

Parks, Recreation & Culture Newsletter

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PRC New Year Resolution List

- Visit a park every week- work your way through our parks and trails guide and visit a different park each week
- Get to know your neighbours- plan and host a neighbourhood block party with help from PRC
- Register for a program with PRC- with over a thousand programs offered annually you'll find something that suits you
- Volunteer with PRC: be a park ambassador, help install playground equipment, attend a 'weedbuster' work party, or help out at a community event like Terry Fox or Canada Day
- Get your IREG user name and password early so you can register easily online and avoid the crowds

Questions? Feel free to give us a call at 250-756-5200!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

The holiday season is a busy time here at Parks, Recreation & Culture. Stay current by visiting the City's website, becoming a fan of our facebook page or following us on twitter. Our events are also listed on www.harbourliving.ca.

Happy Holiday Family Fun Swim

Keep Active this holiday season!

- Friday, December 17th • 6:30-8:30 pm

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

Free Swimming Lessons

This is our holiday gift to you. Call us early to book space as it is limited and goes fast! 250 756 5200

- December 27th-31st
 - 9am-12 pm (Preschool to RCSK Level 3)
 - 1:00-2:00 pm (RCSK Level 4-10 and Teen/Adult)

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

Winter Wonderland 2010

Join us at 'Rockefeller Plaza Reincarnated'. Admission is only \$1 and includes skate & helmet rentals.

- Sunday, December 26 • 11 am to 2:45 pm
- Monday, December 27th • 11 am to 4:45 pm & 7:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Winter Wonderland 2010 *continued*

- Tuesday, December 28th • 11 am to 4:45 pm & 7:45 to 9:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 29th • 11 am to 4:45 pm & 7:45 to 9:30 pm
- Thursday, December 30 • 11 am to 4:45 pm & 7:45 to 9:30 pm

Frank Crane Arena

Finale 2010

This is Nanaimo's family-friendly New Year's Eve party! Guests enjoy skating, swimming, crafts, activities and live entertainment. This year's theme is an 80's 'wayback playback' so wear your neon and leggings! Tickets go on sale soon at Beban Park.

\$25/family of four and \$10/individual.

- Friday, December 31st • 7pm-12am

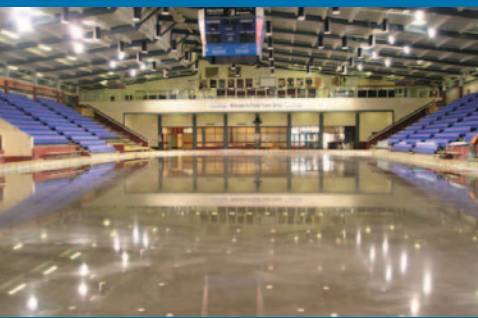
Beban Park

Winter Weather Updates

Sometimes during winter weather conditions your recreation and culture programs are cancelled due to instructor unavailability. On really bad days facilities may close as well. During the coming winter months if you are ever in doubt as to whether or not facilities are open or if programs are running be sure to

tune into local radio stations: the Wave, the Wolf, and the Coast. You can also check the City's website within the Parks, Recreation and Culture Section.





Beban Park Reopening

Have you seen the new and improved Beban Park yet? Over the past year renovations have been underway at Nanaimo's busiest recreation complex. The focus of the renovations was on improving accessibility, energy efficiencies, and way-finding. The total cost of the improvements was \$4.9 million. These recent updates are hoped to be the first phase of a multiyear plan for improvements across the complex. Here is just a few of the improvements to look for next time you visit the centre:

- New elevator in Frank Crane Arena
- Removed the wall between the lobby and warm room in arena
- New box office area designed in consultation with the Nanaimo Clippers
- Two wheelchair accessible viewing platforms on the top level of arena
- The ice surface is now NHL regulation size
- New slab floor was poured
- Custom designed hydraulic melt pit
- New social centre entrance and lobby area
- Improved lighting in auditorium
- New roof on Social Centre
- New information kiosk and signage

Winter Topiaries to Grace Recreation Centers

At this time of year you might think the City's horticulture crew would take some down time, however they are in fact hard at work. Landscape horticulturists Margaret Mills, Patrick McIntosh and Megan Davis have been helping at Santa's workshop on Commercial Street in downtown Nanaimo. They along with a team of volunteer 'elves' have been creating beautiful Christmas hanging baskets for the downtown winter displays.

Susan Zaric and Brian MacDonald, also with the horticulture crew, are helping to create the festive displays that will be on display at our facilities for the winter season. **A heads up to those of you whom are City facebook fans we will be having a contest to promote these- watch for details on the page.**



Call for Temporary Public Art Pieces

The City of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Art Gallery are seeking concepts for new temporary public art pieces to grace City public places. The pieces will be installed at Maffeo Sutton and McGregor Park Plaza May 2011 to April 2012. Other public sites, both indoor and outdoor may be considered depending on the submissions. Artists interested in displaying their work are invited to submit their design ideas, existing sculptural works and resume for consideration. Proposal documents are available at the City of Nanaimo

Purchasing Office (2020 Labieux Road, Nanaimo), by calling 250 756 5319 or online at www.nanaimo.ca in the bid opportunities section of the site. Entries will be received until January 7th, 2011.

Next newsletter available in Feb 2011

Curl up with a cup of hot cocoa today and plan your active new year with our turn page version of the Activity Guide



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