#### December 8th

# **Christmas In The Village Part 1**

10 AM - 3 PM

London Food Incubator - 630 Dundas St, London, Ontario N5W 2Y8

London Handmade Markets are hosting "Christmas In The Village" right in the heart of the Old East. We will have some of London's best handmade makers and is your opportunity to truly support local when doing your holiday shopping this year! We will have live music, face painting and more activities.

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

9:30 AM - 12 PM

Oxford Dodge - 1249 Hyde Park Rd, London, Ontario N6H 5K6

Ho Ho! Santa & Mrs. Claus are coming to Oxford Dodge on Saturday, December 8th for selfies, music and a FREE pancake breakfast prepared by Cooking Matters. Be sure to bring a donation of toys, or new/gently used boots and non-perishable food items to make sure everyone in North West London has a Merry Christmas!

# Winter Wonderland in the Heart of Argyle: Santa Claus Parade

11 AM - 12:30 PM

Along Dundas Street between Parsons and McMaster Auto Body

The Argyle BIA is hosting our Fifth Annual Santa Claus Parade, and we could not be more excited! With the help of our business, sponsors and volunteers, we are looking to make this year's Parade bigger and better than ever before!

#### December 9th

### **DIY Holiday Workshop**

12 PM - 4 PM

The Art Box Collective - 613 Dundas St., London, Ontario N5W 2Z1

Cristmas can take a toll on everybody's wallet! Come create one of kind, wallet friendly ornaments for your tree, or ours! We will have a wide variety of supplies and techniques to help you create your own ornaments or Holiday decor. This workshop is available for all ages, all holidays, everybody is welcome! This event is a free event, but donations are welcome to help support future events.

### December 11th

# Mykonos Open Mic Poetry Series feat. Jennifer Wenn (Ongoing Event)

6:30 PM - 9 PM

Mykonos Restaurant - 572 Adelaide St. N., London, Ontario N6B 3J5

London's newest Poetry & Open Mic Series kicks off on Tuesday, December 11th with featured reader Jennifer Wenn followed by a fantastic Open Mic! All in the warmth and coziness of Mykonos' back patio room! Bring your poems!

#### December 14th

# An Evening with Forest City Zinesters

5 PM - 7 PM

TAP Centre for Creativity - 203 Dundas Street, London, Ontario N6A 1G4

As part of an auxiliary component to the Forest City Gallery, TAP Center for Creativity, &

BealArt inaugural Artist Residency program, recent artist-in-residency Lanh Hrafn will be

hosting an evening with several wonderful local zine artists, discussing their trade and why
they use self-publishing as a form of communication.

# Kangaroo Variety: A Live Talk Show For Creative Thinkers

6:30 PM – 10:30 PM

B13 The Bakers Dozen - 613 Dundas St E, London, Ontario N5W 2Z1

KANGAROO VARIETY LIVE is a TALK SHOW FOR CREATIVE THINKERS.

Come for ADVENTURES IN DEEP CONVERSATION with artists, writers, musicians, dancers, curators and creators of all kinds.

#### December 15<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Photos with Santa

11 AM - 3 PM

Pet Valu Westwood - 425 Southdale Road West Unit 1, London, Ontario N6P 1M7

Bring your pet(s) in for a photo with Santa. Minimum \$5.00 donation, 100% goes to the London Humane Society. Pictures printed while you wait.

#### December 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Feministmas**

Goodwill Career Centre - 255 Horton Street, London, Ontario N6B 1L1

Feministmas is a feminist holiday celebration featuring: 40+ Feminist Crafters and Makers,

Entertainment & Speakers, Raffle Prizes, Hot Drinks & Baked Goods, Feminist crafts & Carols.

Admission is by donation, with proceeds going to Women's Events Committee.

Parking is free & the venue is accessible from the 13, 90, and 4 bus routes.

# Sit, Knit & Sip

AM - 2PM

The Natural & Vegan Hub - 904 Oxford Street East, London, Ontario

Come sit and knit in our comfy lounge area with April White of Friendly Fibres by Eboo Knits.

Enjoy some delicious organic tea compliments of All Things Holistic and chat with April about knitting with Bamboo and Cotton vegan-friendly yarns. Please BYO reusable mug for tea.

#### **Hot Chocolate with Santa**

10 AM - 12 PM

Covent Garden Market Canada - 130 King Street, London, Ontario N6A 1C5

We invite you to have a magical time with Santa himself along with a delicious hot chocolate! There will be Christmas balloon twisting, festive face painting for the kids, a hot chocolate bar with cookies and a visit from the Jolly Old Man himself, SANTA! Listen to the beautiful sounds of Christmas as the New Horizons band performs from 10am-1pm. Guests are encouraged to bring along a food donation to the London Business Cares Food Drive. FREE Event.

#### **OEV Fitness Christmas Bash**

7PM - 10PM

Old East Village Fitness – 809 Dundas St, Unit 11, London, Ontario N5W 2Z7

Our friends at Old East Village Catering will be back this year providing delicious food platters. We will have an assortment of cans from Anderson Craft Ales. Come celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with the whole OEV Fitness Family! Bring a friend and come party! This is a FREE event! Get your FREE tickets today!

# December 15<sup>th</sup>

# Holiday Night Market at the Bag Lady

5PM - 9PM

The Bag Lady – 474 Paul Mall St, London, Ontario N5Y2Z4

Join us for the first ever Bag Lady Holiday night market hosted by Society Fodder and Threadbaby! We invite you to join us for a cozy night of shopping, featuring a variety of local vendors. Vegan treats provided by our good friends at Backroads, Coffee and other drinks will be available as well. Get all your seasonal shopping done, hang out with your friends and neighbours, support your community and have some fun! Hope to see you all there

#### December 16th

# Christmas Merry Makers Fair – a Local Handmade Event

11AM - 4PM

Covent Garden Market – 130 King St, London, Ontario N6A 1C3

A 100% handmade event. Admission is free and underground parking is free upon validation). The Merry Makers Fair mission is simple; to inspire and encourage up and coming small, 100% handmade businesses and connect them to conscious consumers in London.

# **Christmas Choir Sunday**

10AM - 11:30AM

Wesley-Knox United Church – 91 Askin St, London, Ontario N6C 1E7

Come hear all our choirs sing their Christmas music as part of Sunday Worship at WesleyKnox. All are welcome.

### December 18th

### Pop-Up Volunteering: Good Food Box Program

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre – 244 Adelaide St South, London, Ontario N5Z3K7 Each month, participants make payment in advance for a Good Food Box that includes a variety of produce and grocery items that will be picked up later in the month. Volunteers will help sort/prep the Good Food Boxes so that they can be distributed individuals and families in need of accessing healthy food & healthy food choices in our community.

# December 19th

# **CBC London Sounds of the Season**

3:30PM - 6:30PM

Wolf Performance Hall – 251 Dundas St, London, Ontario N6A 6H9

In support of the London Food Bank ft Musical guests, Denise Pelley and the HB Beal Singers, heart-warming interviews and gingerbread making demonstration.

#### December 20th

# Free Community Yin Yoga

8:30AM - 9:15AM

Innovation Works London – 201 King St, London Ontario, N6A 1C9

Join Heather Wenman on a 45-minute journey that will focus on breath and discipline, while repairing or stretching with longer holds. You may wish to bring a blanket to stay warm and help you relax. Bring your yoga mat and water.

# **Shut the Front Door: Free Adult Drop-In Session**

7PM - 9PM

South Street Secondary School – 371 Tecumseh, London, Ontario N6C 1T4

Ever wanted to TRY improv? Want to meet new people in a safe and fun environment?

Come see the fun you're missing with our FREE drop-in improv night. NO EXPERIENCE

NECESSARY! Local improv troupe Shut The Front Door will guide you through your improv experience.

### December 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Christmas Market Finale!**

8AM – 1PM

Covent Garden Market – 130 King St, London, Ontario N6A 1C3

Join us for the last market of 2018! Complimentary Cider, Raffle Draw, and all your last minute shopping needs can be found here.

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Free Pet Pictures with Santa

10AM - 2PM

TSC Stores – 1435 Hyde Park Rd, London, Ontario, N6H 5L4

Bring your pets in to get their picture taken with Santa! This event is free, however donations to local animal shelters will be accepted. Free coffee and donuts will be available.

December 30<sup>th</sup>

**2019 New Years Resolution Indoor Triathlon** 

9AM - 12PM

Centre Branch YMCA – 382 Waterloo St, London Ontario N6B 2N8

You are invited to participate in the fourth annual New Years Resolution indoor triathlon. This event will involve 15 minutes each of swim, bike, and run, and is geared to any level of ability. The racing will be followed by time for snacks and conversation. Please bring family to assist with scoring/lap counting, and enjoy the fun!

#### December 31st

# Family New Year's Countdown (Paid Event)

London Children's Museum – 21 Wharncliffe Rd S, London ON N6J4G5

Ring in the New Year before bedtime at our annual family-friendly New Year's
celebration. Dance the afternoon away with DJ Alpha. Explore all that's shiny and bright
in an Early Years sensory play space. Challenge your family to a friendly round of
Supersized Games! Experiment with STEAM activities. Count down to an early New
Year. Pick the celebration that works best for your family.

Morning Celebration: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Countdown 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Celebration: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Countdown 3:00 p.m.

Children 2+ and adults: \$11 Toddlers 12 - 23 months: \$6 Infants under 12 months and

Members: FREE

#### December 31st

### Start.ca New Year's Eve in the Park

7PM - 12AM

Victoria Park – 580 Clarence St, London Ontario

Start.ca New Year's Eve in the Park is a community-driven event supported by the City of London. This fun and family-friendly event brings thousands of Londoners together to enjoy a magical night filled with entertainment and activities for all ages.

Get ready to enjoy London's biggest New Year's celebration featuring the London Music Awards All-stars, free skating, princesses, superheroes, and much more!

This free community driven event is accessible to all Londoners. Enjoy free hot chocolate and family fireworks at 9pm for the little ones and again at the stroke of midnight.