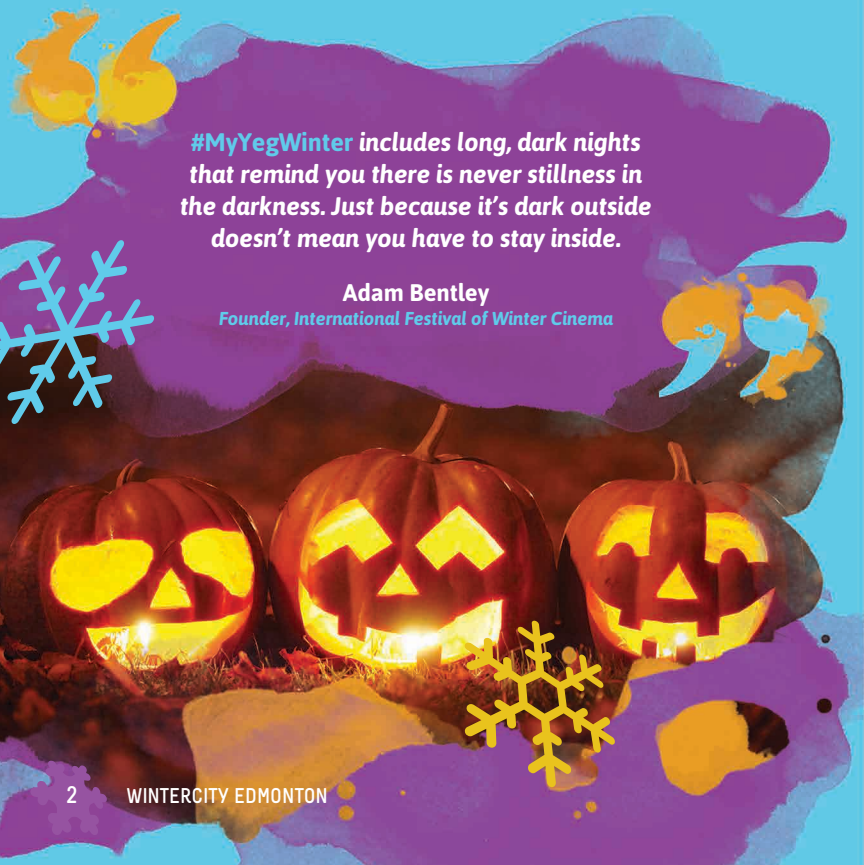
Join millions of walkers around the world and walk to school during this week! iWalk is part of the Active & Safe Routes to School Program. Register online. [#iwalk2019](https://twitter.com/iwalk2019)

## DARK

Oct 10 - 12, 17 - 19, 24 - 26 & 30 - Nov 1, 2019

Fort Edmonton Park, [thedark.ca](http://thedark.ca)

DARK returns to Fort Edmonton Park to terrorize mortals once again. You can never be sure what's hiding in the darkness of Edmonton's River Valley. Rated 14A. Tickets required. [#darkyeg](https://twitter.com/darkyeg)



**#MyYegWinter** includes long, dark nights that remind you there is never stillness in the darkness. Just because it's dark outside doesn't mean you have to stay inside.

Adam Bentley

Founder, International Festival of Winter Cinema

# Dog Day at the Garden

**Sunday, Oct 13, 2019 / 10am - 5pm**

**University of Alberta Botanic Garden, [botanicgarden.ualberta.ca](http://botanicgarden.ualberta.ca)**

The one and only day that four-legged friends can visit the Garden with their people. Doggy games, walks, treats and more! Registration not required. [#UABG](#)



# First on the Ice Rink Contest

**Oct 15 - Nov 30, 2019**

**Edmonton Community Leagues Outdoor Rinks, [efcl.org](http://efcl.org)**

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# Studding Tires for Winter Cycling Workshop

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**Bike Edmonton South Community Workshop (8001 102 St NW), [apps.bikeedmonton.ca](http://apps.bikeedmonton.ca)**

In this hands-on session, you'll make a studded tire for winter cycling. Learn how to put sheet metal screws into your tire! Registration required. [#yegbike](#)



# Headless Halloween

**Saturday, Oct 26, 2019 / 7pm**

**The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse, [thecarrot.ca](http://thecarrot.ca)**

Trick or treat?! Prizes for best costume. Join us for fire pits, marshmallows, music, games, and more spooky fun!



# Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show

**Oct 26 - 27, 2019 / Sat 10am - 5pm / Sun 11am - 5pm**

**Edmonton EXPO Centre, [powderfest.com](http://powderfest.com)**

Heaven for skiers and boarders, minus the mountain! Find deals on gear, discover destinations, and talk with industry experts! [#EdmSkiBoardShow](https://twitter.com/EdmSkiBoardShow)

# The Winter Sport Equipment Sale at the Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show

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Find new-to-you equipment at unbeatable prices – everything from skis and snowboards to boots and helmets! [#EdmSkiBoardShow](https://twitter.com/EdmSkiBoardShow)

# Boo! At the Zoo!

**Sunday, Oct 27, 2019 / 11am - 4pm**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [valleyzoo.ca](http://valleyzoo.ca)**

Get Closer, Be Not Afraid! Science experiments, crafts, extinct animal graveyard, Witch's Den – make Boo at the Zoo your Halloween tradition!





**November**

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# Snow Valley Ski SWAP & Sale

**Nov 2 - 3, 2019 / Sat consignment / Sun sale**

*Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*

Sale of new and new-to-you snowboard and ski equipment. Lots of help for those new to the sport. Proceeds to Snow Valley Ski Club and Racing, and Snow Valley Staff Scholarship Fund.



# Downtown Business Association Holiday Light-Up

**Thursday, Nov 14, 2019 / 5 - 6pm**

*Churchill Square, [edmontondowntown.com](http://edmontondowntown.com)*

Join us in celebrating the holiday season by lighting up our beautiful tree. We will have carollers, music, warm drinks and a few surprises.

## Holiday Window Decorating Contest

**Nov 14 - Dec 31, 2019**

*Throughout downtown, [edmontondowntown.com](http://edmontondowntown.com)*

Stroll through downtown and take in the festively decorated shop windows. Vote for your favourite online. Sponsored by the Downtown Business Association.



## Winter Cycling Workshop

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## The Carrot Christmas Arts Bazaar

**Nov 15 - 16, 2019 / Fri 5 - 9pm / Sat 9am - 4pm**

*The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse, [thecarrot.ca](http://thecarrot.ca)*

Be distinctive, buy original, support local. Find unique, original, one-of-a-kind gifts for those hard-to-shop-for loved ones.





## All is Bright on 124

Saturday, Nov 16, 2019 / 4 - 8pm /  
6pm Light Up the Night Ceremony

**Helen Nolan Park (124 St & 108 Ave), [124street.ca/all-is-bright](http://124street.ca/all-is-bright)**

Join us to celebrate the coming of the winter season by lighting up 124 Street with illumination, live entertainment, and fun winter activities. [#AllisBright](https://twitter.com/AllisBright)

## Studding Tires for Winter Cycling Workshop

Friday, Nov 22, 2019 / 6:30 - 9:30pm

**Bike Edmonton North Community Workshop (9305 111 St NW), [apps.bikeedmonton.ca](http://apps.bikeedmonton.ca)**

In this hands-on session, you'll make a studded tire for winter cycling. Learn how to put sheet metal screws into your tire! Registration required. [#yegbike](https://twitter.com/yegbike)



# The Great Sweater Run

**Saturday, Nov 23, 2019**

*Emily Murphy Park, [thegreatsweaterrun.ca/edmonton](http://thegreatsweaterrun.ca/edmonton)*

Dig deep for your Great Sweater: cross-eyed reindeer, elves with pompoms, and tacky Santas. It's not high fashion, but it's perfect for our run! Festive 5 km, Tacky 10 km & Furry 3 km distances.

# Dickens Fest YEG

**Nov 29 - Dec 1 & Dec 6 - 8, 2019**

*In and around Churchill Square and Rice Howard Way, [edmontondowntown.com](http://edmontondowntown.com)*

Step into Dickens' A Christmas Carol! Stroll through the Victorian market. Take part in the Fezziwig Feast and Victorian Tea. Enjoy costumed entertainers and carollers. Join the fun with local businesses and take in the play at the Citadel. [#dickensfestyeg](https://twitter.com/dickensfestyeg)

# Winter Whyte Light Up

**Saturday, Nov 30, 2019 / 4 - 7pm**

*Dr. Wilbert McIntyre Park, [oldstrathcona.ca](http://oldstrathcona.ca)*

Join us in Old Strathcona for a holiday kickoff like no other! We'll be lighting up McIntyre Park and celebrating the season. See you there! [#winterwhytelightup](https://twitter.com/winterwhytelightup)



Photo credit: Brandon Pedersen



## Winterfest at Snow Valley

**Nov 30 - Dec 1, 2019 (weather permitting) / 10am - 2pm**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)**

Usually the first full weekend in operation and we're celebrating! Scavenger hunt, hot chocolate, and other activities in the lodge and on the snow!

### **December**

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# Zoominescence: A Festival of Light

Dec 1, 6 - 8, 13 - 15, 20 - 22 & 26 - 29, 2019 / 5 - 9pm

Edmonton Valley Zoo, [buildingourzoo.com](http://buildingourzoo.com)

Explore our zoo and let us light up your night with an evening of light displays, local artists, hot chocolate, entertainment and more!  
[#buildingourzoo](https://twitter.com/buildingourzoo) [#zoominescence](https://twitter.com/zoominescence)

**Note:** This is a fundraiser for the Valley Zoo Development Society in support of the Edmonton Valley Zoo. Passes are not valid for this event. Tickets start at \$8.50/adult and \$6/child.



# Holiday Window Decorating Contest



Dec 1 - 31, 2019

Throughout downtown, [edmontondowntown.com](http://edmontondowntown.com)

Stroll through downtown and take in the festively decorated shop windows. Vote for your favourite online. Sponsored by the Downtown Business Association.


# Celebrate the Season at the Alberta Legislature



Dec 5 - 23, 2019

Alberta Legislature, [assembly.ab.ca](http://assembly.ab.ca)

Thousands of bright lights provide the backdrop for a holiday stroll or skate in the beautiful Legislature Grounds. Daily musical performances. [#ableg](https://twitter.com/ableg) [#CelebrateTheSeason](https://twitter.com/CelebrateTheSeason)



**#MyYegWinter is full of arts  
and culture! Edmonton's festivals and arts  
organizations have always embraced our winters.  
Through the arts, Edmontonians connect with, share,  
and celebrate our stories of winter; animating even our  
coldest outdoor spaces with energy and community spirit.**

**Sanjay Shahani**

Executive Director, Edmonton Arts Council





# Great French Canadian Winter Patio Party – Opening Night

**Saturday, Dec 6, 2019 / 6 - 11pm**

**Café Bicyclette, [cafebicyclette.ca](http://cafebicyclette.ca)**

Embrace winter at Café Bicyclette's Winter Patio Opening Night Party. Try our new signature winter drink and dance a few jigs and reels! [#cafebicyclette](https://twitter.com/cafebicyclette)



## Winter Cycling Workshop

**Friday, Dec 6, 2019 / 6:30 - 9:30pm**

**Bike Edmonton South Community Workshop (8001 102 St NW), [apps.bikeedmonton.ca](http://apps.bikeedmonton.ca)**

Learn how to stay safe, keep those fingers and toes warm, and maintain your bike! Indoor workshop by experienced riders. Registration required. [#yegbike](https://twitter.com/yegbike)

## Marché de Noël du Quartier Francophone / French Quarter Christmas Market

**Friday, Dec 6, 13 & 20, 2019 / 4 - 9pm**

**La Cité Francophone, [lacitefranco.ca](http://lacitefranco.ca)**

Enjoy a series of magical winter markets with a French twist both indoors and out at La Cité Francophone. Joyeux Noël! [#fqmarket](https://twitter.com/fqmarket)

## Luminaria

**Dec 6 - 8, 2019 / 5 - 10pm**

**University of Alberta Botanic Garden, [luminaria.ualberta.ca](http://luminaria.ualberta.ca)**

Fire light. Star light. Snow light. And you. Thousands of candles, sprites, song, cider, and the Japanese Garden and Aga Khan Garden by night. [#Luminaria](https://twitter.com/Luminaria)



# Santa Shuffle Fun Run & Elf Walk

**Saturday, Dec 7, 2019 / 9am - noon**

*William Hawrelak Park, [santashuffle.ca](http://santashuffle.ca)*

This merry event helps The Salvation Army assist families and individuals during the Christmas season and throughout the year. 5 km Fun Run, 1 km Elf Walk.

# Krampusnacht Edmonton 2019 Lauf



**Saturday, Dec 7, 2019 / 6:30 - 9pm**

*Ritchie Community League Hall, [krampusnachedmonton.com](http://krampusnachedmonton.com)*

Grab your fur, fire and horns, and join us for Krampusnacht Edmonton Guild's 8th annual Lauf! Will you be rewarded by Saint Nikolaus or punished by Krampus? [#krampusnachteyeg](https://twitter.com/krampusnachteyeg)





# YEG Candy Cane Lane

**Dec 12 - 23, 2019**

**148 Street, between 92 & 100 Avenues, [yegcandycanelane.com](http://yegcandycanelane.com)**

A [#yeg](#) tradition for over 50 years! Lights, sleigh rides, fire pits and decorations. Remember a donation for the Food Bank.

## Jingle Jammin' Christmas Carolling

**Friday, Dec 13, 2019 / 6pm chili / 7pm carolling**

**[The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse & Eastwood Community League, \[thecarrot.ca\]\(http://thecarrot.ca\)](#)**

Get into the holiday spirit and join us at either location for chili and carolling. Dress for the weather and bring your own flashlight.

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**[Bike Edmonton South Community Workshop \(8001 102 St NW\), \[apps.bikeedmonton.ca\]\(http://apps.bikeedmonton.ca\)](#)**

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## Edmonton Christmas Bird Count

**Sunday, Dec 15, 2019**

**City-wide, [edmontonchristmasbirdcount.ca](http://edmontonchristmasbirdcount.ca)**

Be part of a [#yeg](#) tradition that started in 1955! This citizen-science project shares data with the National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada.



# Yule Ave: A Merry Christmas

**Dec 20 - 21, 2019**

*Alberta Avenue Community League and Nina Haggerty Centre,*  
[yuleave.com](http://yuleave.com)

Concert, wagon rides, ornament and gingerbread house decorating, and free holiday turkey dinner! Visit The Giving Tree where winter clothing is accepted and given.



# Holiday Camps at Snow Valley

**Dec 23, 2019 - Jan 3, 2020**

*Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*

See website for exact times and schedule for Mites (4 - 5 year-olds), Juniors (6 - 12 year-olds), and multi-day Terrain Park Camp.

# Santa on the Slopes

**Tuesday, Dec 24, 2019**

*Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*

A quick run or two before the sleigh hits the skies, Santa rides Snow Valley! Get a selfie with Santa!



# Friends of Elk Island Society Annual Bird Count

Thursday, Dec 26, 2019

**Elk Island National Park, [elkisland.ca](http://elkisland.ca)**

Join the Friends of Elk Island Society for the annual Boxing Day Bird Count. Visit their website for more information.

## January

# Triple Down Terrain Park Competition Series

January 2020 – watch website for details

**Rabbit Hill Snow Resort, [rabbithill.com](http://rabbithill.com)**

A fun freestyle competition for all ages! Rabbit Hill Snow Resort (Jan), Sunridge Ski Area (Feb) and Snow Valley Ski Club (Mar) host this series to encourage riders to try different parks, each with unique features. Prizes, judges, and a ton of fun! See websites of participating hills for full details.



**January**



## Resolution Run

**Wednesday, Jan 1, 2020**

*William Lutsky YMCA, [runningroom.com](http://runningroom.com)*

Write your New Year's Resolution on your race bib and share with fellow runners. Youth participants receive a Resolution Run medal!

## Holiday Camps at Snow Valley

**Jan 2 - 3, 2020**

*Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*

See website for exact times and schedule for Mites (4 - 5 year-olds), Juniors (6 - 12 year-olds), and multi-day Terrain Park Camp.

## Pump Up The Jam

**Sunday, Jan 5, 2020 / 11am - 3pm**

*Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*

A fun freestyle competition for kids 12 and under. Prizes, judges, and a ton of fun!



## Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival

**Jan 11 - 12, 2020 / Sat noon - 10pm / Sun noon - 6pm**

*Alberta (118) Avenue, between 90 & 95 Streets, [deepfreezefest.ca](http://deepfreezefest.ca)*

Edmonton's first festival of the year! Alberta Ave comes alive with all things winter in Edmonton. Come embrace our northern climate by melding arts, culture, and heritage winter games!

*[#deepfreezefest](https://twitter.com/deepfreezefest)*





## Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes

**Jan 12 - Feb 17, 2020**

*City-wide, [edmonton.ca/winterscapes](http://edmonton.ca/winterscapes)*

Embrace your winter creativity with [#FYIBwinterscapes!](https://twitter.com/FYIBwinterscapes) Brighten your neighbourhood by making a wintry wonderland with lights, plants, snow and ice! [#yegwinter](https://twitter.com/yegwinter) [#fyib](https://twitter.com/fyib)

## FIS World Snow Day

**Sunday, Jan 19, 2020 / 10am - 2pm**

*[Snow Valley Ski Club, snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*

International Ski Federation's 'Bring Children to the Snow' day. We'll have giveaways, hot chocolate, an obstacle course, scavenger hunt and more!





## Birkie Hot Chocolate Sundays

**Sunday, Jan 19, 2020 / 11am - 4pm**

**Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area,  
Waskahegan Staging Area, [canadianbirkie.com](http://canadianbirkie.com)**

Cross-country ski the three Sundays before the Birkie festival. Friends of Blackfoot serve you complimentary hot chocolate (and hot dogs in February)! [#CdnBirkie](https://twitter.com/CdnBirkie) [#xcSki](https://twitter.com/xcSki)

## Greater Windermere Community League Winterfest

**Sunday, Jan 19, 2020 / 1 - 3pm**

**1820 Washburn Drive SW, [gwcl.ca](http://gwcl.ca)**

Join us for family fun activities, sleigh ride, roasting marshmallows, and don't forget to bring your skates.

**Note:** Skate tags required.





# Winterruption YEG

**Jan 23 - 26, 2020**

**Downtown, [winterruptionyeg.com](http://winterruptionyeg.com)**

The first annual Winterruption YEG festival! This multi-venue festival will be filled with indoor and outdoor music and arts. Inclusive, family, adult-only, free and ticketed programming.

## Boardwalk Ice on Whyte

**Jan 23 - 26 & Jan 30 - Feb 2, 2020 /**

**Thu & Fri 2 - 10pm / Sat & Sun 10am - 10pm**

**Old Strathcona, [iceonwhyte.ca](http://iceonwhyte.ca)**

Be amazed by ice carvings created by world-renowned artists at the International Ice Carving Competition. Experience the ice bar and take an ice carving lesson. [#iceonwhyte](https://twitter.com/iceonwhyte)



## South West Ski Fest & Chili Cook Off

**Saturday, Jan 25, 2020 / 11:30am - 3:30pm**

**Royal Gardens Community League, [southwestareacouncil.ca](http://southwestareacouncil.ca)**

Have a go at cross-country skiing. Explore local ski trails. Free equipment for all ages. Helpful tips! SWYEG chili cook-off and hot cocoa. [#SWSkiFest](https://twitter.com/SWSkiFest) [#Ski2LRT](https://twitter.com/Ski2LRT) [#SWAC](https://twitter.com/SWAC) [#SkiLocal](https://twitter.com/SkiLocal) [#ChiliCookOff](https://twitter.com/ChiliCookOff)

## Lunar New Year

**Sunday, Jan 26, 2020 / 11am - 3pm**

**Chinatown, 97 Street & 107 Avenue, [yegchinatown.ca](http://yegchinatown.ca)**

Welcome the Year of the Rat! Come and join the firecrackers parade in Chinatown, and watch cultural performances, as well as lion and dragon dances on the street.



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# Flying Canoë Volant

**Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2020 / 6pm - midnight**

**La Cité Francophone, [flyingcanoevolant.ca](http://flyingcanoevolant.ca)**

Discover your inner voyageur with the Flying Canoë Volant! An interactive cultural celebration of Indigenous, Métis and French history. [#yegcanoe](#)



# YEG Hot Chocolate Fest

**Jan 31 - Feb 16, 2020**

**City-wide, [hotchocolatefest.com](http://hotchocolatefest.com)**

Enjoy hot chocolate treats at various cafés throughout the city with funds raised going to Easter Seals of Northern Alberta. Check website for locations. [#yeghotchocfest](#)

# Toque Tuesday

**Usually the first Tuesday in February –  
watch website for details**

**Downtown LRT stations, [raisingtheroof.org](http://raisingtheroof.org)**

Help Homeward Trust Edmonton and Raising the Roof to keep YEG's homeless youth safe and warm. Buy a toque for \$10 - \$20 from volunteers downtown. [#RTRToque](#)



# Triple Down Terrain Park Competition Series

February 2020 – watch website for details

**Sunridge Ski Area, [sunridgeskiarea.com](http://sunridgeskiarea.com)**

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## Winter Bike to Work Day

Usually the second Friday in February – watch website for details

**City-wide, [edmonton.ca/bikeedmonton](http://edmonton.ca/bikeedmonton), [winterbiketoworkday.org](http://winterbiketoworkday.org)**

Hop on your bike to celebrate winter cycling! Stop for a hot chocolate and treats courtesy of the City of Edmonton on the south end of the High Level Bridge. Check websites for local celebrations, and commit to ride at **[winterbiketoworkday.org](http://winterbiketoworkday.org)**.

**@WinterBike2Work #wbtwd #winterbiketoworkday**



**February**

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# Hypothermic Half Marathon 1

**Sunday, Feb 2, 2020**

*Highlands Golf Club, [hypothermichalf.com](http://hypothermichalf.com)*

Participants will receive a Commemorative Hypothermic Half package from the Running Room, a unique finisher's medal, and complimentary brunch!



# Birkie Hot Chocolate Sundays

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# Winter Walk Day

**Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020**

*Various locations around Edmonton, including Alberta Legislature Grounds & City Hall, [shapeab.com](http://shapeab.com), [@WinterWalkDay](#)*

Celebrate winter with a walk outside! This provincial initiative gets Albertans moving during the winter months. Register on the website to be counted! [#winterwalkday](#) [#shapeab](#) [#YegWalk](#)





## Window Wanderland

Feb 7 - 8, 2020 / 6:30 - 9pm

**Westmount Neighbourhood, [westmountcommunityleague.com](http://westmountcommunityleague.com)**

Residents of Westmount turn their neighbourhood windows into an outdoor gallery. [#lovemywcl](https://twitter.com/lovemywcl) [#windowwanderland](https://twitter.com/windowwanderland)

## Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival

Feb 7 - 9, 2020

**Ukrainian Village, Elk Island National Park, Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, [canadianbirkie.com](http://canadianbirkie.com)**

Ski like Vikings! Enjoy a fun cross-country ski festival for all ages and abilities. Sign up family and friends for 2 km, 4 km, 8 km, 13 km, 31 km or 55 km races today. [#CdnBirkie](https://twitter.com/CdnBirkie) [#xcSki](https://twitter.com/xcSki)

# Silver Skate Festival

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



Feb 7 - 17, 2020

William Hawrelak Park, [silverskatefestival.org](http://silverskatefestival.org)

Our 30th winter extravaganza of free art, culture, recreation and sports programming. Play for the day and stay for a night of magic!  
#yegfests #abart #silverskatefest



## Ice Castles

Feb 7 - 17, 2020

Explore a Narnia-like winter wonderland of ice: icicles, tunnels, slides, frozen waterfalls, nighttime lights, and more! Tickets sell fast – book your time slot early. Visit [icecastles.com](http://icecastles.com) for details and tickets.

## Snowshoe Races

Saturday, Feb 8, 2020

Canada's fastest growing winter sport!  
Races for all ages and abilities. #absport





# Dead Cold Run

Sunday, Feb 9, 2020

5 km [#DeadColdRun](#) offers both a beautiful winter run and solid training for the zombie apocalypse. [#yegfun](#)



# Fat Bike Race and Festival

Sunday, Feb 9, 2020

Brings together fatbikers and neophytes for a good time on the snow and trails along the North Saskatchewan River Valley. Distances for individuals and relay teams!

# Barnebirkie Family Fun Ski

Sunday, Feb 9, 2020 / noon - 2pm

Barnebirkie cross-country ski events for kids and their parents. This is where Birkie dreams begin! Fun fact: Barne means children in Norwegian. Free equipment rentals. See also [canadianbirkie.com](#) for more info. [#CdnBirkie](#) [#xcSki](#)





## International Festival of Winter Cinema

**Feb 13 - 16, 2020**

Bundle up and get cozy at the world's only free outdoor all-winter film festival. Watch local and international films on the big snow screen! Visit [ifwc.ca](http://ifwc.ca) for list of films and showtimes. [#ifwc](https://twitter.com/ifwc) [#ifwc2020](https://twitter.com/ifwc2020) [#snowscreen](https://twitter.com/snowscreen) [#yegfilm](https://twitter.com/yegfilm)

## Kortebaan Skate Races

**Saturday, Feb 15, 2020**

Who is the fastest of them all? Grab your skates, head to Hawrelak and show us your stuff. Discover your best time for a 140 m skate sprint.

## Mammoet Winter Triathlon

**Sunday, Feb 16, 2020**

Three common winter pursuits – running, skating and cross-country skiing – are hosted in 10 km & 25 km formats. A favourite event of weekend warriors.

## Spirits on Ice

**Feb 16 - 18, 2020**

Silver Skates' three-day, all-ages food and drink fest! Chow down on [#yeg](https://twitter.com/yeg) restos' great food and boozy bevies in our heated tent. Warm up while listening to live music. Free entry.

# Other Silver Skate Events to Watch For

Visit [silverskatefestival.org](http://silverskatefestival.org) for details.



## Battle of the Neighbourhoods

Where can you find the best stew, beer and bread in #yeg? Is it Ritchie? Oliver? Old Strathcona? Enjoy samples and vote for your favourite local resto, brewery and bakery. #yegfoodies drool!

## Homesteaders' Log House Dinner

Come enjoy an old fashioned winter dinner created by famous local chefs! Their challenge? To come up with meals from #yeg's 1900s homesteaders. Live entertainment, too!

## Northgate Skate Races

The Silver Skate Festival invites you to skate the 1 km, 5 km, 10 km and/or 1-hour skate races on the 5-hectare lake at Hawrelak Park.





## Family Day Weekend at Snow Valley

**Feb 15 - 17, 2020**

*Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*



Family Fun Race course set up so kids can race Mom or Dad... or both! Plus more fun activities!

## Hypothermic Half Marathon 2

**Sunday, Feb 16, 2020**

*Highlands Golf Club, [hypothermichalf.com](http://hypothermichalf.com)*

Participants will receive a Commemorative Hypothermic Half package from the Running Room, a unique finisher's medal, and complimentary brunch!





## Family Day at Elmwood Community League

**Monday, Feb 17, 2020 / 11am - 3pm**

*Elmwood Community Hall, [elmwoodcommunity.ca](http://elmwoodcommunity.ca)*

Our Family Day event will include horse-drawn sleigh rides, a bonfire and hot dog roast, s'mores, snow painting, and snowman building.

## Family Day at the Alberta Legislature

**Monday, Feb 17, 2020**

*Alberta Legislature, [assembly.ab.ca](http://assembly.ab.ca)*

Outdoor adventure and indoor excitement featuring world-class local performers. Make us your Family Day tradition! [#ableg](https://twitter.com/ableg)



## Family Day at Elk Island National Park

**Monday, Feb 17, 2020**

*Elk Island National Park, [parkscanada.gc.ca/elkisland](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/elkisland)*

Bring the whole family for a day of fun activities in the great outdoors!



## Coldest Night of the Year

**Saturday, Feb 22, 2020**

*Check website for local teams and routes, [cnoy.org](http://cnoy.org)*

Fun, family-friendly walk to raise money for the hungry, homeless and hurting in 80+ communities. Funds raised in Edmonton go to local organizations. [#cnoy20](https://twitter.com/cnoy20)

### **March**

## Triple Down Terrain Park Competition Series

**March 2020 – watch website for details**

*Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)*

A fun freestyle competition for all ages! Rabbit Hill Snow Resort (Jan), Sunridge Ski Area (Feb) and Snow Valley Ski Club (Mar) host this series to encourage riders to try different parks, each with unique features. Prizes, judges, and a ton of fun! See websites of participating hills for full details.



# Family Winter Festival

**Saturday, Mar 7, 2020 / 10am - 3pm**

**Rabbit Hill Snow Resort, [rabbithill.com](http://rabbithill.com)**

Celebrate winter with fun activities for the whole family! Help raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Bake sale, BBQ, silent auction, and more.

## Terasse à sucre / Sugar Shack Patio

**Mar 13 - 14, 20 - 22 & 27 - 28, 2020 / 6 - 9pm**

**Café Bicyclette, [cafebicyclette.ca](http://cafebicyclette.ca)**

Café Bicyclette continues the late winter fun with its Sugar Shack experience on the patio! A five-course, maple-infused gastronomic experience awaits you. [#cafebicyclette](https://twitter.com/cafebicyclette)



## One-Day Spring Break Camps at Snow Valley

**Mar 23 - 27, 2020 (weather permitting)**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)**

See website for exact times and schedule. Plus we'll have theme days and activities for all ages throughout the week!

## Final Day of the Season at Snow Valley

**Mar 27, 2020 (weather permitting)**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)**

Join us for the last day of skiing and snowboarding for the 2019/20 season!



# Other Things to Watch For



## Ice Castles

*William Hawrelak Park, [icecastles.com](http://icecastles.com)*

Visit a Narnia-like winter wonderland of ice: icicles, tunnels, slides, frozen waterfalls, nighttime lights, and more! Tickets sell fast – book your time slot early.

## John Janzen Nature Centre

*[edmonton.ca/johnjanzen](http://edmonton.ca/johnjanzen) or call 311*

Take a walk on the wild side with programs, events and interactive nature exhibits in Edmonton's River Valley. Watch for exciting winter adventures!

## Let's Roam Edmonton

*City-wide app-based activity, [letsroam.com](http://letsroam.com)*

Why do kids love the Legislature Building? Why is City Hall a pyramid? Find out on this scavenger hunt of Edmonton! See website for prices.

## MEC Snowsports Clinics

*Mountain Equipment Co-op, both locations, [events.mec.ca](http://events.mec.ca)*

Check the website for clinics on everything from avalanche safety to Nordic and Alpine ski waxing to winter cycling.

## Snowshoe and Stargaze

*Elk Island National Park, [parkscanada.gc.ca/elkisland](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/elkisland)*

Take a guided snowshoe hike around Astontin Lake to a warm fire and learn to navigate the stars in the Beaver Hills Dark Sky Preserve. Registration is required.







Be Active




# Cross-Country Skiing



**Groomed trails** are located throughout the city, but mainly in the beautiful river valley parks. Trails are groomed by the City and Edmonton Nordic Ski Club. For more information and current conditions go to [edmonton.ca/crosscountry](https://edmonton.ca/crosscountry).

**Night skiing** is available at Gold Bar/Gold Stick and Kinsmen Parks.

**Ski2LRT** at the Century Park LRT Station and lock your skis and poles in a rack before hopping on the train. Approach routes are found at <https://goo.gl/gRQNEY> and more details are available at [facebook.com/Ski2LRT](https://facebook.com/Ski2LRT). Make sure to take your own padlock for the rack.



A photograph of three people cross-country skiing on a snowy slope. The person in the foreground is wearing a red jacket and black pants, the middle person is wearing a yellow jacket and black pants, and the person in the background is wearing a purple jacket and black pants. They are all using ski poles and are moving away from the camera. The photo is framed by a blue and yellow watercolor-style border.

**#MyYegWinter is the best you could ever ask for! Cross-country skiing in the River Valley brings an opportunity to experience the city during the winter months!**

**Dan Vano**

Snow Enthusiast, City of Edmonton  
Recreation Program Coordinator





## Downhill Skiing, Snowboarding & Tubing

Four private recreation areas are conveniently located in the southwest and east parts of the river valley.

**Edmonton Ski Club, [edmontonskiclub.com](http://edmontonskiclub.com)**

Rentals; terrain park; group and private lessons

**Rabbit Hill Snow Resort, [rabbithill.com](http://rabbithill.com)**

Rentals; terrain park; group and private lessons; adaptive snowsports

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [snowvalley.ca](http://snowvalley.ca)**

Rentals; group, private, women-only and freestyle lessons; terrain park

**Sunridge Ski Area, [sunridgeskiarea.com](http://sunridgeskiarea.com)**

Rentals; group and private lessons; terrain and tubing parks

# Skating

**City-maintained outdoor ice surfaces** will open as soon as equipment can safely drive on the ice. Please obey all posted signs. Locations, conditions, hours, closures and amenities are available at [edmonton.ca/skating](http://edmonton.ca/skating).

**IceWays** are located at Victoria and Rundle Parks. The Victoria IceWay will not be accessible from the Victoria Oval during ice maintenance or when it is reserved for the Edmonton Speed Skating Association. Check [edmonton.ca/skating](http://edmonton.ca/skating) for more information.

**Shinny rinks** are located at Hawrelak and Rundle Parks.

**Skate rentals** are available at William Hawrelak Park.

**Stormwater ponds and lakes:** Did you know... ice conditions on stormwater lakes can be unpredictable and dangerous. Moving water, temperature changes underwater due to vegetation or drainage, and fluctuating weather conditions can all result in unsafe ice conditions not visible from the surface. Follow City signs and stay off all stormwater ponds and lakes (City Drainage Bylaw 18093).





**Community league rinks** are maintained by leagues in over 100 communities across the city. Many leagues offer skate rental programs as well. You can use any community rink, regardless of the community league membership that you have (skate tags may be required). Many leagues use volunteers, too – see how you can get involved!

To find a community rink near you, go to [efcLorg](https://www.efc.org) and click on the **Find a Facility/League** tab. Under **Facility Amenities**, select **Rink**.

**Community league ice trails** are available in Kenilworth and Glastonbury Community Leagues. Both rinks are lit with festive LED lights for night skating. Facebook [@kenilworthcommunityleague](https://www.facebook.com/kenilworthcommunityleague)  
Facebook [@GCLEdmonton](https://www.facebook.com/GCLEdmonton)

**#MyYegWinter** begins with a walk through fresh snow en route to a coffee that simply tastes better given the time of year, to those afternoons at Victoria Park skating or enjoying some cross-country skiing with friends. It really is what you make of it.

Ian O'Donnell  
Downtown resident



## Snowshoeing

**Snowshoeing** is the most fun in areas that are open and off the beaten track. Good snowshoeing locations can be found at [edmonton.ca/snowshoeing](http://edmonton.ca/snowshoeing).

## Tobogganing

**Toboggan hills** maintained by the City of Edmonton have safe run-outs, safety signs and reduced hazards. Visit [edmonton.ca/toboggan](http://edmonton.ca/toboggan) to find your local hill.





## Winter Cycling

**Keep Rolling When It's Snowing!** Practical tips for preparing to give winter cycling a whirl are available at [edmonton.ca/wintercycling](http://edmonton.ca/wintercycling).

**Advice and inspiration** from local winter cyclists can be found under **Be Active** at [wintercityedmonton.ca](http://wintercityedmonton.ca). Check out the blog and the video!

**Bike Edmonton** runs BikeWorks North and South, where you can learn how to repair your own bike and use their workshop and tools. They also offer lots of bike-related events across the city, including rides, courses, films, sales, and other events. Watch [edmontonbikes.ca](http://edmontonbikes.ca) for winter cycling courses!

**Winter Cycling Federation** has a vision: winter cycling for everyone. Keep up with their work at [wintercycling.org](http://wintercycling.org).

**Be part of the culture shift** and extend your cycling habits. Let us know how you're pedalling in the snow!  
[@WinterCityYEG](https://twitter.com/WinterCityYEG) [#yegbike](https://twitter.com/yegbike)



**#MyYegWinter** is riding my bicycle with studded tires, bundling up with blanket scarves and enjoying ALL the hot winter beverages in my reusable mug.

**Jenny Albers**  
Winter Enthusiast



BE ACTIVE

# City of Edmonton Parks



	ACT Recreation Centre	Borden Park	Buena Vista/Laurier Park	Callingwood Park	Capilano Park	Castle Downs Park	Coronation Park	Dawson Park	Edmonton Valley Zoo	Emily Murphy Park	Gallagher Park	Gold Bar Park
Cafe/concession/winter patio	●								●			
Cross-country skiing					●							●
Cross-country skiing - lit night trails												●
Outdoor programs												
Pavilion/warm-up area				●		●						
Segway rentals												
Skate rentals												
Skating						●						
Skating - IceWay												
Skating - Speedskating oval												
Snowshoe rentals												
Snowshoeing		●			●		●			●		●
Tobogganing						●				●	●	
Toilet - indoor	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●		●
Toilet - portable			●								●	
Winter picnicking - BBQ pits					●		●			●		●
Winter picnicking - bookable sites										●		
Winter walking - trails & paved paths			●		●				●			●







# City of Edmonton Programs & Resources



**Drop-in Learn-to-Skate Programs** run every January and February at various community league rinks across the city.

Meet new friends and learn basic skating skills through fun games and activities! This is a free drop-in program targeted at children aged 6 - 12 and their families, however all are welcome to attend. Trained leaders will be on hand to adapt the program to the ages and skill levels of the participants. Visit [edmonton.ca/learntoskate](http://edmonton.ca/learntoskate) for details.

**Please note:** *Skates and helmets are not provided but both are required to participate. Programs will be cancelled at -25°C with wind chill or if the ice is closed by the facility.*

**River Valley Programs** offer registered programs and children's day camps to help everyone discover the river valley in winter. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, kicksledding and more! All instruction and equipment are provided. To register, call **311** or visit [edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprograms](http://edmonton.ca/rivervalleyprograms).

**Winter Green Shacks** activities are designed for children aged 6 - 12, but all children accompanied by an adult are welcome to attend. Games, crafts, sports, outdoor cooking, and more! Come dressed for the weather! See the seasonal calendar at [edmonton.ca/greenshacks](http://edmonton.ca/greenshacks) for dates and locations.





**Event equipment** is available for non-profit organizations to use at free programs or events that are open to the public. Winter kits include: bannock sticks, kicksleds, sleds, snowshoes, and snow fort and winterscapes equipment. For a copy of the City's Equipment Magazine, visit [edmonton.ca/recreationhub](https://edmonton.ca/recreationhub) and click on [Services for Recreation/Event Providers](#), then [Equipment](#).

**Kids Map of Edmonton: Winter** offers a variety of child-friendly activities to do across the city. Created in partnership with Child Friendly Edmonton, this map will help you make the most of winter and keep your kids active! Visit the [Be Active](#) section of [wintercityedmonton.ca](https://wintercityedmonton.ca).

**River Valley Trail Maps** are your go-to resource for winter trails, paths, cross-country ski routes, bike lanes, toboggan areas, skating rinks, warm-up locations, washrooms, cafés and more. Find hard copies at City Hall, your local library and recreation centre, or digital copies at [edmonton.ca/rivervalleymaps](https://edmonton.ca/rivervalleymaps).

**#MyYEGWinter** includes ice skating!  
*I love skating at the Victoria Oval or at a community league rink while sipping on some hot chocolate taking in the brisk winter weather!*

Jasmin  
Winter Enthusiast

# Equipment Rentals



**Renting activity equipment** is a good way to try a winter activity without investing in equipment right away. To find a local Edmonton business that rents winter equipment, look under **Be Active** at [wintercityedmonton.ca](http://wintercityedmonton.ca).

**Skate rentals** are available at William Hawrelak Park Pavilion for use in the park. Some community leagues have skates for community members to use on their rinks, too.

## Winter Fun Close to Edmonton

**Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area**, 60 km east of Edmonton, offers cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. [albertaparks.ca/cooking-lake-blackfoot](http://albertaparks.ca/cooking-lake-blackfoot)

**Elk Island National Park**, 48 km east of Edmonton, offers skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowshoe rentals, stargazing, and winter camping. Snowshoe and Stargaze hikes will be held select weekends this winter (registration required). Check their website for camping fees, hike registration, and other exciting events. [parksCanada.gc.ca/elkIsland](http://parksCanada.gc.ca/elkIsland)

**Miquelon Lake Provincial Park**, 70 km southeast of Edmonton, offers cross-country skiing, skating, snowshoeing, and skijoring. [albertaparks.ca/parks/central/miquelon-lake-pp](http://albertaparks.ca/parks/central/miquelon-lake-pp)

**Strathcona Wilderness Centre**, 16 km east of Edmonton, offers cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and equipment rentals. [strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre](http://strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre)



ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
ICEHOUSE

# Be Social





## Community Leagues

**Winter festivals and events** are held by community leagues across Edmonton. Check with your local league to find out how they're celebrating winter and/or volunteer to help with your local festival.

## Cool Communities

**Edmonton Nature Club** is an educational group which offers a wide variety of opportunities for members and the community to explore, learn about, and enjoy nature in the Edmonton area and around Alberta. Visit [edmontonnatureclub.org](http://edmontonnatureclub.org) for information.

**Note:** Most ENC programs are delivered for adults, however some local nature walks are suitable for families with younger children.

**Edmonton Outdoor Club** brings people together in a fun, friendly and inviting atmosphere. It's free to join, and adults of all abilities are encouraged to take part. The club offers regular outdoor activities year-round, as well as social and special events. Visit [edmontonoutdoorclub.com](http://edmontonoutdoorclub.com) for details.

**November Project** meets for free, fun and challenging workouts. They are also a smile factory that could change your life. Join the tribe! All workouts start at 6am sharp! Visit [november-project.com](http://november-project.com) for local details, or find them on Twitter [@Nov\\_ProjectCAN](https://twitter.com/Nov_ProjectCAN) [#justshowup](https://twitter.com/Nov_ProjectCAN)



**Polar Patio Club** Join this intrepid group downtown for a drink on a winter patio! Watch the Twitter hashtag [#PolarPatioClub](#) to find out where and when the next event will be held.

**SkiLocal** is a group of cross-country ski enthusiasts that hits the trails in and around their neighbourhoods. They work with community leagues and the City to make local groomed trails a possibility. Check them out on [facebook.com/groups/257625614635280](#) (or search **SkiLocal** on Facebook) and watch for their next BrewSki night!

**YEG Coffee Outside** is the coolest coffee club in town. This lively group meets Friday, 7 - 9am, at Ezio Faraone Park (on the north side of the High Level Bridge). BYO coffee, tea or hot chocolate – or impress others and brew it there on a camp stove! Find them on Twitter [@coffee\\_outside](#).

## Winter Party Locations

**Winter social gathering, wedding, meeting or corporate getaway coming up?** Include some snowy outdoor activities! Book your next event at a facility that gives you the indoor space you need, but also provides opportunities for embracing the beauty of winter. See [edmonton.ca/facilityrentals](#) for booking information.



# Winter Patios

**Après ski meets urban chic!** Have you checked out Edmonton's growing winter patio scene? For a location near you, look at [Winter Patios](#) in the [Be Social](#) section of [wintercityedmonton.ca](#).

**Chez vous...** why not create your own winter patio at home? We get lots of beautiful sunny days in the winter. Find a sheltered spot, set out your deck chairs, grab your woolly blankets, and enjoy a hot drink while basking in the sunshine.

**Under the stars...** snuggle up by your backyard fire with a blanket and a hot chocolate or mulled wine. You might even get lucky and see some Northern Lights.

**Share your favourite** [@WinterCityYEG](#) [#yegpatio](#) with us on Twitter, especially if it's in your backyard!



# Winter Picnicking

**Picnic sites and BBQ pits** can be used in winter, too! Bundle up and head out on a warm, sunny winter day. The City moves snow in some areas to improve access to picnic sites, but you might have to clear snow off the tables or from the BBQ/fire pits. Maybe you'll get lucky and find one already cleared by someone else! Visit [edmonton.ca/picnic](#) to find parks with BBQ pits.

**Extra things you might need** for a winter picnic include a shovel to clear the snow, fire-building materials (newspaper, matches and wood), blankets to cover the benches and your knees, winter whimsy, and hot chocolate!







Be Creative





## Creative Lighting

**Creative lighting champions** can be found around the city. From City Hall to the High Level Bridge to the 124 Street Business Improvement Area, creative lighting is warming our winter nights. Take a tour around Edmonton on a winter's night and see what sparks your imagination.

**Lights on your home** aren't just for the holidays! Take down Santa and the reindeer at the end of December, but leave your lights on until March. You'll help to make your community more vibrant and welcoming.

**Be dark skies friendly** and keep your light to yourself. Edmonton has a Light-Efficient Community Policy that strives to, among other things, minimize light pollution. When installing lights around your home, make sure you 'keep your light to yourself'. Angle your lights down, and pay particular attention to keeping them away from your neighbours' windows. Other than that, be creative!

**Laser light projectors** are the hottest new trend in house decorating. They look cool and are easy to put up. But watch where you point them! Keep them pointed away from your neighbours' windows and away from the skies – they can blind pilots flying overhead.



# Sneckdowns

**A what?!** Winter provides us with a unique opportunity to look at our city, get creative, and reimagine it. After a snowfall, curb extensions caused by snowfalls, otherwise known as sneckdowns, appear. Sneckdowns tell us how we actually use our street spaces. Have a look at the video under [Sneckdowns](#) in the [Be Creative](#) section of [wintercityedmonton.ca](http://wintercityedmonton.ca), then go out and explore your neighbourhood with a new winter lens.

# Winter Fashion

**Add some fun and spice** to your winter wardrobe this year with colourful accessories like scarves, hats and mitts. Look for warm, stylish – and dare we suggest colourful?! – winter boots. Mix and match materials, too. Add some style and flare with wool accents and furry trim. Show off your winter style!

# WinterCity Scarves

Warm your winter, elevate your winter fashion, and help others. \$10 from the purchase of each WinterCity scarf will be donated to the Boyle Street Winter Warming Bus. To find a local retailer near you, look under [Be Creative](#) at [wintercityedmonton.ca](http://wintercityedmonton.ca)





## Winterscapes

**A winterscape** is a way of decorating your wintry yards and landscapes using snow, ice, natural objects and lights. Winterscapes help beautify our Edmonton neighbourhoods. Get tips from some creative locals in our blog, [wintercityedmonton.ca/whats-in-a-winterscape](http://wintercityedmonton.ca/whats-in-a-winterscape)

**Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes** contest is held in January and February each year. Visit [edmonton.ca/winterscapes](http://edmonton.ca/winterscapes) for ideas, see past entries, and get details about this winter's contest.

**Year-round landscaping** often starts in the summer. Consider adding trees and shrubs, herbaceous plants, grasses, and vines. For more ideas, read our blog by a local landscape architect, [wintercityedmonton.ca/spring-gardening-for-winter-beauty](http://wintercityedmonton.ca/spring-gardening-for-winter-beauty)



**#MyYegWinter** has soft snow days that cover trees all around the city. It looks magical and just brings such a beautiful calmness to the city.

**Doug McLean**  
4th generation Edmontonian



# Winter Calendar



# October

OCT 7 - 11	iWalk 2018 International Walk to School Week
OCT 10 - 12	DARK
OCT 13	Dog Day at the Garden
OCT 15 - NOV 30	First on the Ice Rink Contest
OCT 15 - NOV 30	Most Creative Rink Opening Contest
OCT 17 - 19	DARK
OCT 18	Studding Tires for Winter Cycling Workshop
OCT 24 - 26	DARK
OCT 26	Headless Halloween
OCT 26 - 27	Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show
OCT 26 - 27	The Winter Sport Equipment Sale at the Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show
OCT 27	Boo! At the Zoo!
OCT 30 - NOV 1	DARK

# November

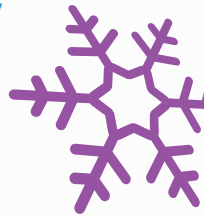
NOV 1	DARK
NOV 1 - 30	First on the Ice Rink Contest
NOV 1 - 30	Most Creative Rink Opening Contest
NOV 2 - 3	Snow Valley Ski SWAP & Sale
NOV 14	Downtown Business Association Holiday Light-Up
NOV 14 - DEC 31	Holiday Window Decorating Contest
NOV 15	Winter Cycling Workshop
NOV 15 - 16	The Carrot Christmas Arts Bazaar
NOV 16	All is Bright on 124
NOV 22	Studding Tires for Winter Cycling Workshop
NOV 23	The Great Sweater Run
NOV 29 - DEC 1	Dickens Fest YEG
NOV 30	Winter Whyte Light Up
NOV 30 - DEC 1	Winterfest at Snow Valley



# December



- DEC 1 Winterfest at Snow Valley
- DEC 1 Dickens Fest YEG
- DEC 1 Zoominescence: A Festival of Light
- DEC 1 - 31 Holiday Window Decorating Contest
- DEC 5 - 23 Celebrate the Season at the Alberta Legislature
- DEC 6 Great French Canadian Winter Patio Party – Opening Night
- DEC 6 Winter Cycling Workshop
- DEC 6 Marché de Noël du Quartier Francophone / French Quarter Christmas Market
- DEC 6 - 8 Dickens Fest YEG
- DEC 6 - 8 Zoominescence: A Festival of Light
- DEC 6 - 8 Luminaria
- DEC 7 Santa Shuffle Fun Run & Elf Walk
- DEC 7 Krampusnacht Edmonton 2019 Lauf
- DEC 12 - 23 YEG Candy Cane Lane
- DEC 13 Marché de Noël du Quartier Francophone / French Quarter Christmas Market
- DEC 13 Jingle Jammin' Christmas Carolling
- DEC 13 Studding Tires for Winter Cycling Workshop
- DEC 13 - 15 Zoominescence: A Festival of Light
- DEC 15 Edmonton Christmas Bird Count
- DEC 20 Marché de Noël du Quartier Francophone / French Quarter Christmas Market
- DEC 20 - 21 Yule Ave: A Merry Christmas
- DEC 20 - 22 Zoominescence: A Festival of Light
- DEC 23 - JAN 3 Holiday Camps at Snow Valley
- DEC 24 Santa on the Slopes
- DEC 26 Friends of Elk Island Society Annual Bird Count
- DEC 26 - 29 Zoominescence: A Festival of Light





# January

JAN - DATE TBA	Triple Down Terrain Park Competition Series
JAN 1	Resolution Run
JAN 2 - 3	Holiday Camps at Snow Valley
JAN 5	Pump Up The Jam
JAN 11 - 12	Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival
JAN 12 - FEB 17	Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes
JAN 19	FIS World Snow Day
JAN 19	Birkie Hot Chocolate Sundays
JAN 19	Greater Windermere Community League Winterfest
JAN 23 - 26	Winterruption YEG
JAN 23 - 26	Boardwalk Ice on Whyte
JAN 25	South West Ski Fest & Chili Cook Off
JAN 26	Lunar New Year
JAN 26	Birkie Hot Chocolate Sundays
JAN 30 - FEB 1	Flying Canoë Volant
JAN 30 - FEB 2	Boardwalk Ice on Whyte
JAN 31 - FEB 16	YEG Hot Chocolate Fest



# February

FEB - DATE TBA	Toque Tuesday
FEB - DATE TBA	Triple Down Terrain Park Competition Series
FEB - DATE TBA	Winter Bike to Work Day
FEB 1	Flying Canoë Volant
FEB 1 - 2	Boardwalk Ice on Whyte
FEB 1 - 16	YEG Hot Chocolate Fest
FEB 1 - 17	Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes
FEB 2	Hypothermic Half Marathon 1
FEB 2	Birkie Hot Chocolate Sundays
FEB 5	Winter Walk Day
FEB 7 - 8	Window Wanderland
FEB 7 - 9	Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival





FEB 7 - 17	Silver Skate Festival
FEB 7 - 17	Ice Castles
FEB 8	Snowshoe Races
FEB 9	Dead Cold Run
FEB 9	Fat Bike Race & Festival
FEB 9	Barnebirkie Family Fun Ski
FEB 13 - 16	International Festival of Winter Cinema
FEB 15	Kortebaan Skate Races
FEB 16	Mammoet Winter Triathlon
FEB 16 - 18	Spirits on Ice
FEB - DATE TBA	Battle of the Neighbourhoods
FEB - DATE TBA	Homesteaders' Log House Dinner
FEB - DATE TBA	Northgate Skate Races
FEB 15 - 17	Family Day Weekend at Snow Valley
FEB 16	Hypothermic Half Marathon 2
FEB 17	Family Day at Elmwood Community League
FEB 17	Family Day at the Alberta Legislature
FEB 17	Family Day at Elk Island National Park
FEB 22	Coldest Night of the Year



## March

MAR - DATE TBA	Triple Down Terrain Park Competition Series
MAR 7	Family Winter Festival
MAR 13 - 14	Terasse à sucre / Sugar Shack Patio
MAR 20 - 22	Terasse à sucre / Sugar Shack Patio
MAR 23 - 27	One-Day Spring Break Camps at Snow Valley
MAR 27	Final Day of the Season at Snow Valley
MAR 27 - 28	Terasse à sucre / Sugar Shack Patio





# SNOW FUND GRANT

WinterCity Edmonton invites your community group or organization to apply for funding to support your wintry celebration!



Think outside the SNOW box!

**BBQs and picnics**

**Hikes & outdoor excursions**

**Mini winter Olympics**

**Outdoor winter dance parties... dare we suggest a snow ball...?**

**Winter fests**

**Winter patios**

**Winterscapes parties**

(see [edmonton.ca/winterscapes](http://edmonton.ca/winterscapes) for ideas!)

**Youth group program challenges and earned badges activities**  
(e.g. Guides and Scouts)

**Note:** Events which are not open to the public may be considered (e.g. post-secondary or community groups requiring memberships).

**For full details and deadlines, look under Be Social at [wintercityedmonton.ca](http://wintercityedmonton.ca)**

# WINTER TOOLKITS

**NEW!**



**Be Active • Be Social • Be Creative**

**Everything you need for wintry fun!**

*Dressing for fun & fashion*

*Frolicking in your backyard, neighbourhood & parks*

*Frosty fun games*

*Snowy activities & where to find them*

*Winter warmer recipes*

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