

NEWS RELEASE

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Nanaimo's PARK(ing) Day returns on Friday, September 18, 2015

Creating temporary public space . . . one parking spot at a time.

Summary

On September 18, 2015 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, a select number of spaces along Commercial Street will be transformed for Nanaimo's 2nd annual PARK(ing) Day. PARK(ing) Day is an annual open-source global event where citizens and artists collaborate to temporarily transform parking spaces into "PARK(ing)" spaces: temporary public cultural places. For 2015, the following groups will participate:

- Vancouver Island University
- Vancouver Island Regional Library
- Mid Island Metis Nation
- Nanaimo Aloha Ukelele Circle
- Continual Threshold
- Downtown Nanaimo Business Improvement Association

Everyone is encouraged to check out the transformed spaces along Commercial Street.

Strategic Link: PARK(ing) Day supports the Cultural Vitality pillar in the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan.

Key Points

- Nanaimo's 2nd annual PARK(ing) Day will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015 along Commercial Street from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- The mission of PARK(ing) Day is to call attention to the need for more urban open cultural space, to generate critical debate around how public space is created and allocated, and to improve the quality of the urban habitat.
- The event raises awareness about important issues like creating a walkable, livable, healthier and more "creative" Nanaimo.

Quotes

"For the second year in a row, we hope that PARK(ing) Day will encourage Nanaimo residents to rethink the importance of public space and how it is used."

Chris Barfoot
Culture & Heritage Coordinator
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- The PARK(ing) day project began in 2005 when Rebar, a San Francisco art and design studio, converted a single metered parking space into a temporary public park in downtown San Francisco.

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