

NEWS RELEASE

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Beban Park Pool and Weight Room to Close for Annual Maintenance and Upgrades

Summary

The Beban Park pool and weight room will close for just over a month for annual maintenance starting Sunday, July 27 and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2. In order to keep the facilities running at their best, it is necessary to close them once a year to maintain areas that can only be accessed when they are empty.

Work being done in the pool this year includes converting from chlorine gas to chlorine pucks, retro-fitting the sauna and steam room, replacing filters, maintaining the pumps, cleaning and grouting the tanks, removing the pirate ship play feature and replacing the stirring roof top unit over the leisure pool. The weight room will see two new pieces of equipment, repainting, equipment maintenance and mirror replacements.

The City aims to keep shutdowns as short as possible, and schedules them during the summer months when outdoor activities are the focus for many people.

Beban Park pool and weight room will also be closed for the duration of the BC Summer Games taking place in Nanaimo from Thursday, July 17 to Sunday, July 20.

Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and Westwood Lake will be open for the public's enjoyment during both the maintenance and BC Summer Games shutdowns at Beban Park. Please note all facilities are closed on Labour Day, Monday, September 1.

Strategic Link: The Beban pool and weight room maintenance shutdown support the Asset Management priority in the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan.

Key Points

- Beban Park pool and weight room will be closed for maintenance Saturday, July 27 and will reopen Tuesday, September 2.
- Beban Park pool and weight room will be closed for the BC Summer Games (July 17-20).
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and Westwood Lake will be open during both the maintenance and BC Summer Games shutdowns. All facilities are closed on Labour Day, Monday, September 1.

Quotes

"The work being done at Beban Park pool and weight room is going to give them a fresh, clean look. We thank the public for their patience and invite them to enjoy the amenities at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and Westwood Lake during this time."

Damon Johnston
Assistant Manager of Aquatics
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Maintenance of City facilities happens on a daily basis, but major jobs like painting, fixing equipment and deep cleaning can only be done when the facility is empty for an extended period of time.
- It takes a few days just to empty the pool before work can begin.
- The Pirate Ship is being removed because it has reached the end of its life. The footings that hold the structure to the pool floor are rusted and deteriorating and many of its features are out dated.

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