CONNECTIONS Older Adult Activity Guide

Summer: June through August 2025





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COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRES

Cedar Hill Recreation Centre 250-475-7121 Gordon Head Recreation Centre 250-475-7100 G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre 250-475-5400 Saanich Commonwealth Place 250-475-7600

Free Summer Events in Saanich



SAANICH PRIDE IN THE PARK

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30-8:30pm **Beckwith Park**

6, 6A, 6B (300m)

Come celebrate the fourth annual Saanich Pride in the Park event featuring a variety of information displays, entertainment, and family friendly activities. Food available Browse artists' wares, watch for purchase or bring your own picnic. For more information visit saanich.ca/pride or call 250-475-5427.

Bus Logo indicates a suggested bus route to access program/event. Regular bus fares apply.



GORGE ON ART Tuesday, July 1, 8:30am-4pm **Gorge Waterway park**

11, 25 (5m)

Gorge on Art is an annual showcase of local artists, offered in conjunction with the Gorge Tillicum Community Association's Gorge Canada Day Picnic. art demonstrations, and if you feel inclined, purchase some art to display at home. For more information visit saanich.ca/gorgeonart or call 250-475-5558.



SAANICH STRAWBERRY **FESTIVAL**

Sunday, July 6, 11am-4pm **Beaver Lake Regional Park Beach**

35, 72, 75 (400m) Celebrate Saanich's strawberries and local agriculture. Featuring a farmers' market, local vendors, information booths, bouncy castles, live music, food trucks, art activities, and the traditional serving of locally grown Michell's Farm strawberries on ice cream. For more information visit saanich.ca/strawberrvfestival or call 250-475-5558.



INDIGENOUS MUSIC **FESTIVAL**

Friday, July 25, 5-8pm Saturday, July 26, 4-8pm **Hampton Park**

5 8, 11, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26 (300m) A free two-night event that welcomes everyone to enjoy and celebrate Indigenous performers from across Vancouver Island. Performances span a wide variety of genres, including folk, rock, hip hop, and more. Craft and food vendors on site as well. For more information visit saanich.ca/indigenousmusicfestival or call 250-475-5427.



CADBORO BAY FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 10, 11am-3pm Cadboro-Gyro Park 🚐 11 (260m) Come spend a day at the park and beach. Enjoy field games and hands-on activities, dance to live music, and treat yourself to lunch in the village. There are lots of fun and exciting changes in the mix for this event, so be sure to stop by with the whole family to see what's new. For more information visit saanich.ca/cadborobayfestival or call 250-475-5558.

MUSIC in the **PARK**

Tuesdays, 6-8pm, FREE

Come out and join your neighbours for an evening of music in your local park. Food available for purchase or bring

your own picnic.





Aug 26 Rudd Park, 3259 Irma St. \ \ 26 (150m)







BELONGING THIS SUMMER

That feeling of belonging, where you can be yourself and at the same time safe to grow and explore who you are, can happen in so many different ways, and at so many different points in our lives.

As community programmers, we are always interested in what makes you feel like you belong today. Is it a friendly smile from a person passing by, or the feeling of being one of many at a community event? Is it attending a cultural or spiritual practice important to you, or participating in something that holds value to you? Is it connecting with other generations? We are interested in the many ways you feel belonging in your community.

This edition of Saanich's older adult activity guide offers many different opportunities throughout June, July and August. Opportunities to be part of something new or familiar, to learn or share or to explore what belonging feels like to you.

As we work to support healthy people, healthy nature and healthy community in a Saanich where everyone belongs, I hope you are able to enjoy activities this summer. Our region has a lot of resources, and we are always interested in what your experience in Saanich is like!

With care,

Alison, Community Programmer II, Older Adult Services, Community Services Division 250-475-5408 District of Saanich

Accessing Programs at Saanich Recreation Centres

AFFORDABLE, FLEXIBLE PASS OPTIONS AND SINGLE ADMISSIONS

Get more out of life with Saanich Recreation and enjoy unlimited drop-in activities at four centres with just one pass. Visit saanich.ca/recreation, call, or visit to ask us about our many convenient Access Pass, single admission, multi-visit pass options!

reCREATE 60yrs+ GRANT

Are fees for your program a barrier to participating? Learn more about new grants for qualifying individuals. If you are fortunate to not have financial barriers, consider donating to help others access more of the programs they love. Contact financialassistance@saanich.ca or call 250-475-5422.

GREE OLDER ADULT ASSISTANCE CARD

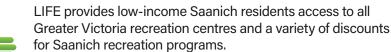
Don't let balance, mobility, or other barriers prevent you from participating! Bring someone along with you to assist you in programs and activities! To apply visit one of our Saanich recreation centres (see back cover).

DROP-IN 90yrs+

Sign up with Saanich recreation centre for our Lifetime 90yrs+ free access to many drop-in activities:

- Drop-in swimming, hot tub, sauna and steam room
- Drop-in fitness, basic yoga and indoor cycling classes
- Drop-in waterfit
- Drop-in weight room
- Drop-in adult sports
- Drop-in skating (skate rentals extra)

LEISURE INVOLVEMENT FOR EVERYONE (LIFE)



For those 55yrs+, an annual membership to one Saanich Older Adult Centres is also included. To see if you qualify, apply at any recreation centre or call 250-475-5422.





Share Feedback!

Hello Saanich is a new public participation platform. You can share, discuss or collaborate around Saanich projects and plans. Register online at hello.saanich.ca. For more information call 250-475-7641.

Did you know that you can see Council meeting schedules, agendas, minutes and videos, online at saanich.ca/agendas. If you have questions, contact Saanich Legislative and Protective Services Department at 250-475-5501.



Saanich Fitness, Wellness & Social Opportunities

ERED EASY WALKS

One-hour, social walks through parks and neighbourhoods, on pavement and smooth trails, avoiding steep hills where possible. To accommodate all abilities, some short standing pauses are included and walking pace may vary. Please wear supportive footwear.

Mondays 9:30-10:30am (summer hours)
Walk leader - Penny Stevens

July 7 Cadboro Bay/Queenswood

Meet by washroom block, Cadboro-Gyro Park; 2600 Sinclair Road. 🚒 11 (260m)

July 14 Cedar Hill/Maplewood

Meet near clubhouse, Cedar Hill Golf Course; 1400 Derby Road. ➡ 24 (250m)

July 21 Cordova Ridge Circle

Meet in parking lot of Claremont-Goddard Park; 746 Haliburton Road. 🚒 35 (210m)

July 28 Marigold/South Valley

Meet/park on Grange Road, by Marigold School; 3751 Grange Road. ₩ 22 (100m)

August 11 - Broadmead/Kentwood Area

Meet/park by Emily Carr Park; 4500 Emily Carr Drive. ॣ 6A (25m)

August 18 - Gorge Lower Waterway

Meet near main entrance of Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion; 1070 Tillicum Road. □ 26 (60m)

August 25 - Copley/Brydon Parks

Meet at Copley Park West; 598 Parkridge Street, off Vanalman Avenue. 🚐 30 (150m)

Bus Logo indicates a suggested bus route to access program/event. Regular bus fares apply.

FREE OPPORTUNITIES

BRAEFOOT BOOK SWAP AND SOCIAL

Discover your next favourite read! Bring a book you're ready to trade and enjoy an afternoon of exploring new subgenres, sharing recommendations and connecting with fellow book lovers. Light refreshments are provided. Everyone will leave with a gently used book to dive into.

BRAEFOOT PARK CENTRE

127163 FICTION Sa Jun 14 1-3pm FREE

CRAFT COLLECTIVE

A free drop-in program where community members of all ages can come and work on existing projects or try something new. Basic craft supplies and refreshments provided! No registration required, email Mia at community@luthercourt.org with any questions. LUTHER COURT SOCIETY

Th 3-4pm FREE

SOCIAL KNITTING 50yrs+

Join us for social knitting where we create beautiful blankets in support of community members in need of warmth. Bring your knitting supplies and work alongside others, including Blankets for Canada Society knitters, as we make a difference together, in our community.

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE

138765 Sa Jul 5-Aug 30 12:30-3pm FREE

TREE 1 LECTURE: TECHNOLOGY AND AGING 50yrs+

Learn how technology can help you manage the demands of daily living, connect with family and friends, and access assistance when needed.

CEDAR HILL RECREATION CENTRE

135219 Th Jul 10 2:30-3:45pm FREE

MEN'S SHED 50yrs+

Experience connection shoulder-to-shoulder and help share knowledge from generation to generation alongside other men bound by camaraderie and dedicated to a purpose beyond one's individual capabilities. For more information contact brendan@victoriamensshed.com (Victoria Region Shed) or billmcintyre0828@gmail.com (Saanich Peninsula Shed).

TREE REPAIR CAFÉ IN OUR REGION

Join us the third Saturday of each month, 10am-1pm, at Deep Cove Elementary School, 10975 West Saanich Road. Let local fixers explore ways to mend, repair, sharpen, or troubleshoot tech issues for you. Bring your smartphones, tablets, or laptops, clothing, bikes, small furniture, tools, toys, lamps, costume jewelry, keepsakes, and household items. They may be able to help for free! Email for more information, repaircafenorthsaanich@gmail.com.

TRANS AND GENDER NONCONFORMING SUMMER SOCIAL 40yrs+

Connect with others, 40yrs+ who identify as trans or gender nonconforming. Summer gatherings occurring, please reach out to nicole.mandryk@saanich.ca to learn more!



GREE 13 SILENT SEASIDE READING CLUB

No need to analyze plot or character development with this book club! At the water's edge you'll find company with fellow book lovers. We'll quickly share what we're reading, then retreat inwards for a silent reading session.

CADBORO-GYRO PARK

127190 Th 6:45-8:15pm Jul 3-Aug 28 FREE

R = Registration is required for this program.
Visit saanich.ca/register or call the facility

Saanich Fitness, Wellness & Social Opportunities

Gallery Exhibits

CEDAR HILL RECREATION
MAIN GALLERY

FREE

CAMOSUN FINE FURNITURE PROGRAM JUNE 25 - JULY 20

Explore this perennial favourite exhibition and discover the work of the graduating class of Camosun College's Fine Furniture/Joinery Trades program.

TAMAR SWARTZ - COURAGEOUS HEART JULY 23 - AUGUST 17

Paintings in this exhibit explore the depth, power, and connection of two friends as they navigate the joys and struggles of life. Courageous Heart gives voice to human experiences and intends to shine light on the relational complexity of chronic mental health challenges from the perspective of a compassionate witness.

PEGGY FLETCHER, BARBARA LEE, ROSEMARY MURRAY AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 14

Explore works by three artists who specialize in plein air painting, taking the time to observe and capture the natural environment around them. Discover pieces that celebrate our parks and community spaces as settings for experiencing nature, gathering with others, or finding solitude — places for rejuvenation, reflection, and connection.



LOW-COST OPPORTUNITIES

CHINESE WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION

This program assists Chinese women with integrating into mainstream Canadian society, including English, singing, dancing, information sharing, festival celebrations, and monthly outings. Contact Victoria Silver Threads 250-388-4268 to learn more about this Saturday program.



MONTHLY SOCIALS

Join us monthly for an afternoon of building connections, creating friendships, and engaging in the Silver Threads community! Enjoy refreshments and an opportunity to meet and socialize with others. Tuesdays 1:30-2:30pm \$2 SAANICH SILVER THREADS

Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26 VICTORIA SILVER THREADS Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19

EUCHRE

Similar to Whist, this card game is fun and easy to learn. Instruction provided.

VICTORIA SILVER THREADS

Tu 1-3pm \$2 members,

\$5 non-members

SUMMER FITNESS AT CORDOVA BAY 55+

Don't put your fitness goals on hold for the summer! Cordova Bay 55+ offers in-person and virtual fitness classes year-round, as well as opportunities to stay fit and make new friends with weekly walking programs (with and without dogs), hikes, pickleball and golf. Visit cordovabay55plus.org or call 250-658-5558.

Outdoors

® TREE SOCIAL CROQUET 55YRS+

Remember the fun of playing croquet with friends? Rekindle the joy, get some fresh air and meet some new friends. No equipment or experience needed. Cancelled if raining by 8:30am. Contact Kathleen for more information 778-584-6810.

BURNSIDE LAWN BOWLING CLUB

127918 W 10-11:30am Jul 2-30 5/\$30 127919 W 10-11:30am Aug 6-27 4/\$24

HORSESHOE PITCHING

A great way to meet new people! Ask us about our other social occasions open to members throughout the year, including cornhole. Please contact 250-727-2543 or gvhpa@shaw.ca, we look forward to pitching with you!

GREATER VICTORIA HORSESHOE PITCHING ASSOCIATION, 620 KENNETH STREET

LAWN BOWLING

Enjoy the camaraderie of bowling outdoors at the following clubs:

BURNSIDE LAWN BOWLING 250-381-5743

GORDON HEAD LAWN BOWLING & CROQUET CLUB 250-479-0088

LAKE HILL LAWN BOWLING 250-590-8125

BADMINTON

Enjoy beginner and novice-level doubles play. Equipment and instruction provided for first-time players.

SAANICH SILVER THREADS

Tuesdays 1-3pm \$4/members, \$7/non-members



Saanich Fitness, Wellness & Social Opportunities

® WALK AND TALK

Enjoy one-and-a-half-hour guided walks, at a moderate pace, through a variety of interesting Saanich parks, trails and neighbourhoods. Try a walk or learn more by contacting Alison at 250-475-5408.

139008 5x Punch Pass 5/\$25 139009 Unlimited Pass 15+/\$55

13 MINDS IN MOTION 50YRS+

A fitness and social program for people living with any form of early-stage dementia along with a family member, friend or other care partner. Offered in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of B.C. Gentle exercises are followed by social activities designed to be enjoyed in pairs. Care partners must attend. GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE

137440 M Jul 14-Aug 25 1-2:30pm 6/\$48 G.R. PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE

138789 W Aug 6-27 1-2:30pm 4/\$32

® T.I.M.E.®

T.I.M.E. is an exercise class for individuals with balance and mobility challenges from conditions such as stroke, acquired brain injury or Multiple Sclerosis. This specialized circuit-style fitness class is offered in partnership with Island Health. Participants must be able to independently walk 10 metres with, or without, walking aid.

GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE 136406 W and F Jul 2-30 11:45am-1

136406 W and F Jul 2-30 11:45am-12:45pm 9/\$102 136407 W and F Aug 1-29 11:45am-12:45pm 9/\$102

13 WALKING IN EUROPE - JAPAN AND IRELAND

Learn about the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage trails in Japan's southern Kansai region, a key part of its World Heritage designation. Over 1000 years old, these trails span 100 km and showcase Japan's traditions, history, and landscapes. We'll also discuss hiking and walking in Ireland, including trail conditions, topography, food, and accommodations.

SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE

130330 Th Jun 5 6-8pm \$10







OPPORTUNITIES TO CONTRIBUTE

Give back, stay active and connect to community as a volunteer with Saanich Parks, Recreation and Community Services. Volunteering during the summer is a great way to enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces and make some new friends along the way!

VOLUNTEER WITH SPECIAL EVENTS

Whether you're serving up ice cream at Strawberry Festival, hosting activities at Cadboro Bay Festival, or preparing decorations for the Autumn Lantern Festival, you are bound to have a memorable volunteer experience at these vibrant community gatherings. To join our volunteer mailing list for 2025, please email volunteer@saanich.ca or call 250-475-5502.



VOLUNTEER WITH PULLING TOGETHER

Do you love being outdoors and giving back to nature and your community? Volunteers with the Pulling Together program help remove invasive plant species, plant native trees and shrubs, and improve wildlife habitat in Saanich parks. Many projects include gentle stewardship activities appropriate for all fitness levels – drop by, give it a try, and go at your own pace! For a list of parks currently accepting drop-in volunteers (as well as meeting dates and times), please email volunteer@saanich.ca or call 250-475-5502.



= Registration is required for this program. Visit saanich.ca/register or call the facility

Saanich Recreation Registered Fitness Programs

Registration is required for all programs listed on this grid. Visit saanich.ca/register or call the facility.

CH= Cedar Hill Recreation Centre PK= G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre SCP= Saanich Commonwealth Place GH= Gordon Head Recreation Centre

GETTING STARTED

For those new to fitness or wanting to return to exercise and movement.

Easy Fit

CH Th 11:30am-12:30pm PKS M,Tu,W 11:15am-12:15pm

GREE Getting Started with Exercise 50+

GH W 11:30am-12:30pm PKS Tu 12:05-12:50pm

Gentle Fit

CH Tu 10:30-11:30am

Weight Room Orientation 60vrs+

PKS Fri 5:30-6:30pm PKS Sat 10:30-11:30am SCP Fri 8:30-9:30am

Chair Fit

PKS Th 11:15am-12:15pm

CONTINUE MOVING

For those with some fitness routines already.

Aging Backwards

CH M & W 11:10am-12:10pm

Body Shop

SCP F 7:30-8:30am

Boxing

SCP Sun 8:15-9:15am

Circuit

GH M,F 9-10am GH Sa 8:45-9:45am

Full Body Workout

SCP Sun 9:15-10:15am

Body Works

SCP Sun 11:45am-12:45pm

Yoga for Healthy Aging

PKS Tu 1-2pm

Yoga and Mobility

SCP Tu 12:45-1:45pm

WEIGHT ROOM

All experience levels welcome. These programs take place in one of our four recreation centre weight rooms.

Circuit Training - Small Group

CH M & W 12-1pm SCP M, W 10:15-11:15am

Fundamental Weight Training

GH Tu & Th 10:05-11:05am

Weight Training Beginners CH Sun 1-2pm

Weight Training - Small Group

SCP Tu,Th 11am-12pm SCP Fri 10:15-11:15am

MINDFUL MOVEMENT

Programs include gentle movement, breathing exercises, fall prevention, social elements, balance, and general wellbeing.

Yoga - Strength & Ease

SCP Tu 11:30am-12:30pm

Yoga - Bend It Like Peckham

SCP W 5:15-6:30pm

Yoga Slow Flow

CH Th 6:10-7:10pm SCP Tu 9-10am

RESTORATIVE

These programs assist you with pre-existing physical health conditions in your daily life.

Build Better Bones

CH W 10:15-11:15am

Build Better Bones for Life

CH W 9-10am

Moving Beyond Cancer

SCP M&W 12:45-1:45pm

Osteofit Level 1

CH M 10:15-11:15am CH F 9:15-10:15am

Osteofit for Life

CH M 9-10am

CH F 10:30-11:30am

T.I.M.E.®

GH W&F 11:45am-12:45pm



Fitness and wellness journeys are personal and unique to each individual. These categories are presented as guidelines. We recommend speaking to a fitness programmer prior to registration if you have questions or wish to know if a program is suitable for you.



Saanich Older Adult Community Resources

SAANICH RECREATION CENTRES

CEDAR HILL RECREATION CENTRE

3220 Cedar Hill Road 250-475-7121



GORDON HEAD RECREATION CENTRE

4100 Lambrick Way 250-475-7100



G.R. PEARKES RECREATION CENTRE

3100 Tillicum Road 250-475-5400



SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE

4636 Elk Lake Drive 250-475-7600



Ask us about admission fees, Access Passes and 60yrs+ fees for drop-in programs and recreation. FREE drop-in admission for those 90yrs+ with the Lifetime rate!

COMMUNITY CENTRES

SILVER THREADS* silverthreads.ca SAANICH CENTRE:



VICTORIA CENTRE:

1911 Quadra Street, 250-388-4268 Monday-Friday | 9am-3:30pm

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CORDOVA BAY 55+ ASSOCIATION*

cordovabay55plus.org 1-5238 Cordova Bay Road 250-658-5558 Please enquire about specific program times. #32

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF BC

FirstLink® Dementia Helpline

Monday-Friday, 9am-8pm

1-800-936-6033

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VICTORIA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

vnfc.ca
231 Regina Avenue
250-384-3211
elder.support@vnfc.ca
Monday-Friday
8:30am-4:30pm
#47, 48, 53, 61, 65



GOWARD HOUSE SOCIETY*

gowardhouse.com 2495 Arbutus Road 250-477-4401 Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



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*Ask about low-cost membership rates.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SAANICH COMMUNITY SERVICES

Resources for older adult inclusion in recreation, leisure and community events. saanich.ca/communityservices

#32, 70, 71, 72, 75

SAANICH VOLUNTEER SERVICES SOCIETY

1445 Ocean View Road 250-595-8008, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm #24

INTER-CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF GREATER VICTORIA

#102, 808 Douglas Street 250-388-4728

#2, 3, 10, 5, 30



Inter-Cultural Association

FAMILY CAREGIVERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

#202-2680 Blanshard Street, 250-360-6800

Caregiver Support Line 1-877-520-3267

PARKINSON WELLNESS PROJECTS

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

MS CANADA

MS Navigator Support Line 1-844-859-6789

#30, 31, 32, 47, 48



BC SENIORS' GUIDE

1-877-952-3181



SENIORS SERVING SENIORS

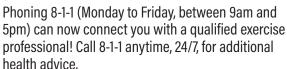
250-413-3211

VANCOUVER ISLAND CRISIS LINE

1-888-494-3888 24hr, 365

HealthLink BC

8-1-1



TALK SUICIDE CANADA

9-8-8

BC 211

2-1-1

Nonprofit connecting people in BC to help they need.

