



## Christmas in Cambridge Festival of Events



### Press Release

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### Music and Lights in the Village

Friday November 28, 5:45pm-8:30pm,  
Downtown Hespeler Village, Queen Street

Galt Little Theatre performance of "A Visit from St. Nicholas" a comedy by Lowell Swortzell. Held at the Hespeler Library 5:45 & 7:15pm  
(Free tickets available at the Hespeler Library starting Nov. 24)

#### The Music

##### 7- 8pm: The Cambridge Children's Christmas Choir Concert

(Children's Choir includes the Cambridge Girls Choir, Woodland Park School Choir, St. Andrew's Youth Choir & Beyond the Clef Music School)

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church, 73 Queen Street East

#### The Lights

8:15pm: **Magical Tree Lighting** at Town Hall. Hespeler Heritage Centre is offering free hot chocolate!

#### The Village

Downtown Hespeler Shops will be decked out in their holiday finest! Take a stroll down Queen Street to view these spectacular windows.

**Complimentary babysitting** will be available in the church from 6:45-8pm (ages 4 & under)

**Donations** to the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank will be accepted at St. Andrew's Church

# CPR Holiday Train

**Tuesday December 2, 4:30pm Opening Act, 5:00pm Train Arrives**

Malcolm Street Station (across from G.C.I.) Live family entertainment.

Each December, **Canadian Pacific's Holiday Train travels across Canada and the United States to raise food, money and awareness for local food banks.** Illuminated by hundreds of thousands of festive lights, the Holiday Train makes its way across seven states and six provinces visiting over 100 Canadian and U.S. communities.

**Entertainers** on this train include Canadians Shaun Verreault, from Wide Mouth Mason, and Juno Award-winning singer and songwriter Melanie Doane.

The opening act will be Erick Traplin – his lively songs will warm the crowd!

More entertainer info:

<http://www8.cpr.ca/cms/English/General+Public/Holiday+Train/Bios/default.htm>

Photo Gallery:

<http://www8.cpr.ca/cms/English/General+Public/Holiday+Train/Photo+gallery/default.htm>

We will welcome donations of non-perishable food items for the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank.

The train will be coming to Cambridge from Hamilton and then going to London.

Parking: Galt Collegiate Institute, Water Street Parking Lot  
Accessible parking available on site.

# Candyland

**Saturday December 6, 12noon – 5pm**

Central Park, 615 King St. E. Preston Towne Centre

The musical **Carousel Ride** will be one of the highlights of Candyland this year!

High energy, quality, **live entertainment** will also be an attraction!

**The Smudge Fundaes** 12noon & 1pm

2008 Canadian Children's Group of the Year! As one happy fan said, "If you want to sweeten your life...try The Smudge Fundaes! Sound perfect for Candyland!

[www.smudgefundaes.com](http://www.smudgefundaes.com)

**Ronno** 2pm

Energetic, highly polished, musical-movement experiences that delight children and adults alike! <http://www.ronnosong.com/>

**Splash 'n Boots** 3:15pm & 4:15pm

"The Best in Children's Entertainment" The Toronto Star.

Enjoyed by adults, family and children audiences, Splash'N Boots fresh approach to music is contagious! <http://www.splashnboots.com/>

## Sweet Treats!

- New! Maynard's Candy Fun Show! Be a contestant!
- New! Jelly Belly Challenge: Can you identify the jelly belly recipe flavour?
- Retro Candy Spinning Wheel: Spin to win a sweet blast from the past!
- Candy on Ice: Can you wait for the ice to melt to get to your candy?
- "Not Just Gingerbread" Contest Display by Heartwood Place.

## Sweet Characters

- Santa & Mrs Claus
- Willy Wonka on stilts & Katie the Great face painting  
<http://www.dougthegreat.com/index.htm>
- Willy Melt: Christmas in Cambridge Snowman Mascot

## Games & Activities

- New Plinko!
- Smartie Pond
- Family Labyrinth
- Ice Building Blocks
- Donut Bumpers
- Climb Sugar Mountain
- Giant Kerplunk
- Candyland Crafts
- Candyland Train
- Candyland Family Photo Opportunity

**Carousel: Presented by Preston Towne Centre**  
**Family Labyrinth: Presented by DaveFM**  
**Jelly Belly Challenge: Presented by The Cambridge Times**  
**Plinko: Presented by Waterloo Region Record**

# **Candyland Continues!**

**Sunday December 7 to Sunday December 14**

Weekends 12noon – 8pm, Weekdays 4-8pm, Central Park, 615 King St. E.

**See the Lights and the Giant Candy Decorations!**

## **Games & Activities**

- **Preston Towne Centre Carousel \$2**
- **Dave FM Family Labyrinth**
- **Ice Building Blocks**
- **Waterloo Region Record Plinko**
- **Giant Kerplunk**
- **Climb Sugar Mountain**

# **New for 2008!**

## **Unsilent Night**

**Monday December 22, 7-8:30pm**

**Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St.**

Free parking behind City Hall and in Beverly / Wellington lot.

An outdoor ambient music piece for an infinite number of portable music players. Started in New York City, the Unsilent Night walk has become an avant-garde holiday tradition in over 35 cities around the world. The Cambridge event will be the first in Ontario.

Experience it for yourself!

Bring your mp3 player with speakers on your portable CD or tape player to simultaneously play an outdoor ambient music piece.

It's like a Christmas caroling party except that we don't sing, but rather carry the music, each of us playing a separate track that is a voice in the piece. The music will be provided for all. We will walk from City Hall through historic downtown Cambridge and return to City Hall for the event's finale. While the ambient music delights your ears, your eyes will be treated to light installations along the route.

### **How do you get the music?**

Download it to your mp3 or burn a CD from [www.christmasincambridge.ca](http://www.christmasincambridge.ca), or receive a CD or cassette tape at the event. (email [unsilent@cambridge.ca](mailto:unsilent@cambridge.ca) or call 519.740.4681 ext. 4202 to order your CD or tape)

Do I need a portable music player to participate? No, if you don't have a portable music player, you are still more than welcome to participate in the walk, hear the music, and see the lights.

### **A note about the light installations:**

**Waterloo Architecture Cambridge** students in Dr. Jeff Lederer's Urban Revitalization and Design class designed the installations. The students worked in partnership with **Christie Digital** from Kitchener. [www.christiedigital.com](http://www.christiedigital.com)

**Unsilent Night sponsors also include CTV, Galt on the Grand, Echo, and 91.5 The Beat.**  
[www.swo.ctv.ca](http://www.swo.ctv.ca)

[www.unsilentnight.com](http://www.unsilentnight.com)

# Family New Year's Eve Party

Presented by Mayor and Council  
**Wednesday December 31, 6-8pm,**  
**Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road**

**Free Family Skating!**

**CISCO Rink 1: Costumed Characters, lights & music**

**Rink 2: Party Rockers Video Skating Party!**

## **Costumed Characters!**

- Mickey & Minnie
- Shrek, Fiona, & Donkey
- Willy Melt: Christmas in Cambridge Snowman Mascot

## **Games & Activities!**

- Bouncy Castle
- Plinko
- Giant Connect 4
- Family Fun Lounge!

# Youth-a-Palooza

**Wednesday December 31, 9pm-12:30am, Beehive Hall, Hespeler Arena, 640 Ellis Road**

Party Rockers Video Dance A safe and fun place to dance the last dance of 2008!

Tickets: \$2 at the door. Ages 13-16

[www.partyrockers.ca](http://www.partyrockers.ca)

# Twelfth Night

Saturday January 10, 8-11pm, Armenian Centre, 15 International Village Drive

This is a revival of one of the oldest celebrations in the western world, not a presentation of William Shakespeare's play of the same name. Known in ancient Rome as Saturnalia, this was a twelve-day festival celebrating the Winter Solstice.

In Christian times, it became the Twelve Days of Christmas. Beginning on Boxing Day, the Twelve Days consisted of dancing, feasting, music and merriment. It was the origin of today's Christmas holidays and Twelfth Night, the last and greatest night of the festival, was regarded as the culmination of all the seasons' celebrations.

In the courts of the English Kings and Queens, this celebration was regarded as much more important than Christmas Day and was celebrated with dancing, feasting and elaborate Court Masques. These Masques consisted of fancy dress parties with dancing, fireworks and elaborate theatrical productions.

The common people celebrated much more modestly, but with the same enthusiasm and abandon. It was an important holiday up until colonial times in the early Americas, but has since become largely forgotten. Revivals of this celebration are occurring today in both Britain and the USA.

Christmas in Cambridge, in collaboration with the Mill Race Folk Society, is once again presenting a Twelfth Night celebration as the grand finale of the Christmas in Cambridge festival of events.

Last year's capacity crowd revelled in the music, food and dancing, and was enthralled with the costumes and the variety of entertainment!

The evening's festivities will include demonstrations of English folk dancing by **Orange Peel Morris, the Cambridge Splinters and the London Playford Dancers.**

Orange Peel Morris will also present a traditional **Cornish Mummers Play** entitled St. George and the Dragon and sing Pub Carols from South Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

Local trio **Tethera** will provide ambient instrumental music to set the mood and **Relative Harmony** will host an English Country Dance where those willing can join in and participate. **Motley the Jester** will be circulating through the crowd with good-hearted mischief.

**Father Christmas** will be in attendance in the role of Master of the Revels. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in costume or any fancy dress of their choice. The more extravagant and fantastic the better!

A buffet is provided and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$15 and will be available December 1 at City Hall, the Allan Reuter Centre, David Durward Centre, Cambridge Centre for the Arts, W.G. Johnson Centre and the John Dolson Centre.

<http://www.millracefolksociety.com/>

# Colouring Contest

Colour your favourite Christmas in Cambridge image (or colour all three!) and enter to win a **great Family Fun prize package!**

Drop off or mail in your entry by Wednesday December 31.

Enter as often as you would like.

Drop off:

- At any Christmas in Cambridge Event
- City Hall, 50 Dickson St.
- W.G. Johnson Centre, 31 Kribs St.
- John Dolson Centre, 212 South St.
- Centre for the Arts, 60 Dickson St.

Mail:

Christmas in Cambridge Colouring Contest  
City of Cambridge, Community Services Department  
50 Dickson St. PO Box 669  
Cambridge, ON N1R 5W8



# Win a Dimplex Electric Fireplace!

For your chance to win: print and complete the ballot and then drop it off by December 31 at one of the following events:

Music and Lights in the Village: Friday November 28  
CPR Holiday Train: Tuesday December 2  
Candyland: Saturday December 6 – Sunday December 14  
Unsilent Night: Monday December 22  
Family New Year's Eve Party: Wednesday December 31



## Contest Rules

No purchase necessary to enter, however, only official ballots will be accepted. Incomplete ballots will be voided. Applicants must correctly answer a skill-testing question to be awarded the prize. Ballots must be dropped off by December 31, 2008, 7:30pm.

## Contest Duration

Contest begins November 28, 2008 and ends on December 31, 2008 at 7:30pm.

## Eligibility

This contest is open to legal residents of Canada 18 years of age and older.

## The Prize

One winner will be presented with a new electric fireplace courtesy of Dimplex.

## Further details

Employees and family of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge, Dimplex and participating sponsors are not eligible. Winners will be chosen in a random drawing conducted on December 31 at the Hespeler Arena in Cambridge, Ontario. Decisions shall be final on all contest matters. Winners will be notified by phone.

Odds of winning depend on number of entries received.

The personal information on the ballot is gathered under the authority outlined in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (28-2) and will be used for the purpose of processing your entry in the Christmas in Cambridge fireplace contest. If you have any questions on the gathering of personal information you can contact the Freedom of Information and Privacy co-ordinator who can be reached through the Clerk's Division of the Corporate Services Department at 519.740.4680 ext. 4079.

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