

Town of Aurora Annual Calendar of Special Events (2023)

Mayor and Council New Year's Levee

Saturday, January 21

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex

www.aurora.ca/levee

Come out and meet the Aurora Town Council while participating in some family friendly activities. Some activities include, swimming, skating, crafts, face painting, a Bubble Show and a Balloonist.

Arctic Adventure

Saturday, February 18 and Monday, February 20

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/arcticadventure

Bundle up and spend family day at the Aurora Town Park. Take in some great outdoor activities such as mini snow tubing, snow shoeing, skating, live entertainment, animal show, fire juggling, professional ice carving and snow much more.

Hello Spring

Saturday, April 8

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aurora Seniors Centre

www.aurora.ca/hellospring

Hop on down and enjoy Aurora's Hello Spring where there is lot of eggcitement happening with the variety of games and activities that are available such as; make and take crafts, baby bunnies and baby chicks in an educational display area to name a few.

Aurora Art Show and Sale

Jurying Wednesday, May 3, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Gala Reception Friday, May 5, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Show Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Town Hall

www.aurora.ca/artshow

Colour isn't just an adjective...it can be an experience. For all art enthusiasts this is a must see event featuring over 300 pieces of artwork. Artists will be displaying their original two and three-dimensional artwork created in any medium.

Community Recognition Awards

Monday, May 29

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Aurora Town Hall

www.aurora.ca/cra

The Community Recognition Awards is an evening acknowledging the outstanding citizens that dedicate their time to make a difference in our community.

Cycle Aurora

July 1 to September 1

Throughout Aurora

www.aurora.ca/cycleaurora

Explore Aurora while enhancing your cultural connection with interesting cycle destinations. There are a variety of cultural points of interest predetermined throughout Aurora.

Aurora Performing Arts Festival

Saturday, June 10

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/artsfestival

Aurora Performing Arts Festival, presented by Marquee Theatrical Productions, in partnership with the Town of Aurora, is an exciting performance opportunity for children and youth. Those that are age 6 and under, 7 to 9 years, 10 to 12 and 13 to 17 years old can compete amongst their peers within each age range either in singing, acting or dancing. The winner of the age 13 to 17 vocal category will be named the **2023 Aurora Teen Idol**.

Dance in the Park

Friday, June 30

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Town Park

www.aurora.ca/canadaday

Bring out your dancing shoes and kick off the Canada Day festivities with the Dance in the Park! There will be fantastic live bands, great food and the Rotary Beer Garden. Celebrate the start of Canada Day by dancing up a storm.

Canada Day Festivities

Saturday, July 1 – Canada Day Parade and Festivities,

Yonge St. (Parade) and Lambert Willson Park

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

www.aurora.ca/canadaday

Start your Canada Day celebrations by joining us to enjoy marching bands, cultural performers, buskers, steel band and so much more on Yonge Street. Continue your celebrations in Lambert Willson Park with family-oriented activities, live entertainment, parade, fireworks and more! Travel across Canada with our passport providing an interactive activity reflective of each Province and Territory.

Concerts in the Park

Wednesdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/summerconcerts

Enjoy the summer outdoor concert tradition. All you need to bring with you is your family, friends, chairs and enjoy! Food vendors will be set-up on site.

Movies in the Park

Thursday, August 10

Thursday, August 17

Thursday, August 24

Thursday, August 31

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/moviesinthepark

Enjoy seeing movies under the stars and on Canada's largest outdoor screen. Bring a blanket to snuggle with and a lawn chair to relax in while enjoying this fantastic experience.

Aurora's Ribfest

August 25 to 27

Machell Park

www.aurora.ca/ribfest

Enjoy a full weekend of fantastic food including ribs from professional barbecue teams and many other culinary delights! There will be a full beer garden and live entertainment all weekend long.

Saturday Night Fever

Saturday, September 9

4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Yonge Street

Join us as we take over Yonge Street in downtown Aurora for a night of dancing and great live music – all while enjoying the shops. Patios will be set-up to enjoy the food from the fantastic restaurants on-site.

Aurora's Multicultural Festival

Saturday, September 23

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/multiculturalfestival

Join us as we celebrate diversity and come together as a community at this festival. Entertainment will include dancing, music, family activities such as inflatables, henna, face painting and parachute play.

Truth and Reconciliation Day

Saturday, September 30

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/truthandreconciliation

The Town will honour the National Day Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 in Town Park. This is a time to remember the children who did not come home, those who have lived as survivors and their families. It is important to recognize and commemorate the history and ongoing legacy of residential schools and the trauma experienced by so many.

Colours of Fall Concert

Thursday, October 5

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/fallconcert

Enjoy an evening of pumpkin carving, live entertainment and a community corn roast!

Aurora's Haunted Forest

Saturday, October 28

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sheppard's Bush and Aurora Family Leisure Complex

www.aurora.ca/hauntedforest

Join us for some scary surprises throughout the many haunted trails leading up to a bonfire and more! This event is great for families and those not faint of heart.

Aurora's Youth Innovation Fair

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Aurora Family Leisure Complex

www.aurora.ca/innovationfair

This fair will feature a wide variety of innovative ideas and inventions created by youth. It is an exciting opportunity for youth to engage in innovation and share their ideas to tackle real-world issues.

Santa Under the Stars Parade

Saturday, November 25

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Yonge Street

www.aurora.ca/santaparade

Don't miss this year's parade! Aurora is the first municipality to bring night time parades to life! Dress up in your winter attire with a cup of hot chocolate and join us for this year's evening parade as Santa comes to town

Aurora's Christmas Market

December 1 to 3 & 8-10

Aurora Town Park

www.aurora.ca/christmasmarket

Join the family fun and festivities, greet Santa, list to Mrs. Claus do a special reading and sing carols. You don't want to miss out trimming the Town's tree, live reindeer and more.

Menorah Lighting Ceremony

December 10, 2023

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aurora Town Hall

www.aurora.ca/menorahlighting

The Town of Aurora, in partnership with Chabad Aurora, will host this year's Menorah Lighting Ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend this ceremony along with the local Jewish community as they celebrate the Festival of Light. The ceremony will include the lighting of the menorah, traditional foods and a glow juggling show.

Family First Night

Sunday, December 31

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Aurora Family Leisure Complex

www.aurora.ca/firstnight

Ring in the New Year early with your family and friends. Enjoy magic shows, reptile shows, swimming, skating, games, children's activities and more