

Press Release

Wednesday, December 28th, 2016

Spend New Year's Eve on the Town with fun, free, family-friendly activities

Truro – Swimming, skating, live music and more are in store as we bid farewell to 2016 and welcome 2017 with a New Year's Eve of free family fun throughout Truro. The Town of Truro Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture will host its New Year's Eve on the Town celebration on Saturday, Dec. 31. All events are family-friendly and free of charge.

The day begins with two, hour-long family swims, at 11:30 am and 1:00 pm, in the Wilsons Aquatic Centre at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre. The free swims are limited to the first 150 swimmers. The Kohler Klimbing Wall will also be available for free climbing from noon to 2:00 pm on a first-come, first-served basis.

Douglas Street Recreation Centre is the place to be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Heather Laura Clarke, mother of two, likes to bring her children to New Year's Eve at Douglas Street because *"it's the ultimate way to tire them out before the grown-ups ring in the New Year. They burn off all of their energy in the bouncy houses, get their faces painted, and run around with their friends."* Parents and fans of Gordon Tucker and Tim Bowers can take in their live performance while the children enjoy the other activities. *"New Year's Eve is usually thought of as an "adult" holiday,"* says Clarke, *"so it's nice for them to have a way to celebrate, too!"*

The evening events will kick off at 8:00 pm at the Colchester Legion Stadium for a free skate, refreshments and live entertainment from Paul Randy Mingo. You will have the option of sitting and listening to Paul's music live in the upstairs lounge or listening to his music playing over the arena speakers while you skate the night away. The live music and skating will wrap up at 11:45 pm so everyone can enjoy the display of fireworks at midnight to ring in 2017.

Please see below the list of free, family-friendly activities or visit www.truro.ca for more details.

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List of activities

Morning activities at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre:

- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Free family swim at the Wilsons Aquatic Centre (first 150 swimmers)
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Free climb on the Kohler Klimbing Wall (first come, first served)
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Free family swim at the Wilsons Aquatic Centre (first 150 swimmers)

Afternoon activities at the Douglas Street Recreation Centre:

- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Free family fun activities, including face-painting and balloon animals from Balloons Galore, bouncy houses, live entertainment by Gordon Tucker and Tim Bowers, refreshments and more! Doors open at 3:45 pm.

Evening activities at the Colchester Legion Stadium:

- 8:00 pm | Free skating at the arena, refreshments and live entertainment by Paul Randy Mingo in the upstairs lounge
- 12:00 am | Enjoy the fireworks outside the Colchester Legion Stadium to ring in 2017, weather permitting.

Don't forget to attend the Town of Truro's New Year's Day Levee being held in Council Chambers at 695 Prince St. from 12 noon to 1:00 pm on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017. Refreshments will be provided.