

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

How To Tell Your Food Story Webinar (Durham Tourism and The Culinary Tourism Alliance)

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 1 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Hosted by the Culinary Tourism Alliance, this 1.5 hour session will explore the breadth and diversity of culinary tourism.

You'll learn to identify different types of culinary tourists; identify opportunities to generate increased visitor demand; and look at some good practices and grassroots marketing tactics for attracting foodies to Durham Region.

The Culinary Tourism Alliance will also share some free (and almost free) tools available in Ontario to help you amplify your message.

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Co-Ilab's Winter Spectacle

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 1 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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Crazy, Cozy, Fireside Networking Holiday Event (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 1 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Eldorado Golf Club 615 Winchester Road East Whitby, ON L1M 1X7

Kick off the holiday season with your Chamber family!

All are welcome to wrap up the year with us at our Crazy, Cozy, Fireside Networking Holiday event organized by the Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals Committee. Guests are invited to Eldorado Golf Club to network over drinks at an outdoor bonfire and enjoy some delicious eats.

Writing Successful Web Content (The Ontario Grants Webinar Series)

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Ahead by a Century: Inspiring the Next Generation of Transportation

Date and Time: Thursday, December 2 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

This year's 7th annual Summit brings global, national, and regional experts to discuss the opportunities and challenges of delivering major projects, accelerating infrastructure construction, seamlessly integrating transportation systems, comprehensive fare reform, regional rail, last mile transit service, and adopting the latest technologies to get people and goods moving throughout the region. The Board's Transportation Summit provides a forum for business to highlight the role it could play in building a transportation system that meets the needs of this fast-growing region.

CRA Webinar for Small Businesses and Self-Employed Individuals (BACD)

Date and Time: Thursday, December 2 9:30 am - 11:30 am

If you have tax related questions, here is your chance to get them answered.

This seminar is held by CRA Professionals, and will cover:

- Business tax deductions
- Common tax errors
- Helpful tools and services offered by CRA
- General bookkeeping and best practices

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2021 Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce Annual Business Excellence Awards

Date and Time: Thursday, December 2 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Address: 2700 Deer Creek Golf and Banquet, 2700 Audley Rd., Ajax

Limited in-person tickets available which include networking, cocktail reception, three-course luncheon and awards presentation. Livestream virtual tickets available which include virtual networking, Uber Eats credit to order lunch, and a livestream link to watch the awards presentation.

Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, December 2 7:00 pm

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Downtown Whitby Christmas Market 2021

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Address: Celebration Square (in front of the Whitby Public Library), 405 Dundas St. W., L1N 6A1

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Port Perry Legion Country Music Jamboree

Date and Time: Sunday, December 5 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 484 Bay Street Port Perry

Port Perry Legion is celebrating 75 Years!

As part of our celebration we are hosting a country music jamboree.

Join us Sunday December 5, 2021 between 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm to enjoy live music featuring "The Burnt River Band"

Home for the Holidays livestream presented by La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra

Date and Time: Sunday, December 5 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

On Sunday, December 5th, 2021 at 3:00 PM, join La Jeunesse Youth Orchestra from the comfort of your home for our annual celebration of the holiday season with "Home for the Holidays", live-streamed from the historic Port Hope United Church. Led by Laurie Mitchell, our 35-member orchestra will share seasonal favorites including Sleigh Ride, Bells of Christmas, and White Christmas.

Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/home-for-the-holidays-2021-livestream-concert-tickets-195593394107> or visit us at www.ljyo.ca for \$12 each. Support our musicians and our vision to keep the music going. Season sponsored by Classical 103.1 FM.

Monday, December 6, 2021

Land Division Committee Virtual Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, December 6 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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Deck the Halls - President's Holiday Party (Oshawa Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Monday, December 6 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: Baxter's Landing 419 King St. W. Oshawa, ON L1J 4X3

Join your Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce in-person to celebrate the end of the year with our President, Cassandra Wildman, along with staff and chamber Board.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting

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BACD Business Fundamentals: Business Planning (BACD)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 7 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Find out the differences between a business plan, a business model canvas and the planning required in starting your own business.

Google Analytics for Small Business (The Ontario Grants Webinar Series)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 7 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Ever wondered who's visiting your website, and what they're doing there? Google Analytics can tell you all of that and more. Discover the fundamentals of Google Analytics in this beginner-level webinar.

You'll learn:

- How to connect your website to Google Analytics
- How to set up Google Analytics properly to filter out irrelevant traffic
- How to create custom views and set goals within Google Analytics
- How to generate 5 key reports to let you know how your website is performing
- How to configure Google Analytics to automatically send you reports

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Transit Executive Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 8 1:30 pm

ConnXGEN Beers and Budgets (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 8 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us in a virtual format and enjoy some beer from Town Brewery while learning the importance of managing your personal finances! Learn the basics around credit, investing, banking, budgeting and more from three of our ConnXGEN members.

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Health and Social Services Committee Meeting

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2021 Annual General Meeting & Christmas Lunch (Ajax Pickering Board of Trade)

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Address: Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility 2700 Audley Road, Ajax, ON L1Z 1T7

The Annual General Meeting and Christmas Lunch is the last hurrah of the year where we reflect on the past year and get a sense of what the coming year will bring.

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Paint Night -Christmas Edition

Date and Time: Thursday, December 9 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 270 Simcoe Street N

Kick off your holiday decorating by joining us in the McLaughlin Room at Parkwood. While enjoying a cup of apple cider and cookies, you will be led by local artist Sarah Shaw through the process of creating your own take home 16 x 20 Christmas themed Masterpiece all painting supplies, including canvas and paint brushes are included.

Clarington Board of Trade Holiday Party 2021

Date and Time: Thursday, December 9 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 182 Wellington St. 3rd Floor Bowmanville, Ont. L1C 1W3

We are thrilled to invite you to this year's CBOT Holiday Party. It will be held at The Park Co-Working Inc.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Date and Time: Thursday, December 9 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 270 Simcoe Street N

Kick off your holiday decorating by joining us in the Potting Shed of our newly restored Parkwood Greenhouse s. While enjoying a cup of apple cider you will use seasonal fresh décor to create a period inspired Christmas wreath that is perfect for your holiday décor. At the conclusion of this event you will enjoy a quick look into the additional Greenhouses, all led by our Greenhouse Grower. All supplies are included.

Durham Active Transportation Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, December 9 7:00 pm

Super Secret Concert Series - Night 1

Date and Time: Thursday, December 9 7:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Address: 39 King St. East, Oshawa

From Peterborough, Ontario, Elyse is a country music power house that's going to shake the foundations at the Biltmore Theatre. And she will be accompanied by country duo Broadtree, and Courtney Bowles. If you love country music make sure to come out for the first night of our Super Secret Concert Series. And if you want to see all 3 shows you can get a Top Secret Concert Series ticket.

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Address: Canadian Tire Motorsport Park - 3233 Concession Rd 10, Bowmanville, ON L1C 3K6

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Pickering Christmas Market

Date and Time: Friday, December 10 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: Pickering Casino Resort

After a fun-filled inaugural market in 2019, Graymatter is excited to be hosting another Pickering Christmas & Holiday Market. This 19+ event will be held on the weekend of December 10-12, 2021, inside the new Pickering Casino Resort. Don't miss this exciting event filled with local vendors, unique gift shopping, food, entertainment and holiday cheer!

Butchie's Snow Bunny Drag Show + Dance Party!

Date and Time: Friday, December 10 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: Whitby

Join Queens Lucy Flawless, Heaven Lee Hytes and Beardra Bidness + Butchie's as we celebrate the season with 80s and 90s Jams, retro après-ski outfits, amazing food, and dance!

Your ticket includes: THREE food tickets received at check-in for you to exchange for Butchie's delicious food.

An AMAZING Drag Show!

A DANCE PARTY! Revel in 80s + 90s dance classics!

This is an OUTDOOR event! With extremely minimal seating. Show up in your finest Winter layers, and be prepared to boogie the cold away. We will have a cash bar.

This is a 19+ Show - IDs will be checked at check-in.

Super Secret Concert Series - Night 2

Date and Time: Friday, December 10 7:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Address: 39 King Street East, Oshawa

From Kitchener, Ontario, we present the five piece pop-folk band I, The Mountain. Prepare for a high energy performance that is a unique blend of Indie, Folk, and Pop. Accompanied by fellow Canadians Aphrose, and Cassie Noble. If you love Folk or Indie music, make sure to come out for the second night of our Super Secret Concert Series.

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For tickets visit: <https://theatre-3x60.square.site/s/shop>

Saturday, December 11, 2021

ICON Homes Christmas Food and Toy Drive

Date and Time: Saturday, December 11 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Address: 580 Champagne Drive

ICON Homes, in partnership with the 33rd Annual Durham Regional Police Food & Toy Drive, will be collecting unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items at three locations throughout the day on Saturday, December 11th.

Please bring a contribution to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win Toronto Maple Leafs tickets, as well as other merchandise! Refreshments of coffee, hot chocolate, and treats will be served. Cash contributions are also welcomed.

The ICON iCARE van will be at the following locations during the allotted times to receive donations:

City Hall - 1 The Esplanade S, Pickering (from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM);

Market District - 1460 Whites Road, Pickering (from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM)

Forest District - 250 Finch Avenue, Pickering (from 2:30 PM-4:30 PM)

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Stuff the Bus Toy Drive

Date and Time: Saturday, December 11 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: Active Flea Market in Pickering (19 Notion Rd.)

To kick off this holiday season, T.G.T. Inc., Your Private School Bus Company since 1988, has decided to partner with the Durham Regional Police and run a "Stuff the Bus" campaign.

We are aiming to preserve and create positive childhood memories for children and their families in need.

Please Help Us Help Them!

On Saturday, December 11th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. we will be hosting our Stuff the Bus event at the Active Flea Market in Pickering (19 Notion Rd.). SANTA will be there with our decorated school bus to help collect the new unwrapped toy donations!

Our sponsors are providing donations of raffle items that can be won by anyone who donates a toy to our Stuff the Bus event. The draw will take place the following week.

For more information please contact at:

905-428-9208

tgtschoolbus@hotmail.com

www.tgtschoolbus.com

[TGT School Bus](#)

Pickering Christmas Market

Date and Time: Saturday, December 11 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: Pickering Casino Resort

After a fun-filled inaugural market in 2019, Graymatter is excited to be hosting another Pickering Christmas & Holiday Market. This 19+ event will be held on the weekend of December 10-12, 2021, inside the new Pickering Casino Resort. Don't miss this exciting event filled with local vendors, unique gift shopping, food, entertainment and holiday cheer!

'Twas the Night Before Christmas by DuffleBag Theatre

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Address: 78 Church St. S., Ajax

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As per the Province of Ontario's Re-opening Guidelines, the St. Francis Centre is operating at 100% capacity, however all COVID-19 health & safety protocols will be in place including showing proof of vaccination for all patrons 12 and over, mandatory mask wearing at all times in the facility, enhanced cleaning protocols, hand sanitizer station, and fully vaccinated staff, volunteers and performers.

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Christmas Arrangement

Date and Time: Saturday, December 11 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 270 Simcoe Street N

Kick off your holiday dining table decor by joining us in the Potting Shed of our newly restored Parkwood Greenhouses. While enjoying a cup of apple cider you will use seasonal fresh décor to create a period inspired Christmas arrangement that is perfect for your holiday décor. At the conclusion of this event you will enjoy a quick look into the additional Greenhouses, all led by our Greenhouse Grower. All supplies are included.

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Succulent Workshops

Date and Time: Saturday, December 11 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: 270 Simcoe Street N

In this "Make & Take Workshop" you will utilize a variety of succulents to create a living centerpiece for your home or desk that you can enjoy all year round. Set in the Potting Shed of the newly restored Greenhouse complex, in an intimate group (10 adults) you will be guided by our Greenhouse Grower Assistant, who will provide

her guidance and expertise. Your fees cover your container, 3-4 succulents, soil, and terrarium bar toppings (coloured sand, stones, etc)

If you have special items you would like included in your succulent centrepiece please feel free to bring them along. Aftercare will also be discussed before you leave.

Super Secret Concert Series - Night 3

Date and Time: Saturday, December 11 7:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Address: 39 King St. East, Oshawa, ON

From Toronto, Ontario, we present the five piece rock band The Drifts. Their name represents themes in their lives from around the time the band was formed, a slow movement from one place to another, the act of being carried and shifted by a force or current. They will be accompanied by fellow Canadians Band of Weeds, and Tania Joy. If you love Rock and indie music, make sure to come out for the Third night of our Super Secret Concert Series.

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Sunday, December 12, 2021

Bodies in Conflict

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Christmas Strings with Durham Chamber Orchestra

Date and Time: Sunday, December 12 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 60 Kearney Dr Ajax, ON

Durham Chamber Orchestra String Musicians invite you to share an afternoon of your favourite holiday music. Selections from Holst Christmas, Carol of the Bells, Greensleeves, Silver Bells and many more. Maestro Carlos Bastidas conducts a festive performance in safe distancing, masks, and COVID vaccines.

Monday, December 13, 2021

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Rescheduled

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 14 9:30 am

eCommerce 101: What, why, and how. (Digital Main Street)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 14 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: Webinar

More consumers than ever before are turning to online shopping for greater convenience, safety, and variety. In this webinar, the Toronto Digital Service Squad will teach you the basic steps to setting up an online store. We will cover everything from what you need to prepare before launching a store, to choosing an e-commerce platform, to providing excellent customer service online. You'll finish this session feeling excited about how e-commerce can help you reach new customers and expand into different markets.

What you will learn:

- What is e-commerce, why it's important and the benefits of selling online
- What platforms are available and how to pick the right one for you
- The basics of inventory management, choosing the right solution, and streamlining point-of-sale for both in-store and online
- Optimizing your website content, choosing the right themes, and the basics of search engine optimization (SEO)
- How to set up secure payments and various shipping options & costs
- Look at the basics of driving traffic to your store and boost sales through a variety of digital marketing channels
- How to provide excellent customer service throughout the e-commerce purchase funnel

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BACD Business Fundamentals: Marketing & Sales

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 14 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Marketing and Sales session is an introduction to the marketing and sales strategy (aka plan) necessary to grow your business. Marketing is imperative to building sales for your business.

Without a Marketing & Sales strategy, your marketing efforts could be wasted or money spent in the wrong channels or worse, your business will fail to thrive.

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 14 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 15 9:30 am

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Virtual Artist Talk: Kiyan Williams in Conversation with Oluseye and Courtney McFarlane (*Bodies in Conflict*)

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 15 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Online

Join us over Zoom as the VAC hosts an intimate virtual discussion featuring *Bodies in Conflict* artist Kiyan Williams alongside Courtney McFarlane and Oluseye on December 15th, 2021 as they discuss their multidisciplinary navigations of Black consciousness in relation to ecology, social space, body, and trans/gressive subjectivity.

Williams' sculptural work, which is currently featured in the VAC's main gallery exhibition *Bodies in Conflict*, furthers the artist's aesthetic and conceptual exploration of Blackness; wherein bodies are not fixed but in process of becoming, in states of ruination, oscillate in legibility, and blur the boundaries between self and other forms of sentient life. The artist meditates on the body as an assemblage and entanglement of many forms of matter—plant life, earth, light—enduring, transforming, decaying, and regenerating amidst social and environmental shifts.

A long-time activist in Black LGBTQ2S+ communities, Courtney McFarlane was a founding member of many groups that became forerunners in providing voice and visibility to Black LGBTQ issues in Canada—including Zami, Sepai, and AYA Men. Their curatorial practice often seeks to unearth stories of political organization and cultural activism from these communities in Toronto throughout the 1980s and 1990s. Their work draws from diverse materials such as personal archives, found imagery, video, and visual art to challenge mainstream narratives within the queer community that render the contributions of Black folx as invisible and marginal.

Oluseye's artistic practice explores the magnitude and polyvocality of Blackness and the ways in which it moves across space, place, and time, shaping and shifting the world. Centering Yoruba cultural references in an homage to his heritage, he bends the ancestral with the contemporary and rejects the binary distinction between the traditional and the modern; the physical and the spiritual; the past and the future; what is new and what is old. Imbuing the everyday with the mythic, his work reinforces African rituals and philosophies as living, complex, and valid traditions of Black consciousness.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.amilia.com/store/en/the-visual-arts-centre-of-clarington/shop/programs/70194?subCategoryIds=3626273>

Thursday, December 16, 2021

How An Online Store Can Boost Your Business: Free Ontario Program (Digital Main Street)

Date and Time: Thursday, December 16 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

How an Online Store Can Boost Your Business: Free Program Funded by the Province of Ontario and corporate partners.

The goal of ShopHERE powered By Google is to build and optimize online stores for small independent businesses and artists in just a matter of days. With ShopHERE, businesses get to expand their selling opportunities into the online market.

When I sign up with ShopHERE, what do I get?

- An e-commerce store customized with your information, theme, logo and branding
- Hands-on assistance setting up and launching your online store
- Additional training to support your online store including topics like digital marketing, shipping and inventory management
- Access to free tools to help support the successful launch of your online store

In this webinar you will get the answers to the top questions we've received about the ShopHERE program, including:

- Who is Digital Main Street?
- What is ShopHERE?
- What does it mean to sell online, and why should my business?
- Do I qualify for this program?
- What are the costs involved?
- Do you have any examples of completed websites?

How to Get Started With Online Courses (BACD)

Date and Time: Thursday, December 16 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

The online course world is growing and is expected to be worth \$325 billion dollars in just 5 years.

Online courses are a great option for your first big, digital product! They allow you to package your experience into a digital product, finally sell a product that runs without you, and can prep potential clients for private work or feed your highest price offerings.

During this session, Samantha will teach you the nuts and bolts of creating an online course – how to teach what you know in an online course, how to record, host and market your course and increase your revenue without working around the clock.

Friday, December 17, 2021

Java Jolt (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Friday, December 17 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Address: The Food And Art Café, 105 Dundas Street West, Whitby, ON L1N 2M1

As of November 2021, Java Jolts have moved indoors to two different locations!

Twice a month, join members and non-members for a virtual coffee to discuss business-focused topics which will be posted in advance and members will have the opportunity to influence. For members, by members, this long-standing program continues its primary objective to support the business community and give them an opportunity to network and refer. Join the Java Jolt Facebook group and watch our calendar for more details. Read the full Java Jolt Guidelines [here](#).

Tools to Protect your Business in 2022 (Durham College's Centre for Cybersecurity Innovation and Invest Durham)

Date and Time: Friday, December 17 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Join us to learn about cybersecurity tools, resources, and best practices to protect your business and start 2022 on the right foot.

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Christmas Strings with Durham Chamber Orchestra

Date and Time: Sunday, December 19 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: Town Hall Theatre 302 Queen St Port Perry ON

Come out and enjoy your favourite music of the season with the Durham Chamber Orchestra's String Musicians. Conductor Carlos Bastidas brings us selections from Holst Christmas, Carol of the Bells, Greensleeves and Silver Bells. Health safety measures will be followed including distanced seating, proof of covid dbl vac, masks and screening.

Christmas Strings with the Durham Chamber Orchestra

Date and Time: Sunday, December 19 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Town Hall Theatre 302 Queen St Port Perry ON

Enjoy your favourite seasonal music performed by the Durham Chamber Orchestra Strings Musicians. Conductor Carlos Bastidas brings you selections from Holst's St Paul's Suite, Carol of the Bells, Greensleeves, Silver Bells and many more. Distanced seating, Covid Dbl vac and Masks are required.

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Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness (DACH)

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 21 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Durham Region Transit Commission Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 22 9:00 am

Regional Council Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 22 9:30 am

Christmas on the Ridge

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 22 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 266 North St, Port Perry, ON L9L 1B7

What's Christmas without a party, some good old fashioned storytelling, songs and presents?

Join Theatre on the Ridge, Liam Lynch and guests for an evening of all your favourite carolled and crooned holi day tunes, a seasonal story or two and maybe a visit from the big elf himself!

Ticket are \$25 each

Running time – approx. 2 hours. General seating. Includes seasonal refreshments and a gift. All provincially mandated Covid protocols in effect, including the wearing of masks and proof of 2 vaccinations + 14 days with photo ID.

Thursday, December 30, 2021

Benefit Celebrity Hockey Game: Pro Hockey Heroes vs Whitby Firefighters

Date and Time: Thursday, December 30 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: Iroquois Park Sports Centre

In this exciting Benefit Celebrity Hockey Game, the Whitby Firefighters will face off against a full line-up of former NHL heroes in support of the Durham Regional Crime Stoppers. This fantastic community event promises lots of skill and lots of laughs, and is guaranteed to be a fun and memorable game for all ages!

This benefit event supports the Durham Regional Crime Stoppers in their mandate to assist the police in solving crimes, thereby making communities and school safer. The program encourages members of the community to call anonymously with information that assists in solving crimes that have been committed in exchange for cash rewards.

<https://calendar.durham.ca>