
Access to Merritt Island restricted on New Year's Eve for event set up; full schedule of activities at Market Square

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Welland, ON – Access to Merritt Island will be restricted from 1 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, as crews prepare for the evening's fireworks event.

As set up for the New Year's Eve fireworks take place, public access to the trail will be closed to ensure the safety of everyone.

"We prioritize the safety of everyone involved in the preparation and launching of fireworks," said Erin Carl, supervisor of festivals and events. "Closing of the trail for a brief period on New Year's Eve to ensure we can have a great show that allows everyone to enjoy the show safely is a step we must take."

The City's New Year's event includes a Winter Wonderland-themed Farmers Market at Market Square from 3 to 6 p.m., including:

- Outdoor skating on synthetic ice
- Ice carving demonstration
- Face painting
- Crafts for kids
- Festive mocktail station

Fireworks begin at 6 p.m., and Merritt Island's access will resume at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit <https://www.welland.ca/Leisure/eventsinfo/newYearsEve.asp>

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