

## 2026 Canada Day Celebrations in Parksville

Here's an update to Parksville's Canada Day when we celebrate the 159<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's confederation. Hosted by the City of Parksville, we strive to make the day the best free, family-friendly event for the community. The day kicks off with the Canada Day parade and pancake breakfast followed by activities and events in the Parksville Community Park.

### CANADA DAY PARADE

10 am	Island Highway East (Shelly Road to Alberni Highway)
7.30-11 am	Shriners' breakfast - Craig Street (Middleton to Island Highway)
8.30-10.30 am	Music with Chaz Booth - Craig Street

**Please note** – to address safety concerns at large events, we will institute new safety measures in 2026. As announced in March, the parade will end at Craig Street on the Island Highway. The parade will not travel up Craig Street. Enhanced safety measures include additional traffic control and security, more street barricades, more signage, additional hours for first-aid service, pedestrian only access on Pioneer Crescent at the start of the parade with parade dispersal on Harrison Avenue. Parade applications may be found on [Let's Talk Parksville](#), deadline June 22.

### PARKSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point and Ravenhill Road will be closed to vehicles with general parking in the large gravel lot and accessible parking within the park. We will offer free, secure bike valet parking starting at 9.30 am. The day's activities are detailed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and updates on social media.

### Mainstage at Parksville Outdoor Theatre - 11.30 am to 5.30 pm

Bring Your lawn chairs and dancing shoes for an afternoon of fantastic entertainment at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre; something for everyone!

11.30 am	Opening Ceremony and O Canada
Noon	Oceanside Music Band
12.30	Ten Souljers
2.30 pm	Kinda Country
4.30 pm	Abbotsford Youth Orchestra

### Activities throughout the Parksville Community Park, from noon to 9 pm.

9.30 am-7 pm	Free bike valet parking and <i>Project 529 Garage</i> free bike registry
11 am-evening	Food trucks
1-5 pm	Face painters
1-5 pm	Park Golf experience
2-5 pm	Learn to build sandcastles with master sculptor David Kaube and Beach Festival staff
2 pm	Canada Day cake and cupcakes
1-6 pm	Displays, Amtgard demo, family games, Canada Day photo op
1-7 pm	<i>Quirk the Magician</i>
1-9 pm	Waterfront music

Although leashed dogs are allowed in the Parksville Community Park, if possible, please leave your pups at home. We all love a good celebration, but crowds, warm weather and noise can be overwhelming and harmful for furry friends. Consider leaving your dogs safe and sound at home where it's quiet and familiar.

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Our theme for this year's Canada Day is *Proudly Canadian, Proudly Parksville*, a day we come together to celebrate and shine a light on our country and whatever it is that makes you proud! We hope you will share in the day and connect with families, neighbours and friends at Parksville's Canada Day festivities.

Should you have questions about Canada Day, please email [canadaday@parksville.ca](mailto:canadaday@parksville.ca).

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