

# Parks, Recreation & Culture Newsletter



## Calling all park lovers;

join us at our upcoming 'weed busting' parties. Work alongside City park staff as we tackle invasive species- non native plants that become established and replace native species. Work parties are fun but physically taxing and best suited to those with a basic level of fitness and agility. All necessary equipment and training is provided.

- **Colliery Dam Park**  
**on Saturday, October 16th**  
**from 10-12pm**

- **Pipers Lagoon Park**  
**from Sunday, October 17**  
**from 10am to 1pm.**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

### Monday, October 11th

#### Thanksgiving Day Skate

Skate off that Turkey dinner (or make room for it!) at the annual holiday skate

**Frank Crane Arena from 1-3 pm.**

*Or swim at*

**Nanaimo Aquatic Centre from 12-5 pm.**

### Friday-Sunday,

#### November 19th -21st

#### Christmas Craft Bazaar

Let the holiday shopping begin! Be dazzled by our local crafters talents and tempted by scrumptious treats.

**Beban Park (2300 Bowen Road).**

### Sunday, October 31st

#### Halloween Skate

**Nanaimo Ice Centre from 3-5 pm**

### Thursday, November 11th

#### Remembrance Day Skate

**Frank Crane Arena from 1-3 pm**

## Beban Park Redevelopment Buzz

The renovations are well underway at Beban Park as you may have noticed. Renovations began with improvements to Frank Crane Arena. The facility upgrades included the installation of a new concrete floor surface, new refrigeration plant, brine lines, an elevator, roof repairs, a dedicated box office and new office space. Even as some of the paint was still drying the facility was put to the test on the night of the Clippers season opener.

Phase two of the remodeling is now focusing on the thirty five year old social centre. This phase includes the reconfiguration of the entrance to facility, improved access from the parking lot and replacement of the flat sections of the roof. Once the dust has settled the public will be formally invited to check out the facility by way of a public open house.

For more information on the project visit the City's website or contact Suzanne Samborski, Senior Manager at 250 755 7518

## DID YOU KNOW?

We now offer a Fitness/Yoga Sampler Pass? This is a great option for those of you with busy and or changing schedules. The pass costs \$55.00 and gets you six drop in sessions. You'll have variety of fitness or yoga classes to choose from. For more information call 250 756 5200 or chat with one of our friendly front desk staff.

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



## Photography Classes

The department offers a series of photography classes for all abilities. Here is a list of the classes happening over the next few months. Register soon though as space is limited! Follow this link for more information and full class descriptions.

- **Getting to Know Your Digital Camera**  
Wednesday,  
October 20 and 27th.

- **The Art of Photography**  
Wednesday,  
November 3rd.

- **Practical Point and Shoot Photography**  
Tuesdays,  
November 2nd- 30th.

- **Night Photography**  
Thursday November 25th.

## Parks Update

### Fun with Fido

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to announce the opening of a new dog park at Divers Lake. The dog off leash area is located on an underutilised sports field at the lakefront park. The off leash area of the park is open on a trial run basis for six months (October-March 2011). The plan is that the field will continue to be used as a sports field during the summer months when demand is high for such space. This is the third off-leash pilot project to get underway since the beginning of the year.



The public process to identify new locations and improvements for dog off leash parks began in July of 2009. Two public open houses were held to assess the level of support for additional dog off leash parks and to propose new locations for potential development over the next five years. Over the course of the process overwhelming support was received for the development of more dog parks throughout the City, as well as a desire to see more amenities in existing dog parks, including shade, drinking water and access to swimming.

Feedback is always welcome at [parcs@nanaimo.ca](mailto:parcs@nanaimo.ca)

## Culture Corner

### Bastion Restoration

Following an action packed summer of dismantling, repairing, and putting back all the pieces of the 157-year-old Nanaimo Bastion, the end of this historic restoration project is now in sight.

While there were a number of unforeseeable delays due to the intricate nature of preserving a century and a half old wooden building, which inevitably pushed back the completion date, everything is now on track to have the Bastion standing strong and tall again by the end of October.

The process of repairing the Bastion has been extraordinary right from the beginning; from the first of the exterior wooden walls being removed - exposing the dark interior to sunlight it likely hasn't encountered since the wood was an actual tree - to the roof and two floors hovering over the plaza thanks to a 90 foot crane, to the craftsmanship of fusing wood onto wood. This has definitely been history in the making.

Over the winter, the artefacts, interpretive panels and other exhibit components of the Bastion will be re-installed in time for the May long weekend opening, but in the meantime, please join the museum on Princess Royal Day (Nov. 27) for the re-opening of Nanaimo's beloved Bastion.

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## Next newsletter available in December 2010!

### DID YOU KNOW?

If you have a grade 5 student in your life you might want to ask them if they know about the Grade 5 Active Pass. The pass allows students free admission to public drop-in swimming, drop in skating and drop in gymnasium times at Oliver Woods. They are available now for students in grade 5 **who were born in 2000** and attend school in SD68. Forms were to be sent home through the schools, but if for some reason you didn't see it (*maybe the dog really does eat these things?!*) call 250 756 5200 for more information.



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