



Ring in 2019 at Victoria's annual New Year's Day Levée and Get a Healthy Start at Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre

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VICTORIA, BC — You're invited to attend the annual City of Victoria New Year's Day Levée on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 from 10 a.m. – noon at Victoria City Hall. Enjoy complimentary refreshments by Chef David Roger of Songhees Seafood & Steam and musical entertainment performed by Hal Fraser on piano.

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

Families can get a healthy start to 2019 at the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre. The facility will be open New Year's Day from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., with a free Everyone Welcome Swim from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Parking will be free downtown at City parkades and at on-street meters on New Year's Day.

EVENT DETAILS:

City of Victoria New Year's Day Levée

Tuesday, January 1, 2019, 10 a.m. - noon
Victoria City Hall, Council Chambers
(Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue)

New Year's Day at Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

2275 Quadra Street

- Everyone Welcome Swim: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (FREE)
- Drop-in Strength & Conditioning Class: 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. (FREE)

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 Levée a formal Court reception for men, hosted by the Sovereign or his/her representative just before or after noon.

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