

Notices

Sparkles in the Park returns at Riverside Park

Festive light displays, carousel rides and more

The Rotary Club of Guelph is once again hosting its annual Sparkles in the Park event, held at Riverside Park, from December 17 to 31.

Events include:

- Festive light displays open nightly from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Free Carousel rides on December 23 to 26 and December 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. and December 31 from 5:30 to 9 p.m.
- Fireworks on New Year's Eve

You can choose to walk or drive through Riverside Park for this fun, family-friendly holiday event.

For more information
[sparklesinthepark.ca](https://www.guelph.ca/sparklesinthepark.ca)

Holiday hours

December 26 and 27, 2022 and January 2, 2023

City facilities will close December 26, 27 and January 2 for statutory holidays.

City Hall will be open December 28, 29 and 30 to serve you in person, by email and by phone. Other City facilities, services and programs will operate on reduced holiday hours. Details available at [guelph.ca/holidayhours](https://www.guelph.ca/holidayhours).

Notice of passed bylaw amendments

Guelph City Council passed the following bylaw amendments on December 6, 2022:

- Bylaws (2022) – 20755 and (2022) – 20756 about 265 Edinburgh Road North. For more information about the bylaw amendments, visit [guelph.ca/2020/12/265-edinburgh-road-north/](https://www.guelph.ca/2020/12/265-edinburgh-road-north/)
- Bylaws (2022) – 20759 and (2022) – 20760 about 639 Eramosa Road. For more information about the bylaw amendments, visit [guelph.ca/2022/08/639-eramosa-road](https://www.guelph.ca/2022/08/639-eramosa-road)

For more information about any of the above, contact Planning Services at 519-837-5616 or planning@guelph.ca. If you would like to appeal any of the bylaws above or the refused amendment, you must file a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk before 4 p.m. on January 3, 2023, by contacting the Clerk's Office at 519-837-5603 or clerks@guelph.ca.

Have your say [haveyoursay.guelph.ca](https://www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca)

Current engagement opportunities

New playgrounds coming to a park near you

Closes December 15

We're replacing three playgrounds in 2023:

- Dovercliffe Park, 38 Dovercliffe Road
- Howitt Park, 81 Beechwood Avenue
- University Village Park, 93 Ironwood Road

We want you to tell us:

- What kind of equipment you would like to see
- What you like about the existing playground
- If there are any specific accessibility features you would like us to include

Engagement is open until December 15.

We'll share two final designs options for each playground and invite you to vote on which one you like best in spring 2023.

For more information

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 Park and Trail Development
 City of Guelph
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Silvercreek Parkway North improvements

Closes Spring 2023

We're upgrading Silvercreek Parkway North with new sanitary sewers and watermain pipes, new curbs, multi-use paths: and raised bus stops. The Guelph Junction Railway crossings will also be upgraded to improve safety. Visit [haveyoursay.guelph.ca/silvercreek-parkway-north](https://www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca/silvercreek-parkway-north) to learn about the project and ask questions.

Stormwater Management and Water and Wastewater Servicing Master Plans

Closes December 20

The Stormwater Management Master Plan looks at how the City is currently managing stormwater and guides how we will continue to do so over the next 25 years. It has studied subwatershed health, erosion sites, the minor and major conveyance network, existing and new end-of-pipe treatment facilities and provided criteria and policy direction based on new Provincial legislation – all to support the City's growth to 2051.

The Water and Wastewater Servicing Master Plan began in January 2020 and has studied alternative solutions for the City's existing water and wastewater distribution and collection system capacity constraints as well as required updates to infrastructure to support growth to 2051 as per the City's Shaping Guelph project.

Visit [haveyoursay.guelph.ca/storm-water-master-plan-update](https://www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca/storm-water-master-plan-update) and [haveyoursay.guelph.ca/water-and-waste-water-master-plan-update](https://www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca/water-and-waste-water-master-plan-update) to scroll through the display boards, ask questions and leave comments on the virtual platform.

Fees for single-use beverage cups and reusable bags

Closes January 3

One of the recommendations in the Solid Waste Management Master Plan is to develop a strategy to reduce single-use item waste.

We're proposing fees for single-use disposable cups and reusable bags to help minimize the number of cups and bags that end up in the landfill and to ensure that reusable bags are reused as intended. Specifically:

- a fee of at least \$1 for reusable bags in 2024 (the first year) with a fee increase each year after; and
- a fee of at least \$0.25 for disposable cups, which will be shown on menus and receipts.

Visit [haveyoursay.guelph.ca/waste-reduction-strategies](https://www.haveyoursay.guelph.ca/waste-reduction-strategies) to learn more and tell us what you think about these proposed fees for single-use beverage cups and reusable bags.

General information

Practice fire safety this holiday season

Enjoy a fire-safe holiday season by following these tips

While fire can happen at any time, it most often strikes when we let our guard down – when we're distracted by the hustle and bustle of the holidays, by our cellphones, by the kids or by the doorbell.

This holiday season, practice fire safety by following these tips:

- Always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove; never leave a cooking pot unattended.
- Place lit candles away from anything that can burn and out of the reach of children and pets where they can't be knocked over. Remember to snuff out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles.

- Make sure the base of real trees is always immersed in water to prevent them from getting too dry.
- Check all sets of decorative lights before putting them up, and discard any sets that are damaged.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan, so everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke or CO alarms sound.

For more information

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 Guelph Fire Department
 519-763-8111
fireprevention@guelph.ca
[guelph.ca/fire](https://www.guelph.ca/fire)