

### 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
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#### **Summer Recreation Community Touchpoints**

• Camps

Community Center Use

• Classes, Activities and Leagues



### **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

**Kirsten Hull** Cultural Services Support Specialist **Sean Douglas** Special Event Permitting Manager

**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

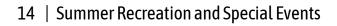




#### **Summer Movies**

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

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

Vancouver Arts & Music Festival with Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Aug. 2 – 4 | Esther Short Park Día de Muertos with Vancouver Ballet Folklórico Oct. 19 | Esther Short Park

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

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

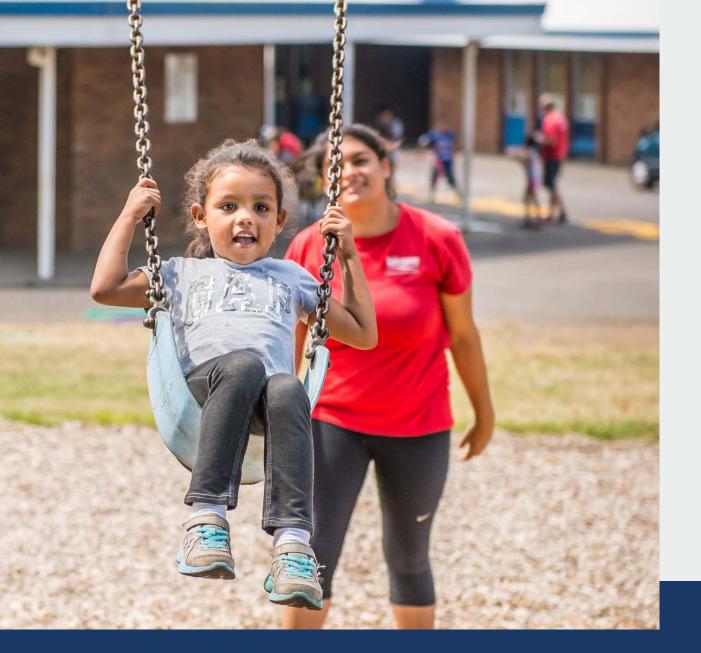
- 1 FTE in supplemental budget request
- 1 FTE in 2025-26 biennium budget request



### **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

