

Parks, Recreation & Culture Newsletter



Fall/Winter Registration Begins August 19

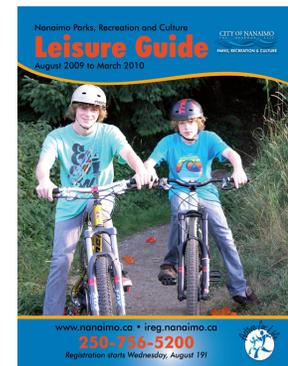
Look for your copy arriving with the Harbour City Star on Tuesday, August 18. Registration commences on Wednesday, August 19.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is a busy place these days, as we prepare to launch the Fall/Winter Leisure Guide. The new guide will include programs and events for September 2009 through until March 2010. It will be distributed through the Harbour City Star newspaper and will be available at all recreation facilities, City Hall and online at www.nanaimo.ca.

The department produces two guides a year featuring thousands of programs and events. There are programs for all ages, interests and abilities available. For folks needing some financial assistance, the Leisure Economic Access Policy (LEAP) program is available for those that qualify. For information about the LEAP program contact the department at 250-756-5200.

You can register quickly and easily using our online registration system

found at ireg.nanaimo.ca. If you don't already have a PIN code, please contact the department in advance (don't wait until the day of registration- the phone lines will be busy!) Once you've accessed the online program, you can change your family code to something that is easier to remember and access your account at anytime. You can also register by phone at 250-756-5200, by fax (you'll find a form in the back of the guide), or in person at any of the recreation facilities.



DID YOU KNOW...

Over 2,000 registrations were processed on the first day of registration for our Spring and Summer 2009 session using IReg. In 2008, 34,343 people registered for programs with Parks, Recreation and Culture. This doesn't include drop-in admission to pools, gyms, arenas or attendance at events.

NEW PROGRAMS TO WATCH FOR...

- Make Your Own Purse
- Colour & Acrylics Wknd Workshop
- All About Oysters Cooking Course
- Belly Fit
- Baby Backpackers
- Walk Fit - Winter Walkers
- Intro to Japanese for Adults
- The Organized Family
- Creating Curb Appeal
- Fly Tying
- Paint and Paddle (3-5 yrs)
- Girls Get Fit



Have you visited the Millstone Side Channel in Bowen Park yet? Learn all about salmon and their journey through the Milstone River through the interpretive signage found throughout the park.

FALL EVENTS

TERRY FOX RUN

Sun, Sep 13, 11 am (10 am sign up)
Run starts at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

MOTHERS UNITE GARAGE SALE

Sat, Oct 3, 9 am-1 pm
at Beban Social Centre
\$1 admission

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Sat, Oct 31, 4-8 pm
at Maffeo Sutton Park



Active Living & Sustainability

Sustainability is a major goal of the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. This probably isn't a huge surprise, considering one of our key roles is to maintain parks. Within our parks system we work to protect ecosystems and educate people about the natural environments and the role we all play in helping to preserving them.

Being sustainable doesn't end at the edge of our park boundaries. We are attempting to lead by example in other areas, such as facility maintenance and development, programming

guidelines, department purchasing, and program planning. Over the next year you'll see us taking more steps; watch for expanded recycling options within facilities, transition to LED lighting in our parks and facilities, the increased use of recycled materials within programs, development of more demonstration vegetable gardens (have you see the ones at City Hall and Beban Park?), and the encouragement of use of public transit and alternative modes of transport to get to our facilities and events.

Online Art Inventory

Have you checked out the new Public Art search online at www.nanaimo.ca?

In true City of Nanaimo IT style, the department has created a new web application by which residents and visitors can innovative view an innovative online Art in Public Places inventory.

Public Art has many forms and can inspire a number of different reactions. It can energize public spaces, getting people to talk and enhance a sense of place. Public art in Nanaimo certainly has achieved this.

The City of Nanaimo is known for its support of cultural programs and was recognized as one of Cultural Capitals of Canada in 2008. The City of Nanaimo's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department was responsible for the administration of the grant funding that came as part of that federal

government recognition program. One of the key projects undertaken was to complete an inventory of Nanaimo's public art.

The new online public art inventory allows users of Nanaimo's web site to access information about public art in the City. Viewers can:

- Explore high resolution, zoom-able photographs
- View all of the artwork in Google Earth and Google Maps
- Browse through art photos in dynamic window
- Search by artist, location, type and keyword

You can find the inventory today at www.nanaimo.ca/publicartinventory/

Next newsletter available in October!

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