

STRATFORD

# Winterfest



  
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**January 20 - 22, 2012**  
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#### Welcome to Winterfest 2012

Stratford Winterfest began in 1998 as a single-day event, expanding each year to its current format, now covering three days of spectacular winter programming in January. This year's theme, "Blast from the Past," will mark the return of activities and events from the last fourteen years of Winterfest, and is set to include an Olympic-style trampoline show, three professional athletes, skis and snowboards.

Planning for Stratford Winterfest spans a ten month period, and involves over a dozen passionate volunteers including representatives from the City of Stratford, Leisure Activity Council, Civic Beautification and Environmental Awareness Committee, Communities in Bloom, Stratford Lakeside Active Adults Association, Community Living Stratford, and dedicated citizens.

This year's Winterfest has been funded in part through the generous financial support of the City of Stratford. Contributing \$10,000.00 to the project, the City's gift is conditional on matching funds from the community, and we are pleased to report that this year, Winterfest has reached its goal!

For information on events, being a volunteer on the committee or at the event, sponsorship opportunities, and event survey forms, please visit our Information Tent or [www.stratfordwinterfest.ca](http://www.stratfordwinterfest.ca).

To our many sponsors, volunteers and participants, thank you for your support. It is our hope that you enjoy the festivities as much as we have had fun planning them.

## Ongoing Activities

### Outdoor Skating (Fri thru Sun, All Day)

Lower Queens Park

Make a slice in the ice - on our outdoor skating rink.

**Supported by the Stratford Professional Firefighters and City of Stratford Community Services Department.**

### Ice Slide Rides (Sat & Sun)

Lower Queens Park

A fun and interactive

ice slide! With a length of approx. 40 feet, this ice sculpture provides a slick and sweeping ride, perfect for youngsters to enjoy. **Sponsored by Leisure Activity Council of Stratford and District.**



### Snowman Stroll (Sat & Sun, All Day)

Lower Queens Park

Make your way through a winding, frosty path of decorated snowmen, wooden displays contributed by local schools and organizations, with public voting on winning schools. Place your vote at the Info Tent. Prizes to be awarded on Sunday.

**Supported by Stratford Winterfest, Home Hardware, Northwestern Secondary School.**

### Ice building Blocks (Sat & Sun, All Day)

Lower Queens Park

250 blocks (5lbs each) of ice will be provided in a contained area for children to get creative and build their very own ice structures.

### 'JJ's' Winterfest Grooves (Sat & Sun)

Lower Queens Park/Stratford Festival Marquee

Enjoy music played by JJ's Disc Jockey Service. Great music, all day!

**Sponsored by JJ's Disc Jockey Service.**

### Where's BJ? (starting Jan 11th in the Stratford Gazette)

'BJ' the Winterfest Swan Mascott has gone missing, and we need your help to find her! Starting January 11th, gather 2 of a 3 piece puzzle set in the weekly editions of the Stratford Gazette. Grab the third puzzle piece at our Big Screen Movie Night, or online at [www.stratfordwinterfest.ca](http://www.stratfordwinterfest.ca). Fit them together, and the illustration of Stratford will reveal where 'BJ', the Winterfest Swan has landed!

Submit your guess at the Information Tent in Lower Queens Park by 3pm on Sunday, to win a prize. Contest puzzle artwork created by local illustrator, James Colbeck.

## schedule of events

### Food Vendors



#### Lower Queen's Park

Saturday 10:00AM – 4:00PM\*  
Sunday 11:00AM – 3:00PM

#### Ken's French Fries

A Stratford spud favourite!

#### Pat's Apple Frits

Purchase mouth-watering apple fritters and apple cider.

#### Royal Palisade Retirement Community

Executive Chef Thom presents delicious soup from the restaurant at Royal Palisade Retirement Community.

#### Stratford Shakespeare Festival Winter Warm Up

Paul D. Fleck Marquee, Stratford Shakespeare Festival  
Come on up and join us in the Paul D. Fleck Marquee. Warm up your fingers and toes while you watch all the excitement of the Winterfest activities below. Cash bar and snack items will be available.

*\*The sale of alcoholic beverages will not start until 11:00AM each day.*

While you're taking a few minutes to warm up, why not say "Cheese" in a Stratford Shakespeare Festival hat? We'll have a photo booth set up where kids of all ages (and adults too!) can check out an amazing selection of hats from various festival productions. Try on your favourite choice and have your photo taken!

#### Tim Hortons

Meet, greet, and warm up with hot drinks and timbits.

#### St. John Ambulance Winter Barbeque

Enjoy delicious hot BBQ in the park. Purchase burgers, hot dogs, sausages, and beverages.

### Fri. Jan 20.12

#### Winterlude Entertainment (Fri, 1:30PM start)

Kiwanis Community Centre  
Enjoy a free afternoon of variety entertainment with country music from the Satchell Band, and goodies from the Four Steps. **Sponsored by the Special Events & Fundraising Committee of the Lakeside Active Adults Association.**

#### Garbage Can Decorating Demonstration

(Fri, 4:30PM-7:00PM)

Festival Marketplace-Winners Court  
James Colbeck, the originator of the competition, and the 2011 contest winner will be on hand to show a variety of colourful techniques for decorating standard garbage cans.

#### Badminton Club Open Night (Fri, 6:00PM start)

Burnside Agriplex Fieldhouse  
Racquets and birds available. Please bring a pair of indoor court shoes.

#### YUK YUK's Dinner & Show (Fri, 6:30PM start)

Arden Park Hotel  
Three comedians, one hilarious evening of fun. At \$35.00/ticket, join us for dinner and show (dinner served at 6:30PM). For comedy show admission ONLY, doors open 8pm; cost is \$25.00/ticket. Cash bar, assigned seating. To purchase tickets in advance, please call 519-275-2936. **Sponsored by the Arden Park Hotel.**



#### Big Screen Movie Night

(Fri, 7:30PM-9:30PM)

Rotary Complex  
Join us for a big screen showing of CARS 2. Free admission, popcorn and fun. Movie will begin at 7:30pm  
**Sponsored by Community Services Department.** [www.stratfordrecreation.ca](http://www.stratfordrecreation.ca)

#### Winterfest Grade 7 & 8 Teen Dance

(Fri, 8:00PM-11:00PM)

Kiwanis Community Centre  
Limited number of tickets available. Tickets are \$10, and must be purchased in advance at the KCC.

## schedule of events

**Sat. Jan 21.12**

### Entertainment



#### **Royal Palisade Extreme Trampoline Show**

(Sat & Sun, 11:00AM, 1:00PM, 3:00PM)

3 shows a day; starting on the hour  
Lower Queens Park

An Olympic-style trampoline show, three professional athletes performing out-of-this-world tricks on skis and snowboards. **Sponsored by Royal Palisade Retirement Community.** [www.royalpalisade.com](http://www.royalpalisade.com).

#### **Bethel Puppet Tent**

(Sat & Sun, 11:30AM, 12:15PM, 1:30PM, 2:15PM)

Lower Queens Park

Drop in for some real good fun with the Bethel Church puppet team. Music, jokes, stories, popcorn and more!  
**Sponsored by Bethel Pentecostal Church.**

#### **Taoist Tai Chi™ Demo**

(Sat & Sun, 11:45AM, 12:45PM, 1:45PM)

Lower Queens Park

Renovate your body with Taoist Tai Chi™. Members of Taoist Tai Chi™ Stratford will brave the elements to demonstrate this ancient art that strengthens body and mind. Come join us and give it a try.

#### **Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre (Sat, 6:30PM start)**

The Parlour

A terrific evening of mystery and laughter! A gastronomic 3-course dinner teamed with a night of humour and entertainment is the perfect solution to the winter blues! \$40.00/person plus taxes/gratuities. Tickets must be reserved in advance, limited seating available. Purchase tickets at the Parlour. For information, please call 519-271-2772, [randy@theparlour.ca](mailto:randy@theparlour.ca).

#### **"A Blast from the Past" Winterfest Dance**

(Sat, 9:00PM)

Stratford Rotary Complex

Brought to you by the Kinsmen Club of Stratford, take a ride back in time with music by DJ Mark 'JJ' Johnson. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Tickets available at Video Plus Books, Marks Work Warehouse. Age of Majority, ID required.

**Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Stratford.**

### Things to Do

#### **Winterfest 3 on 3 Ball Hockey Tournament**

(Sat, 9:00AM – 4:00PM)

Lower Queens Parking Lot

Take part in this official activity of the outdoor festival. Teams may have up to 6 players. Age groups 18+, 13-17, 8-12, and 6-7. Any participants under 18 must wear full head protection including helmet with facemask. \$5/player or \$25/team. Pre-register online at [www.stratfordwinterfest.ca](http://www.stratfordwinterfest.ca).

#### **Apple Land Train Rides**

(Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

ALL ABOARD! Take a trip around the park with Ernie! Free train rides for the entire family. **Sponsored by Stratford Lakeside Active Adults Association.**



#### **Ice Carvings (Sat, various times)**

Lower Queens Park 10:00AM, Memorial Gardens 12:00PM, Festival Marketplace 2:00PM.

#### **Curling Demonstrations (Sat)**

Lower Queens Park

Watch as players show their curling talent on the outdoor ice. Kids, try your hand at curling with the "little rocks". **Sponsored by Stratford Winterfest.**

#### **Stratford & District Christian School Hockey Shoot Out**

(Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

You shoot, you score!! Try your hand at this cool hockey shoot out.

**Supported by Stratford & District Christian School.**

## schedule of events

### Sat. Jan 21.12

#### Scavenger Hunt (Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

Start at the Information Tent, hunt the Winterfest grounds, answer trivia and complete the clues! Finish the task and claim your prize at the Information Tent. Recommended for children 3+.

#### East Coast Ice Fishing (Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

A popular pastime in Canada, join us to catch fish with lines and toy hooks. Prizes awarded.

#### Winter Mini Golf (Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

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#### Snow Bowling (Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

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#### Showshoeing (Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

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#### Washer Toss (Sat, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

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#### Obstacle Course (Sun, 10:00AM-4:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

Come and play in our obstacle course. Includes a ball throw, a tunnel, hoops and more!

**Supported by Avon Co-op Nursery School Inc & Just Pipe.**

#### Winterfest Survivor (Sat, 10:00AM-12:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

Parents and kids - complete three fitness challenges to earn your family's very own Winterfest Survivor Certificate. Come dressed to run, jump, throw and roll!

#### Dog Sled Rides

by Moonstee Kennels



**Tim Hortons**

(Sat, 12:00PM-4:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

Take a quick spin around the track on an authentic dog sled. For children 12 and under.

**Sponsored by Tim Hortons.**



**Kinsmen Club of Stratford**

Presents...

**Winterfest Dance 2012**

**A BLAST  
FROM  
THE PAST**

**Saturday January 21st 2012**

**@ The Rotary Complex**

**Tickets \$10 in Advance \$15 at the door**

Tickets Available at: Video Plus Books + Cd's (both locations)  
Marks Work Wearhouse

Music By JJ 9pm - 1am

All proceeds support the communities GREATEST NEEDS

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Age of Majority, ID Required

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#### Pancake Breakfast (Sun, 9:00AM-NOON)

Kiwanis Community Centre

Enjoy fluffy pancakes, sausages, juice, hot chocolate, and coffee. Cost for breakfast is \$4/adults; \$2/child.

No tickets required in advance. Face painting by Heather Winter and friends. **Sponsored by Civic Beautification and Environmental Awareness Committee**



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### **Toboggan Party** (Sun, 11:00AM-4:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

Families are invited to participate in this popular event. Please bring your own toboggan.

### **Colouring Contest Winners** (Sun, after 3pm)

Lower Queens Park

With colouring contest packages being previously distributed to local schools through the January Leisure Activity Council Calendar, contest participants can bring posters down to the Information Tent in the park or the Kiwanis Community Centre before 3pm on Sunday, to be entered into a draw.

Entries from children JK - Grade 4 are eligible.

**Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Stratford.**

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(Sun, 1:00PM-4:00PM)

Stratford Badminton Club

Drop by the Badminton Club and give the birdie a whirl. Badminton racquets & birds available. Please bring a pair of indoor sneakers. Everyone welcome.

**Provided by the Stratford Badminton Club.**

### **Long & McQuade's Winterfest Battle of the Bands**

(Sun, 1:00PM-6:00PM)

Stratford Rotary Complex

Everyone welcome! Free admission. Join us for our annual Battle of the Bands! Watch the top bands of Southwestern Ontario battle it out for a chance to win a great prize. **Sponsored by Long & McQuade, City of Stratford Community Services Department, Maudio, Yorkville, AKG, and PM Lighting.**

### **Tug of War** (Sun, 2:00PM)

Lower Queens Park

Watch as teams are pitted against each other in a test of mental and physical strength. To submit a team, please contact Jeremy Hunt at [jeremyhunt@sympatico.ca](mailto:jeremyhunt@sympatico.ca).

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