



The City of Richmond wishes everyone a safe holiday season and happy new year!

Community news covering December 17 – 31, 2009

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**Richmond Calendar**

**No Council or Committee Meetings during this time period.**

## The Olympic Flame arrives in Richmond on February 9, 2010

### Community celebration

The Olympic flame will light up Richmond on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, just three days before the end of a 45,000 km cross-country journey with the lighting of the cauldron in BC Place during the Opening Ceremony on February 12.

The flame will wind its way through our island city, carried by up to 70 torch bearers, including many residents, into the Richmond O Zone, the City's official 2010 Celebration Site located in Minoru Park. There, on the main stage, the flame's travelling cauldron will be lit in the midst of a two-hour, free community celebration. The 21 km route through Richmond will be revealed closer to the event, so residents can line up along the streets to cheer on their torch-bearing neighbours and friends. The identity of the final torch bearer will remain secret until his or her appearance with the flame at the celebration site.

The Torch Relay Community Celebration also gives residents a sneak peak of the O Zone, the 17-day festival of the Games in Richmond with top Canadian, international and local live entertainment, a 42-metre<sup>2</sup> screen broadcasting Games events, activities including outdoor ice skating, exhibits and Holland Heineken House. The Richmond O Zone officially opens February 12.

## City prepares for winter storms

### Snow Response Plan

To help prepare for winter weather, the City's Snow Response Plan includes snow clearing on 240 km of arterial roads and bus routes. The City learned many lessons from last year's snowfall and has responded with new Council endorsed programs and refinements to operations.

The City is ready for winter weather and asks residents to do the same. Good winter tires, a full tank of gas and window washer fluid, an ice scraper, and pre-trip planning are a good start. Keeping your sidewalk clear of snow and helping your neighbours who may need assistance are other ways you can help the community this winter.

The City's Traffic Bylaw now requires commercial, industrial, and multi family (larger than duplex) property owners to clear snow from sidewalks fronting their property by 10:00 a.m. every day, including Sundays.

For the City's Snow Response Plan, a map of the roadways covered under the plan, and what residents can do to prepare themselves for the winter, visit [www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/weather/city](http://www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/weather/city).

## Be a good neighbour

### Helping others

The City is launching two new programs to help make winter easier for everyone. The Good Neighbour campaign encourages everyone to clear the walkways around their property, and help others who can't. All you have to do is adopt a senior's sidewalk this winter, and keep it clear. Watch for people in your neighbourhood that could use help removing snow from their sidewalks and driveways and ask if you can lend them a hand.

### Looking for a few more angels

Snow Angels is a registry, initiated by the City, of local organizations willing to provide a variety of services to elderly or persons in need during major winter storms. Services could include pick up and delivery of medications, groceries or other necessities, delivering a hot meal

to house-bound residents, or snow removal.

If your organization is interested in becoming a Snow Angel, please contact Jodie Shebib, Parks Programs Manager, at 604-244-1275, or email [jshebib@richmond.ca](mailto:jshebib@richmond.ca).

For more information on these programs, visit the city website at [www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/weather/city.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/services/rdws/weather/city.htm).

## City Hall closed for the holidays

**December 25, 2009 – January 4, 2010**

City Hall will be closed this holiday season for the week between Christmas and New Year's. City Hall will close Thursday, December 25 and will reopen Monday, January 4 at 8:15 a.m. City services such as parks, recreation, cultural centres and the works yard will continue to operate.

As always, most information, forms, bulletins and flyers are available on the City's website at [www.richmond.ca](http://www.richmond.ca). These include:

- Search property information
- Council agendas and minutes
- Order a tax certificate
- Pay parking tickets
- Get information on permits and licenses

For emergencies such as broken water mains, sewer problems, downed trees on roads, traffic lights out, icy roads, or other problems of this nature, please call our 24 hour Emergency Line at 604-270-8721.

## Christmas tree recycling

### Bring your tree back to nature

Single-family dwelling residents can leave their Christmas tree at the curbside for collection on their garbage and recycling collection day. Please cut and bundle the tree into the 3 feet by 2 feet size limit. Please remove all tinsel and ornaments.

Christmas trees can also be dropped off for recycling at one of the following locations:

### Garry Point Park

(corner of Moncton Street and 7th Avenue)

Dates: Saturday, January 2 and Sunday, January 3

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sponsors: Richmond Firefighters' Society, City of Richmond, Richmond Fire-Rescue, Fraser Richmond Soil and Fibre, Richmond Review, Steveston Harbour Authority and Canadream RV Rentals

Donations are greatly appreciated and will go to Richmond Firefighters' Society's charities.

### Recycling Depot

5555 Lynas Lane

Days open: Wednesday to Sunday

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.

(Closed on December 25, 26 and January 1)

### Ecowaste

Triangle Road at the south foot of No. 6 Road

Days/hours: Call 604-277-1410

### Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society

Located in Delta. Use whole Christmas trees in their bird habitats. Call 604-946-3171 for more information.

For more information on Richmond's garbage and recycling services, please call 604-276-4010 and press "0" for the attendant or visit [www.richmond.ca](http://www.richmond.ca) (Home > City Services > Recycling & Garbage > About Recycling & Garbage > Frequently Asked Questions).



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