

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 8 RDN Electoral Area Services Committee**  
Board Chambers, 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo  
1:00 p.m.  
This meeting will be broadcast virtually
- 13 RDN Committee of the Whole**  
Board Chambers, 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo  
1:00 p.m.  
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- 27 RDN Board Meeting**  
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## COVID-19

The RDN will continue to follow the directives of the health officials during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca), phone us at 250-390-4111 or follow the RDN on facebook or Twitter for the latest updates.

[www.rdn.bc.ca/pandemic](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/pandemic)

## GET INVOLVED RDN

The RDN's online public engagement space allows you to contribute your ideas and feedback on regional projects and initiatives that matter to you. Sign up, get involved and join the conversation.

[www.getinvolved.rdn.ca](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca)

## REGISTER NOW FOR VOYENT ALERT!

Stay informed by registering to receive messages through an app, text message, voice call or email for the RDN's new multi-purpose Emergency and Information Alert System. To learn more or register online visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert) or download the free Voyent Alert! App.



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## RECREATION

Register for fall after school programs, fitness classes, swims, skate and hockey sessions and more online at [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation), or call us at 250-248-3252. We will continue to add programs to the line-up, so check back often.

Oceanside Place Arena and Ravensong Aquatic Centre are now open! Learn more about our FAQs at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect).

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## BENSON CREEK FALLS REGIONAL PARK

Phase 1 construction for improvements at Benson Creek Falls Regional Park will begin this fall. Contractors will be on site to improve the trail condition in the Benson Creek ravine and to install a hiking bridge across Benson Creek within the Park. A new 40-stall gravel parking lot will also be under construction on Weigles Road, including a connecting trail into the Park.

Park visitors can expect temporary closures of trails and should remain alert to construction activities in and around the Park. For everyone's safety, please obey all signs posted by the contractor.

[www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/benson-creek-falls](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/benson-creek-falls)

## CURBSIDE COLLECTION

The Regional District of Nanaimo has transitioned to Automated Curbside Collection as of Oct 1. Three specialized carts, customized for each household's disposal needs, have been delivered to RDN residents in preparation for this exciting switch. Need to report a missing cart or exchange for a different size? Visit the RDN's online portal, to put in a request at [www.rdn.bc.ca/solid-waste-and-recycling](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/solid-waste-and-recycling) or give our Automated Curbside Collection Hotline a call at 250-390-6561.



[www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/curbsidecollection](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/curbsidecollection)

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Do you want to be more involved in your community? Do you have experience or interest in the field of parks, recreation, culture, agriculture, waste management or planning? We are now accepting applications for one, two or three-year terms on a variety of advisory committees.

The application deadline is Monday, November 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. To download the application form, and for details on the committees and community members needed visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/boardappointments](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/boardappointments)

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## REBATES

**Woodstove Rebates:** Replace your old woodstove with a cleaner burning woodstove, heat pump, or other eligible heating appliance this fall and receive up to \$400. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/woodstove-exchange](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/woodstove-exchange) to find out more for eligibility details and an application form.

**Prepare for winter with a home energy assessment:** A home energy assessment gives you the information you need to make your home cozier and more energy efficient this winter. RDN rebates are available to Electoral Area Residents who have their house assessed using the EnerGuide Program. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/home-energy-assessment](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/home-energy-assessment) to find out more for eligibility details and an application form.

**Stewardship Seed Funding:** This program supports watershed restoration, enhancement and monitoring efforts by not-for-profit environmental stewardship organizations, up to \$5000 per project. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/stewardship-seed-funding](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/stewardship-seed-funding) for eligibility details and an application form.

**Rainwater Harvesting:** Rainwater harvesting is the collection and storage of rainwater directed from roofing and can be used for non-potable applications, like irrigation, or potable use with added treatment. Receive up to \$750 for the installation or addition of 1000 imperial gallons of rainwater storage. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/rainwater-harvesting](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/rainwater-harvesting) for eligibility details and an application form.

**Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements:** Increase the watering efficiency of pre-existing irrigation systems or upgrade the quality of your garden soil, compost, or mulch. Receive up to \$475 for irrigation upgrades and/or 50% off garden soil improvements up to \$100. Receive a \$100 bonus rebate for completing both irrigation and soil upgrades. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/irrigation-upgrades-and-soil-improvements](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/irrigation-upgrades-and-soil-improvements) for eligibility details and an application form.

**Wellhead Upgrades & Well Water Testing:** Help protect the quality of our shared groundwater resource by ensuring your well meets current best practices and by having your well water tested. Receive up to \$650 for wellhead upgrades or up to \$500 for the closure of any unused well. 50% off (up to \$150) a full spectrum water quality analysis is available to RDN private well-owners. Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca/well-protection-upgrades-rebate](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/well-protection-upgrades-rebate) OR [www.rdn.bc.ca/water-quality-testing-rebate](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/water-quality-testing-rebate) for eligibility details and an application form.

[www.rdnrebates.ca](http://www.rdnrebates.ca)

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next Electoral Area Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meetings will be held virtually:

**EAE:** Nanoose Bay – October 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**EAF:** Coombs, Hilliers, Errington, Whiskey Creek – October 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**EAH:** Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay – October 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

To view the agenda, submit to be a delegation, or to learn more visit: [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation-and-parks-advisory-committees)

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