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Summer Recreation and Special Events

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Recreation Update

- Community value
- Returning programs
- New this year
- Challenges and innovations
- Questions and discussion



Community Value of Summer Recreation

- Free and fee-based programs with scholarships available
- Critical childcare for working families when school is out
- Variety of locations across the city with school partners
- Support public health and safety
- Prioritize programs for vulnerable, underserved populations





Summer Recreation Community Touchpoints

- Camps
- Classes, Activities and Leagues
- Community Center Use



Day Camps

Full-day camp programs operated by PRCS staff

- Scholarship eligible
- Payment plans available
- Marshall and Fircrest Youth Day Camps (Ages 6-10)
- Firstenburg Teen Camp (Ages 11-14)
- Jim Tangeman Center Access to Recreation Camp (Ages 13+)



Summer Playgrounds Camps

Free, outdoor camps operated by PRCS staff



- Hosted at Crestline Elementary School, Evergreen Park and Hough Elementary School
- Provided at no cost to people who live within specified school boundaries
- Lunch provided by the USDA Summer Meal Program
- Camps are open to ages 6-11; lunch is served to ages 18 and under
- Made possible through support from the McClaskey Family Foundation



Summer Activities, Classes and Leagues

Programs for youth, teens, adults, seniors and people with disabilities

General Activities

- Rock Climbing
- Pottery
- Music
- Dance
- Softball
- Swim Lessons

Access to Recreation

- Arts and Crafts
- Pottery
- Aquatics
- Fun and Fitness
- Hangout Hour
- Social Dances
- Monday FunNite
- Bowling

Senior Activities

- Hikes
- Social Clubs
- Social Dances
- Music



Community Centers

Our facilities are important resources in the community

- Ongoing memberships
- Drop-in visitors
- NEW Summer Youth Passes
- Pool use
- Graduation parties and private rentals
- Safe, free public space during heat and wildfire emergencies



Addressing Challenges with Innovation

Interest in summer programs will exceed what we are able to offer

Priority registration for people who live within Vancouver city limits

Partner with community providers to expand camp offerings

- Vancouver Volcanoes
- UK International Soccer
- 18 Shots Junior Golf
- Skyhawks Sports
- Jordan Kent's Just Kids Skills Camps
- USTA Pacific Northwest RecTennis
- LEGO STEM Explorers
- LEGO STEM Engineers



Recreation Discussion





Special Events Update

- Special Events Team
- City sponsored events
- City partnered events
- Permitted events
- Questions and discussion



Meet the Special Events Team

This team is part of the Cultural Services Division of PRCS

Stacey Donovan

Cultural Services Manager

Sean Douglas

Special Event Permitting Manager

Kirsten Hull

Cultural Services Support Specialist

Erik Miletich

Special Events Coordinator

Meg Johnson

Special Events Specialist



Summer Concerts

Waterfront Concert Series

- Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- July 11 - Aug. 15
- Waterfront Park

Sunday Sounds Concert Series

- Sundays from 6 to 8 p.m.
- July 7 - Aug. 18
- Columbia Tech Center Park



Summer Movies

Fridays at dusk in parks across the city, July 12 – Aug. 23

- Bagley Park
- Nikkei Park
- Marshall Park
- Esther Short Park
- Fruit Valley Park
- David Douglas Park
- Columbia Tech Center Park



Cultural Event Partnerships

Sharing event planning leadership to community partners

**Juneteenth with
Odyssey World International**
Saturday, June 15 | Esther Short Park

**Día de Muertos with
Vancouver Ballet Folklórico**
Oct. 19 | Esther Short Park

**Children's Festival with
Columbia Play Project**
Saturday, June 22 | Waterfront Park

**Holiday Tree Lighting with
Rotary International**
Friday, Nov. 29 | TBD

**Vancouver Arts & Music Festival with
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra**
Aug. 2 – 4 | Esther Short Park

**Menorah Lighting with
Chabad of Clark County**
Dec. 26 | TBD





WRPA Conference Presentation:
Illuminating Community through
Cultural Event Partnerships

*Stacey Donovan, Erik Miletich
and Anna Cruz from Vancouver
Ballet Folklórico*



Permitted Event Growth and Challenges

Interest in summer programs will exceed what we are able to offer

Permitted Events, Shelter Reservations and Park Use Permit requests have increased beyond levels we experienced pre-pandemic

Major Construction Projects: Salmon Run Bell Tower Restoration, Main Street Promise and Waterfront Gateway

Managing public expectations and preparing for the future

- 1 FTE in supplemental budget request
- 1 FTE in 2025-26 biennium budget request



Special Events Discussion





Share Summer Job Opportunities

Our staff enjoy active, meaningful work that serves the community and develops job skills. (Ages 16+)

- Camp Staff
- Aquatics Staff
- Special Events Staff
- Apply at cityofvancouver.us/RecJobs

