

## JANUARY BOARD CALENDAR

- ⑨ **RDN Board Meeting**  
1 p.m.
- ⑪ **Electoral Area Services Committee Meeting**  
1 p.m.
- ⑳ **RDN Board Meeting**  
1 p.m.

All Board, Electoral Area Services Committee and Hospital District Board meetings take place in the Board Chambers at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo and are also webstreamed.

[www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/agendas-minutes-videos)

## PREPARING FOR WINTER

Winter is here and with it, the potential for more extreme weather that can impact RDN services and your safety. Check out the following resources for information and tips to get ready for winter.

- **Service Alerts** - Keep up to date by subscribing to service alerts for transit, waste collection, water and sewer, parks and more at [www.rdn.bc.ca/service-alerts](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/service-alerts).
- **Emergency Preparedness** – Get better prepared for extreme weather and emergencies using the resources at [www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness) and sign up for emergency alerts at [www.rdn.bc.ca/voient-alert](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/voient-alert).
- **Extreme Weather** - Check the latest weather warnings at <https://weather.gc.ca/>.
- **Driving Conditions** - For the latest road conditions, advisories and tips, visit [www.drivebc.ca](http://www.drivebc.ca) or follow @DriveBC or @DriveBC\_VI on Twitter.

**DYK?** The City of Nanaimo, City of Parksville, District of Lantzville and Town of Qualicum Beach are responsible for roads within their municipal boundaries including snow removal. Within our Electoral Areas, all roads and maintenance are the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation Infrastructure and currently contracted to Mainroad Mid-Island Contracting LP. Please report changing road conditions to Mainroad's 24-hour hotline at 1-877-215-6006 and direct inquiries to [midisland@mainroad.ca](mailto:midisland@mainroad.ca).

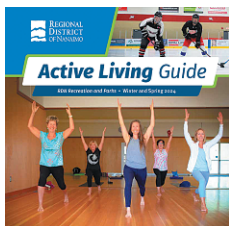


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## RECREATION

Be active every day. There is still room to register in winter programs. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation) and register today.

Registration for spring programs will open on Tuesday, January 30 at 8 a.m.



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## COATS MARSH REGIONAL PARK WEIR REMOVAL

The RDN is planning to remove the concrete weir in Coats Marsh Regional Park in fall 2024. You are invited to learn more about the project, ask questions and submit comments through the project website or at the public information session.

### Public Information Session

- Saturday, January 20, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Gabriola Arts & Heritage Centre, 476 South Road, Gabriola
- Drop-in session with no formal presentation



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/coats-marsh-weir](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/coats-marsh-weir)

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## 2024 STEWARDSHIP SEED FUNDING

The RDN's Stewardship Seed Funding program is now open and accepting applications!

Non-profit organizations can apply for \$1,000 to \$5,000 towards watershed restoration, enhancement and research. Funds are awarded based on the merit of the project, with priority given to groups that have partnered in RDN Drinking Water & Watershed Protection initiatives, such as the Community Watershed Monitoring Network.

For Stewardship Seed Funding details and information on how to apply, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/stewardship-seed-funding](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/stewardship-seed-funding) or contact [waterstewardship@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:waterstewardship@rdn.bc.ca).



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## DOG LICENSE RENEWAL

Reminder to renew your annual dog license with the RDN if you have a dog over the age of six months and live in:

- Electoral Area E (Nanoose Bay)
- Electoral Area G (Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum, Dashwood)
- Electoral Area H (Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay)

If paid by January 31, 2024, each license fee is subject to a \$5 discount.

You can get your license at:

- The RDN administration office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo
- Oceanside Place Arena, 830 West Island Highway, Parksville
- Salish Sea Market, #110 - 6996 West Island Highway, Bowser

Residents may also purchase or renew their dog licenses by calling the RDN Finance Department toll-free at 1-877-607-4111. For information, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/bylaw-animal-control](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/bylaw-animal-control)

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## CURBSIDE COLLECTION NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up for curbside notifications to remind you of your collection day and to stay informed of collection interruptions. You can receive notifications by email, phone calls or smartphone notifications using the app. Download the free **RDN Curbside** app on your Apple or Android device by scanning the QR code.

For email or telephone call notifications, follow the instructions below to sign up:

- Go to our website: [www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside)
- Enter your address into the calendar search form and press 'search'
- Select 'Get a reminder!'
- Pick the type of reminder you would like to receive, then follow the prompts



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## WATER STEWARDSHIP REBATES OPEN JANUARY 15!

### Rainwater Harvesting

Thinking about installing some rainwater catchment on your property? Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$1,000 for the installation or addition of 1,000 imperial gallons or more of rainwater storage.

### Irrigation Upgrades and Soil Improvements

Make your property more water efficient! Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$475 for irrigation upgrades and/or 50 per cent off garden soil improvements up to \$100. Receive a \$100 bonus rebate for completing both irrigation and soil upgrades.

### Wellhead Upgrades and Well Water Testing

Proper maintenance is important for the longevity of your private well and quality of your drinking water. Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$650 for wellhead upgrades and 50 per cent off up to \$250 for well water testing.

For more information on RDN rebate programs, eligibility and information on how to apply, visit [www.rdnrebates.ca](http://www.rdnrebates.ca) or call 250-390-6560.



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## FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP

### \*LOCATION CHANGE\*

We're hosting our last home draft-proofing workshop for the winter! Join us to learn how to enhance your home's energy efficiency at our free, skills-focused workshops for residents. Industry experts will guide you in finding and fixing drafts, mastering weather-stripping for doors and windows, and using effective air-sealing techniques.

The RDN has partnered with City Green Solutions and Carbon Wise to deliver this two-hour workshop, which will include hands-on learning with interactive displays.

Date: January 26, 2024

Time: 3 - 5 p.m.

Location: **Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones St, Qualicum Beach**



Space is limited and is first come, first served. To reserve your spot, email [sustainability@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:sustainability@rdn.bc.ca) or call 250-390-5422.

To find out about more upcoming workshops and webinars, visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/2023-fall-outreach-series](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/2023-fall-outreach-series).

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