

Volunteer Nanaimo



Dates to Remember

We are **CLOSED**
Monday, April 1
Easter Monday



NO tax appointments
Fri, Sat March 29/30

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Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm

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Please join us!



Volunteer Nanaimo Events for Seniors

Games, Fun & Light Refreshments



Thurs. April 4 & Thurs. April 25
1-3pm

Volunteer Nanaimo
3148 Barons Rd.

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Member of the Month:

Tourism Nanaimo

*Our volunteers
help to make happy vacations*

Tourism Nanaimo is a non-profit organization with the purpose of attracting visitors and events to Nanaimo and offering help and advice to ensure their stay is enjoyable.

The Nanaimo Tourist Information Visitor Centre is located on the Island Highway at Northfield Road and operates year-round to assist visitors with enquiries, bookings and directions.

Our visitor center volunteers are an invaluable part of our team. A handful of volunteers work with us year-round in the centre and we also have a team of seasonal volunteers who assist us during the summer months. This year we had 54 seasonal volunteers who helped at our pop-up information booth at Maffeo Sutton Park as well as various events around the city such as the Commercial Street night market and the Pride Festival. It was amazing to see so many volunteers come back after our years with COVID restrictions.

Their insider knowledge and enthusiasm for Nanaimo and Vancouver Island can really contribute to ensuring our visitors have a positive experience.



Volunteer Sherrill has been volunteering with Tourism Nanaimo since 2016. While she initially started as a summer volunteer, she enjoyed meeting and helping people so much that she is now a year-round volunteer, working one day a week at the Visitor Centre.

Sherrill says that she loves to meet visitors and figure out what they would enjoy doing in the local area. "This is a fun place to volunteer at because all of our customers are happy – they are on vacation after all".

Her top 'must-do' recommendations for our visitors are a ferry ride to 'magical Saysutshun' (Newcastle Provincial Park) and the suggestion to try a Nanaimo Bar in Nanaimo.

If you are interested in volunteering with Tourism Nanaimo, either year-round or during the summer months, please contact our visitor centre manager at vcmanager@tourismnanaimo.com

The Community Income Tax Service

helps low-income residents prepare and submit their income tax returns.

During March and April, we offer appointments on Fridays and Saturdays between 9am and 3pm - *except March 29 and 30 when our office is closed.*

For more information and to make an appointment call 250-758-7121

*We also offer an **Outreach Program** for clients unable to make it to our office.*

For this service only, please see the information at our website <https://www.volunteernanaimo.ca/community-outreach-income-tax-service-2/>





We welcome donations of warm socks, diapers, and feminine hygiene and personal care products.

Clients of the agencies we work with are always grateful for your contributions.

*Drop them off at
3148 Barons Road,
Monday to Thursday
9am to 3 pm.*




Your donations of washable yarn are needed to make blankets for seniors, youth and people in transition in our community.

Please drop it off at our office - location and times as noted on the left.



THANK YOU.

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



In February, YouthNetwork and Youth 20/20 Can members volunteered at several community events, including the Valentine's Community Dance, Coldest Night of the Year, Maple Sugar Festival, and a cleanup initiative at Departure Bay.



We're thrilled to have been awarded the City of Nanaimo's 2023 Community Environmental Sustainability Project Grant! This will support our endeavour to establish a native plant garden at Beaufort Park, turning underutilized land into a thriving ecosystem for plants, insects, and our entire community. Thank you to volunteers at Beaufort Park Food Forest, the supportive City of Nanaimo staff, and Susan Fisher from NALT for their help.

If you're aged 11-29 and interested in making a positive impact through volunteering, we invite you to join our youth programs at Volunteer Nanaimo. **Youth Network** is for youth ages 11-17, offering opportunities to volunteer at community events, participate in guitar lessons, and engage in fun activities. For more details, reach out to Cam, our Youth Network coordinator, at volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork@gmail.com.

Youth 20/20 Can empowers 15-29 year-olds to co-create meaningful projects and collaborate with community partners to bring their ideas to life. For inquiries, contact Anni, our youth engagement worker, at youth2020cannanaimo@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for our exciting events in March:

- ◆ **Game Night:** Mondays, 6-8 pm at Volunteer Nanaimo
- ◆ **Group Guitar Lessons:** Tuesdays, 5-6 pm at Volunteer Nanaimo. Guitars are available for use at the office.
- ◆ **Study Group Meetings:** Wednesdays, 5-6 pm at Volunteer Nanaimo. Join us for collaborative learning in a group setting.
- ◆ **Planning Meetings with Mayor and Council:** Meet Councillor Hillary Eastmure, Janice Perrino and Paul Manly on Wednesday, March 6, from 6-7:30 pm. Meet Mayor Leonard Krog on Wednesday, March 20, from 6-7:30 pm. Engage in a dialogue, and gain a better understanding of your local government, the representation of youth in local government and the directions of Nanaimo's future. Ask questions and learn about issues that matter most to you.
- ◆ **Introduction to Roleplaying:** Thursdays, 5-8 pm at Volunteer Nanaimo
- ◆ **Native Plant Garden Work Party:** March 2, 10 am - 12 pm at Beaufort Park
- ◆ **Singing with Residents of Eden Gardens:** March 9, 1:30-2:30 pm.
(Practice on March 5, 6-7 pm)
- ◆ **Tai Chi Workshop:** March 16, 1-3 pm at Shima Karate
- ◆ **Vancouver Island Short Film Festival:** March 22, 6-10 pm
at Malaspina Theatre
- ◆ **SPUD Patrol:** March 23, 11:45 am - 1 pm at Port Place Mall

Additionally, you can contribute to our charitable efforts by turning your bottles into donations at the Regional Recycling Depot Nanaimo, by mentioning "Volunteer Nanaimo Youth" when you return your bottles.

All proceeds benefit YouthNetwork and Youth 20/20 Can.



Join us in making a difference! And having fun!

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