

NEWS RELEASE

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Canada Day festivities back at Maffeo Sutton Park for 2022

Summary

Canada Day festivities are back in Maffeo Sutton Park from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm on Friday, July 1.

The main stage will feature a Celebration of Flags and performances by The Midnights, Mark Crissinger, Dave Hart and Doctors of Rock n Roll. The cultural community stage will highlight a range of dance groups, including performances from Vancouver Island Square Dancers, Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society, Flamenco Dancers, Nanaimo Scottish Country Dancers and Vibe Dance Studio. Throughout the day, find roving entertainers, complimentary bouncy castles, crafts, interactive community booths, face painting, a birthday cake donated by Columbia Bakery and a variety of food vendors. There will also be a free water fill station courtesy of Coastal Water to help everyone stay hydrated.

A special thank you is going out to Columbia Bakery who, once again, is baking and decorating a gigantic and delicious birthday cake for the community. This family-owned business has been offering this service for many years at each Canada Day celebration.

Residents are reminded that there is no vehicle parking available on-site at Maffeo Sutton Park on Canada Day (except limited accessible parking). To help with this, there will be a free bike valet parking service available from 9 am to 5 pm where bikes will be held in a secure location close to the park, and the City of Nanaimo is partnering with the Regional District of Nanaimo to offer free shuttle services to the event from Woodgrove Mall and Vancouver Island University (VIU).

Strategic Link: Canada Day is an example of an event that improves the livability for residents in our community. Secure bike parking and transit shuttle services encourage active and public transportation.

Key Points

- Canada Day 2022 celebrations are back at Maffeo Sutton Park after a two-year absence due to the pandemic.
- The event will feature live entertainment, a cultural community stage, a birthday cake courtesy of Columbia Bakery, bouncy castles, face painting, interactive booths, food trucks and more.
- New this year is a bike valet parking service, and the City of Nanaimo is partnering with the Regional District of Nanaimo to offer shuttle services to the event from Woodgrove Mall and Vancouver Island University.

Quotes

"After two years, it is exciting to have our Canada Day celebrations back at Maffeo Sutton Park. You are encouraged to take part in two new free services available this year to get you to Maffeo Sutton Park. Ride your bike and leave it at the bike valet or hop on the free shuttle at either Woodgrove Mall or Vancouver Island University. This free shuttle service is an example of another great partnership between the City of Nanaimo and the Regional District of Nanaimo."

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