

APRIL CALENDAR

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Golden Shoe Hunt Begins

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RDN Committee of the Whole

Board Chambers, 6300 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo
3:00 p.m.
This meeting will be broadcast via audio

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RDN Board Meeting

Board Chambers, 6300 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo
7:00 p.m.
This meeting will be broadcast via audio

WATER MAIN FLUSHING IN ALL RDN WATER SERVICE AREAS

RDN Water System operators will be flushing (cleaning) water mains in all RDN Water Service Areas as part of the annual watermain maintenance program.

Customers should expect temporary disruption of service, intermittent drops in pressure and water discolouration between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the dates listed below. Please do laundry only in the evenings or on the weekends and ensure you have sufficient water for the day. The RDN is not responsible for any damages resulting from the use of discoloured water.

RDN Water Service Areas

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Nanose Bay:

Arbutus (Garry Oak Subdivision)	April 6-8
West Bay Estates (Red Gap Area)	April 8-9
Nanose Bay (Beachcomber & Delancey Way)	April 14-17
Madrona (Madrona Point & Wall Beach)	April 20 - 30

www.rdn.bc.ca/watersmart-communities

THANK YOU RDN VOLUNTEERS

National Volunteer Week April 19-25, 2020

Our volunteers help lift our community every day and make it one of the very best places to call home. A sincere thank you to the Regional District of Nanaimo's volunteers who help generously in so many ways, such as monitoring our watersheds, responding and supporting the community during emergencies, helping shape our regional recreation or growth and maintaining our beautiful parks and trails. Thank you!

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STAGE TWO WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT

On April 1, 2020, customers of the nine RDN Water Service Areas began following Stage 2 outdoor watering restrictions. Stage 2 means that sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses. Sprinkling is permitted for a maximum of two hours between 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Vegetable garden watering and drip irrigation are exempt from restrictions. Stage 2 will be in effect until further notice.

www.rdn.bc.ca/team-watersmart

COVID-19

The RDN is actively monitoring information provided by federal and provincial agencies regarding COVID-19 and will continue to follow the directives of the health officials as the situation evolves.

The RDN's webpage has details on our impacted services, facility closures and steps we are taking to minimize risk. Please visit www.rdn.bc.ca or follow the RDN on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates. Or phone us at 250-390-4111 or 1-877-607-4111.

For trusted sources of information on Covid-19, please visit the B.C. Centre for Disease Control at www.bccdc.ca

www.rdn.bc.ca/pandemic

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

RDN's essential services are operating normally and as scheduled including:

- Water supply;
- Wastewater;
- Garbage, recycling and food waste curbside collection and;
- Fire services

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RECREATION

#weareallinthis together

Ravensong Aquatic Centre and Oceanside Place Arena are closed. All community and facility based recreation programs are cancelled until further notice.

The Recreation team encourages you to stay connected (virtually) and active at home. They are working on virtual programs such as the Physical Literacy Passport. Visit us online www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation, phone 250-248-3252 Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. or email recparks@rdn.bc.ca and stay in touch.

RDN Recreation Grant

The next grant application deadlines are April 24 and August 28, 2020. Local organizations can request up to \$2500 to offer recreation programs, special events or projects. www.rdn.bc.ca/rdn-recreation-grant

Golden Shoe Hunt

The 14th Annual Golden Shoe Hunt is still on and starts April 9. This year, participants are encouraged to take a photo with the shoe (no touching allowed) and submit their photos online to win prizes. Clues and instructions will be posted weekly to www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation, RDN Facebook, RDN Twitter and RDN Instagram.



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TRANSIT

RDN Transit continues to provide transit service across the RDN. We have put measures in place to protect the health and safety of our drivers and residents including enhanced cleaning and disinfecting, restricting the number of passengers, and asking people to board and exit using the back door. Passengers with accessibility needs may still use the front doors. Please do not approach the operator. Customers who normally pay with cash or tickets will not be required to pay.

Buses are also limited to 15-20 passengers at a time. When a bus reaches capacity, the driver will turn on the "Bus is full" sign and will not allow more customers to board until the passenger number drops. If needed, a standby bus will be called to pick up waiting passengers.

www.rdn.bc.ca/regional-transit

WATER TO EARTH MONTH (MARCH 22 – APRIL 22) IS NOW VIRTUAL!

We are celebrating virtually this year with the Water to Earth Month Virtual Activity Passport. Activities include:

- Online webinar-style workshops – Rainwater Harvesting, Efficient Irrigation, Water-wise Gardening;
- Live-streamed weekly water trivia;
- Outdoor native plant scavenger hunts;
- Educational materials for at-home learning; and
- More!

Download the passport, complete a minimum of one activity per category and submit your completed activity checklist on our Get Involved page before April 27, 2020. There are two Grand Prizes of a rain barrel prize pack with five native plants from a local nursery and a Water Saver yard sign.

Visit our Get Involved Page at

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart



NEW! - BUY EXTRA GARBAGE BAG TAGS ONLINE

RDN residents can now buy extra garbage bag tags online at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/extrabagtags. Each tag will cost \$3.00 and will be billed on your annual utility bill.

For tags purchased online, there is no need to print label(s) to affix to your bag(s). Just set your additional bag(s) out at the curb. Your address and number of tag(s) purchased will be added to the driver's route list for your selected collection day.

Residents may still purchase physical extra bag tags at the locations listed at www.rdn.bc.ca/garbage. The list is updated regularly to reflect only those locations that remain open.

Don't forget, you can also apply for building permits online and access bylaw services, building information and the planning department by emailing planning@rdn.bc.ca or phoning 250-390-6510.

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/extrabagtags

SOLID WASTE

Paper towels and personal hygiene products like used tissues, cleaning cloths, face masks, gloves and sanitary wipes, even the ones that say they are flushable or compostable all go into your garbage, tied securely in a bag. These items do not belong in your green bin or recycling. If someone in your home is sick, please double bag your garbage.

www.rdn.bc.ca/solid-waste-and-recycling

PARKS AND TRAILS

Our Regional and Community Parks and Trails remain open. Please ensure social distancing when using all parks and trails. Residents should only go out with people from their own household and always maintain a minimum distance of two metres from anyone else. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca/find-a-park.

www.rdn.bc.ca/parks-services

REGIONAL LANDFILL AND CHURCH ROAD TRANSFER STATION

The RDN's solid waste facilities remain open, but at reduced capacity, with regularly scheduled hours of operation 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week. Residential customers should expect lengthy delays and note that weekends are typically busier. The two facilities accept debit and credit and the public is encouraged to use 'tap.' Cash will not be accepted at this time.

Commercial traffic is being given priority at both locations. Please ensure social distancing when interacting with facility staff.

www.rdn.bc.ca/solid-waste-disposal-facilities