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Subject: EMGARGOED UNTIL 10:30 AM: Upcoming news release: Get ready for a big summer of events in Vancouver

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below news release highlighting the back-to-back events coming to Vancouver this summer. Lisa Parker, Director of Public Space and Street Use will be holding a media availability at Robson Square between 2:30 – 3:30 pm.

Chris will share the Vancouver.ca and social links when these are live.

Thanks,
Donny

Donny van Dyk (he/him)

City Manager

City of Vancouver



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱məθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Media Availability: Lisa Parker, Director of Public Space and Street Use, City of Vancouver will be available for interviews between 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm today, Thursday June 4, at Robson Square (800 Robson St. Vancouver). Please email interview requests to media@vancouver.ca .

City of Vancouver
News release
June 4, 2026

Get ready for a big summer of events in Vancouver

Summer 2026 is here and it is a big, jam-packed schedule with everything from outdoor events, cultural celebrations, festivals and more for everyone to enjoy.

In addition to hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026™ in June and July, which will welcome thousands of soccer fans from around the world, a parade of annual events will continue across the city, giving residents and visitors the opportunity to experience all that Vancouver has to offer.

"This summer, Vancouver will be buzzing with incredible events and experiences in every corner of our city," said Mayor Ken Sim. "Whether you're enjoying live music, exploring local festivals, attending free community events, or spending time at the free FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We're proud to support a vibrant summer season that showcases the best of Vancouver."

"The lineup of events this summer will bring people together across Vancouver and showcases the best of our city," said Lisa Parker, Director of Public Space and Street Use at the City of Vancouver. "We're grateful to the many organizers, partners and volunteers whose efforts are helping us host events before, during and after the World Cup with lasting impact. Together, we're creating memorable experiences for residents and visitors alike."

Public safety continues to be our top priority. The City is working closely with partners, including the Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Fire Rescue Services to deliver safe and enjoyable experiences for everyone.

Upcoming events in Vancouver*

*As of time of issuance.

June

[RBC Race for the Kids](#) – June 7

[FIFA Fan Festival Vancouver™](#) – June 11 – July 19 (28 days)

[Granville Street Pedestrian Zone](#) – June 11 – July 19

[Italian Day on the Drive](#) – June 14

[Vancouver International Jazz Festival](#) – June 19 - July 5

[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#) – June 21

[Vancouver Half Marathon & 5K](#) – June 28

[Greek Day on Broadway](#) – June 28

July

[Canada Together](#) – July 1

[Stanley Park Open](#) – July 3-19

[Shim's Ride](#) – July 4

2026 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival – July 4 - 5

[EVO Summer Cinema](#) – Tuesdays, July 7 – August 25

[Global Relay Gastown Grand Prix](#) – July 8

[Vancouver Open Beach Volleyball](#) – July 9 -11

[Carnaval del Sol](#) – July 10-12

[Symphony at Sunset](#) – July 11

[Khatsahlano Street Party](#) – July 11

[Summer Movie Nights 2026](#) – July 16 – August 13 (Thursdays)

[Vancouver Chinatown Festival](#) – July 25 - 26

[Vancouver Folk Music Festival](#) – July 17 – 19

[Water Street Pedestrian Zone](#) and the [Gastown Sunday Set](#) - July 31 to September 6 (Sundays)

August

[50th Annual Powell Street Festival](#) – August 1 - 2

[Vancouver Pride Parade](#) – August 2

West End Pride – August 2

[Lululemon Seawheeze](#) – August 8

[Pleasant Day Fest](#) – August 8

[Light Up Chinatown](#) – August 8 - 9

Thai Festival – August 8 - 9

Harambeecouver Afro, Arts & Reconciliation Festival – August 11 - 16

[Vancouver T100](#) – August 15-16

[Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Summer Regatta](#) – August 22

[Indonesian Festival 2026](#) – August 23

[Day Of The Dog](#) – August 23

[KitsFest](#) – August 6 - 9

[Public Disco: Downtown](#) – August 29

September

[Car Free Day on Commercial Drive](#) – September 5

[Vancouver TAIWANFest](#) – Sept 5 - 7

[Under Armour Eastside 10K](#) – September 27

[Car Free Day Main Street](#) – September 13

[Oddball Fall Classic](#) (Dragon Boat BC)– September 26

This is just a snapshot of the many events Vancouver has to offer this summer. Check out Destination Vancouver's [Events Calendar](#) for what's happening in Vancouver during the FIFA World Cup 2026™. The Calendar features World Cup-specific experiences such as the FIFA Museum Soccer & Technology exhibit at Science World, official FIFA Fan Festival™ performances, watch parties around the City and more. Event organizers can submit events that celebrate the World Cup or the sport of soccer to [Destination Vancouver's](#) Events Calendar.

Additionally, stay tuned for an exciting upcoming announcement about summer fireworks.

Plan ahead

Event attendees are encouraged to:

- Walk, bike, roll, Mobi, Lime or take transit to and from events whenever possible.
- Discover Vancouver's bike network with the [2026 Spring Cycling Map](#).
- Put waste in its place in the nearest garbage, recycling or organics bin.
- Learn about the rules around [alcohol consumption in parks and beaches](#).
- Be considerate of the neighbourhood and keep noise to a minimum when leaving.
- Attending an event during the World Cup? Check out the Vancouver Host Committee's FIFA World Cup 2026™ [Know Before You Go](#) campaign.

For those cycling or using micromobility devices like electric scooters to get to the event, please review the event's website for information on where you can ride and park, including:

- How to bike to transit, bring your bike on transit and park your bike at [TransLink transit stations](#).

- Use the free bike parking at Granville Island.
- Take advantage of free Bike Valets across the city, including in Gastown, Vancouver City Centre and local events, operated by BEST.

Resources

If you are travelling in and around event areas, plan ahead and expect delays.

- Follow all detours and look for no parking signs in the area.
- Be aware of temporary road closures and local traffic-only restrictions. Learn more about road closures across the city, visit vancouver.ca/roadwork.
- Open your map app, follow #VanTraffic or use traffic cameras to check traffic conditions along your route.
- Visit translink.ca/alerts for changes or disruptions to your bus service.

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