

Parks, Recreation & Culture Newsletter



LET US HEAR YOU...

Are you a regular lengths swimmer?

Do you take part in our water therapy classes?

Do you have a salamander in your midst?

We want to know what you think about our aquatic services. Please take a few minutes to complete our current aquatic services surveys (open until February 15).

Beban Park Pool- <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6GFVQ6M>

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre- <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6GJCWC5>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

There is a lot happening in our community over the next couple of months! Here are a few options.

Club Friday Teen Dance
Friday, February 11, 7-11pm
Beban Park Social Centre

Get together with your friends at this city-wide dance party!

2nd Annual "Picnic in the Park"
Saturday, February 26, 10am-4pm
Bowen Park

Snowboarding in Nanaimo - who knew! Check out our 2nd annual "Picnic in the Park" snowboard rail jam contest for children, youth and adults of all abilities. Registration is at the beginning of the day at 10am. Even if you don't want to hit the rails, you can still come by and cheer folks on and get in on the prizes and gear tosses.

Lifeguard Rodeo
Saturday, March 19, 1-4pm
Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

Watch teams of lifeguards race against each other in activities like lane rope rolling, first aid relay and many more super crazy activities.

Glow in the Dark Skates
Tuesday, February 1 & 15, 6-8pm
Frank Crane Arena

Parent & Tot Valentine's Day Skate
Monday, February 14, 10-11:30am
Frank Crane Arena

Canadian Tire Great Skate
Sunday, February 20, 3-5pm
Nanaimo Ice Centre

Join us for FREE admission and FREE rentals!

Pro-D Skates
Monday, February 21, 1:30-3pm &
Tuesday, February 22, 12:30-2pm
Nanaimo Ice Centre

Ryan Vending Loonie-Twoonie Skate
Friday, March 18, 1:30-3:30pm
Nanaimo Ice Centre

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 50% of registrations for Parks, Recreation and Culture programs now happen online through our iReg system. If you haven't tried it yet, surf on over to www.ireg.nanaimo.ca to see how it works, then call 250-756-5200 to get your family ID and pin code. Registration Tip: Get your iReg information before the Activity Guide arrives in order to register as quickly as possible on March 2. Our most popular programs are often full before noon on registration day!



SPEND SPRING BREAK WITH US!

Parents watch for the PRC spring break flyer coming home from schools early February. It's packed with great activities and adventures to keep you and the kids happy this spring break. The flyer will also be posted online at www.nanaimo.ca soon.

ACTIVITY GUIDE HEADS-UP

Spring/Summer program registration begins Wednesday, March 2. Mark the date on your calendar. Activity Guides will be distributed to homes on March 1 with the Nanaimo News Bulletin and will be available online as well. Look for all the new programs we've added and for your returning favourites. We are always striving to help you get the most out of our west coast lifestyle. We hope you'll join us!



Parks, Recreation & CULTURE

Culture is a part of who we are as a community, but what does it mean in a department title? In practical terms, it refers to our goals to offer opportunities for residents to participate in cultural activities and develop skills through programs and workshops, support and foster community events through funding and other resource assistance, manage grants issued to local cultural facilities, such as the Port Theatre, Nanaimo District Museum, Library and Nanaimo Art Gallery and finally, support the local culture community at large.

The Nanaimo Cultural Committee is a sub-committee of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and is responsible for coordinating many of the department's arts and cultural initiatives. In a nutshell, the objectives of the Committee are:

- Advising the Commission and Council on local cultural issues.
- Reviewing all applications for funding and making recommendations to the PRCC, based on criteria and guidelines established regarding the distribution of cultural operating grants and arts and cultural festivals and event grants. (As an aside- if you are a part of a local

group looking for additional funding, watch for the call for applications in early fall each year).

- Generating public awareness of cultural organizations and cultural activities in our community and maintaining an annual cultural awards program (The Excellence in Culture Award and The Honour in Culture Award).
- Coordinating works of public art for display in municipal public spaces and buildings.
- Sponsoring annual educational opportunities for arts and cultural organizations.

The membership of the Committee is comprised of ten members: four members of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission and six members-at-large. The public is invited to attend the meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month (if required) at 4:15pm at Bowen Park Complex. For more information, please contact the commission secretary at 250-755-7511.

New Doggie Program Offered

The Nanaimo Good Neighbour Dog Program (GNP) enhances community awareness of responsible dog ownership. The purpose is to ensure our canine companion is accepted as a valued member of the community. A GNP graduate can be trusted to present good manners at home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs and community members.



The program will accept both purebreds and mixed breed dogs and has been created to assist dog owners to combat anti-dog sentiments. Dogs will be evaluated on their ability to perform basic exercises, as well as their ability to demonstrate good manners in everyday situations. Nanaimo Good Neighbour dogs will be identified by their distinctive scarf, which they will receive when they pass the evaluation test.

The first 24 registrants will receive their dog licensing fee for free or a credit applied to their account for 2012 dog licensing fees. For more information on start dates and times see the Spring/Summer Activity Guide coming out March 1.

Next newsletter available in April 2011!

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