

# December 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>ONGOING DECEMBER EVENTS</b></p> <p><b>Festival of Trees</b> @ the Bay Centre until Jan 3rd</p>	<p><b>Gingerbread Showcase</b> @ the Hotel Grand Pacific until Jan 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Centennial Square Lights of Wonder</b> until Dec 31<sup>st</sup></p> <p><b>Christmas Tree Village</b> @ Esquimalt Rec until Jan 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Outdoor Skating</b> @ City Centre Park Dec 3, 10, 17, 23, 24, 26, and 31. Reserve online.</p> <p><b>Horse-drawn Trolley Rides</b> 5-7pm @ Downtown Victoria Dec 1,2,8,9,15,16</p>	<p><b>Sooke Festival of Trees</b> @ Seaparc Leisure until Dec 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Ladysmith Festival of Lights</b> until Jan 14<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Butchart Gardens Light Display</b> until Jan 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>Music Therapy</b> Fridays @ Tamarack 11:00-12:00</p> <p><b>Community Soup Lunch</b> Victoria Native Friendship Centre Every Friday 12pm-1pm FREE</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Christmas Craft Show</b> Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> @ Saanich Fairgrounds \$5 Admission</p> <p><b>Happy Birthday Andrea</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>IEOA Truck Parade</b> 5-8pm</p> <p><b>Santa's Pancake Breakfast</b> 9am-11am @ Burnside Gorge \$3/person or \$7/family of 4 Call to register 250-388-5251</p> <p><b>\$2.99 Family Movie: Polar Express</b> 10:55am @ Westshore &amp; 11:15am Silvercity</p>
<p><b>3</b> First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>International Day of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p><b>Esquimalt Celebration of Lights</b> 5-7pm @ Esquimalt Rd &amp; Archie Browning Arena</p> <p><b>Sidney Sparkles Parade</b> Beacon Ave @ 5pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Free Legal Clinic</b> Burnside Gorge Centre Every Tuesday from 2-3pm 15 min. phone apt. Call 250.388.5251 to book</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Art Therapy</b> Launchpad @ 1pm</p> <p>National Day of Remembrance &amp; Action on Violence Against Women</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>First Day of Hanukkah Dec 7-Dec 15</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Last Chance Christmas Craft Fair</b> Dec 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> @ Mary Winspear Centre \$5 Admission</p> <p><b>2SLGBTQ+ Swim</b> 9:00-10:30pm @ Gordon Head Rec</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Friends and Family Holiday Lunch</b> 11:30am-2:30pm</p> <p>Four Points by Sheraton Victoria; RSVP Required</p>
<p><b>10</b> Human Rights Day</p>	<p><b>11</b> Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster</p> <p><b>SPG Society Monthly Movie: Welcome to Me</b> Free 6-9pm Pizza, Coffee, &amp; Tea Eric Martin Pavilion Theatre</p>	<p><b>12</b> New Moon</p> <p><b>SIVA - BSS Old Office</b></p> <p><b>SABF Holiday Party</b> 11:30am-1pm Esquimalt Gorge Pavilion</p> <p><b>Holiday Art Therapy</b> Launchpad @ 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> Happy Birthday Chad</p> <p><b>SIVA - BSS Old Office</b></p> <p><b>Launchpad Open House</b> 11:30-1:30</p> <p><b>Duncan Nog &amp; Cheer</b> 2:00-5:00pm 202-321.Festubert.St.</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Lunch for Seniors</b> 12pm @ Burnside Gorge \$8/person Call to register 250-388-5251</p>	<p><b>15</b> *BSS SOCK Donations Due*</p> <p><b>Easter Seals Winter Movie Night: Happy Feet</b> 7-9pm *accessible location* @ Ukrainian Church Hall</p> <p>Free but encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation. Hot chocolate &amp; popcorn \$1 each</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>FREE Integrated Swim</b> 11:30am-1:00pm @ Oak Bay Recreation</p> <p><b>Muslim Men Only Swim</b> 9:00-10:30pm @ Gordon Head Rec</p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> International Migrants Day</p> <p><b>Happy Birthday David</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Central Orientation</b> Head Office</p> <p><b>Happy Birthday Mary</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Art Therapy</b> Launchpad @ 1pm</p>	<p><b>21</b> First Day of Winter</p>	<p><b>22</b> Last day of school before winter</p> <p>Happy Holidays!</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>FREE Integrated Swim</b> 11:30am-1:00pm @ Oak Bay Recreation</p>
<p><b>24</b> Christmas Eve</p> <p></p>	<p><b>25</b> Christmas Day</p> <p></p>	<p><b>26</b> Boxing Day</p> <p></p> <p>First Day of Kwanzaa Dec 26-Jan 1</p>	<p><b>27</b> Full Moon</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>FREE Integrated Swim</b> 11:30am-1:00pm @ Oak Bay Recreation</p>
<p><b>31</b> New Years Eve</p> <p></p>	<p><b>BECONNECTED'S ANNUAL SOCK'S DRIVE</b></p> <p>BeConnected is collecting warm socks and small comfort items (lip balm, lotion, gum, granola bars, small Tim Hortons gift cards, etc) this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at any BSS program or office location until Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. SOCKS will be donated to the Rock Bay Landing Homeless Shelter.</p>			<p><b>BECONNECTED'S WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE</b></p> <p>BeConnected is collecting new or gently used winter jackets, boots, gloves, toques, and other cold weather essentials. All donations will go towards individuals supported by BeConnected who are experiencing homelessness. Donations can be dropped off at BeConnected's Head Office, Duncan Office, or the Launchpad.</p>		