

Volunteer Nanaimo



Dates to Remember

We are **CLOSED**
MONDAY, JULY 1
for **Canada Day**



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Hours of Business:
Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm

June 2024



Highlight

2024 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

We have often heard, there is just,
"NO FREE LUNCH"

Yet!! Possibly there truly is!!!

At Volunteer Nanaimo, we are often humbled to witness the many endeavors of hundreds of volunteers working hard in our community. These efforts range from aiding seniors or providing much-needed visits and social chats, to helping with small animals and pets and participating in recycling initiatives that contribute to clean air and a healthier planet. Our hardworking trail builders enhance local parks and walking areas, while others work with youth or provide First Aid assistance. Volunteers also help fundraise for critical research on numerous deadly diseases and run charity thrift shops.



2024 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon cont.

There are just hundreds of ways people in our community volunteer to help make our world a better place. Volunteer Nanaimo’s group of volunteers go an extra mile each and every April, to honor many of Nanaimo’s volunteers who have given so very much of their time. Their respective agencies or NFP, choose a handful of their finest volunteers and put their names into our luncheon group.

We host, at a fine location, then provide a lovely first- class luncheon with full table service to these volunteers, always providing a fun and thoughtful theme for this annual appreciation event. There are often costumes, there are prizes and fun to be had by all. Dignitaries and short speeches or entertainment is provided but always there is much fun, laughter and chit chat for all participants.

Volunteer Nanaimo feels honored to provide such a ‘free lunch’ to so many worthy volunteers. Just look at the fun that was had at this year’s.....

2024 Appreciation Luncheon – “Cultural Diversity”



Volunteer Nanaimo presents...
Silver Adventures Cafe!

The program is funded by New Horizons and is **free** to all seniors.
Socialize, meet new friends, try new things and have fun!

Check out our June calendar of events...



Silver Adventures Cafe June



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday 1-3pm | Wednesday | Thursday 1-3pm | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 Bingo with Prizes | 5 | 6 Rug Making | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Card Games | 12 | 13 Line Dancing <i>*Note at the Moose Hall</i> | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Service Project for NCDC | 19 | 20 Cultural Experience Holland | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Games Day | 26 | 27 Guest Speaker - Tech Support | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

All events at Volunteer Nanaimo 3148 Barons Rd. unless otherwise noted.
Please RSVP to silveradventurescafe@gmail.com

For more information visit www.volunteernanaimo.ca under the seniors tab or call Gwen at 250-667-1803





Congratulations to the winner of 'My Mom's the Best' contest – Miracle age 9

My Dad's the Best

Tell us - or show us in a picture - why your dad is the best.



And we'll enter your name to win a prize.
Drop off your entry at our office at E-3418 Barons Road by Friday, June 14.
 Or bring it to the Craft Fair on June 8th (see adjacent ad) For children up to age 12.



Monthly Market
Saturday
June 8th
11am - 4pm

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
4235 Departure Bay Rd
 (behind Country Club Mall)

Featuring LOCAL, handmade, unique gifts for all occasions – birthday, holiday, or just because for dear old dad and all he's done



Net proceeds support
Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Programs

Coming soon...



We welcome your donation of gently-used or new household and home décor items, 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, July 2 to July 16 **only**.

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

For more information call 250-758-7121.

Mark your calendar

Saturday, July 20

Volunteer Nanaimo Ongoing Programs



Our Watchdog Tech Team helps with your technology challenges and matches non-profit groups and individuals with used or refurbished tech equipment.

The Tax Program is now accepting appointments to help people complete their tax returns once a month on Fridays. June 21, July 19. Contact 250-758-7121.

Our offices house the **Autism Society's Library** of books and learning materials.

For more information call 250-758-7121, or check our website at www.volunteernanaimo.com

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



volunteering makes a difference *join today*

Youth Network
ages 11-17

Youth Can
ages 15-29

be involved share ideas
help shape the community
make new friends inspire change
have fun get connected attend events
discover a passion be a mentor
join in learn new skills
challenge give back
find a difference
partner
turn dreams into reality
be creative
get active
spend time
volunteer
be the change
try something



follow us on and **250-758-7121**
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Our youth programs, **Youth Network (for ages 11-17)** and **Youth Can (for ages 15-29)**, provide volunteer opportunities for young people in Nanaimo. Through these programs, participants can develop leadership skills, receive free training, and join in social events. It's an excellent way to earn hours towards high school graduation, make new friends, and gain hands-on experience while contributing to the community.

For more information about our programs and events contact
volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork@gmail.com or
youth2020cannanaimo@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE:
We would love for you to join us at Beaufort Park Food Forest to celebrate our new native plant garden, established by Volunteer Nanaimo youth and Beaufort Park food forest volunteers.



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