

### **Christmas in Pelham returns with community celebrations**

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**Pelham, ON –** The award-winning Christmas in Pelham event returns this year with free community activities until December 24, 2023.

The Outdoor Holiday Market, one of the signature elements of Christmas in Pelham, will be held under the arches at Pelham Town Square on Friday, December 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This year, a new addition to the market is the 5:30 p.m. Storytime with Santa. The evening event will also showcase local artisans, performers, festive food, a children's craft corner, a vintage firetruck and visits with Santa.

"The Town of Pelham is proud to offer the community these festivities where neighbours, family and friends can come together to celebrate and experience the joys of the season," said Mayor Marvin Junkin.

In addition to the Outdoor Market, the Pelham Cares Community Food drive will run from December 1 to 3rd, with food donations accepted by volunteers at the Meridian Community Centre. The community is invited to attend as the Fabulous Fenwick Lions host the 26th annual Santa Claus parade, travelling through downtown Fenwick at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

"From the festive displays to the generous support of the annual community events, Pelham residents continue to embrace the spirt of the holiday season while supporting Pelham businesses and organizations," said Diana Huson, Regional Councillor, Town of Pelham.

This year, the official Santa mailbox, where youth can drop off letters for the North Pole until Friday, December 15, 2023, will be at the Meridian Community Centre. Donation bins will also be available for the annual toy and food drives. Other activities include a seasonal workshop, public skates, a holiday Big Band performance and the popular Santa's Workshop.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to light up Pelham with the annual house decorating contest and light tour by submitting their entries online before December 11, 2023. Prizes will be awarded for the winning locations in multiple categories. Residents can take part in the self-guided tour of the participating locations when the route is released on December 13, 2023.

For more information about all events and activities, visit www.pelham.ca/christmas

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