

NEWS RELEASE

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Winter Wonderland returns for another year

Summary

The City of Nanaimo Parks and Recreation department is pleased to bring back the popular Winter Wonderland skating event running from December 26 to 30. This year's fantasy theme will see Frank Crane Arena transformed into a variation of "Whoville".

This yearly event is an opportunity for the community and businesses to come together to offer residents the chance to skate at various sponsored sessions. Activities over the five days include \$1 skating sessions with some free sessions included, free helmet and skate rentals throughout, a Pancake Breakfast, prize giveaways by PepsiCo and the Archie Johnstone Plumbing and Heating Christmas Tree.

Sponsors for Winter Wonderland include: PepsiCo, Tim Hortons, Archie Johnstone Plumbing & Heating Ltd, Caledonia Fire Protection, CIMCO, Roto-Rooter, Heatherbrae Builders, Long Lake Sports & Orthopaedic Physiotherapy, Ocean's Edge Orthodontics, Miranda Construction, PlanetClean, Ryan Vending, Shaw Electrical Services, VIU, Windley Construction, Nanaimo News Bulletin and Island Radio (The Wolf 106.9 FM and the Wave 102.3 FM).

Strategic Link: Winter Wonderland supports Recreation, Culture, Sports and Tourism and Community Building Partnerships.

Key Points

- Winter Wonderland will run from December 26 to 30 at Frank Crane Arena in Beban Park and includes \$1 Skating sessions (along with some sponsored free sessions from Tim Hortons, Miranda Construction, Ocean's Edge Orthodontics and VIU) including free skate and helmet rentals.
- This yearly event occurs thanks to partnerships between the City of Nanaimo and various local businesses and is a way to say "thank you" to the community and give everyone, regardless of age, skating ability or economic circumstances, an opportunity to try skating.
- The Pancake Breakfast will be hosted by Miranda Construction and the Nanaimo Kinsmen on Thursday, December 29 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- The Tim Hortons "Sprinter Van" will be at Winter Wonderland on Friday, December 30 providing free coffee.

Quotes

"This is such a wonderful way to bring our community partners together to say thank you to residents. We look forward to welcoming you to Frank Crane Arena for five magical days filled with affordable family-friendly fun."

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