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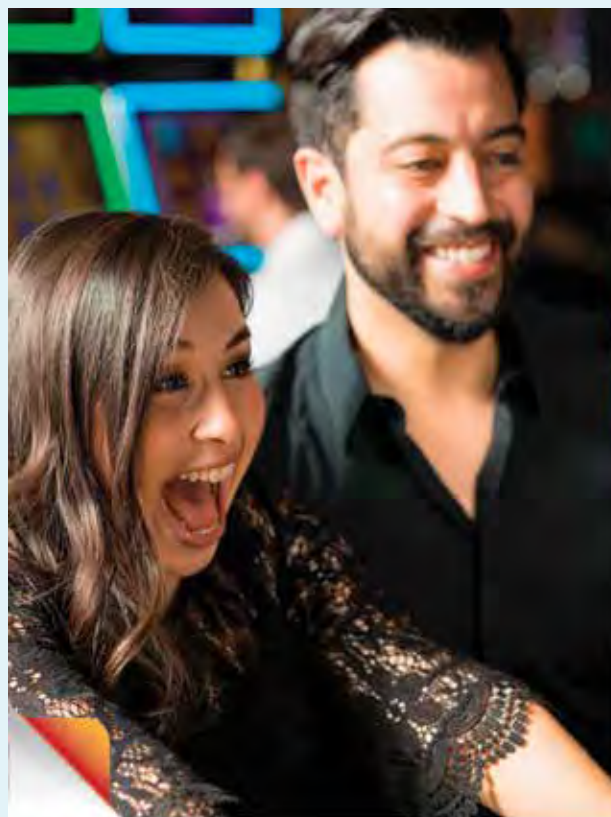
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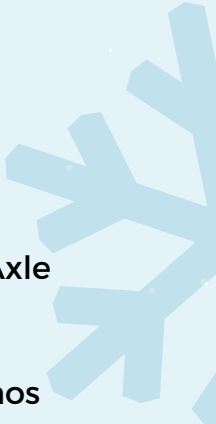


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FUTURE CARNIVAL DATES:

2024
February 2 - 11

2025
February 7 - 16

2026
February 6 - 15



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and plan your trip!***

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Vernon Winter Carnival Society would like to acknowledge that our festivities are taking place on the unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan peoples. We would like to express our gratitude to the beauty of this land and all of the gifts that it provides us with. We are committed to working with the original inhabitants of the North Okanagan, united through reconciliation, partnerships and a sharing of knowledge to help build onto our community.

~ Wai Limlimt

2023 CARNIVAL AT A GLANCE

PRE-CARNIVAL EVENTS

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- Best Decorated Premises Contest, 50th Annual

- School Poster Contest
- Winter Carnival Online Auction



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- VWC Snow Sculpture Competition
- Reconnecting in the North Okanagan
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- Balloon Glow
- Carnival of Lights
- The Chocolate Express
- Sip & Savour (Formerly Suds & Cider)
- Live Music at Lake City Casino



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- VWC Snow Sculpture Competition
- Reconnecting in the North Okanagan
- Over the Hill Downhill
- Carnival Days at O'Keefe Ranch
- Winter Carnival 1 Mile
- ORL Story Time
- Vernon Winter Carnival Parade, 62nd Annual
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- Beer Garden & Wine Bar
- JCI Rock Stars Bonspiel
- Celebration of Culture - Reconnecting in the North Okanagan
- Queer Field Trip (Ages 10 - 12)
- Pokémon Habitats
- From the Small Screen, to the REALLY BIG Screen
- Carnival of Lights
- The Chocolate Express
- BeerCan Beiner
- Predator Ridge Park Party
- Live Music at Lake City Casino

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- VWC Snow Sculpture Competition
- Reconnecting in the North Okanagan
- Over the Hill Downhill
- Vernon Pigeon & Poultry Club Feather Fancier Show (52nd Annual)
- Vernon Snowmobile Association Scavenger Hunt
- Carnival Days at O'Keefe Ranch
- Carnival of Chocolate
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- Snogolf Tournament
- Free Family Skate with MP Mel Arnold
- The Reverie
- Jopo Swim at the Vernon Aquatic Centre
- Bubble Tea Making Class
- Carnival of Lights



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- Arrest the Best
- Lots of Tots Play Group
- Jam Can Curling
- Storytelling Okanagan Indian Band
- Carnival of Lights



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- Arrest the Best
- Jam Can Curling
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- Bingo Marathon
- Winter Carnival Total Fun Bed Races
- Carnival of Lights
- Queer Family Game Night



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- Arrest the Best
- Jam Can Curling
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- Storytelling Okanagan Indian Band
- Magic School Bus Clues Room
- Carnival of Lights
- The Chocolate Express
- Biathlon Demo Night

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- 50th Annual Coca-Cola Classic Peewee Hockey Tournament
- Arrest the Best
- Jam Can Curling
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- Storytelling Okanagan Indian Band
- Mini Mandalorians
- Happy Days Sock Hop
- Carnival of Lights
- The Chocolate Express
- "Rookie Blue" Behind the Scenes
- Vino with VPAG
- TV Western Square Dance
- TV Trivia & Costume Night: Come & Play, Everything's A-Okay



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- 50th Annual Coca-Cola Classic Peewee Hockey Tournament
- Arrest the Best
- Jam Can Curling

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- VWC Family Fun Park
- Storytelling Okanagan Indian Band
- Carnival of Lights
- St. James Family Fling
- Chocolate Valentine's
- The Snowglobe Concert featuring The Reklaws
- CSI - An Adult Crime Scene Investigation
- Live Music at Lake City Casino



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- Pancake Breakfast
- 50th Annual Coca-Cola Classic Peewee Hockey Tournament
- Carnival Kickball Tournament
- Carnival Days at O'Keefe Ranch
- Polar Bear Market
- Yaba-Daba-Do! Saturday Morning Cartoon Party!
- Jess4Kids Team Challenge Relay
- Sweetheart Pairings with the Lake Country Scenic Sip Wine Trail
- Polar Bear Swim
- Outdoor Oval on Swan Lake
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- Chili Cook Off
- VWC Family Fun Park
- Carnival of Lights
- Chocolate Valentine's
- Something New! Coffee House at Halina
- NYPD Blues Band
- Live Music at Lake City Casino



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Downtown Vernon Gold Rush
- 50th Annual Coca-Cola Classic Peewee Hockey Tournament
- Carnival Kickball Tournament
- Starting Block 10k running race & 3k fun run hosted by Kal RATS (Running and Triathlon Sports club)
- Carnival Days at O'Keefe Ranch
- Sweetheart Pairings with the Lake Country Scenic Sip Wine Trail
- Magic School Bus - Gallery Shows
- VWC Family Fun Park
- The Halina Presents: A RRREEAALLY BIG VARIETY SHOW
- Carnival of Lights
- Carnival of Chocolate
- Bubble Tea Making Class

JESSE FERGUSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

For more than 60 years, Vernon Winter Carnival has celebrated all that is winter in the North Okanagan. At its heart, Carnival is all about celebrating community: the uniqueness, the people, and traditions in Vernon.

Annually the Vernon Winter Carnival Society presents prestigious awards to well deserving recipients who have been instrumental in

the growth of Carnival. The Jessie Ferguson Memorial Trophy is presented to a person or group in the community who has shown years of dedication to Carnival through support of events and/or volunteerism.

If you know someone who is deserving of this award nominate them today!

JESSIE FERGUSON MEMORIAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS

1967 Snowflake Presentation	1993 Carnival Cops	2009 Mary Anderson
1968 Terry Gower	1994 Bert Niehaus	2010 Debbie Antony
1969 G. Preston	1995 Jim Bailey	2011 Calvin Hoy
1970 J. Hutchinson	1996 Ed Forslund	2012 Bob Lindley
1971 Jock Henniker	1997 Carl Rigby	2013 Margaret Hogan
1972 Wayne Hickson	1998 Sid Baker	2014 June Rigby
1973 Sis Arthur	1999 VJH Hospital Auxiliary	2015 Coleen Noel
1974 Doreen Brown	2000 Wayne McGrath	2016 Joy Stafford
1975 Sue Nolan	2001 Heather Rawsthorne	2017 Ron Morgan
1976 Isabel Medynski	2002	2018 Alvin Timm
1977	2003 Christel Cam	2019 Cathy Sim Rigby
1978 Dick File	2004 Brenda Fletcher	2020 Gerry Manley
1979 Ed Flegel	2005 Sharon MacKenzie	2021 Cors & Pat Verhage
1980 Bob Ingersol	2006 Coldstream Women's Institute	2022 Terry & Kelly Moorhouse – Okanagan Restoration Services
1981 Stella Andrew	2007 Brad Albrecht	
1982 Ken Little	2008 Herb Lee	
1983 Lil-Ken Nistor		
1984 Colleen Vollan		
1985 Audrey King		
1986 Patrick Nicol		
1987 Jack Koch		
1988 Al Skaley		
1989 Jim Alverberg		
1990 Ken Nistor		
1991 George Zimmerman		
1992 Claire Hart		



**2022 Terry & Kelly Moorhouse
Okanagan Restoration Services**

THE ORDER OF JOPO

The Order of Jopo award was established in 1974. The medal was originally awarded to past Chairman, Dignitaries, Honoured cities, and long time Carnival workers.

In more recent years the medal is now awarded to one person each year. The recipient is someone who has gone above and beyond in their support of Vernon Winter Carnival. The award is considered the highest honour a supporter of Carnival can receive.



**2022 Order of Jopo Recipient
RUTH HOYTE**

LONGTIME CARNIVAL SUPPORTERS

2022 Ruth Hoyte	2009 Dorothy Lindley	2002 Ursula Gohmann	1985 Fern Makarenko
2020 Teresa Durning Harker	2008 Brenda Fletcher	2000 Phyllis DeBoice	1983 George Zimmerman
2018 Margart Hogan	2006 Duaine Brown	1999 N. Ok. Amtr Radio Club	1982 Stella Andrews
2017 Feather Fanciers	2006 LeRoy Peterson	1995 Ross Simpson	1980 Stuart Fleming (jointly)
2016 Jack Gareb	2006 Carl Rigby	1994 Don Weglo	1980 Petie Kaulback (jointly)
2013 Mary Andersen	2005 Claudia Brown	1992 Lil and Ken Nistor	1976 Dorothy Sawicki
2012 Wayne Emde	2004 Christel Cam	1990 June Rigby	1975 John Ladyman (jointly)
2010 Sandi LaFleche	2003 Lettie Maloney	1988 Ken Little	1975 Evelyn Tebo (jointly)

PAST CHAIRMAN

2021 Deb White	1995 Derek Hall	1982 Fernand Desroches	1974 Vince Lilley
2015 Calvin Hoy	1993 Bob Williamson	1984 Patrick Nicol	1974 Bill Oxley
2014 Dave Fletcher	1993 Carol Williams	1981 Norm Stevenson	1974 Bill Malcom
2007 Donna Hall	1991 Bill Martin	1980 Sharon Shaw	1974 Frank Oliver
2009 Ingrid Baron	1989 Evelyn Leroze	1978 Bob Adsched	1974 George Melvin
2003 Glen Taylor	1987 Tom Fletcher	1977 Harold McDonald	
2000 Donna Mihalcheon	1986 Marie Morris	1974 Mike Kowaluk	

ORDER OF JOPO DIGNITARIES AND HONOURED CITIES INCLUDE

2019 The City of Vernon	1990 James H. Stuart, Mayor, Kelowna
2013 Sharel Shoff, Deputy Mayor of Drumheller, Alberta	1989 Cliff Branchflower, Alderman, Kamloops
2011 Paul Kuehn, President of Modesto, California Sister City Committee	1988 Jack Hebner, Councillor, Spokane, Washington
2010 Wayne Lippert, Mayor, Vernon	1987 Lyall Hanson, MLA & Past Mayor, Vernon and Ralph Klein, Alderman, Calgary, Alberta
2009 Mayor Ken Melamed, Whistler	1986 Michael Harcourt, Mayor, Vancouver
2008 George F. Ferguson, Mayor, Abbotsford	1985 The Hon. Claude Richmond, Provincial Minister of Tourism
2007 City of New York	1984 Ethel Winger, Mayor, Williams Lake and The Hon. Robert G. Rogers, Lieutenant-Governor of BC
2006 David Perry, Mayor, Penticton	1983 Charles Lakes, Mayor, Trail
2005 Ellen Woodsworth, Councillor, Vancouver	1982 Ed Schreyer, Governor General of Canada and Derrick Humphreys, Mayor, West Vancouver
2004 Ron McCrae, Mayor, Kimberley	1981 Andy Anderson, Mayor, Lethbridge, Alberta and Neil Davidson, Mayor, Vernon
2003 David Laird, Mayor, City of Merrit	1980 Donald A. Ross, Mayor, Surrey
2002 Glen Everitt, Mayor, Dawson City, Yukon	1979 The Hon. Henry Bell-Irving, Lieutenant-Governor of BC, George Fergusson, Mayor, Abbotsford and Bob Neil, Mayor, Vernon
2001 Brian Postill, Mayor, Coldstream	1978 Pierre E. Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and Ken Curle, Mayor, Red Deer, Alberta
2000 Guy Boissy, Mayor, Saint-Lambert, Quebec	1977 Michael Young, Mayor, Victoria
1998 Larry McNabb, Alderman, Nanaimo and Vancouver Firefighters Band	1976 Walter Owen, Lieutenant-Governor of BC and Tom Constable, Mayor, Burnaby
1997 Jeff Griffen, Mayor, Reno, Nevada	1974 The Hon. George R. Pearkes, VC Lieutenant-Governor of BC, The Hon. David Barrett, Premier of BC, Muni Evers, Mayor, New Westminster, Ron J. Morrier, CBC-TV Vancouver
1996 Kathy Watson, Mayor, Whitehorse, Yukon and Garde Gardom, Lieutenant-Governor of BC	
1995 Richard A. Lang, Mayor, Modesto, California	
1994 Stephen D. Wallace, Mayor, Quesnel	
1993 Rollie Rose, Mayor, Ladysmith	
1992 Wayne McGrath, Past Mayor, Vernon	
1991 Anne Clarke, Past Mayor, Vernon, Pat Jordan, Past MLA and Geoff Battersby, Mayor, Revelstoke	

CARNIVAL EVENT WINNERS 2022

ADULT EVENT

Winner: Party in Plaid – Sherpa Events

Runner Up: Blues Bands – O’Keefe Ranch

NEW EVENT

Winner: Party in Plaid – Sherpa Events

Runner Up: Meant to Bee Virtual Tasting Experience – Planet Bee

JUNIOR EVENT

Winner: Carnival of Chocolate – Cotton’s Chocolates

Runner Up: Try CanSkate – Vernon Figure Skating Club

OUTDOOR EVENT

Winner: Polar Bear Swim – Zimbabwe Project

Runner Up: Blues Bands – Starting Block 10K Run – KAL R.A.T.S

FAMILY EVENT

Winner: Blue Light Special – O’Keefe Ranch

Runner Up: Polar Bear Swim – Zimbabwe Project

SENIOR EVENT

Winner: Bingo Marathon – Halina Activity Centre

Runner Up: Pancake Breakfast – Halina Activity Centre

CHRISTEL CAM AWARD – PARADE SPIRIT

Historic O’Keefe Ranch



CARNIVAL SPIRIT AWARD

Historic O’Keefe Ranch

Carnival Spirit Award is given to an organization, business or individual who goes above and beyond to show their Carnival spirit! The recipient of this award should share a contagious enthusiasm for Carnival.



BEST DECORATED PREMISES WINNERS 2022

Window Painting- Non Professional

1st Place: Little Miracles

2nd Place: Delaney Properties

Window Painting- Professional

1st Place: DESC Services

2nd Place: Vernon Volkswagen

Window Display

1st Place: Marten Estate Lawyers

2nd Place: Co-operators



Interior Decorations

1st Place: Valley First

2nd Place: Mission Boutuque

Performances

1st Place Tie: Home Building Center

2nd Place: The Hamlets

Grand Prize

Valley First

2nd Place: Home Building Centre



PAST VERNON WINTER CARNIVAL CHAIRS

Erik Olesen 2021 - 2022

Deb White 2016 - 2020

Doug Edgar 2015

Calvin Hoy 2014

Dave Fletcher 2011, 2012, 2013

Derek Hall 1993, 1994, 2009, 2010

Ingrid Baron 2007, 2008

Donna Hall 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Glen Taylor 2000, 2001, 2002

Donna Mihalcheon 1998, 1999

Carol Williams 1995, 1996, 1997

Bob Williamson 1991, 1992

Bill Martin 1989, 1990

Evelyn Lerosé 1987, 1988

Tom Fletcher 1986

Marie Morris 1984, 1985

Fernand Desroches 1981, 1984

Patrick Nicol 1982, 1983

Norm Stevenson 1980

Sharon Shaw 1978, 1979

Bob Adsched 1977

Harold McDonald 1974, 1975, 1976

Mike Kowaluk 1968, 1969, 1973

Vince Lilley 1970, 1971, 1972

Bill Oxley 1966, 1967

Bill Malcolm 1964, 1967

Frank Oliver 1963

George Melvin 1961, 1962



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023



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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Business _____

Name: _____

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Drop off your choice at the
Vernon Winter Carnival Office.





As Chief of the Okanagan Band it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 63rd Annual Vernon Winter Carnival.

This year, the organizers have decided to go forward with a theme "Carnival TV" centered on having fun and celebrating your favourite TV Show. We look forward to this Carnival and the excitement it will bring this year. I'd like to encourage everyone to enjoy the festivities that will surely light up this winter season.

Winter Carnival is the culmination of the work and support of many people and organizations, and it is inspiring to witness the creativity and energy that goes into making it a success. We are so fortunate to have people in our community who

throw their hearts into this event. It is through traditional events like Winter Carnival that an inclusive community is built and supported.

To the sponsors, Winter Carnival continues to be a local tradition because of the generosity and community-mindedness that you demonstrate through your support.

To the organizing team, I say thank you for your hard work and careful planning. Once again you have managed to put together a fitting celebration.

Limlemt | Thank you.

Sincerely,
Byron Louis
Chief, Okanagan Band



On behalf of the Vernon Winter Carnival Society I am pleased to welcome you to the 63rd Annual Vernon Winter Carnival.

As Chair of the Board of Directors for Carnival, I want to start off by saying thank you to our hard working directors, staff and volunteers. Thank you for your commitment to our community and your willingness to give your time and energy to this organization. Everyone involved in this festival is dedicated to providing our community with the beloved tradition of VWC, as a long time Vernon resident myself I know how much this festival means to so many people.

As a Non-Profit Society we rely on the support of our local businesses and government grants to make this festival happen. Thank you to those who have supported us this year with monetary and in kind donations. The generosity of this community never ceases to amaze us.

In today's fast pace world, it sometimes feels hard to keep up. As our society and festival continue to change with the times I want to assure you the mission and vision of our society remains the same. To foster Community Spirit and promote

Vernon as a Winter Destination. Although some elements of Vernon Winter Carnival need to change to relate to younger generations, VWC will continue to keep beloved traditions alive and honour the legacies of those who created this festival. We look forward to the opportunity to introduce new members of our community to the traditions of Carnival and continue to create new shared experiences for residents and visitors to enjoy.

I encourage all members of our community to get involved and show your Community and Carnival Spirit during Vernon Winter Carnival! One of my favourite things about this festival is the connection I feel to the community during the 10 days of Carnival. The sense of pride we feel during VWC is unique to Vernon. Let's embrace that feeling of warmth this winter and be proud to live in a place where we believe in the strength of people coming together to create something for the good of our community.

Yours in Carnival Spirit

Laurell Cornell
Vernon Winter Carnival Chair





The City of Vernon welcomes everyone to the 63rd Annual Winter Carnival in Vernon, British Columbia - Western Canada's largest Winter event, February 3-12, 2023 and extends our warmest winter greetings to all friends and guests who are visiting from near or far.

The Winter Carnival Organizing Committee has again, provided a spectacular event for our partici-

pation and enjoyment. The City of Vernon thanks everyone for their tremendous hard work, tireless effort and continued dedication in planning Carnival 2023.

I encourage you to join in the festivities and fun. Let the show begin!

*Sincerely,
Victor I. Cumming, Mayor*



It is such an honour and pleasure to be able to welcome everyone back to the 63rd annual Vernon Winter Carnival!

We are so fortunate to live in this incredible part of the world where we have four seasons of fun and beauty to explore.

With some of the best shopping and dining in the province, to world-class winter resorts and incredible community festivals and events like this one, there are so many reasons to love where we live.

Like our old favourites on television, this carnival's history and tradition runs deep in our region. Winter Carnival is so important to our community and our local economy.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for making Vernon-Monashee such an incredible place to live, work

and play, in every season!

I take a lot of pride in Vernon being the home of this spectacular Winter Carnival, its great success and dynamite winter carnival team. This is one of the best events for my family and I and I am thankful to the entire team, the board of directors and volunteers for their dedication, countless hours and efforts they put in to make this event happen for our community and beyond.

I look forward to being able to "tune in" to many of the Winter Carnival events with my family and friends, all while supporting our community and local economy.

Thank you,

*Harwinder Sandhu
MLA for Vernon-Monashee*

As the Member of Parliament for North Okanagan - Shuswap, it is a great pleasure to welcome everyone, from near and afar, to the 63rd Annual Vernon Winter Carnival, Western Canada's largest Winter Carnival.

I look forward to experiencing the creativity of participants as they embrace this year's theme - Carnival TV - blended with spirit of long-time favourites like the Carnival Cops, the Carnival Parade and new event additions for 2023.

The Carnival has long been an important tradition in the region, and we look forward to continuing the tradition of celebrating the beauty and splendor of indoor and outdoor

winter activities of the North Okanagan, in safe and responsible ways. Be on the lookout for Jopo and Jopette, the Carnival's mascots and all of the other volunteers who work to make the carnival enjoyable for locals and visitors alike.

Be sure to thank the volunteers and sponsors, without whom, this exciting carnival would not be the same.

Thank you for supporting the 63rd Vernon Winter Carnival, please enjoy and participate responsibly.

Sincerely,

*Mel Arnold, M.P.
North Okanagan- Shuswap*



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YOU HAVE ALL ARRIVED TO THE

2023 WINTER CARNIVAL

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Thank you to Okanagan Indian Band leaders and elders for sharing the Syilx culture with the Vernon community.

sqilx^w / syilx People

The Okanagan Indian Band is a part of the Syilx Nation. The Syilx Nation extends across the 49th parallel and is a transboundary Nation. It comprises 7 communities on the Canadian side and one confederated tribe on the United States side. The Okanagan Indian Band is the most northern community of the Nation and neighbours the Upper Nicola Band to the west and Westbank First Nation to the south. The distinction between the Okanagan Indian Band and the other Syilx communities is based on location and linguistic dialect.

syilx – The term is an nsyilxcn translation for the people who speak nsyilxcn.

sqilx^w – The 'Nsyilxčh term for Indigenous person. It

can be understood as human. It translates as “the dream in a spiral”.

These two terms are often used to describe the Indigenous people who live in this area. Have you seen these terms?

Winter

kwu kscaptikwłm! We are going to story tell!

In the winter months, this is the time sqilx^w/syilx people gather to tell stories.

Did you know that knpxwxwtan is the time of snow drifting. This period is from the full moon in January to until the new moon period in February.

During the hard winter season, this is the time to fish for ling cod. Have you ever seen ling cod?

'Nsyilxčh terms and phrases

OKANAGAN WINTER WORDS

smik^wt (smeeekoot) *snow*

smq^waq^w (smeeekoot-ackoo) *Snow falling*

sq^wʔaq^wʔa?ilpm (skw-ack-wah-ah-eel-pim) *sled*

kłsʔapíkam (ksh-appy-kem) *hockey*

sq^wʔaq^waxnam (skw-ack-wah-nem) *skiing or snowboarding*

sýiriwaxnm (see-eery-wah-nim) *snowshoe*

sntʔqmin (sint-rick-min) *winter dance lodge*

?istk (east'k) *winter*

čalt (chasht) *it is cold*

sn?istktn (sn-east-k'tin) *winter camp*

captik^{wł}

captik^{wł} are sqilx^w/syilx oral stories that embody the passage of knowledge, experience, and information from generations to generations. These bodies of literature help to understand challenges and issues that may come up, they help to define how sqilx^w/syilx people do things, they help to create spaces to listen, learn and teach.

Traditionally, we as sqilx^w/syilx people, tell captik^{wł} stories during the winter months when there is snow out. These stories help remind us of our responsibilities to ourselves, our families, our communities, and our land.

Please take the time to listen and watch the following YouTube video on one of the original trilogy captik^{wł}.

How Food Was Given www.youtube.com/watch?v=wff-XR_DxJw&t=1s



Bare in mind that these phonetic pronunciations are approximations and that the specialized alphabet has to be learned in order to say the words correctly.

Check out *FirstVoices.com* to learn more about learning Indigenous language or *TheLanguageHouse.ca* to learn more about the Okanagan Language Nsyilxcen specifically.

Over the Hill DOWNHILL

Celebrates 40th Anniversary!



In 1979, SilverStar Mountain Resort was looking to create an event to run in conjunction with the Vernon Winter Carnival.



The idea was to create a fun, team recreational event on the mountain where anyone of any ability could join in. The Over the Hill Downhill was born. In the beginning the event was very much focused on recreation with teams donning costumes. Awards were given at the end of the event for best costume, slowest time, fastest time and even best crash. There were years when the Over the Hill Downhill had more than 300 participants participating in the event.

As years went by the event has changed a bit, but The OTHDH is still focused on fun and recreation with participants still wanting to see how fast they can travel down that run called Over the Hill.



FEBRUARY 4-5, 2023

marks the 40th running of SilverStar Mountain's Over the Hill Downhill.

Come join us on the slopes for a fun filled week of blasting down the mountain.



Check out the event at
www.skisilverstar.com

2023 PRE-CARNIVAL EVENTS

Downtown Vernon Gold Rush

Sponsored by: Downtown Vernon Association & 105.7 Pure Country
Dates: Jan 27- Feb 12, 2023
Times: Various
Location: Downtown Vernon - Various
Admission: \$10.00 - Clue Packages on sale Jan 27, 2023



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Best Decorated Premises Contest, 50th Annual

Presented by Nixon Wenger LLP
Sponsored by: Valley First, Castanet Vernon,
Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce and VWC
Entry Deadline: Jan 22, 2023
Location: North Okanagan - various

Celebrate 50 years of Community Spirit with Vernon Winter Carnival and the Best Decorated Contest!

With multiple prize categories there is a way for every business and organization to get involved and show some Carnival Spirit! Decorate your business for the 63rd Annual Vernon Winter Carnival - CarnivalTV! Entries are judged (Feb 2nd-3rd) with awards presented Wed. Feb. 8, 2023 for 1st and 2nd place in each category.

New

Trophies will also be awarded for the best overall in each business category. Plus don't miss out on the BEST Decorated Overall Grand Prize! Your business or organization could win a Month Worth of Advertising from Castanet (Valued of \$750) or a Annual Membership with the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce! Members of the community can also vote for the People's Choice Award! Show your Carnival Spirit and join the fun!



School Poster Contest

Sponsored by: Vernon Teach & Learn and Vernon Winter Carnival Society
Deadline: Jan 29, 2023
Date: Judging: Thursday Feb 2-Friday Feb 3, 2023
Time: During School Hours
Location: Greater Vernon Elementary Schools

Attention Schools - get your students showing their Carnival Spirit! All elementary school aged children from kindergarten to and including Grade 7 are eligible to enter a poster they create using the Carnival theme CarnivalTV. Classes are asked to display their posters at their school. Judging will take place at Thurs. Feb 2 - Fri. Feb. 3, 2023. Prizes and ribbons will be provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade plus a prize for every student who participates from Vernon Teach and Learn! And teachers, remember, we have a draw for you too! Email info@vernonwintercarnival.com to confirm your participation and book your judging time.

CONTEST RULES:

1. Poster must be on 11 x 17 white paper
2. Poster must be aligned so the short sides are the top and bottom of the poster (portrait/vertical layout).
3. The title "CarnivalTV" must be displayed on the front of the poster.
4. The students name, grade, as well as the teacher's name and school of the entrant must be shown on the bottom right hand corner, on the FRONT of the poster.
5. No parent assisted or computer generated posters please.

Note: Not following the contest rules will result in deduction of points in the contest

Winter Carnival Online Auction

Date: Thurs. Jan 26-Sun. Feb 12, 2023
Location: www.vernonwintercarnival.com



Find amazing local items and experiences for a deal! Make your bid with the Vernon Winter Carnival Online Auction! All money raised from the auction will go directly back into Vernon Winter Carnival, helping us expand and improve the festival for next year. Our easy to use online platform allows for instant updates if you've been outbid, ensuring you don't miss out on the items you want to take home! Special thank you to all the businesses who donated items!

Auction opens Thursday Jan 26th and closes Sunday Feb 12th at 7pm!



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2023 CARNIVAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Downtown Vernon Gold Rush

Sponsored by: Downtown Vernon Association & 105.7 Pure Country

Dates: Jan 27- Feb 12, 2023

Times: Various

Location: Downtown Vernon - Various

Admission: \$10.00 - Clue Packages on sale Jan 27, 2023

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BC Snow Sculpture Competition

Presented by: The Co-operators Bracken Insurance Group & Silver Star Mountain Resort

Sponsored by: Trail Tire, Destination Silver Star, Vance Creek Hotel, Bugaboos Bakery Café and Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Fri. Feb.3 - Sun. Feb 5, 2023

Awards Sun. Feb. 5, 2023 at 12:00PM

Location: Silver Star Mountain Resort - Village

Admission: Free

BC Snow Sculpture Competition is taking place at Silver Star Mountain the first weekend of Carnival. This yearly event brings to life a gallery of beautiful sculptures created of only water and snow. Watch as these amazing artists

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Reconnecting in the North Okanagan

Sponsored by: Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association, Destination Silver Star & Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Fri. Feb 3 - Sun. Feb 5, 2023

Time: Various

Location: SilverStar Mountain Resort (Various)

Admission: Free

Join us at SilverStar Mountain Resort as we reconnect in the North Okanagan. As part of a series of regional tourism events "7 Celebrations - Reconnect in the Thompson Okanagan." We are thrilled to be Reconnecting in the North Okanagan, coming together as a community to celebrate culture, art and diversity. Join us for the opening weekend of Vernon Winter Carnival at SilverStar Mountain Resort and enjoy a variety of events including the BC Snow Sculpture Competition, nightly après hour musical and live performances in the NATC and an artisan market in the Chilcoot Centre.

Check Out

destinationilverstar.com or vernonwintercarnival.com
for more information on events and schedules.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Magic School Bus – Gallery Shows

Sponsored by Okanagan Science Centre
Date: Fri. Feb. 3-Sun. Feb12, 2023
Times: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Location: Okanagan Science Centre - 2704 BC-6
Admission: FREE for Members,
Non Members - Regular Admission Rates apply

Join our scientists daily during Winter Carnival as we go on a science adventure. We will discover new creatures, travel through time and space and learn about the mysteries of science. Family Friendly event and included in our regular admission.
Closed Mondays.

Balloon Glow

Sponsored by Okanagan Ballooning, Elks Lodge Vernon, Terry and Vel Schmauder - Manulife Securities & VWC
Date: Fri. Feb 3, 2023
Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm
Location: Polson Park Oval

There's nothing like the warmth and light from a Hot Air Balloon in the dark of winter! Come out and enjoy on of Vernon Winter Carnival's most beloved events! Pilots and crew will be on site at Polson Park setting up the massive hot air balloons for an evening of light! Get up close with the pilots and watch as the balloons light up the winter sky.

Event is weather dependant

Carnival of Lights

Presented by: Kari Gares - MHC Mortgage House
Light Design By: Fox Plumbing Heating Cooling Electrical
Date: Fri. Feb. 3 - Sun. Feb 12, 2023
Time: 5-8pm
Location: Spirit Square - 3400 30 St.
Admission: Free

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Sip & Savour (Formerly Suds & Cider)

Date: Fri. Feb 3, 2023
Time: 6:30pm - 10:30pm
Location: Grand Ballrooms - Vernon Lodge, 3914 - 32nd St.
Admission: \$30.00 (tasting tickets additional cost) No tickets at the door
Adult event 19+ to attend

The Okanagan's most popular and longest running showcase of domestic beer, craft beer, and ciders from BC and across Canada returns this February to Vernon Winter Carnival, with some new features and improvements! Formerly Suds N Cider - now Sip & Savour - is Happening Feb. 3, 2023 at The Prestige Vernon Lodge. Domestic Beer, Craft Beer, Ciders AND now Wine with food plus a live solo entertainer and a DJ! 25 vendors will be in attendance offering tastings in exchange for your tickets, which will be available for purchase throughout the evening. In addition, the Sip & Savour food bar will allow you to pair your favorite brew with an array of appetizing options.

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Live Music at Lake City Casino

Date: Fri. Feb 3, 2023
Time: 8:00pm-11:00pm
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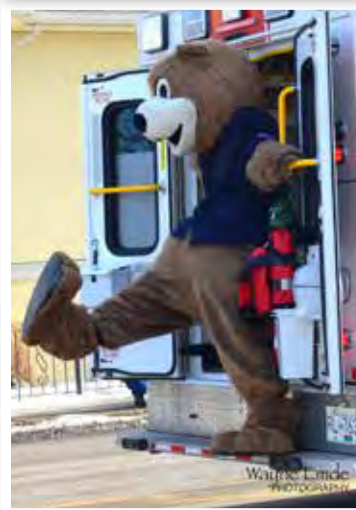
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Vernon Winter Carnival

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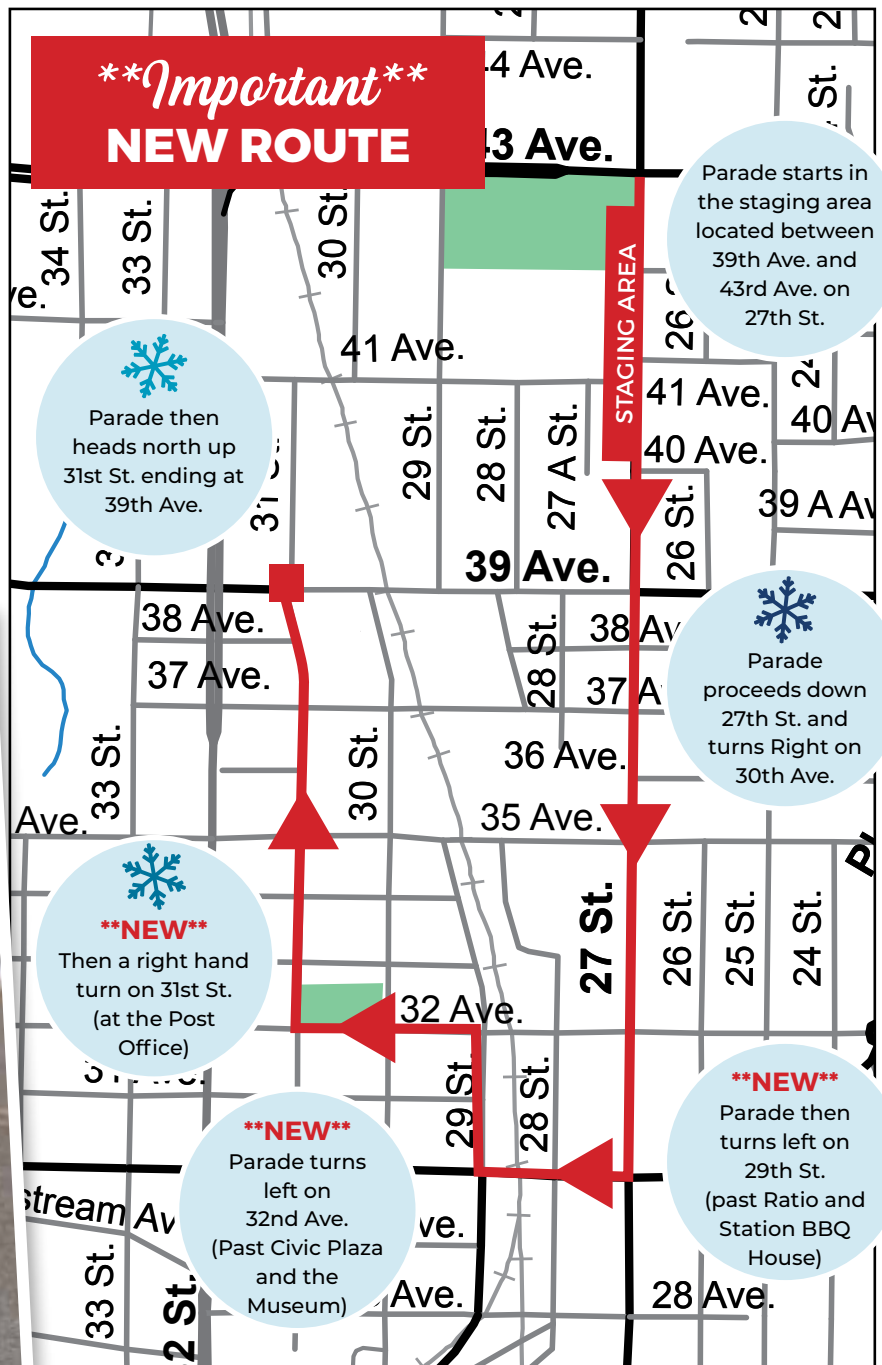


The Parade position number and set up map will be available
from Thursday, Feb 2 - Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Vernon
Winter Carnival office from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

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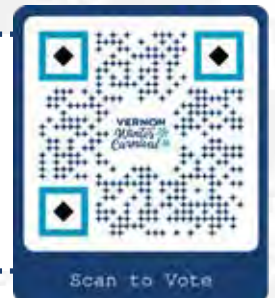
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Over the Hill Downhill

Date: Sat. Feb 4 - Sun. Feb 5, 2023

Location: SilverStar Mountain Resort

Admission: Please see website at www.skisilverstar.com

It's time to dig out the long skis, the race suit, your need for speed, and head to SilverStar Mountain Resort for the '40th Annual Over the Hill Downhill'. This incredibly fun and long running recreational downhill ski race pits individuals and teams of four against each other for the glory of being the fastest down the mountain. Teams are entered in a category based on the combined team age ranging from 65 to 225+ years. Teams can be comprised of all male or all female; no longer 1 female per team required. Team members can be as young as 10 years of age or as old as they come. No need to be on a team either. If you want to race on your own - no problem, individuals can race as well. Come to SilverStar this winter to experience the longest standing recreational downhill race in Canada.

Carnival Days at O'Keefe Ranch

Sponsored by Historic O'Keefe Ranch

Date: Sat. Feb 4, 2023

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Location: O'Keefe Ranch 9380 Hwy. 97N

Admission: By Donation

Saturdays and Sundays February 4/5, 11/12 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Winter Blues returns! This year it's the Winter Blues Carnival TV. Chase away the winter blues with many fun activities.

Royalty will be in the Gazebo and available for photos. Meet Queen of the Ranch and Okanagan Princess. JoPo and JoPette will also be wandering the Ranch and are available for photos and interesting conversations! Stop in at the pavilion to enjoy the blue themed decorations of lights, trees and more photo opportunities. Next stop in to participate in children's crafts including pine cone bird feeders and snowflakes. "Blue Bloods" Mansion tour by the ladies in blue and "Hill Street Blues" wagon rides are also a must! Don't forget to have your scavenger hunt in hand during your travels.

Warm up near a bon fire, roast marshmallows and s'mores and visit the general store to immerse yourself in historic retail or purchase blue candy. If there is snow, bring your own show shoes and follow the Blue Ribbon trail around the Ranch or try your hand at "Blue Collar" snowmen building. Had enough time outside? Warm up in the Kids Carnival Hall with old fashioned country fair games such as bean bag toss and ring toss. "Smurfs" short films will also be playing.

Don't forget to grab some blue popcorn or blue hot chocolate before you head back out and attempt the new family mystery game "Blues Clues". Solve the puzzle by following clues setup around the Ranch.

Winter Carnival 1 Mile

Presented by: Vernon Winter Carnival Society

Date: Sat. Feb. 5, 2022

Time: 10:30am-11:30am

Location: Winter Carnival Parade Route

Admission: \$10 per person

Join Vernon Winter Carnival for the
1st annual Winter Carnival 1 Mile Road Race!

3 AGE GROUPS

Ages 10-13 11:15 Start

Ages 14-16 11:08 Start

Ages 17 and Older 11:00 Start

Prizes will be awarded for each age group! Come run with the Okanagan's fastest 1 milers! The race will take place before the parade on the Carnival parade route! Come out and run or line up early for the parade and cheer the runners on!

ORL Story Time

Presented by: Okanagan Regional Library & Friends of the Library

Date: Sat. Feb. 4, 2023

Time: 10:30am-11:00am

Location: Okanagan Regional Library - 2800 30th Ave

Admission: Free

Join us at the Okanagan Regional Library for a family event featuring picture books, songs, rhymes and more! Develop early literacy skills while having fun! Best for ages 3-5 but the whole family is welcome!

Vernon Winter Carnival Parade, 62nd Annual

Sponsored by: City of Vernon, Tourism Vernon, Valley First, Finning, Shaw Spotlight, and NORAC

Date: Sat. Feb. 4, 2023

Time: 12:00pm

Location: ****NEW Route**** South on 27th Street to 30th Avenue, then North on 29th Street, left on 32nd Avenue and then North on 31st Street ending at 39th Avenue

Join us for one of Vernon's most beloved events! The 62nd Annual Winter Carnival Parade! Bring the family and a thermos of hot chocolate or soup, and of course your Carnival spirit! New This Year be sure to vote for the fan favourite! Overall Parade Spirit (Christel Cam Memorial) will be determined by the community, vote for the winner online after the parade! Enter the parade with your CarnivalTV theme entry! Get creative and entertain the crowd!

Registration deadline for the Carnival Parade is Jan 22, 2023.

Register at vernonwintercarnival.com

*****Be sure to double check the parade map as the route has changed for 2023!*****

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Beer Garden & Wine Bar

Sponsored by: Vernon Elks Lodge
Date: Sat. Feb 4, 2023
Time: 1:00PM-6:00PM
Location: Elks Hall - 3103 30th St.
Admission: \$4.00 at the door

The annual Beer Garden & Wine Bar fundraiser is back at the Vernon Elks Lodge! Join us after the parade for live music playing all day! Burgers, hotdogs and snacks will be available. Plus, special guests will be stopping by from Vernon Winter Carnival to get everyone in the Carnival Spirit! Everyone is welcome!

JCI Rock Stars Bonspiel

Sponsored by: JCI Vernon & A&W Vernon
Date: Sat. Feb. 4, 2022
Time: 1pm-12am
Location: Vernon Curling Club - 3400 39 Ave.
Admission: \$250 per team
Adult event 19+ to attend

Join us for a day of fun curling with the return of the JCI Rock Stars Bonspiel! Two, six end games! Prizes for overall points leader. Play closest to the Button for a chance to win more prizes! Dinner and entertainment in the evening, plus a raffle! Fun for beginners and veteran curlers! Space is limited so register your team today!

Celebration of Culture - Reconnecting in the North Okanagan

Sponsored by: Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association,
Destination Silver Star & Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Sat. Feb. 5, 2022
Time: 2:00pm-8:00pm
Location: Vernon Recreation Centre Auditorium, 3310 - 37th Avenue
Admission: Free - Open Door General Admission, no assigned seating
Join Vernon Winter Carnival and help us celebrate and reconnect to culture in the North Okanagan. The Celebration of Culture will feature live performances and interactive experiences that will allow you to discover and explore the many amazing cultures we have here in the North Okanagan. Come and learn about some of the different cultural groups through song, dance, food and activities. The diversity of our people in the North Okanagan is what makes this one of the best places to live. This event is part of a series of regional tourism events "7 Celebrations - Reconnect in the Thompson Okanagan." We are thrilled to be Reconnecting in the North Okanagan, coming together as a community to celebrate culture.

Queer Field Trip (Ages 10 - 12)

Sponsored by: Family Resource Centre
Date: Sat. Feb 4, 2023
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Location: Furhouse - 3304 30th Ave.
Admission: Free

Join the Family Resource Centre at Furhouse for the launch of Queer Field Trip (Ages 10 - 12). This group offers youth ages 10 - 12 a chance to spend time with other LGBTQIA2S+ people their age in a queer-friendly location!

Pokémon Habitats

Presented by: Okanagan Regional Library & Friends of the Library
Date: Sat. Feb. 4, 2023
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Okanagan Regional Library - 2800 30th Ave.
Admission: Free

Join us at the Okanagan Regional Library! Come and pick a free Pokémon action figure. Learn about your Pokémon and build them a personalized Pokéball garden to live in. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Supplies provided by the Library. This event is free but participants must register. Visit www.surl.li/dlabc to sign up!

From the Small Screen, to the REALLY BIG Screen

Sponsored by: Vernon Towne Theatre
Date: Sat. Feb 4, 2023
Time: 2:30pm
Location: Vernon Towne Theatre - 2910 30 Ave.
Admission: Free - Must pre-register - space is limited
Come one come all and enjoy the newly renovated Towne Theatre! Bring the family and enjoy a free movie on the big screen to celebrate Vernon Winter Carnival! Space is limited so please reserve your spot by pre-registering online. Check the website for the movie title announcement coming soon!

Carnival of Lights

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Light Design By: Fox Plumbing Heating Cooling Electrical
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BeerCan Beiner

Presented by: Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre
Date: Sat. Feb 4, 2023
Locations: Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre - 250 Sovereign Lake Rd.
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Admission: \$40

Adult Event, must be 19+ to attend.

Welcome back Beer Aficionados! Join Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre for the 4th Annual BeerCanBeiner, where the bevies are amazing and the atmosphere is fantastic. The BeerCanBeiner is steeped in Nordic tradition. This event takes the frothier route, travelling just over 5km under a headlamp to three rustic venues under the night sky. Sample craft beers from throughout the region and finish off with a coffee or hot chocolate at the lodge once complete.

Predator Ridge Parka Party

Sponsored by: Predator Ridge Resort
Date: Sat. Feb 4, 2023
Time: 6:30pm-11:00pm
Location: Range Lounge & Grill - Predator Ridge:
301 Village Centre Place
Admission: \$85

Adult Event, must be 19+ to attend.

One of the most popular events of the Vernon Winter Carnival returns! Come experience a winter wonderland of food and drink at Predator Ridge's renowned Parka Party. Dress up in your parka and enjoy the seafood display as well as a pig roast on the Commonage Ballroom Patio, warm up with a hot beverage fireside, and sip on local wines and spirits from some of our preferred partners. Best of all, enjoy live music and take the elevator home at the end of the night with suites starting at \$199/night!

Live Music at Lake City Casino

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Location: MATCH Eatery & Public House -
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BC Snow Sculpture Competition

Presented by: The Co-operators Bracken Insurance Group
& Silver Star Mountain Resort

Sponsored by: Trail Tire, Destination Silver Star, Vance Creek Hotel,
Bugaboos Bakery Café and Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Fri. Feb. 3 - Sun. Feb. 5, 2023
Awards Sun. Feb. 5, 2023 at 12:00PM

Location: Silver Star Mountain Resort - Village

Admission: Free

BC Snow Sculpture Competition is taking place at Silver Star Mountain the first weekend of Carnival. This yearly event brings to life a gallery of beautiful sculptures created of only water and snow. Watch as these amazing artists from all over BC create their masterpieces in our very own backyard and compete to be recognized as BC's best! The community can view the artistic process beginning at 10:00am Friday, February 3rd until 10:00am Sunday, February 5th. Come up Sunday morning to help us determine the "People's Choice Award", from 10 am to 12 pm, and take in all the great activities Silver Star Mountain Resort has to offer. The awards presentation will be Sun. Feb. 5th at 12pm. The finished sculptures are up for viewing for a week or two after completion; weather dependent.

Reconnecting in the North Okanagan

Sponsored by: Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association,
Destination Silver Star & Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Fri. Feb. 3 - Sun. Feb. 5, 2023

Time: Various

Location: SilverStar Mountain Resort (Various)

Admission: Free

Join us at SilverStar Mountain Resort as we reconnect in the North Okanagan. As part of a series of regional tourism events "7 Celebrations - Reconnect in the Thompson Okanagan." We are thrilled to be Reconnecting in the North Okanagan, coming together as a community to celebrate culture, art and diversity. Join us for the opening weekend of Vernon Winter Carnival at SilverStar Mountain Resort and enjoy a variety of events including the BC Snow Sculpture Competition, nightly après hour musical and live performances in the NATC and an artisan market in the Chilcoot Centre.

Check out destinationilverstar.com or vernonwintercarnival.com for more information on events and schedules.

Over the Hill Downhill

Date: Sat. Feb. 4 - Sun. Feb. 5, 2023

Location: SilverStar Mountain Resort

Admission: Please see website at www.skisilverstar.com

It's time to dig out the long skis, the race suit, your need for speed, and head to SilverStar Mountain Resort for the '40th Annual Over the Hill Downhill'. This incredibly fun and long running recreational downhill ski race pits individuals and teams of four against each other for the glory of being the fastest down the mountain. Teams are entered in a category based on the combined team age ranging from 65 to 225+ years. Teams can be comprised of all male or all female; no longer 1 female per team required. Team members can be as young as 10 years of age or as old as they come. No need to be on a team either. If you want to race on your own - no problem, individuals can race as well. Come to SilverStar this winter to experience the longest standing recreational downhill race in Canada.

Vernon Pigeon & Poultry Club Feather Fancier Show (52nd Annual)

Sponsored by: Vernon Pigeon & Poultry Club

Date: Sun. Feb. 5, 2023

Time: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Location: Vernon Recreation Centre Auditorium,
3310 - 37th Ave.

Admission: By Donation

One of Carnival's longest running events finally returns! The Winter Carnival Feather Fancier Show is a great event for families! Come and see the purebred poultry including chickens, ducks, and pigeons on display. The event also features games for families to enjoy. The birds will be judged and the best in the show will be displayed on Champion Row. This is a great

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opportunity to see some high quality exotic breeds as well as some familiar barnyard favourites.

***Please note this event may be restricted or limited due to Avian Influenza. Please visit vppc.ca for updates and information.**

Vernon Snowmobile Association Scavenger Hunt

Sponsored by: Trail Tire, Cedar Solutions, BDM Motorsports

Date: Sun. Feb. 5, 2023

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Location: SilverStar Snowmobile Area - follow the signs up Sovereign Lake Rd.

Admission: Free

Join the VSA for our Scavenger Hunt! Explore over 160 km of groomed trails and new open areas on your snow machine, right in Vernon's backyard. Warm up with hot chocolate and a fire, and a BBQ by donation. There will be prizes and fun activities for everyone to enjoy. Get the next generation excited for sledding!! Located 5 minutes from Silverstar.

Visit us at www.sledvernon.ca

Carnival Days at O'Keefe Ranch

Sponsored by: Historic O'Keefe Ranch

Date: Sun. Feb 5, 2023

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Location: O'Keefe Ranch 9380 Hwy. 97N

Admission: By Donation

Saturdays and Sundays February 4/5, 11/12 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Winter Blues returns! This year it's the Winter Blues Carnival TV. Chase away the winter blues with many fun activities.

Royalty will be in the Gazebo and available for photos. Meet Queen of the Ranch and Okanagan Princess. Jopo and Jopette will also be wandering the Ranch and are available for photos and interesting conversations!

Stop in at the pavilion to enjoy the blue themed decorations of lights, trees and more photo opportunities. Next stop in to participate in children's crafts including pine cone bird feeders and snowflakes. "Blue Bloods" Mansion tour by the ladies in blue and "Hill Street Blues" wagon rides are also a must! Don't forget to have your scavenger hunt in hand during your travels.

Warm up near a bon fire, roast marshmallows and s'mores and visit the general store to immerse yourself in historic retail or purchase blue candy. If there is snow, bring your own snow shoes and follow the Blue Ribbon trail around the Ranch or try your hand at "Blue Collar" snowmen building. Had enough time outside? Warm up in the Kids Carnival Hall with old fashioned country fair games such as bean bag toss and ring toss. "Smurfs" short films will also be playing.

Don't forget to grab some blue popcorn or blue hot chocolate before you head back out and attempt the new family mystery game "Blues Clues". Solve the puzzle by following clues setup around the Ranch.

Carnival of Chocolate

Sponsored by: Cotton's Chocolates

Date: Sun. Feb 5, 2023

Time: 11:30-1pm & 3-4:30pm

Location: Cotton's Chocolates - 3334 30th Ave

Admission: \$59 per person - Max 8 people per class - Best for Ages 7-12

The most delicious event in town returns to Vernon Winter Carnival! Register your kids for the Carnival of Chocolate! Kids will get to learn the art of chocolatiering from the local master Barrita Durward. Take home everything you make from this SWEET party, plus make a tasty batch of Cotton Candy to take home as well!

Two classes on Sunday Feb 5th - 11:30am & 3:00pm

Carnival TV

Be sure to check the
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at vernonwintercarnival.com
and social media daily
for event info and updates.



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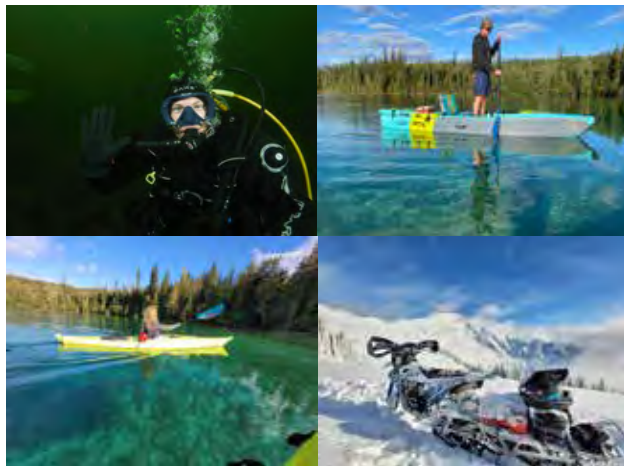
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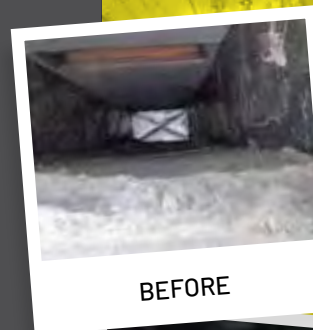
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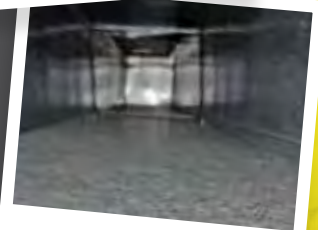


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Date: Fri. Feb.3 – Sun. Feb 5, 2023

Location: SilverStar Mountain Resort Village



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SilverStar Mountain Resort's Play Forever program supports our local community through financial contributions, in-kind giving and volunteering as part of our commitment to strengthen the places where we live, work and play.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Magic School Bus- Gallery Shows

Sponsored by: Okanagan Science Centre
Date: Fri. Feb. 3-Sun. Feb12, 2023
Times: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Location: Okanagan Science Centre - 2704 BC-6
Admission: FREE for Members,
Non Members - Regular Admission Rates apply

Join our scientists daily during Winter Carnival as we go on a science adventure. We will discover new creatures, travel through time and space and learn about the mysteries of science. Family Friendly event and included in our regular admission.
Closed Mondays.

Snogolf Tournament

Sponsored by: Vernon Craft Distilleries & Vernon Winter Carnival
Date: Sun. Feb 5, 2023
Time: 12pm-4pm
Location: BX Community Park - 5734 Silver Star Rd.
Admission: \$180 - Foursome or \$50 per person
A Canadian Classic returns to Winter Carnival! Register your foursome or sign up as an individual and prepare to have the most fun you've had all winter! Basically anything goes in Snogolf! Bring a "club" some examples include a hockey stick, a driver or maybe a frozen fish! Dress up with your team and enjoy a day of "golf" including lunch and tons of prizes and games! The greens are called "whites" and the name of the game is to have fun! Space is limited!

Free Family Skate with MP Mel Arnold

Sponsored by: North Okanagan Shuswap Conservative Association
Date: Sun. Feb 5, 2023
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm
Location: Outdoor Centennial Rink - 3409 35 Ave
Admission: Free

Come enjoy a free family fun skate hosted by Mel Arnold and the North Okanagan Shuswap Conservative Association at Outdoor Centennial Rink. Families of all sizes are welcome! Popcorn, cookies and hot chocolate provided. Bring your own skates and helmets. Helmets mandatory for ages 10 and under and recommended for everyone else. Hope to see you there!

In the event of extreme cold or unseasonably warm temperatures this event will be moved indoors to the Dogwood Gym.

Check www.vernonwintercarnival.com for updates.

The Reverie

Sponsored by: Noble Yoga Studio
Date: Sun. Feb. 5, 2023
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm
Location: Noble Yoga Studio - 2870 30th St.
Admission: \$25

Thaw out from your winter fun with a tantalizing sensory treat at Noble Yoga Vernon! This unique event will warm your spirit as well as loosen up your body with the help of aromatherapy, thoughtfully curated music and projected visuals resulting in a delightful new yoga experience! Join us to celebrate the Winter Carnival!

Jopo Swim at the Vernon Aquatic Centre

Sponsored by: Greater Vernon Recreation Services
Date: Sun. Feb. 5, 2023
Time: 1:30pm-4:00pm
Location: Vernon Aquatic Centre - 3310 37th Ave.
Admission: Free

Instead of more screen time, come have some splash time at the Vernon Aquatic Centre. Our TV hosts will be leading activities for viewers of all ages. Put down the remote and come experience some FREE aquatic entertainment with Greater Vernon Recreation Services.



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Colouring Contest

Drop off your masterpiece by Friday, February 10, 2023 to the Vernon Winter Carnival office, 3401 25 Avenue or email a copy to info@vernonthintercarnival.com.

Please write your name and phone number on the back.



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Bubble Tea Making Class

Sponsored by: Coco Milk Tea Corp.

Date: Sun. Feb. 5, 2023

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Coco Milk Tea Corp. - 110-3334 30th Ave.

Admission: \$50

Bubble Tea has grown so much in popularity all over the world. Gen Z and Millennials especially are going gaga over this most coveted drink! Experience one of a kind bubble tea training that will allow you to create the most perfect cup of bubble tea! We will teach you how to curate your own favourite boba from the comfort of your own home. Your DIY Bubble Tea kit is included in the class. Don't miss this fun filled boba day!

Carnival of Lights

Presented by: Kari Gares - MHC Mortgage House

Light Design By: Fox Plumbing Heating Cooling Electrical

Date: Fri. Feb. 3 - Sun. Feb 12, 2023

Time: 5-8pm

Location: Spirit Square - 3400 30 St.

Admission: Free

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Downtown Vernon Gold Rush

Sponsored by: Downtown Vernon Association & 105.7 Pure Country

Dates: Jan 27- Feb 12, 2023

Times: Various

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Location: Downtown Vernon - Various
Admission: \$10.00 - Clue Packages on sale Jan 27, 2023
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Arrest the Best

Presented by: Okanagan Restoration Services,
Vernon Dodge Jeep & VWC

Date: Mon. Feb. 6 - Fri. Feb 10, 2023

Time: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Admission: Minimum \$20 Bail

Bad Boys, Bad Boys, watch ya gonna do?! That's right, Carnival COPS will be live in Vernon Feb 6th-10th! Arrange to have your co-workers, boss or BFF arrested! We deliver the jail directly to you! You set their bail, and it's up to them to collect donations in order to earn their freedom! Arrests are made and jail time is served right outside your business for maximum exposure. All funds raised go to support the Vernon Winter Carnival Society.

Lots of Tots Play Group

Date: Mon. Feb 6, 2023

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Location: Trinity United Church, 3300 Alexis Park Dr.

Admission: Free

Lots of Tots drop-in playgroup invites children 0 to 5 and their caregivers to come to play in the large playroom! We will have winter craft items available and the toys and mats out for all children to play with. Refreshments will be provided, however, it is advisable to bring your own snacks for your children. Caregivers are to stay with their children.

Jam Can Curling

Presented by: Tolko

Sponsored by: Subway, North Okanagan Optimist Club
& Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Mon. Feb 6 - Fri. Feb 10, 2023

Time: 9:45am-11:45am

Location: Centennial Outdoor Rink - Vernon Rec Centre

Complex

Admission: Free

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Come out and watch outdoor curling fun as teams from local elementary schools participate!

Schools can register their Grade 4 - 6 classes by contacting Vernon Winter Carnival Society or register online at vernonwintercarnival.com. Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend and cheer on the kids!

Storytelling Okanagan Indian Band

Presented by: Moccasin Trails Inc, Okanagan Indian Band
& Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Mon. Feb 6, 2023

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Location: Komasket Park - Westside Rd - Pit-House

Admission: Free - Must Pre-register - Space is limited

Imagine what it would feel like to live in a "Kekuli" or pit-house, the traditional winter home of the Okanagan Indigenous people. Listen to stories around a fire of how the Sylix people lived before Europeans arrived up to the modern day. Stories that have been passed down from generation to generation going back hundreds of years ago. This unique experience is free however participants must register as space is limited. Register at vernonwintercarnival.com

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Time: 5-8pm
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Dates: Jan 27- Feb 12, 2023
Times: Various
Location: Downtown Vernon - Various
Admission: \$10.00 - Clue Packages on sale Jan 27, 2023

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Magic School Bus- Gallery Shows

Sponsored by: Okanagan Science Centre
Date: Fri. Feb. 3-Sun. Feb12, 2023
Times: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Location: Okanagan Science Centre - 2704 BC-6
Admission: FREE for Members,
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Join our scientists daily during Winter Carnival as we go on a science adventure. We will discover new creatures, travel through time and space and learn about the mysteries of science. Family Friendly event and included in our regular admission.
Closed Mondays.

Bingo Marathon

Sponsored by: Halina Activity Centre
Location: Halina Activity Centre 3310 37th Ave.,
located in the back of the Vernon Rec Centre
Dates: Tues. Feb 7, 2023
Times: 12:00pm-12:00am

First session is played at noon with each session running about two and a half hours in duration. New players are welcome to join at the beginning of each session which start at noon, 3pm, 6pm and 9pm.
Admission: Admission: Free - Bingo cards must be purchased Adult Event, must be 19+ to attend BINGO!

Take part in a Bingo Marathon! First session is played at noon with each session running about two and a half hours in duration. New players are welcome to join at the beginning of each session which start at noon, 3pm, 6pm and 9pm. Each session consists of 13 games. All games must be played in duration. Win cash prizes for all games! Concession meals available for a charge. Must be 19+ to participate, please gamble responsibly, know your limit play within it. BC Gaming license #137057

Winter Carnival Total Fun Bed Races

Sponsored by: Total Restoration Services & Castanet
Date: Tues. Feb 7, 2023
Time: 12pm
Location: TBA - check vernonwintercarnival.com for details
Admission: Free



A fun event where the teams participating can create their racing machines from the ground up. A Race track will be set up in Vernon - location TBA- where the teams will race for victory. The winning team will win 1 years bragging rights, along with their name on the coveted Winter Carnival Bed Races Trophy. We can't wait to see your creative masterpieces!

RULES:

- 1) **1 teammate must ride on the bed during the race.**
- 2) **4 - 6 teammates needed to push the bed**
- 3) **Beds must have 4 wheels.** These can be bike tires, car tires, chair wheels...etc but all 4 wheels must be in contact with the ground at the finish line. The bed must be constructed in a fashion that all pushers are able to see the course. Push Bars(handles) are allowed, but may not extend more than 16" from the bed frame with no sharp edges. Be as creative as possible!!!!

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Memories Project

As the COVID-19 pandemic increased social isolation among many older Canadians, organizations that serve seniors are more important than ever.

For 2023 Vernon Winter Carnival Society received funding from the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. The funds were used to engage seniors in our community through Vernon Winter Carnival's annual festival.

As part of the project Vernon Winter Carnival has created a series of videos, engaging local senior residents who shared their stories of past Vernon Winter Carnivals. It was an honour and a privilege to hear these memories and past experiences from some of our local seniors who have truly been impacted by this festival.

Be sure to visit our website and social media pages to watch the videos and learn about the history of Vernon Winter Carnival.

Additional funds from the project were used to create a senior's event – The Happy Days Sock Hop happening Thursday Feb 9th at the Prestige Vernon Lodge.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program is a federal grants and contributions program whose goal is to support projects that help improve the well-being of seniors and foster social inclusion and engagement in their communities.

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Queer Family Game Night

Sponsored by: Family Resource Centre
Date: Tues. Feb 7, 2023
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Location: The Boarding House Café - 3101 B 31 Ave.
Admission: Free



Gentlepeople! The Family Resource Centre invites you to join us for Queer Family Game Night at the Boarding House Cafe! Get to know other friendly and inclusive people and families in the community! Play any of the extensive collection of games available at Boarding House! Families, adults, and allies are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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Dates: Jan 27- Feb 12, 2023
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Location: Okanagan Regional Library - 2800 30th Ave

Admission: Free

Can you solve all the clues to get to the locked prize? Get together

some friends, or come on your own to join a team, and try your luck with the ORL Magic School Bus Clues Room. There will be a draw for one Magic School Bus Space Kit after the program is over. Similar to an escape room but you won't be escaping from the room.

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Carnival of Lights

Presented by: Kari Gares - MHC Mortgage House

Light Design By: Fox Plumbing Heating Cooling Electrical

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2022 CARNIVAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

In partnership with The Stor-it Place, Vernon Winter Carnival awarded two Grade 12 students with a \$500 Scholarship in 2022. Students were asked to submit a short essay about the impact Vernon Winter Carnival has had for them personally.

*17 Entries were submitted in total,
sharing dozens of personal and memorable moments from Vernon Winter Carnival.*



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THE SUCCESSFUL RECIPIENTS WERE:

Amy Cuthbertson

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Carnival truly is a unique event that has spanned generations of family members and this scholarship is helping to show the impact it's had on our community.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 VWC Scholarship - Sponsored by The Stor-it Place. Grade 12 students can submit their essay online today for the chance to receive one of two \$500 Scholarships.

Winter Magic and Memories

February, with its short days and cold nights, is for many the worst month of the year. But for me, and for many other Vernon residents, something that brings joy through this dreary month is the Vernon Winter Carnival. Whether watching the hot air balloons in amazement, bundling up to go watch the parade, or spending time with family at the various fun events, the winter carnival has created some of my fondest memories.

My family has been an active part of the Vernon community for generations. Since I can remember, the winter carnival has been a part of our family traditions. My grandparents were heavily involved in the carnival and were carnival judges for years. As a little girl, I remember dressing up in matching clown costumes with my grandma and grandpa, going all over Vernon to judge the window decorations of all the businesses. Some years, my brothers and I would participate in the Polar Bear Swim. Looking back at the pictures of myself shivering in my bathing suit in front of a snowy backdrop with ice floating in the water, I am proud and amazed that I was brave enough to do it. One of the most memorable traditions for me was a big potluck breakfast before the parade. Every year, we would go over to my grandparents' friends' house with many other families and have an amazing breakfast filled with good food, conversation and excitement in anticipation of the parade.

Each year I looked forward to the parade. It was my favorite

part of the carnival. I would bundle up in my snowsuit and mitts, carrying my hot chocolate, and head down to the curb. I would watch the floats in awe and jump with excitement when they would give out candy. One year, I got to ride on a float and it was an unforgettable experience. I felt like a celebrity. I told all of my friends that they should watch for me and when I saw them in the crowd my heart filled with joy. My favorite float of all was the Queen Silver Star float. Seeing all the beautiful girls in their dresses with sparkling crowns felt like magic when I was little. My aunt had been Queen Silver Star and I always had dreams of becoming Queen or Princess Silver Star one day. My parents would take me to meet them when they made appearances and we would take photos. To me they were royalty and I was amazed and inspired by how kind they were.

The carnival brings much joy to my family and I. It has created many fond memories of fun experiences. I know that the carnival impacts many other families around Vernon just as it impacts mine. Now that I am older, I still love all of the events, but I also appreciate the unity that the carnival brings to our community. Young and old come together as volunteers, spectators, participants or simply community members looking for a way to enjoy our city. The Vernon Winter Carnival will always hold a special place in my heart. I cherish the memories it has given me and look forward to enjoying it for years to come.

Taia Buffie



The Magic of Carnival

My earliest memory of the Vernon Winter Carnival took place on a bitterly cold winter evening. Bundled in our coats and mittens, hot chocolate in hands, my family and I walked into Polson Park. It was dark and we could see our breath as we exhaled. We were there to see the hot air balloon glow. Standing at the base of these massive balloons, looking up at their colorful fabrics glowing against the night sky was a vision I haven't forgotten. My mom and I each picked our favorite one. Mine was always the rainbow balloon. This became our tradition throughout the years, to pick our favorite balloon. In the following days, each time we were out we would scan the sky looking for our favorite balloon flying overhead. After wandering through the park we found our way to the ice castle. I recall turning the corner and being starstruck by the view of the queen and princess Silver Star. I begged my mom to wait in line to take pictures with them. My 4 year old self came prepared, and wore my plastic Cinderella tiara so I could match the royalty. Like many girls my age, this was the highlight of the carnival. The Silver Star queen and princess always made the carnival even more enchanting.

In the 62 years that our beloved carnival has been around, it has evolved and grown. However, it has always kept its core goal of creating magic, and fun for families. From the Snow Sculpture competition to the Chili Cook-off, each staple activity is a family favorite. Of course, the event known to kick off the week of festivities is the parade. This is when town businesses and organizations show off the floats that they feel represent them, or our community, the best. My friends and I would sneak through the crowds of people to get up to the front. This would ensure that we would get a prime spot to catch the candy being tossed from the passing floats. Seeing all the dancers, singers, and performers throughout the parade was entertaining. So many volunteers, and individuals assembled together to create a wonderful performance.

The true magic of the Vernon Winter Carnival is in its ability to truly build community connections. While the events are fun and a welcome escape during long cold winters, the long lasting impact of this tradition is that it gives roots and connections to residents of Vernon. The significant number of volunteers and donors are a testament to this. The car-

nival brings out people of all ages to take part in events, to participate in planning, setting up and fundraising. It is this kind of community involvement that truly creates connection and a sense of belonging for individuals. This sense of community is what has inspired generation after generation of Vernon families to keep the carnival going. It is a tradition that brings people together, which is something we all need now more than ever.

My years growing up admiring the Vernon Winter Carnival princesses inspired me to reach a similar goal myself. Last year I decided to compete in the Miss Teenage Canada pageant. A pageant is something that would not have even been on my radar had I not seen these princesses achieve their goals year after year before me. I was successful in winning the regional title of Miss Teenage Okanagan, and was invited to be a national delegate in Toronto. This past year I have been honored to volunteer and fundraise throughout Vernon and the Okanagan to support local charities. I have built relationships with local businesses, and have been overwhelmed with the support I received from this amazing community. I learned that the journey to achieve a goal like this is not taken alone. It requires a community. This is the foundation that the Vernon Winter Carnival has built. It has inspired me to become an active participant in our community, and the residents of Vernon to come together and support each other through good times and bad. This year, I will be wearing my crown and sash while I participate at the O'Keefe Ranch Blue Light Special event. It feels incredible to be the one taking photos with little ones who are just beginning to experience the magic of the Vernon Winter Carnival.

The impact of this event reaches far beyond a couple of weeks in February. It creates connections and social responsibility for current residents, and generations to come. I am grateful for the impact the carnival has had in my life, and look forward to being able to give back to this wonderful community it has created. This legacy of generosity is the true magic of the Vernon Winter Carnival.



Amy Cuthbertson



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Biathlon Demo Night

Presented by: Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre
Date: Wed. Feb 8, 2023
Locations: Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre - 250 Sovereign Lake Rd.
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Admission: \$40



Have you always wanted to try Biathlon but have been shy to check it out? This event is open to 40 participants who will learn all the basics of biathlon marksmanship. We will run a fun relay during the event, rental equipment is available to all participants free of charge. People should be comfortable on cross-country skis but do not need ANY biathlon or firearms experience. Our athletes and coaches will guide you through the safety discussion, skiing and shooting session followed by a treat with hot chocolate or coffee to warm you up, all under the Sovereign Lake Nordic Club Biathlon Range lights. Warm refreshments and treats will be served after the event in the Biathlon Range Cabin.

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This event is free but participants must register.

Visit www.surl.li/dlacs to sign up!

Happy Days Sock Hop

Sponsored by: New Horizons Seniors Program & Vernon Winter Carnival
Date: Thurs. Feb. 9, 2023
Time: Doors open at 4:30pm
Location: Prestige Vernon Lodge - 3914 32nd St.
Admission: \$30.00
Senior's Rate: \$25

Take a step back in time to the 1950's with the Vernon Winter Carnival Happy Days Sock Hop!

Dress up in your 50's attire and enjoy a delicious dinner with friends and family as you're entertained by our Happy Days inspired live band! Take a spin around the dance floor with our dance instructors or grab your group and take a photo in one of our classic cars! Get your poodle skirts and leather jackets and rock & roll with all your friends! This is an event you won't want to miss!

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"Rookie Blue" Behind the Scenes

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Date: Thurs. Feb. 9, 2023
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Location: O'Keefe Ranch 9380 Hwy. 97N
Admission: \$25

Wednesday, February 9th at 6PM, become a "Rookie Blue" and enjoy a behind the scenes look at O'Keefe Ranch. Divide into smaller groups and view the areas not regularly attended. Ever wonder what's behind that closed door? Or where does Olsa REALLY sleep? Enjoy a guided tour of the behind scenes of Historic O'Keefe Ranch along with snacks and refreshments. You don't know who you will run into along the way.

Vino with VPAC

Sponsored by: Vernon Public Art Gallery
Date: Thurs. Feb. 9, 2023
Time: 7:00-10:00PM
Location: Vernon Public Art Gallery - 3228 31st St.
Admission: \$50.00

Enjoy a glass of Wine while following along with a guided painting project reflecting the theme of this year's Winter Carnival. Take your hand-painted masterpiece home with you at the end of the evening. Mingle with friends, get inspired by local artists and discover a new way to enjoy an evening out at the Gallery. Make sure you get your tickets early for this event, as space is limited. **Tickets available at the Vernon Winter Carnival Office.**

TV Western Square Dance

Sponsored by: Star Country Square Squares
Date: Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023
Time: 7:00PM to 8:30PM
Location: Vernon Rec Centre, Halena Activity Room
3310 - 37th Ave.

Admission: FREE

"TV Westerns will be covered in this vibrant event! Come join us for a Square Dance and a few refreshments of coffee and snacks. Come dressed in your favourite Western Gear and be prepared for a 'Rootin Tootin' good time!! Partners not necessary. If you can walk, you can dance!" famil fun

TV Trivia & Costume Night: Come & Play, Everything's A-Okay

Sponsored by: Greater Vernon Museum and Archives Society
Date: Thurs. Feb. 9, 2023
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Location: Museum and Archives of Vernon - 3009 - 32 Ave.
Admission: \$25.00
Adult event 19+ to attend

So, no one told you life was gonna be this way...

Making your way in the world today, takes everything you got. Taking a break from all your worries sure would help a lot...so, the Museum and Archives of Vernon (MAV) invites you out to a place some of us will know your name - TV Trivia & Costume Night!

Who said, "Entertainment's a thing of the past, now we got television," Alex? Think you might know? Come dressed as your favourite television character - or gather your Friends, those Mad Men & Golden Girls, & come dressed as a group - and test your TV trivia over the decades - from basic to more obscure. Bragging Rights! Prestige! Prizes for trivia winners, costumes, and best impersonations. You're gonna make it after all! We'll be there for you for the most fun you'll have on a Thursday night.

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Don't miss the Fireworks Friday Feb 10th at 6:00pm!

Storytelling Okanagan Indian Band

Presented by: Moccasin Trails Inc, Okanagan Indian Band & Vernon Winter Carnival

Date: Mon. Feb 6, 2023

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Location: Komasket Park - Westside Rd - Pit-House

Admission: Free - Must Pre-register - Space is limited

Imagine what it would feel like to live in a "Kekuli" or pit-house, the traditional winter home of the Okanagan Indigenous people. Listen to stories around a fire of how the Sylix people lived before Europeans arrived up to the modern day. Stories that have been passed down from generation to generation going back hundreds of years ago. This unique experience is free however participants must register as space is limited. Register at vernonwintercarnival.com

Carnival of Lights

Presented by: Kari Gares - MHC Mortgage House

Light Design By: Fox Plumbing Heating Cooling Electrical

Date: Fri. Feb. 3 - Sun. Feb 12, 2023

Time: 5-8pm

Location: Spirit Square - 3400 30 St.

Admission: Free

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. James Family Fling

Sponsored by: St. James School
Date: Fri. Feb 10, 2023
Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Location: St. James School Gym, 2700 - 28th Ave.
Admission: \$5.00 per person (ages 5 and up)

It's finally back!!! The St James Family Fling returns to Vernon Winter Carnival! Dress up as your favorite TV character or put on your favorite party shoes and come dance the night away making memories to last a life time! Join us for the re-boot of a family Carnival favourite! Limited tickets available at the door.

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The Snowglobe Concert featuring The Reklaws

Presented by: A&W Vernon
Sponsored by: Armstrong Regional Co-op, Great West Equipment, 105.7 Pure Country & VWC
Date: Sat. Feb.10, 2023
Time: 7:00pm-11:00pm
Location: Kal Tire Place
Admission: \$48.00 Stands, Floor \$60

Don't miss the biggest live music event to hit Vernon in years! VWC and A&W are proud to present the 2023 Snowglobe Concert 'Country Barn Burner'! Featuring Country music sensations, The Reklaws! Plus a special musical guest (TBA) and the one and only DJ Lunchboxx! This isn't just a concert, it's a must see Carnival event, with prizes for best dressed country gear and crew's having the most fun. It will be Vernon's largest party! There will be a beverage garden and VIP areas! Get your tickets in the stands or join us in the Stompin' Grounds on the floor!

Born and raised in rural Ontario, The Reklaws are made up of sibling duo Jenna and Stuart Walker. With the fastest-ever Canadian country song to go GOLD in the streaming era, six 2021 CCMA Awards nominations, and two 2022 JUNO Awards nominations, we think you'll become fast fans of this local duo if you're not already super fans like us!

Don't miss The Reklaws with special guests live at Kal Tire Place Feb 10th! Listen to PURE Country Vernon for more info.

CSI - An Adult Crime Scene Investigation

Sponsored by: Okanagan Science Centre
Date: Fri. Feb. 10, 2023
Times: 7:00pm-12:00am
Location: Okanagan Science Centre - 2704 BC-6
Admission: \$100 per team of Four People

Join the scientists at the Okanagan Science Centre for an afterhours, adult only event. The Science Centre will be transformed into a crime scene and you and your team will use your forensic skills to solve the crime. Gather your team of four for an amazing night out. Specialty cocktails, DJ and prizes for the best team costume and for the team that solves the crime in the quickest time.

Live Music at Lake City Casino

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Adult event 19+ to attend

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Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by: Halina Activity Centre
Location: Halina Activity Centre 3310 37th Ave., located in the back of the Vernon Rec Centre
Dates: Sat. Feb 11, 2023
Times: 8:00am-11:30am

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Please visit theclassic.ca to purchase tickets*

Carnival Kickball Tournament

Sponsored by: Vernon Winter Carnival Society

Date: Sat. Feb.11 - Sun. Feb.12, 2023

Time: Various

Location: Grahame Park Ball Diamonds (Fulton) -
5700 Okanagan Ave.

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Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Location: O'Keefe Ranch 9380 Hwy. 97N

Admission: By Donation

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Polar Bear Market

Sponsored by: Okanagan Health and Fitness

Date: Sat. Feb.11, 2023

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Location: Paddlewheel Hall - 7813 Okanagan Landing Rd.

Admission: Free

Polar Bear Market is on again, and we are delighted to offer more vendor. Come check out local businesses and crafters, and find something new or a new favourite. The market is inside Paddlewheel hall, but the Polar Bear Swim is outside at 1 pm, with a hot dog lunch and silent auction tables.

Yaba-Daba-Do! Saturday Morning

All-You-Can-Eat Cereal and Cartoon Party

Sponsored by: Greater Vernon Museum and Archives Society

Date: Sat. Feb.11, 2023

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Location: The Museum - 3009 - 32 Avenue

Admission: By Donation - Must pre-register

What's up, Doc? Feeling a bit looney with Carnival spirit? Zoinks! Then come on down to the The Museum where the young and young-at-heart are invited to relive the nostalgia of Saturdays past.

This all-ages event will feature non-stop cartoons and an all-you-can-eat cereal buffet! I say, I say, it's Saturday so come in the comfort of your favourite weekend PJs or comfy clothes. Bring along your favourite blanket, pillow, or stuffie. We'll be sweeping the clouds away with no need to be vewy, vewy quiet as we laugh our way through some classics from different eras.

Seating is limited advance registrations is required.

Jess4Kids Team Challenge Relay

Presented by: North Okanagan Valley Cleaners
& Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre

Date: Sat. Feb 11, 2023

Locations: Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre

Time: 10:30AM-3:00PM

Admission: By Donation

Dress Up in Team Costumes and bring friends, family or co-workers together to form teams of 4 to take part in our Relay Challenge. 2 skiers and 2 snowshoers will duke it out with other teams for glorious prizes. Suitable for all levels of ability, 2KM ski course, 550m snowshoe course. There are awards and prizes for best costumes so make it count!

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DISCOVER

all that Vernon has to offer during the Winter Season!

Vernon is the place to be during winter. Whether you prefer being outdoors in the snow or indoors with a glass of wine in hand, there is plenty to see and do in Vernon during the winter.

Here's a few ideas of things to do!

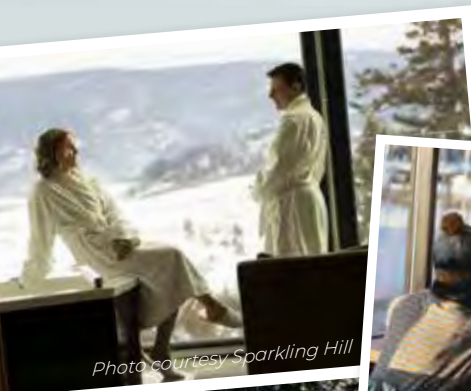


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SOVEREIGN LAKE



Nordic Centre

Explore the perfectly groomed cross-country ski trails at Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre and SilverStar Mountain Resort. Welcome to the largest daily groomed network of Nordic trails in Canada with over 100km to explore.

Snowshoeing

Try your hand at snowshoeing. It's easy and affordable and can take you through snowy forests and to stunning viewpoints. The trail systems at Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre and SilverStar Mountain Resort are perfect exploring the snow covered forests. Hikers can find a challenge by snowshoeing to see the frozen BX Falls or check out Okanagan Lake from Predator Ridge's trails. Rent your snowshoes from Stussi Sport, Sovereign Lake or SilverStar Mountain Resort

Warm Up

To warm up, explore the tasting rooms and local libations in and around Vernon. Tempt your taste buds with a great wine, craft beer, mead, fine spirit or charcuterie platter loaded with the unique flavours of the valley as you follow the Vernon Tasting Trail. Sample the best coffee shops in downtown on the Hot Sips Trail.



KURSPA

Sparkling Hill Resort

Indulge and relax at the KurSpa at Sparkling Hill Resort for the ultimate romantic winter getaway. Check out the edgy arts and culture scene with a show at Vernon Performing Arts Centre or take a pottery class at the Vernon Community Arts Centre.

For more great things to see and do, where to stay and much more, check out tourismvernon.com



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Date: Sat. Feb. 11, 2023
Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm
Location: Paddlewheel Beach - 7815 Okanagan Landing Rd
Admission: \$10 Registration for individuals or \$25 for a family

Take a refreshing dip into the lake! Registration starts at 12 pm, and the swim is at 1 pm. \$10 registration fee or \$25 for a family*. Spectators are very much welcomed as there is a concession, fire pit, silent auction and a market in the hall! Hot dogs, hot chocolate and marshmallows are sponsored by Kal Containers. Stay warm by the fire pit, and roast some marshmallows. A silent auction will be on the porch and the Polar Bear Market is in Paddlewheel Hall. All money raised goes to the Zimbabwe Project Society to help children in Zimbabwe.

Outdoor Oval on Swan Lake

Presented by: Vernon Speedskating Club
Sponsored by: Grizzly Curb & Concrete Ltd.
Date: Sat. Feb 11, 2023
Locations: Swan Lake (Meadowlark access)
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
Admission: Free



Join the Vernon Vortex Speedskating Club for an afternoon of skating on an outdoor OLYMPIC sized Oval on Swan Lake. Fun for the whole family bring your skates of any type and we look forward to meeting you out there. *This event is weather dependant and based on the lake being frozen*.

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Chili Cook Off

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Date: Sat. Feb 11, 2023
Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Location: Downtown Vernon - various locations
Admission: \$7.00 per passport - available for purchase Jan 27, 2023



It's back! The one-day Chili event of the year, where you decide who has the best chili in town! The Classic Chili Cook-off is back for its 14th year and is one of Vernon's hottest food tasting events, featuring authentic chili recipes served up by Vernon's most talented chefs and eateries. **Tickets (chili passports) will be available for purchase at Vernon Winter Carnival on Jan 27th, 2023**



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Location: Halina Activity Centre 3310 37th Ave, located in the back of the Vernon Rec Centre

Admission: \$5.00 at the door
If you have never attended a Coffee House you are missing out! Join us for a unique night of talent. Featuring musical entertainment, such as blue grass and blues, comedy and so much more! Refreshments available at the centre café and warm welcome awaits you!

NYPD Blues Band

Sponsored by: Historic O'Keefe Ranch
Date: Sat. Feb. 11, 2023
Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm
Location: O'Keefe Ranch 9380 Hwy 97N
Admission: \$25

Join us for the NYPD Blues Band featuring the one and only Poppa Dawg! Enjoy an evening of blues at the Ranch. Grab a drink from the licensed bar and enjoy the complimentary blue snacks of "CHiPs" and salsa. "Rick 'Poppa Dawg' Halisheff has been a mainstay on the Western Canadian blues scene for over 25 years, making a name for himself based on his strong vocal and guitar abilities as well as being a seasoned songwriter. His use of the 'talkbox' was a signature of his sound for many years prompting Tom Hyslop from Blues Revue magazine to comment, "some of the snarliest wah tone ever waxed" on his 2011 release 'Same Dog, New Suit'.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Starting Block 10k running race & 3k fun run hosted by Kal RATS (Running and Triathlon Sports club)

Sponsored by: Kal RATS - Running and Triathlon Sports Club,
Interior Running Association, The Starting Block
Date: Sun. Feb. 12, 2023
Time: 10:00am
Location: Lavington Elementary School - 9715 School Rd.
Registration: \$35 for 10k, \$10 for 3k-
pre registration online www.kalrats.com

The Starting Block 10k has been a stalwart of the Kal RATS Running and Triathlon Club and Interior Running Association Road Race Series for over 30 years. The 10k course is flat and gentle rolling with an out and back loop through rural / residential and agricultural countryside. Age group awards for first 3 in age group. Expect ice and snow. 3km fun run is all paved flat loop out and back. No placing or awards for 3k. Capacity is limited so visit the Kal RATS website kalrats.com to sign up today!"

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Times: 12:00pm-8:00pm
Admission: By Donation

Get outside and embrace the chill this winter! The Vernon Winter Carnival Winter Family Fun Park returns. Filled with tons of outdoor winter activities, including ice slides, colouring in the snow, games, human fooseball, entertainment and SNOW much more! Plus, BBQ and hot beverages are available on site.

The Halina Presents: A RRREEAALY BIG VARIETY SHOW

Sponsored by: Halina Activity Centre
Location: Halina Activity Centre 3310 37th Ave.,
located in the back of the Vernon Rec Centre
Dates: Sun. Feb 12, 2023
Times: 3:00pm-7:00pm
Admission: \$10.00

Our REALLY BIG show will bring the likes of musicians, comedians, jugglers, a variety of acts to the BIG SCREEN

Sit back, enjoy some appies and a drink and watch the live show on our very own Halina Centre television stage

This event is open to everyone and tickets are only \$10.00 plus appetizers and cash bar will be available for purchase.

Doors open at 3pm with the show starting at 3:30.

Be sure to check the Vernon Winter Carnival website at vernonwintercarnival.com and social media daily for event info and updates.

Carnival of Lights

Presented by: Kari Gares - MHC Mortgage House
Light Design By: Fox Plumbing Heating Cooling Electrical
Date: Fri. Feb. 3 - Sun. Feb 12, 2023
Time: 5-8pm
Location: Spirit Square - 3400 30 St.
Admission: Free

Did you know it's a Carnival tradition to turn your Christmas Lights back on for the 10 days of Vernon Winter Carnival? Let the Carnival Spirit Shine and visit the Carnival of Lights display at Spirit Square! Each night the lights will glow for the enjoyment of all who need to brighten their spirits!

Carnival of Chocolate

Sponsored by: Cotton's Chocolates
Date: Sun. Feb 12, 2023
Time: 12:30-2:00pm & 3:30-5:00pm
Location: Cotton's Chocolates - 3334 30th Ave.
Admission: \$59 per person - Max 8 people per class -
Best for Ages 7-12

The most delicious event in town returns to Vernon Winter Carnival! Register your kids for the Carnival of Chocolate! Kids will get to learn the art of chocolatiering from the local master Barrita Durward. Take home everything you make from this SWEET party, plus make a tasty batch of Cotton Candy to take home as well!

Two classes on Sunday Feb 12th - 12:30pm & 3:30pm

Bubble Tea Making Class

Sponsored by: Rich Tea
Date: Sun. Feb. 12, 2023
Time: 2:00pm
Location: Rich Tea - 110-3334 30th Ave.
Admission: \$50

Bubble Tea has grown so much in popularity all over the world. Gen Z and Millennials especially are going gaga over this most coveted drink! Experience one of a kind bubble tea training that will allow you to create the most perfect cup of bubble tea! We will teach you how to curate your own

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"We won every tournament we entered that year, including the Vernon Winter Carnival tournament which, as a kid, you always wanted to play in that tournament, we also won the provincials that year. It was a great team with great guys that are friends to this day, great coaches and and great parent support."

Brent Gilchrist

- Retired NHL



"Everything was exciting about that tournament. They made you feel like a star with the banquet and the parade. There was a team from Ontario so it was a pretty big deal."

Andrew Ebbett

- Retired NHL

"The Winter Carnival was an awesome experience, I remember playing in front of a packed Civic Arena and the atmosphere was great, not to mention the opportunity to have a team float in the parade"

Curtis Lazar

- NHL



"One of the highlights of my hockey career was carrying the Canadian flag as captain during the opening ceremony of the Winter Carnival tournament"

Tom Arkell



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Since 1961, our mission has been to **foster community spirit and promote Vernon as a Winter Destination through a 10-day Winter Festival.**

Vernon Winter Carnival offers a unique winter experience that is **inclusive** to all. We strive to bring our **community** together through **fun** events and activities that keep us connected through shared experiences.

Through honoured Carnival **traditions** and exciting new opportunities, residents and visitors get to show their community spirit— to show the true Carnival spirit.

As a non-profit society we rely on your continued support to help us achieve our vision to be **leaders in community spirit** and engagement, not only during Vernon Winter Carnival, but year round.

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