

NEWS RELEASE

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Community invited to Activate 2026

New Year's Day event at Beban Park

Summary

The City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture department is launching into 2026 with its New Year's Day event held at Beban Park on Thursday, Jan. 1 from 12-5 p.m. The community is invited to start the new year by actively participating in a variety of activities. These include:

- Swimming at Beban Pool (with the running mat, pool jousting and more)
- Skating at Frank Crane Arena (12:15-1:45 p.m., 2-3:30 pm, 3:45-5 p.m.)
- Inflatables
- Magic Show
- Arts and Crafts
- Games
- Flower Photo Wall
- Collective Groove "Silent Disco"
- Face Painting
- Hot Chocolate Station (sponsored by Country Grocer)
- An Active Zone
- Tumble Time

A food truck and a concession will be on site.

Special event pricing is in effect with admission being only \$10 per person (2 years and under are free). Tickets can be purchased online (barcode 158270), in person at any recreation centre or by phone.

Visit the [Activate page on the City website](#) for all the details or call Parks, Recreation and Culture at 250-756-5200.

Strategic Link: Providing residents with quality recreation opportunities enhances the livability of our City.

Key Points

- Activate is the City of Nanaimo's family New Year's Day event held on Thursday, Jan. 1, 12-5 p.m. at Beban Park.
- Tickets are available at the event or in advance at Beban Park Pool or online using barcode 158270. Tickets are only \$10 each (2 years and under are free).
- The event features swimming, skating, live entertainment, inflatables, games, arts, crafts, dancing and more.

Quotes

"Ring in 2026 with fun, activity, and family at Activate at Beban Park—your best year starts here!"

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