

# Volunteer Nanaimo



June 2023

## Dates to Remember

We are CLOSED  
MONDAY, JULY 3  
for Canada Day



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**Hours of Business:**

Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm



FATHER'S DAY FAMILY EVENT

Volunteer Nanaimo Presents

## TOUCH A TRUCK 2023

**JUNE 18 | 11 AM - 3 PM**

BBQ | Kid zone | Raffles  
and much more!

**ADMISSION:**

\$5 Individual | \$20 Family (max of 6)

Woodgrove Centre Parking Lot

Fundraiser in support of Nanaimo Youth Network Program

WOODGROVE

Check page 3  
for raffle details.

*Fun for the whole family – and others – on Fathers Day!*

## Member of the Month: Vancouver Island Exhibition

*It's that time again!*



**Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 27**

*This year's Fair offers something for everyone in the family.*

As usual there will be a strong agricultural component, complete with Barnyard Petting farm and exhibits. The Main Stage runs daily, hosting many local musical talents, leading up to the famous surprise attraction on Main Stage Saturday evening!

And *West Coast Amusements* carnival adds just the right touches to this three-day event!

Event grounds are packed with exciting viewing stations:

- Old Fashion Farming equipment to modern displays
- Tractor Club feature antique Tractors and Tractor Time
- SuperDogs
- Global FMX Motocross
- Home Arts
- Remote Control CAR Demos and Races
- Petting Farm



More fun than can be found anywhere, can be found at our Beban Fair grounds this August. The hard-working VIEx board and team are still seeking many volunteers to help orchestrate this grand affair. Any 4-hour period of volunteerism will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the VIEx if you can give of your time.

While at the Fair, take a stroll through the Community Gardens situated behind the barns, and now boasting many lovely communal garden boxes. Grow your own in a leased box or help out with tending existing plots. A community way to cultivate, grow, dig and share in camaraderie and finally reap the harvest of flowers and veggies!! For more information call the VIEx office, or check the website at [www.viex.ca](http://www.viex.ca). (250-758-3247).



### VOLUNTEER NANAIMO Ongoing Programs

#### Tax Program - by appointment.

Friday June 16, July 21, Aug 11. Call 250-758-7121 for information or to book an appointment.

#### Watchdog Computer Program

Technical support for non-profit agencies and individuals. By donation – plus cost is parts are purchased. **We welcome donations of computers, tablets and phones** - which are refurbished and redistributed to members of the community. Call 250-758-7121 for more information.





**COMING SOON:**  
**Saturday, July 8**  
 2406 Marlborough Drive

**We welcome your donations**  
**of gently-used or new**  
 household and home décor items,  
 toys and games, tools, jewelry,  
 and craft materials.

***NO: furniture, damaged or non-working items,  
 clothes, shoes or books.***

**DROP OFF** at 3148 Barons Road between 9am and 3 pm  
 Monday to Thursday, June 20 to July 4 **only**.

**NO EARLY DROP-OFFS PLEASE.**  
**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS AT OUR DOOR.**

**THANK YOU**  
 to all the vendors and shoppers  
 who came to the **Spring Craft Fair**.  
 We raised \$536.00  
 to support our youth programs.

*For more information  
 call 250-758-7121.*



...to knit squares that will be sewn into  
 blankets for the elderly, children and  
 families needing warmth and comfort.

Use your own sayelle yarn, or drop by  
 our office for supplies and a copy of the  
 square template.

**Call us for more information**  
**250-758-7121**

Join us on Sunday, June 18 for our special  
**Father's Day Touch a Truck event.**  
*(Details on page 1.)*

**Raffle tickets:**  
**\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Nexgrill BBQ  
 (Donated by Home Depot)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Adult Activity Package  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** Handmade Flannel Quilt  
 Licence # 142846

**Purchase your tickets:**  
 Via eTransfer: [vnanaimo@gmail.com](mailto:vnanaimo@gmail.com)  
 At the office: by credit or debit card, or cash.  
 At the event on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



**Thank you to everyone  
who supported our recent  
Fix-Up Factory!**

Together, we gave a second life to many broken items and helped reduce waste. **Thank you** to Vancouver Island Regional Library for partnering with us on the event, and to our volunteer 'fixers' who shared their time and skills.

**Please support these businesses who supported us so generously:** Thrifty Foods – Home Hardware – Nanaimo News Bulletin – CBC Radio – Coffee News– RDN Solid Waste Services Department.

### **Period Promise 2023**

Many people can't afford the cost of monthly period products. Youth 20/20 Can is participating in the @uwbccnvi Period Promise 2023. Drop off menstrual products at the Volunteer Nanaimo office (E-3148 Barons Rd.), open Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm. **We are collecting until June 8th.**

### **Summer is almost here. Have you thought of volunteering?**

If you are between 11 and 29, check out our youth programs at Volunteer Nanaimo. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to get connected, network, try new things, give back to the community, have fun and make new friends. We welcome new members.

### **For more information about our programs and events:**

Follow our Instagram and Facebook pages @volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork and @youth2020cannaimo.

Or contact [volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork@gmail.com) | [youth2020cannaimo@gmail.com](mailto:youth2020cannaimo@gmail.com).

### **Spencer has been writing Blake's story through Volunteer Nanaimo's Hand in Hand Intergenerational Storytelling project.**

In Spencer's own words: *"I've never found a more fulfilling volunteering opportunity. I was put in touch with a former Nanaimo city councilor, a man who knows a little something about absolutely everything. In the months since, I've learned an incredible amount about Nanaimo and uncovered a rarely-told history. I can now better see how Nanaimo has grown and re-shaped itself over the decades. Volunteering through the Hand-in-Hand Project also provides connection and a creative outlet I was otherwise lacking.*

*I discovered the project at the perfect time, when I was moving on from a career I loved into a much more practical field. Without the Hand in Hand project, I'd be living a far less creative and invigorated life. I tell everyone I know about this volunteering opportunity!"*

**For more information about Hand in Hand email [handinhandnanaimo@gmail.com](mailto:handinhandnanaimo@gmail.com) or**

**Seniors: Michelle at 250-713-9630, Volunteers: Gwen at 250-667-1803.**



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