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Downtown E-News

E-News is a bi-weekly newsletter full of great events taking place in downtown Kitchener. E-news will keep you in the loop on where to go and what to do in downtown Kitchener. It comes right to your inbox every 2 weeks!

If you have an event you would like to submit, please go to our [event submission page](#) and fill out the form.

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Park Downtown for Free on Saturdays!

December is a special time of the year, and the City of Kitchener has made it even more exciting by offering downtown shoppers free parking!!!

Park for free in all City operated facilities every Saturday in Downtown Kitchener, beginning Saturday November 15 until Saturday December 27, 2008.

Come on out and view the downtown's festive sights and sounds, while shopping for that perfect holiday gift!

Live Entertainment

A Busted Flatt Boxing Day

Featuring: Lucas Stagg Band, Dan Walsh, and Alun Pigguns.

Friday December 26, 2008.

9pm

The Victoria Park Boathouse

Visit www.boathousevictoriapark.com for a complete listing of shows.

Live Entertainment at Your Kitchener Market

There is always something fun and entertaining happening at Your Kitchener Market on Saturdays! Join us for live performances by jazz, country, blues and even flamenco entertainers.

Saturday December 27, 2008.

Tim Louis

Saturday January 3, 2009.

Andy Klaehn

11am-1pm

Your Kitchener Market

Visit www.kitchenermarket.ca for details.

Nonie Crete Live in Concert

Nonie Crete and The Rolling Sands Band present: 'Comin' Home' CD Release Concert.

Tickets: \$17.50 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Saturday December 27, 2008.

8pm

The Registry Theatre

Visit www.registrytheatre.com for details.

KDUBaPaLoOzA

A night of live music and entertainment at the Victoria Park Boathouse.

Saturday December 27, 2008.

9pm

The Victoria Park Boathouse

Visit www.boathousevictoriapark.com for a complete listing of shows.

Comedy for the Community: Improv Performances

Improv Performances Community theatre at it's funniest!

**Monday December 29, 2008
and Monday January 5, 2009.**

7pm

Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch

For more information visit www.kpl.org or call 519-743-0271 Ext. 255.

Family & Kids

Toys and Games at the Joseph Schneider Haus

Enjoy 19th-century games and seasonal treats!

Wednesday December 24, 2008.

10am-5pm

Joseph Schneider Haus

Call 519-742-7752 for more information.

Kids' Club at Your Kitchener Market

If your child enjoys making crafts, learning and having fun, then Your Kitchener Market is the place to be!

Our Kids' Club offers **FREE** crafts, interactive activities and demonstrations!

Saturday January 3, 2009.

10am-12Noon

Your Kitchener Market

For more information please visit www.kitchenermarket.ca.

Camps at the Children's Museum

Join the Children's Museum for one of their **THREE** fun-filled winter camps!

World Travelers Camp

A full day of cultural activities from around the globe! Campers will be given a passport and travel to three countries to experience crafts, games, music and stories from those places.

Spots are available for kids ages 4-12.

Monday December 29 - 31, 2008.

AND

Friday January 2, 2009.

Computer Art Camp

Design your own t-shirt, personalize your own greeting card, create your own song, learn simple animation and digital art this winter break.

Monday December 29 - Wednesday December 31, 2008.

Please note: Pre-registration is required for all camps at The Children's Museum

The Waterloo Regional Children's Museum

To register, call 519-749-9387 or email

info@thechildrensmuseum.ca.

Visit www.thechildrensmuseum.ca for details.

Kids' Hop at Your Kitchener Market

Your Kitchener Market is full of 'wiggles' and 'giggles' every Tuesday morning!

Bring the kids down for **FREE** children's concerts, full of singing, dancing and great fun!

Tuesday December 30, 2008.

Richard Knetchtel

Tuesday January 6, 2009.

Music with Brian

11am-12Noon

Your Kitchener Market

Visit www.kitchenermarket.ca for details.

Family Story Time

Stories are for sharing. Bring the whole family for stories songs and more!

Saturday January 3, 2009.

10:30am

Tuesday January 6, 2009.

7pm

The Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch

Visit www.kpl.org for details.

Free Flicks for Kids

Experience the big screen in a 200 seat Auditorium. D' Lish Café is now open! Enjoy a treat while watching the movie.

Nim's Island

Rated PG (95 Min.)

Anything can happen on Nim's Island, a magical place ruled by a young girl's imagination!

Sunday January 4, 2009.

1:30pm

The Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch

Visit www.kpl.org for details.

Scottish Country Dancing for Kids

Kids come on out and join the KW Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, for Scottish country dancing lessons.

Ages 9-13, \$35 per child.

Tuesday January 6, 2009.

6:15pm-7:30pm

Historic St. Paul's Church, Downtown Kitchener

Call 519-893-9293 for details and to register.

Arts, Books & Film

Kitchener Public Library's 3rd Annual Amateur Photography Contest and Exhibition

In Partnership with the Waterloo Region Record.

Amateur photos will be judged by a panel of professional photographers. Winning entries will be framed by Highland Camera and showcased in KPL's Concourse Gallery in April. They will also appear in the Waterloo Region Record.

Entries will be accepted throughout the months of

December 2008 and January 2009.

For complete contest rules and regulations, please visit

www.kpl.org.

The Group of Seven Nutcracker

This delightful re-working of the timeless classic is born from collaboration with Kleinburg's world-renowned McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

Choreographed by Bengt Jörgen to Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's well-loved score, The Group of Seven Nutcracker features as a backdrop Canada's 20th Century landscape artists Franklin Carmichael's Church and Houses at Bisset (1931), Tom Thomson's Snow in the Woods (1916) and L.L. FitzGerald's Trees and Wildflowers (1922).

Sunday December 28, 2008.

2pm and 7:30pm

The Centre in the Square

Visit www.centre-square.com for details.

Cattle: A Series of Paintings by Karen Cantello

For Cantello, the cattle represent the essence of nourishment and nurturement - a celebration of animals vital to survival.

Exhibit: Ongoing throughout the month of January

Artist's Reception: Thursday January 8, 2009.
5pm-7pm
Rotunda Gallery, Kitchener City Hall
For more information please call 519-741-3400 Ext. 3381.

Free Flicks at the KPL

Experience the big screen in a 200 seat Auditorium. D' Lish café is now open! Enjoy a treat while watching the movie.

Wordplay

Rated G (85 Min.)

A movie focusing on the man most associated with the crossword puzzle, New York Times puzzle editor and NPR puzzle master, Will Shortz. Director Patrick Creadon introduces us to this passionate hero, and to the inner workings of his brilliant and often hilarious contributors, including syndicated puzzle creator Merl Reagle.

Saturday January 3, 2009.

1:30pm

Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch

Visit www.kpl.org for details.

Salute to Vienna

A performance inspired by the traditional Viennese "Neujahrskonzert" (New Year's Concert) from Europe, and its unique program of waltzes, polkas and marches.

Salute to Vienna is the only performance of its kind in North America, and is officially recognized by the Mayor and Governor of Vienna as an authentic Viennese New Year's celebration.

Saturday January 3, 2009.

7:30pm

The Centre in the Square

Visit www.centre-square.com for details.

KW Society of Artists Members' Show - Warmth

KWSA pays tribute to member artist, Miroslav Sidney Osmerato.

Meet the Artist: Sunday January 4, 2009.

2pm

The Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch - Lower Concourse Gallery

Visit www.kpl.org for details.

The Forerunner Inspire Film Festival

Powerful and Inspiring Films

Sharkwater

Filmed in visually stunning high definition video, Sharkwater takes you into the most shark rich waters of the world, exposing the exploitation and corruption surrounding the superstitious use of shark fins in Asia.

This documentary tells the story of a young Canadian filmmaker Rob Stewart's remarkable journey of courage and determination that changes from a mission to save the worlds sharks into a fight for his own life.

Rated: Suggested Parental Guidance

Tuesday January 6, 2009.

7:15pm

The Gig Theatre

\$5 donation

Visit www.thegig.ca for details.

Divine Performing Arts World Tour 2009

Inspired by the spirit of an ancient culture, Divine Performing Arts brings to life classical Chinese dance and music, in a gloriously colorful and exhilarating show.

With an elite company of dancers, singers, and musicians, the New York-based Divine Performing Arts comes to Kitchener-Waterloo this January.

Tuesday January 6, 2009.

7:30pm

The Centre in the Square

Visit www.centre-square.com or www.divineshows.com for details.

Health

Genetically Modified Foods

Forum on food systems; hosted by Jodi Koberinski, from the Exhibit Café. This seminar will examine the latest science on the vast experiment, that is genetically modified foods.

FREE Admission!

Tuesday December 30, 2008.

6:30pm

Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch

Call 519-743-0271 for details.

Believe in You: A Documentary About Turner Syndrome

With Christine Pellerin, Turner Syndrome Society Canada.

Turner Syndrome affects one in every 2500 females.

Participate in a question and answer session after the film.

Monday January 5, 2009.

6:30pm

Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch

Visit www.kpl.org for details.

Business

Do You Dream of Starting A Business?

Come on out to this information session, on the new 10-week program to be held by the Working Centre in Kitchener. This program will have a specific focus on women, refugees, new Canadians, people in low-income jobs, and those not eligible for other small business supports.

Fees for the 10-week program will be based on income.

Dates and Times for information sessions are as follows:

Monday January 5, 2009.

2pm

Tuesday January 6, 2009.

7pm

Wednesday January 7, 2009.

2pm

For more information and to register, call Bob Shantz at 519-743-1151 Ext. 206 or email wrap@theworkingcentre.org.

Nightlife

Boxing Day All Ages at Elements Nightclub

Join Elements Night Club for their Annual Boxing Day All Ages Bash!

\$10 Cover, with Hip Hop, R&B, Top 40, Rap, Euro and Dance

spinning all night long!

Arrive Early to avoid the line up.

Friday December 26, 2008.

Doors open at 9:30pm

Elements Nightclub

Visit www.partytown.ca/elements for details.

All Ages Dance at Elements Nightclub

The first all ages party of 2009! Welcome in the New Year with Elements!

Friday January 2, 2009.

Doors open at 9:30pm

Elements Nightclub

Visit www.partytown.ca/elements for details.

New Years Eve

New Years Eve in Downtown Kitchener

A **FREE**, non-alcohol, family festival!

Children's activities, skating, countdown and movies, from 10am-6pm.

Guitar Hero challenge, music with Tyler Schwende Band, Awake and Dreaming and others, from 7pm-Midnight!

Wednesday December 31, 2008.

10am-12Midnight

Your Kitchener Market and Kitchener City Hall

Call 519-741-2547 or visit www.newyearsevekitchener.ca for complete details.

New Years Eve with Brad Paddock

Enjoy the musical stylings of Brad Paddock this New Years Eve, while dining at Verse's Restaurant.

Wednesday Decmber 31, 2008.

Reservations accepted from 5pm-10pm

Verses Restaurant

Cal 519-744-0144 or email info@versesrestaurant.ca for details.

2009 NYE Extravaganza

Ring in the New Year at Elements Night Club! An evening to

remember, with appetizers, hors d'ouvres, complimentary party favours and champagne at midnight.

Balloon drop filled with prizes at the stroke of midnight!

19+ Event with semi-formal dress code in effect.

Wednesday December 31, 2008.

Doors open at 9:30pm

Elements Nightclub

Visit www.partytown.ca/elements for details.

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Don't forget to check www.downtownkitchener.ca for more information about downtown. If you have any questions, please contact us at downtownevents@kitchener.ca.

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