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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release today, Thursday, June 29, highlighting Vancouver's big summer events. Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account.

Maria will share the relevant Vancouver.ca and social media links once live. We encourage you to amplify this news of all the great summer events happening across the city.

Best,  
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## Vancouver's big summer events return!

Get ready for a burst of summer fun with the ongoing return of big events in Vancouver, including the Gastown Grand Prix in mid July. Our streets and public spaces play an important part in making these events happen.

Events, festivals, and cultural celebrations have a significant and positive impact on our city. They bring vibrancy into our communities, help support our local economy, and play an integral role in enhancing quality of life in Vancouver.

During this busy season, City staff work hard to balance special events and filming, while accommodating the necessary upgrades to our roads, sewers and water mains.

"Vancouver is a great city to be in regardless of the season, but summer brings something extra special as we get to participate in and enjoy so many fantastic and long-standing events," says Mayor Ken Sim. "Whether it's a big event or a small neighbourhood celebration, these events all play an important part in fostering vibrant, thriving communities across the city."

**Upcoming special events in Vancouver**

## June

- ☐ Vancouver International Jazz Festival - until July 2

## July

- ☐ Canada Together – July 1
- ☐ Carnaval del Sol – July 7-9
- ☐ Khatsahlano Street Party – July 8
- ☐ Gastown Grand Prix – July 12
- ☐ 2023 Vancouver Folk Music Festival – July 14-16
- ☐ Chinatown Festival – July 15,16
- ☐ Honda Celebration of Lights – July 22,26,29

## August

- ☐ Mural Fest Mt. Pleasant – August 4-13
- ☐ Powell St. Festival – Aug 5-6
- ☐ Pride Parade – Aug 6
- ☐ Monstercat Compound – August 26
- ☐ Granville Block Party – August 26-27
- ☐ Festival of India – August 26-27

## September

- ☐ TAIWANfest – Sep 2-4
- ☐ RBC Gran Fondo – September 9
- ☐ Car Free Day, Commercial Dr. – September 9
- ☐ Car Free Day, Main St. – September 16
- ☐ Word Vancouver – September 16
- ☐ Car Free Day, Denman St. – September 24
- ☐ Under Armour Eastside 10K – September 24

For information about traffic impacts, follow #VanTraffic on Twitter, listen to your local radio station, check the VanConnect app, or visit [vancouver.ca/road-closure](https://vancouver.ca/road-closure) to plan your route before you go.

Thinking about cycling to an event? Many events and popular destinations (including [Granville Island](#)) offer free and secure bike valet services. Check out an event's website for information before heading out or visit [translink.ca/bikevalet](https://translink.ca/bikevalet) for a comprehensive list of locations.

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