

Volunteer Nanaimo



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E-3148 Barons Rd., Nanaimo, BC V9T 4B5

Dates to Remember

We are CLOSED

Mon. July 3: Canada Day weekend

Mon. Aug. 7: BC Day

**Mon. Aug. 14 – Mon. Sept. 4:
Office closed for Renovations**

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Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm



Member of the Month:

Nanaimo Child Development Centre

At the Nanaimo Child Development Centre (NCDC), we love the work we do. We truly value teamwork and strive to create an atmosphere where people feel welcome. And... we know how to have fun!

The Nanaimo Child Development Centre is a community-based not-for profit organization that has been an integral part of the community since 1967. The NCDC provides specialized developmental services for children and families. We assist each child to build on their strengths while developing new skills. Over 1,900 children and their families received assistance from the Centre in the past year.

Most of our programs and services are available at no cost through a combination of public funding and the generosity of our community. Find more information about our services on our website: www.nanaimocdc.com.



Nanaimo Child Development Centre Continued

We are very excited to announce that the City of Nanaimo has declared **July 10-16th Nanaimo CDC Silly Boat week**. We are hosting, for the first time ever, a Friday night Comedy event at the Port Theatre to kick off Silly Boat weekend – Friday, July 14th! The event features comedian, legend of stage performer, inspirational Hall of Fame speaker - **Jason Hewlett**. Grab your tickets on the Port Theatre website. The fun continues on Sunday, July 16th with our 37th Annual Silly Boat Regatta.

The Silly Boat Regatta is the NCDC's largest annual fundraiser; raising much needed funds to help support children and families in our community. Prior to the Silly Boat Regatta, teams consisting of local businesses, Service Clubs, and families raise funds for the Nanaimo Child Development Centre. At the event, teams construct unique and creative boats (the sillier the better) from recycled and recyclable materials. Teams race around a buoy in the beautiful Nanaimo harbor, while spectators cheer them on.

The Silly Boat Regatta is a free family event featuring food, activities, and entertainment for all ages. So, this year, join us for a Weekend to Remember – July 14th Port Theatre and July 16th – Maffeo Sutton Park. This year more than ever, we need the support of our volunteer community. The donations raised at our 2023 Silly Boat event will go towards purchasing specialized therapeutic equipment, funding our Family Resource Navigator program and services to provide parents with community resources, education, and support.



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VOLUNTEER NANAIMO Ongoing Programs

Tax Program - by appointment.

Friday, 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 if parts are purchased. **We welcome donations of computers, tablets and phones** - which we refurbish and redistribute to members of the community. Call 250-758-7121 for more information.

We are looking for volunteers and seniors!



Are you a good fit for the Hand in Hand Intergenerational Storytelling project? Do you want to make a positive difference in a senior's life? Or are you a senior who would like to share your story?

We are looking for volunteers to help seniors to tell their "life stories". The project connects volunteers with seniors to visit and as experiences are shared, to record some of their life stories and memories for them to be able to share with their family and friends. These stories will come in different forms and will be different for each senior. It could be a "story" of family recipes, traditions, life experiences of wisdom gained or memories from a period in the past. Everyone has a story and there is so much we can learn from each other!

To volunteer, to make a positive difference in a senior's life, contact Gwen at 250-667-1803. If you, or if you know of any seniors who would like to share their stories contact Michelle at 250-713-9630, or email either of us at handinhandnanaimo@gmail.com.

Thanks to Everyone

Who supported our Father's Day Touch a Truck fundraiser event.

Check page four to get an idea of some of the projects they are involved with.



With special thanks to our sponsors

- Woodgrove Centre
- Budget Car & Truck Rentals
- DBL Disposal Service Ltd.
- Home Depot

Participants

- Canadian Armed Forces
- DBL Disposal Services
- Duane Tommy (Jerry's Transport)
- Gorosh Cranes
- Merrifield Trucking
- Mid Island Towing
- Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society
- Mid Island Vintage Tractor Club
- MJR Tree Service
- Regional District of Nanaimo (Transit Bus)
- St. John Ambulance
- Steve Marshall Ford

A few lucky winners:

Chris

Pat

Tali



WOW! We made it! Our goal was to raise \$10,000 for our YouthNetwork program in June & thanks to your support of our Touch a Truck event, and donations by Angels + Nanaimo Daybreak Rotary it happened. Thank you all for your support.



VOLUNTEER NANAIMO GARAGE SALE

Saturday, July 8
9am - 2pm

2406 Marlborough Drive

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

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

DROP OFF at E-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.

For more information call 250-758-7121.

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



Summer is 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.

YouthNetwork is a fun and simple way to get started on your volunteering journey! If you are **between the ages of 11-17** and are looking for exciting and fulfilling volunteer experiences that connect you with your community and other like-minded youth, look no further! With many different volunteer opportunities offered year-round from environmental stewardship to helping at big community events, there is something for everybody! Get involved and make a difference!

Youth 20/20 Can is full of passionate and inspiring youth ready to make a positive change in the community. If you are **between 15-29 years old**, you can be part of our team too! We take pride in being a safe, inclusive space and a fun group to be around. We are a youth-led group where everyone's interests and passions are turned into real volunteer opportunities. We have so much more to offer, it all starts with what you are passionate about.

Volunteer Nanaimo's QSA (Queer Straight Alliance) group is a Safe Space for Queer and Straight youth **between 11-29 years old** to come together and be their authentic selves. We have biweekly meetings at the Volunteer Nanaimo office, where we hang out and discuss LGBTQ+ themed topics. We put a lot of work to make this group a safe and comfortable space. Come as you are and meet like-minded people.

Want to learn more about volunteering?
Join our youth pizza party!



For more information about our programs:

Follow our social media pages: @volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork and @youth2020cannanaimo and @vn_qsa
Email us: volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork@gmail.com and youth2020cannanaimo@gmail.com



Summertime activities and events

The Old City Quarter

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

- **Fridays, June 2 to September 15**
- **Time:** 12-1 pm
- **Location:** The Old City Quarter
- **More information:** www.oldcityquarter.com

The City of Nanaimo

Concerts in the Park

- **Various dates between June 16 and August 16**
- **Time:** 6-7 pm
- **Location:** Various
- **More information:** www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/concertsinthepark

Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce

Commercial Street Night Market (Vendors- entertainment – food trucks)

- **Thursdays, June 22 to August 31**
- **Time:** 5-9 pm
- **Location:** Commercial Street & Diana Krall Plaza
- **Information:** www.nanaimochamber.bc.ca/nanaimo-night-market/

Vancouver Island Symphony

Summer Pop Up Concert Series

- **Locations:** Various
- **Dates:** Various
- **Tickets** from the Port Theatre
- **More information:** www.vancouverislandsymphony.com

Crimson Coast Dance

25th InFrinGinG Dance Festival

- **July 5 to 9**
- **Location:** Various
- **Tickets** from the Port Theatre
- **More information:** www.crimsoncoastdance.com

Fairway Gorge Paddling Club

20th Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival

- **July 8 to 9**
- **Location:** Maffeo Sutton Park (Swy-A-Lana-Lagoon)
- **More information:** www.fgpaddle.com/races/nanaimo-dragon-boat-festival/

Nanaimo Child Development Centre**37th Annual Silly Boat Regatta**

- **July 16** (kickoff event on July 14 with comedian Jason Hewlett at the Port Theatre)
- **Location:** Maffeo Sutton Park (Swy-A-Lana-Lagoon)
- **More information:** www.sillyboat.com

Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society**Bathtub Weekend**

- **July 21-23**
- **Location:** Maffeo Sutton Park (Swy-A-Lana-Lagoon)
- **More information:** www.bathtubbing.com

Positively Vegan**Nanaimo's first VegFest** (Vegan Food – entertainment – educational speakers)

- **July 29**
- **Location:** Maffeo Sutton Park (Swy-A-Lana-Lagoon)
- **More information:** www.positivelyvegan.ca

Nanaimo Blues Society**Nanaimo's Blues Festival**

- **August 10-13**
- **Location:** Maffeo Sutton Park (Swy-A-Lana-Lagoon)
- **Tickets** can be purchased online
- **More information:** www.nanaimoblues.ca

Pacific Coast Stage Company**Nanaimo Fringe Festival** (Nurturing Central Vancouver Island's emerging artists.)

- **August 10-20**
- **Location:** Various Venues in Nanaimo
- **More information** www.nanaimofringe.com

Nanaimo Child Development Centre**2nd Hub City Soap Box Derby**

- **August 19**
- **Location:** Downtown Nanaimo
- **More information:** www.soapboxnanaimo.com

Vancouver Island Exhibition

Celebrating the best in agriculture, local food, and entertainment from across Canada

- **August 25-27**
- **Location:** Beban Park
- **More information:** www.viex.ca

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