OCTOBER, 2026

Christmas



REGISTRATION FOR TOWN CHRISTMAS EVENTS WILL BE OPEN FOR TORBAY RESIDENTS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO REGISTER ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION FOR THE SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE OPEN FOR TORBAY RESIDENTS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Submit your card designs for a chance to become the official design of the Town of Torbay's 2026 Christmas Card! A winner from 2 divisions (Grades Kindergarten to 3 and Grades 4 to 6) will be selected and will receive 25 printed copies of their cards and a $100.00 prize. All entries will then be displayed at the Torbay History House during the Festival of Trees!

This contest is open to Torbay residents in and between Kindergarten and Grade 6 and pictures must be hand-drawn in pencil with colour. Please indicate your full name, address, age, grade, and phone number on the back of the drawing. Entries can be dropped off at the Torbay Common between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The submission deadline is Friday, November 20, 2026 at 9:00 p.m.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Gather up your family, break out your Christmas attire and work on those cheery smiles! Santa Claus will be visiting the Torbay Common to take pictures with families. Appointments must be booked in advance and each appointment will be approximately 5 minutes in length.

When: November 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: Torbay Common Lobby
Ages: All Ages
Fees: $15.00 HST Included (Pre-registration Required through e-Services)

CHRISTMAS CANDLE MAKING

Celebrate the winter season with our Christmas candle making class! Create your own beautiful Christmas candle featuring handcrafted trees, snowmen, ornaments, and other seasonal decorations. You'll learn how to decorate and personalize your candle while enjoying a fun and creative workshop. Perfect for beginners and candle lovers alike, this workshop is a festive way to welcome the season and take home a one-of-a-kind keepsake.

When: November 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Where: Torbay Common Multipurpose Rooms
Ages: Open to Ages 18+
Fees: $25.00 HST Included (Pre-registration Required through e-Services)

DOWNTOWN SHOPPING EXCURSION

Get into the holiday spirit with a festive trip downtown! Stroll through beautifully decorated streets, browse unique local shops, and find the perfect gifts – all while enjoying the sights, sounds, and tastes of the season. We'll fuel up with tea/coffee/pastries at the Common before departing by bus at 10:30 a.m., and departing downtown at 2:30 p.m. In the event of poor weather, (i.e. heavy rain) we will visit the Avalon Mall instead. In the event of winter storm conditions, (i.e. snow, slippery roads) this event will be cancelled.

When: November 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Where: Downtown St. John's
Ages: Open to Ages 18+
Fees: $10.00 HST Included (Registration through e-Services)

WREATH MAKING

Get in the holiday spirit and make your own Christmas wreath! Boughs, wreath rings, and bows will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own additional decorations to add to their wreath. Please note that there are 4 sessions over the course of 2 days.

Duration: From 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day
When: Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22
Where: Torbay Common Multipurpose Rooms
Ages: Open to Ages 16+
Fees: $25.00 HST Included (Pre-registration Required through e-Services)

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING

Kick off the holiday season with a night full of festivities! Kids can decorate festive cookies in this friendly competition, then gather with family and friends to watch the magical tree lighting ceremony. There will be hot chocolate, holiday music, and even a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus!

When: November 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Cookie decorating from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Tree Lighting from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
Where: Torbay Common
Ages: All Ages
Fees: Free (Pre-registration Required through e-Services for cookie decorating)

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast is served! The Town of Torbay will be hosting a delicious pancake breakfast with a side of fruit and bacon, as well as your choice of tea, coffee, or water. There will be 2 sittings for this event, and a visit from Santa himself!

When: December 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Where: Torbay Common Gymnasium
Ages: All Ages with Adult Supervision for Children
Fees: $5.00 Per Person (Pre-registration Required through e-Services)

NIGHTTIME SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The Town of Torbay is pleased to once again bring its residents the Nighttime Santa Claus Parade! The parade will start at Holy Trinity High School and end at Juniper Ridge Intermediate. Letters for Santa will be collected along the way as well as non-perishable food items. Free Hot Chocolate warming stations will be available along the parade route.

When: December 5 at 6:00 p.m. (Backup dates: December 6, December 12, and December 13)
Where: Parade route runs from Holy Trinity High School to Juniper Ridge Intermediate
Ages: All ages
Fees: Free

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR THE JANEWAY

The Town of Torbay is pleased to offer a night of entertainment with the John Curran Band in support of the Janeway. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the children's hospital, and additional donations of gift cards appropriate for youth will be gladly accepted on the night of the event.

When: December 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: Torbay Common Multipurpose Rooms
Ages: All ages
Fees: $20.00 HST Included (Pre-registration Required through e-Services)

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us for one of our most popular events of the year; a festive evening of holiday cheer with a delicious Christmas dinner followed by music and dancing. Enjoy great food, lively tunes, and good company for a traditional Newfoundland Christmas party! Be sure to bring your Christmas spirit and best behaviour because you never know who could be stopping by!

A limited number of in-person tickets (125), online tickets (125), and at-home delivery tickets (20) will be available for purchase while quantities last. Tickets will be available for purchase both online through e-Services and in person at Torbay Common. Each person will be permitted a maximum of 4 tickets.

We advise that for a seamless experience, please call or visit the Torbay Common in the weeks leading up to the ticket sales as you may need help with your e-Services account to ensure it is set up properly and ready to go so you don't miss out!

When: December 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: Torbay Common Gymnasium
Ages: Open to Ages 60+
Fees: $10.00 HST Included (Pre-registration Required)

Torbay Festival of Trees 2026

Torbay History House is happy to announce that we are once again hosting the Torbay Festival of Trees. This festival is an annual fundraiser for the Northeast Avalon Food Bank promoting the spirit of Christmas generosity and holiday cheer. It includes a friendly Christmas tree decorating competition for first, second, and third place awards for best decorated tree!

The Festival of Trees will begin on Saturday, November 28, and run until Saturday, December 19. Stay tuned for additional workshops and events that will be announced throughout the festival! For more information about this year's Festival of Trees please contact museum@torbay.ca or call (709) 437-6532 extension.270.

SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION. THE FASTEST AND EASIEST WAY TO SECURE A SPOT IN OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS IS THROUGH E-SERVICES. ANYONE WHO IS UNABLE TO USE E-SERVICES CAN VISIT THE FRONT DESK AT THE TORBAY COMMON DURING OPERATING HOURS, OR CONTACT OUR STAFF BY PHONE AT (709) 437-6555 OR EMAIL RECREATION@TORBAY.CA. ANYONE WHO MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR REGISTRATION OR ATTENDING ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT RECREATION@TORBAY.CA PRIOR TO REGISTRATION.


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