

NEWS RELEASE

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Winter Wonderland event is back at Frank Crane Arena

Six days of low cost or free skating sessions

Summary

The City of Nanaimo, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department is pleased to bring back the popular Winter Wonderland skating event taking place on December 24 and again on December 26 to 30.

The Frank Crane Arena in Beban Park will be transformed into a Snow Globe theme featuring twinkling lights, seasonal music, a 30-foot Christmas tree and other holiday decor. Activities over the six days include \$1 skating sessions with some free sponsored sessions. In addition, there is no charge for helmet or skate rentals. A Kinsmen Pancake Breakfast will occur on December 27 from 9 am to 12 noon at Beban Park Social Centre sponsored by Herold Engineering.

Sponsors for Winter Wonderland skating sessions include:

- Archie Johnstone Plumbing & Heating
- Coastal Community Credit Union
- Coca Cola Ltd.
- Cornerstone Tile Ltd.
- Cimco Refrigeration
- Cross & Co.
- DB Perks & Associates/Schindler Elevators
- Herold Engineering
- Kinsmen Club of Nanaimo
- Knappett Industries
- Mid Island Co-op
- Miranda Construction
- MJR Tree Services
- Nanaimo Buccaneers Junior Hockey
- Nanaimo New Bulletin
- Prism Engineering
- RB Engineering
- Roto-Rooter Plumbers/Coastal Drain services
- Ryan Vending
- Sasco Contracting
- Shaw Electrical Services
- Tim Horton's (local franchise owners)
- Vancouver Island University
- Wave Radio Station (Island Radio)
- West Coast Coffee
- Windley Construction Ltd.
- Wolf Radio Station (Island Radio)

In order to be compliant with current Provincial Health Orders, proof of vaccination is required for all sessions for participants 12 years and up, and mask usage is required off the ice surface inside the facility for anybody over the age of 5 years.

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Check the City of Nanaimo website for specific skating session times and the corresponding sponsors of the sessions.

Strategic Link: Cultural Vitality, Community Building Partnerships

Key Points

- This yearly event takes place thanks to partnerships between the City of Nanaimo and various local businesses and is a way to say "thank you" to the community and give everyone, regardless of age, skating ability or economic circumstances, an opportunity to enjoy skating.
- There is a Kinsmen Pancake Breakfast on Monday, December 27 from 9 am to 12 noon in the Beban Park Social Centre sponsored by Herold Engineering.

Quotes

"It is great to be able to once again offer the full Winter Wonderland event to our community after the COVID restrictions that were in place at this time last year. Thanks to the many community businesses and organizations who have partnered with the City of Nanaimo, residents will get the chance to skate at a variety of sessions in a festively decorated Frank Crane Arena for only \$1 or less."

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