



Mayor and Council Hosts Annual New Year's Day Levee

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VICTORIA, BC — The community is invited to attend the annual City of Victoria New Year's Day Levee on Monday, January 1, 2018, from 10 a.m. – noon at City Hall, followed by a All Welcome Free Swim at the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The New Year's Day Levee is a longstanding tradition at the City of Victoria and provides an opportunity to meet members of Council and celebrate the arrival of the New Year.

The Metapop Ensemble, featuring musicians from the Victoria Symphony, will perform at the New Year's Day Levee at City Hall. Refreshments will be served, prepared by Songhees Seafood & Steam.

Free parking will be available at all City parkades and parking meters on New Year's Day.

Event Details

City of Victoria New Year's Day Levee
Monday, January 1, 2018, from 10 a.m. to noon.
City Hall Council Chambers, 1 Centennial Square

All Welcome Free Swim
Monday, January 1, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Doors open at 12:45 p.m.)
Crystal Pool Fitness Centre, 2275 Quadra Street

The word "levee" is derived from the French verb "lever" which means to rise. During the rule of King Louis XIV (1643 – 1715), aristocrats would meet with guests in the morning shortly after rising. By the 18th century, Great Britain and Ireland had made the Levee a formal Court reception for men, hosted by the Sovereign or his/her representative just before or after noon.

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