



NEIGHBOURS

ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE

NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2025

Countdown to the holidays CALENDAR

Our countdown is back! Here's what to expect! Don't forget to check our Facebook page daily.

We go live every Friday at 11:00am to announce the winners!

Day 1 Dec 1st Scavenger Hunt	Day 2 Dec 2nd Neighbours Elf Jokes!	Day 3 Dec 3rd Beer Cheese Dip	Day 4 Dec 4th Newsletter: Find the Gingerbread men	Day 5 Dec 5th FACEBOOK LIVE 11am 
Day 6 Dec 8th Edible Wreath	Day 7 Dec 9th Word Search	Day 8 Dec 10th Seek & Find	Day 9 Dec 11th Christmas Popcorn	Day 10 Dec 12th FACEBOOK LIVE 11am 
Day 11 Dec 15th Take a selfie with a snowman	Day 12 Dec 16th Word Scramble	Day 13 Dec 17th Show us your decorations	Day 14 Dec 18th Guess the movie with Emojis	Day 15 Dec 19th FACEBOOK LIVE 11am 
Day 16 Dec 22nd Happy Holidays from CFC/KKC	Day 17 Dec 23rd Happy Holidays from Members	Day 18 Dec 24th Happy Holidays from the Staff	Day 19 Dec 25th Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors	

Visit Neighbours' website and Facebook page for daily updates

www.neighboursat.ca

facebook.com/neighbours.rouynnoranda



NEIGHBOURS *Holiday Social*

Wednesday | December 17th

*Centre du Congrès
41, 6th Street*



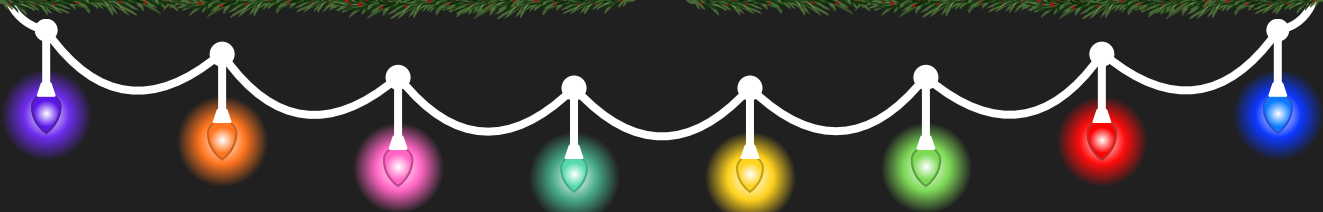
6:00 PM | Doors open

6:30 PM | Supper



7:30 PM | Les Ménestrels

(Christmas carolers)




**Ticket Deadline
December 8th**

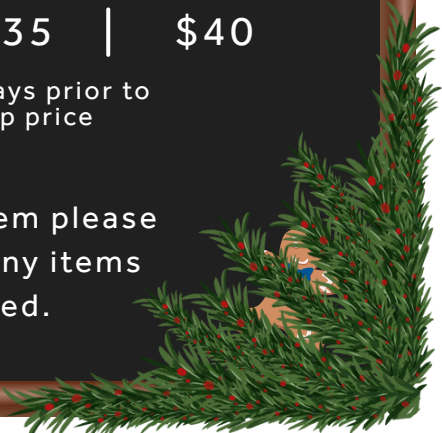


<i>Prices</i>	<i>With non perishable</i>	<i>Without non perishable</i>
Members	\$20	\$25
Kids (12 & under)	\$10	\$15
Non-members	\$35	\$40

*Must be a member 30 days prior to event for membership price



Before making a donation of a non-perishable item please double-check the expiration date. Last year many items were not donated due to being VERY expired.



Having visitors for the Holidays?



If you have family or friends visiting, they can drop by Rouyn-Noranda's Tourist Information Office (1675 Avenue Larivière) to obtain a free tourist parking permit.

This permit allows them to park free of charge in any street or municipal parking lots.

1. The permit is available only to visitors living outside the Abitibi-Temiscamingue region.
2. It is valid on Rouyn-Noranda territory for 3 days (non-renewable during the same stay).
3. The driver of the vehicle must appear in person with their licence plate number and driver's licence (proof of residence).
4. The permit is effective as soon as it is issued to the driver.

The permit is not valid in the following areas:

- parking meters limited to 15 minutes
- airport
- hospital
- CEGEP
- UQAT
- La Source/Polymétier
- Centre Élisabeth-Bruyère.

Please note:

According to municipal regulations, parking on public roads is prohibited between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. from November 1st to March 31st inclusively.

Overnight parking spaces are available in certain municipal parking lots.

In order to accommodate citizens without access to parking during the winter, the City of Rouyn-Noranda provides nine sites where they can park their vehicles overnight.

Please visit <https://www.rouyn-noranda.ca/citoyens/transports/stationnements> for more information.

Source: <https://tourismerouyn-noranda.ca/en/tourist-parking-permit/>



SPECIAL EVENT

STEERING COMMITTEE FOCUS GROUP

Join us at Neighbours for a casual focus group held with Concordia University



DECEMBER 3RD
AT 1:30PM


The purpose of this event is to discuss the Neighbours activities you have participated in and gather your feedback on our performance, your highlight events, and any comments you want to share.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided

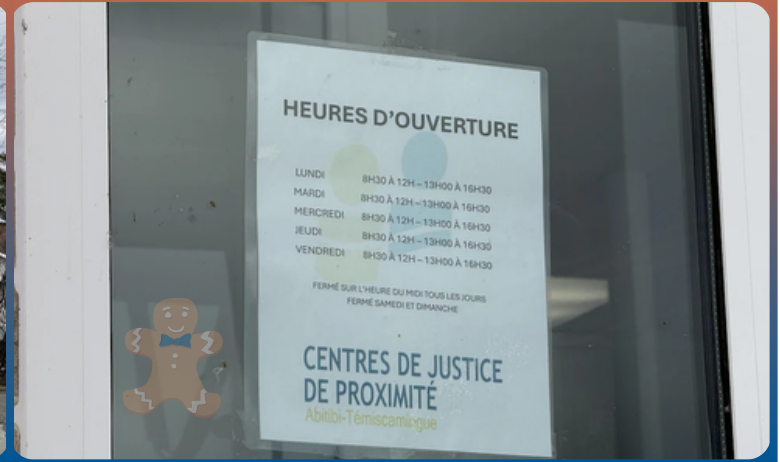


Operation Red Nose

Service unavailable for:
Val-d'Or
La Sarre
Ville-Marie

REGION	ROUYN-NORANDA	AMOS 
Phone Number	819-797-3611	819-727-4011
Hours of Operation	Fri. 8pm to 3 am Sat. 8 pm to 3 am	Thu. 7pm to Midnight Fri. 9pm to 3 am Sat. 9pm to 3am
Dates of Operation	Nov. 28, 29 Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20	Nov. 28, 29 Dec. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

Free legal services are available in Abitibi-Témiscamingue.



Quebec officially opened the Abitibi-Témiscamingue Community Justice Centre in Amos on Tuesday, November 4th. This independent, non-profit organization has been offering free legal information and services to the entire region since June.

The goal of these centres, now present in all regions of Quebec and are fully funded by the government, is to facilitate access to justice and empower citizens to understand and defend their rights. The Abitibi-Témiscamingue centre was announced in 2022.

This could include information on family law, housing law, neighbour disputes, immigration law—information on various aspects of people's daily lives. The idea is to better equip them to deal with legal situations they encounter, and all of this is free, explains ministre de la Justice et procureur général du Québec, Simon Jolin-Barrette.

“Let's say there's a dispute between two people. Perhaps they wouldn't have thought of mediation. The people at the Centre de justice can explain how it works, your different options, and what might happen if you have to go to court.” – *Minister Simon Jolin-Barrette*

The establishment of the Centre de justice de proximité de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue in Amos represents an investment of over \$500,000 by the Quebec government. It has allowed for the hiring of four staff members, including an executive director and two legal professionals. Since June, this team has already conducted approximately one hundred meetings.

It doesn't replace a lawyer or a notary, but by providing people with the right information, it will help them when they consult one. And it will cost them less because they will have already obtained some of the information, believes Minister Jolin-Barrette.

He hopes that as many residents of the region as possible will use the services of the Centre de justice de proximité de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue. Due to the vastness of the territory, virtual and telephone consultations are also offered in addition to in-person consultations.

Source: <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/2205298/justice-acces-aide-offert>

Free parking during the holiday season:

In addition to the holidays on December 25th, 26th, January 1st, and 2nd, every year, from the second Monday in December until December 31st, parking spaces controlled by parking meters are free during the following periods:

- All day on Saturday
- Monday through Friday as of 4pm

Please note that free parking during the holidays does not apply to the Rouyn-Noranda Regional Airport or to non-municipal parking areas such as the Cégep, Hospitals, CLSC, CSRN, and UQAT.



OFFICE CLOSED

December 22 to January 2 inclusive

BILINGUAL MATCH

SUDBURY **VS** ROUYN-NORANDA
WOLVES HUSKIES

MORE INFORMATION IN YOUR JANUARY 2026 HEALTH BULLETIN

What to do this
DECEMBER
in Rouyn-Noranda

Bilingual Bingo

December 7, 2025
1:30 p.m.

Join Laurie from Neighbours for Bilingual Bingo at the municipal library 201 Avenue Dallaire. This activity is geared towards families of all ages to meet up and have fun with a bilingual word bingo.

Huskies Hockey game

December 31, 2025
2 p.m.

Watch exciting hockey action featuring the local *Rouyn-Noranda Huskies* against the *Val d'Or Foreurs* at the Aréna Glencore.

Launch of Festivities - 100e

December 31, 2025
8 p.m.

A big outdoor show in the parking lot of the Théâtre du Cuivre with headliner Yves Lambert (Bottine Souriante) and local artists. The traditional midnight countdown will be accompanied by fireworks, and the night will end with a DJ.

Rouyn-Noranda Christmas Market

December 6 – 7, 2025
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Free admission

The Rouyn-Noranda Christmas Market at the Cégep de l'AT is a great opportunity to discover locally made products, support local craftsmanship, and find authentic gift ideas. This market brings together some 40 vendors carefully selected for the originality and quality of their products, which showcase the region of Abitibi-Témiscamingue.

Sliding Areas

Open everyday 10am to 11pm

Chadbourne Park (Côte Météo):
1 avenue Thompson

Golf Dallaire: 720 avenue Dallaire

Perreault Est: Corner of Perreault Est & rue Filliatrault

Chadbourne Snow Park

Open everyday 10am to 11pm

This park is a dedicated to winter sports enthusiasts. Modules included:

Jib Tank: a cylindrical module with a metal sliding surface on top.

JR Flat: a rectangular module for straight, stable maneuvers.

JR Rainbow: an arched module for varied, dynamic maneuvers.

JR Flat Down: a combination of flat and sloped surfaces.

Exploratory walk: On October 8th, the Comité du Vieux-Noranda organized a walk through the streets of Old Noranda to better understand the strengths, values, and aspirations of the community. Jessica and Jeffrey attended this walk and discussed various topics such as the neighborhood's history, diversity and community life, businesses and services, cultural life, public spaces and green spaces, and connection to nature.

Action Reussite: Laurie attended Action Reussite's AGM and was elected to their Board of Directors. Action Reussite is a regional organization which aims to promote educational success in Abitibi-Témiscamingue from pregnancy to graduation. They work hard with partners to make education a top priority in our region.



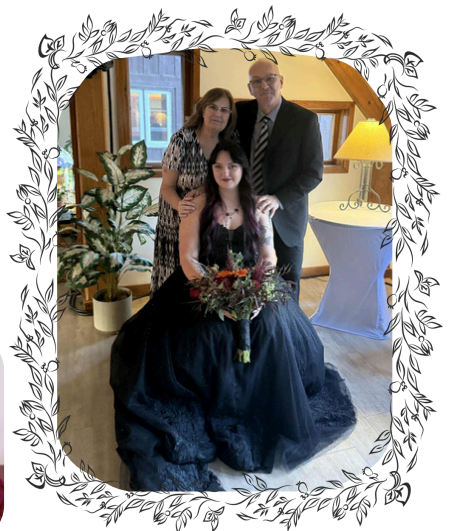
Golden Valley School: On Nov 10th, Laurie and Nathalie accompanied Adrienne from Y4Y (Youth 4 Youth) to Golden Valley School. They met with the school's Student Council who were thrilled to share their ideas for fundraising events and activities, and their views about English youth in Quebec.

Afterwards, the girls met with Aire Ouverte's Richard Humphrey to discuss their involvement with the English Speaking Community. They exchanged upcoming projects and ideas in collaboration with Neighbours and Y4Y.



Congratulations Shannon & Nick

On November 1st we celebrated the wedding of Shannon and Nick. A few staff and a board member traveled to Gatineau to attend the wedding as the others stayed to hold down the fort! Luckily they were able to view the wedding via zoom with some board members too. It was a beautiful wedding and Shannon was an absolutely gorgeous bride.



Happy Holidays

It's that magical time of year again—when we slow down, enjoy some cozy moments, and spread a little extra cheer. Thank you for being such an important part of our community.

May your holidays sparkle with laughter, good food, and great memories. Here's to a bright and exciting year ahead!

Happy Holidays and have a wonderful new year!

From your Neighbours Board of Directors & Staff

Angie

Glenn

Mitch

Patricia

Brahim

Linda

Yves

Sherleen

Nathalie

Jessica

Laurie

Jeffrey

Shannon

Tracy



Campfire Club



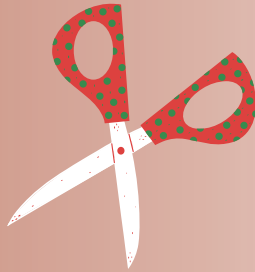
Dec. 2nd : The Value of Generosity

Let's talk about giving! We'll make something to donate to those less fortunate.



Dec. 9th : Craft!

Have fun creating a decoration for the season!



Dec. 16th : Holiday Bingo!

Play bingo to win little gifts and treats!



KOOL KIDS CLUB

Dec. 4th : Traditions and Customs

Funny holiday customs around the world and the whys of our traditions.



Dec. 11th : Meals in a Jar

Gain a sense of community by donating to the needy - all while practicing measuring and math skills!



Dec. 18th : Holiday Fun!

Games, music, and entertainment!



Wishing all our Campfire Kids, Kool Kids, and their families happiness over the holidays!

See you all back again starting January 6th!

DECEMBER
ISSUE

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER
ISSUE

MOVING MONDAY December 22nd & 29th: Office Closed

1:30pm

Join us every Monday at 1:30pm for a ViActive exercise or yoga session! Each exercise session is made up of different movements for all levels of ability.

Chairs are provided for those who need the extra support!



WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

1:30pm

Dec. 3rd

Steering Committee Focus Group

*See page 4 for more
information*

Dec. 10th

Cookie Exchange

It's that time of year
again! Bring in your
favourite holiday
sweets and don't
forget the recipe!

Dec. 17th

Holiday Social

There will be no
afternoon activity.
Don't forget to get
your tickets so we
can see you at the
Holiday Social!

Dec. 24th & Dec. 31st

Office Closed

No activities.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

FUN FRIDAY GAMES

1:30pm

Dec. 12th

Game Day

Dec. 26th

Office closed



FUN FRIDAY MOVIES

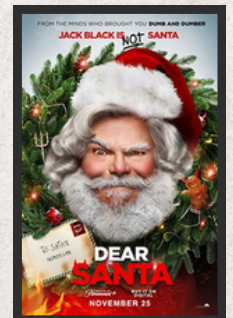
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Dec. 5th

Dear Santa (2024)

1h47m

When a young boy mails his Christmas wish list to Santa with one crucial spelling error, a devilish Jack Black arrives to wreak havoc on the holidays.



Dec. 19th

NO ACTIVITY



DECEMBER 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13
14	15 	16 	17 <i>Holiday Social</i> 	18 	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
OFFICE CLOSED						
28	29	30	31			
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	Moving Monday 1:30pm	Campfire Club 4:00 - 5:15pm	Wellness Wednesday 1:30pm	Kool Kids Club 4:00 - 5:15pm	Fun Friday 1:30pm	

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