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## Syrian refugees to settle in Brant

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Brantford will be receiving Syrian refugees. When and how many isn't yet known but the city is beginning to prepare, Mayor Chris Friel said on Friday, following a community prayer service at the Brantford Mosque.

"This is going to happen very fast," he said in an interview.

Brantford's director of social services attended a regional meeting early last week with Emergency Management Ontario, which is overseeing the settlement process for thousands of refugees coming to the province.

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Brantford's Susan Butcher holds a candle during a prayer service outside city hall on Sunday. The service was part of a peace walk in downtown Brantford that saw about 50 people brave the cold to walk in solidarity with victims of violence around the world. The event was organized by local United Church parishes and members of the Brantford Muslim Association in reaction to recent Islamic State terror attacks in Paris and Beirut, as well as recent bombings in Ankara and Baghdad.

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## Young dancers set to shine in the Nutcracker

The magic, artistry and enchantment of the Nutcracker returns to the Sanderson Centre stage on Sunday, Dec. 6, and it is sure to fill local residents with the Christmas spirit. For the 13 youngsters selected to perform on stage with Canada's Ballet Jorgen for the production, the Christmas spirit is already alive and well. With roles such as dragonflies, squirrels, chipmunks, frogs and bear cubs, the young dancers from local studios will help bring the classic Christmas tale to life.

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## Green Eagles headed to OFSAA

The St. John's College Green Eagles are headed to the provincial senior girls basketball championship tournament. But they'll be trying to improve on their silver medals from last year without co-captain Maddi Cohoon, who suffered an injured finger during the regional CWOSSA tournament on the weekend.

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