

## Hot Tips for a Cool Winter!

The Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre wants you to have a happy – and safe! – Christmas holiday season. Here are some tips for smart and safe celebrating, shopping and travelling (with thanks to the Vancouver Police Department's informative website):

### ONLINE SHOPPING

- Log directly onto company websites – don't click on emailed links
- Check with the Better Business Bureau for a company's complaints history
- Don't enter credit card information unless a padlock icon is on the upper right corner of the screen

### SHOPPING IN PERSON

- Keep your eyes on your debit or credit cards when a clerk is handling them
- Make sure store employees only swipe your card once
- Leave nothing valuable in your car where it can be seen

### CELEBRATING

- As a guest or a host, always have a plan to prevent drinking and driving  
(See detailed tips at [www.vpd.ca](http://www.vpd.ca))

### DECKING THE HALLS

- Consider not placing gifts where they can be seen from outside
- After unwrapping them, take boxes for expensive items like electronics straight to recycling rather than leave them outside where they might tempt burglars

### GOING AWAY?

- Have a friend or neighbor check your home often
- Arrange for mail to be brought inside every day
- Don't advertise your absence on social media such as Facebook or Twitter

### FIRE SAFETY

- Keep your cut Christmas tree well-watered
- Inspect your Christmas lights for wear, and replace with energy efficient LED lights
- Test smoke alarms
- Use only CSA and UL approved extension cords and power bars
- Have a fire extinguisher handy in the home – and learn to use it

For more helpful advice, visit [www.vpd.ca](http://www.vpd.ca) and search for Seasonal Safety Tips.

*Yule be glad you did!*

**THE EAST VILLAGE**  
Hastings North BIA

Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau  
it's all about the kids

*Happy Holidays*

*Come Celebrate the Holiday Season with Us*

**December 7**  
1:30PM - 5:30PM

- SANTA & THE NOEL CAROLLERS VISIT HASTINGS STREET
- CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING @ PENTICTON & HASTINGS

**December 13**

- TOY DRIVE GIFT DROP OFF
- PLEASE DROP OFF ALL UNWRAPPED DONATIONS BY DEC 13TH AT THE BIA OFFICE AT 2620 EAST HASTINGS ST

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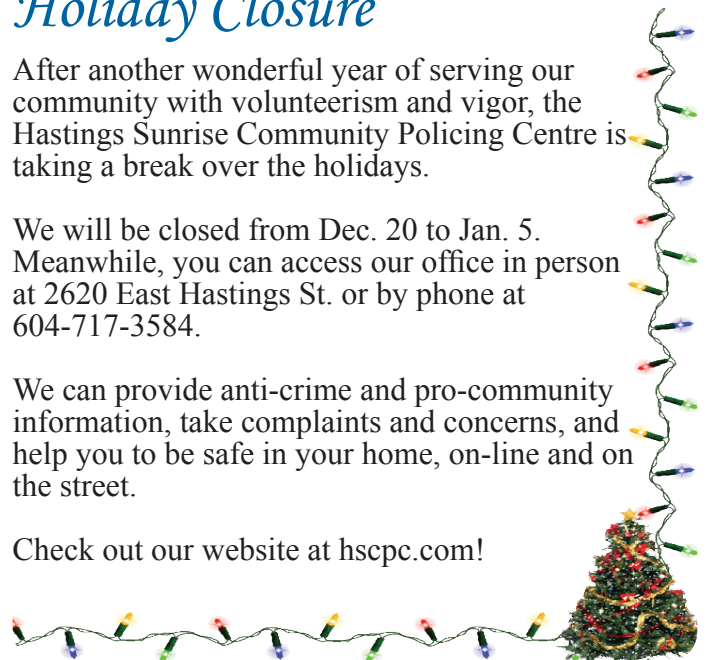
## Holiday Closure

After another wonderful year of serving our community with volunteerism and vigor, the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre is taking a break over the holidays.

We will be closed from Dec. 20 to Jan. 5. Meanwhile, you can access our office in person at 2620 East Hastings St. or by phone at 604-717-3584.

We can provide anti-crime and pro-community information, take complaints and concerns, and help you to be safe in your home, on-line and on the street.

Check out our website at [hscpc.com](http://hscpc.com)!



# Thank you!

## 2019 Dine-for-Safety Dinner Supporters

Community safety got a big boost this fall, thanks to donors and bidders at the Dine-for-Safety fundraising dinner held Oct. 22 at Tamam Palestinian restaurant.

The Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre (HSCPC) collected more than \$7,000, all of it earmarked for projects that help keep Hastings Sunrise safer, cleaner and a better place in which to live and work.

The HSCPC does get core funding from the City of Vancouver and other funders, but every year we must seek other fundraising opportunities to enable us to meet our commitments.

The nearly 50 auction items included hotel stays, helicopter rides, concert tickets, venue admissions and fine dining. Thanks to the major donors listed on this page, and all other board members, staff, volunteers and community members who contributed or bought items.

Thanks also to MC and auctioneer Charlie Kiers and to Tamam and Sobhi for again thrilling our taste buds with their fine Palestinian cuisine.

- BC Lions
- Cafe Etico
- Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Choices
- Encore Vineyards
- Everything Wine
- Hastings North BIA
- Highpoint
- ICBC
- Pacific National Exhibition
- Polar Feet
- Starbucks
- Steamworks Brewery
- The Cultch
- Vancouver Aquarium
- Vancouver Police Department
- Vancouver Police Museum
- Whitecaps
- Wild Play Elements
- 5Peak Trail Race



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### Working together for a safe community

The Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre works in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department



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