



Tree of Light, courtesy of Ron Zajak (Recorder & Times)

COMING TO BROCKVILLE THIS DECEMBER! RIVER OF LIGHTS

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Light and sound shows are popular all over the world, and Brockville has one of the best happening every day in Canada's First Railway Tunnel. Now, starting **November 30th**, Brockville has a new light and sound event called **River of Lights**. Our new lights and music event will happen on Blockhouse Island with the **River of Lights** until **January 2nd, 2020**.

In partnership with the Brockville Chamber of Commerce, the City of Brockville and Expert Contractors, over 24 trees on Blockhouse Island will be lit with over 75,000 lights. The result will be an automated light and music show with a mix of traditional Christmas music and modern up beat Christmas music. Today's hits and classics also work well with the lights, so listen for Thunderstruck by AC/DC with its heavy beats and high crescendos, and watch the spectacle unfold before your eyes. Walk around and listen to the music and see the spectacle of the dancing lights up close. Drive around and you can tune your radio station to hear the music in the comfort of your warm car.

That's not all! On **November 30th and December 1st**, Brockville's first **Christmas Market** will be happening at the entrance to the Railway Tunnel and there will be an inflatable kid's village with a giant inflatable slide. An inflatable igloo with LED lighting will be available during the day and it will have live music, food and drink in the evening.

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why - Santa Claus is coming to town! The **Brockville Rotary Santa Claus Parade** is being held on **November 30th starting at 5 p.m.** Then

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be heading down to Blockhouse Island after the parade to assist in flipping the switch for the River of Lights.

Watch for the DBIA events starting **Friday November 29th**. Not only is it Black Friday for those great shopping deals, but the **DBIA Mega Christmas Tree** will be lit on Courthouse Avenue above the fountain. Saturday morning there will be a breakfast with Santa in the Igloo. The **Aquarium** will be having their **Community Days** with free admission with the Farmer's Markets on **December 7th, 14th and 21st**.

The season will wrap up with the **28th Annual New Year's Eve Concerts** in the historic downtown churches. It's going to be an incredible year with the line-up the committee has secured. Country, Jazz, Pop and Traditional acts will be showcased.

Here is a quick overview of the key events happening this season so you can mark your calendars now and not miss a thing:

Friday November 29th

Black Friday & Lighting of the Mega Tree (DBIA)

Saturday November 30th

Breakfast with Santa in the Inflatable Igloo (DBIA)

Christmas Vendor Market & Kids Zone in front of the Tunnel (ProductionsDoubleConcept)

Brockville Rotary Santa Claus Parade (Brockville Rotary)

Official Lighting of the River of Lights on Blockhouse Island (Chamber of Commerce, City of Brockville & Expert Contractors)

Evening Party in the Igloo (ProductionsDoubleConcept)

Tunnel will be open! (Weather dependent)

Sunday December 1st

Christmas Vendor Market and Kids Zone

River of Lights is on from **4pm – 11pm, and continues until January 2nd, 2020**

December 7th, 14th, 21st

Community Days at the Aquarium with the Brockville Farmer's Market

December 31st

Ring in the New Year in Brockville's historic Churches with the 28th Annual concerts in the Churches.

Clow's Christmas Trail will also be open this December. Take a magical walking journey to view over 35,000 lights and 7 different staged buildings including a Post Office, Candy Shop, and Santa's Workshop. It's located at **2224 Hallecks Road West in Brockville.**

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Visit the www.BrockvilleTourism.com site for all of the activities, times and other details throughout December and you can then be linked through to all the events and festivities.