

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 12** **RDN Special Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
3:00 pm Board Chambers  
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo
- 16** **Splish Splash Everyone Welcome Swim**  
Ravensong Aquatic Centre  
Regular admission  
10:00am to 12:00pm
- 18** **BC Provincial Family Day Free Swim & Skate**  
Ravensong Aquatic Centre  
*Everyone Welcome Swim* 10:00am to 2:00pm  
Oceanside Place Arena  
*Everyone Welcome Skate* is 1:00 to 4:00pm  
Free admission and skate rentals
- 19** **School's Out Everyone Welcome Skate or Swim**  
Ravensong Aquatic Centre  
*Everyone Welcome Swim* 1:00 to 2:30pm  
Oceanside Place Arena  
*Everyone Welcome Skate* is 1:45 to 3:15pm  
Reduced rate admission
- 23** **Disco Light Skate**  
Oceanside Place Arena  
Regular admission  
7:30 to 9:00pm
- 26** **RDN Board Meeting**  
7:00 pm Board Chambers  
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo

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

## RDN #DYK

***In January tax assessments arrived in the mail. Did you know that you don't pay your property taxes to the Regional District of Nanaimo?***

Property Taxes in the RDN are paid to the Surveyor of Taxes. You can pay them at 460 Shelby Street, Nanaimo or by calling 250-741-3636. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your property taxes you can contact the Surveyor of Taxes at 1-888-355-2700.

[www.rdn.bc.ca/municipal-provincial-contacts](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/municipal-provincial-contacts)

## RDN GRANTS

The RDN is now accepting Northern Community Economic Development Grant proposals that will boost community economic development opportunities in City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum Beach and Electoral Areas E, F, G, and H.

The spring deadline is **Friday, April 12, 2019 at 4:30 pm**. All details and the application can be found at: [www.rdn.bc.ca/northern-community-economic-development](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/northern-community-economic-development)

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

## CORRECTION - FAMILY DAY 2019

***The 2019 BC Family Day is on February 18.***

The RDN curbside collection schedule show the holiday on Monday, February 11, which is an error.

The RDN will be collecting as per the collection day shown on the curbside collection schedule. We regret any inconvenience or confusion this error may cause.

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

# Thank You

The Regional District of Nanaimo would like to thank the community, our municipal partners and all involved in the response and recovery from the December 20 wind storm. Community volunteers played an essential role in providing Emergency Support Services (ESS) to affected residents and operating the warming centres. The dedication of the Emergency Management Oceanside, Lantzville, Nanaimo and Gabriola teams throughout the holiday season was incredible.

This event required many volunteers, community members and agencies to pull together during the event and in the days that followed. Preparing ahead of time and building resiliency within our communities can make a big difference when emergencies occur.

**For more information on emergency preparedness and how to volunteer please visit us at [www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness).**

**To learn about volunteer opportunities with the Fire Departments visit your local department's webpage and social media account.**

## ADVERSE WEATHER DISRUPTION TO COLLECTION SERVICE

Severe winter weather can result in disruptions to curbside collection by causing unsafe driving conditions, and road access issues for the collection staff. If your material was not collected on a regular collection day, please remove your containers overnight and continue to put missed materials at the curb by 8:00 am the following day until they are collected. This may take several days depending on the severity of the weather.

During severe weather events, updates will be available on the RDN social media pages and Recollect app. If you have any questions, please contact the RDN at 1-877-607-4111 or your service provider at 1-866-999-8227.

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

## 2019 -2023 BUDGET

Thank you for completing our survey showing your thoughts on how residents would like to learn and provide feedback on RDN budgets in the future. Ever wonder how your tax dollars are spent at a regional level? Do you want to learn more about our proposed budget for 2019-2023?

**Join us at our Committee of the Whole Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 3:00pm**

Can't join us but have a question about the budget process? Connect with us to learn more and get answers at [www.getinvolvedrdn.ca.rdn-budget-talks](http://www.getinvolvedrdn.ca.rdn-budget-talks).

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## RDN REBATES

2019 RDN Water Stewardship Rebates are now open! Help conserve and protect our shared resource and save money through rainwater harvesting practices, by increasing the water efficiency of your garden, or by upgrading your well and having your well water tested.



**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. Eligible RDN residents can receive up to \$750 for the installation or addition of 1000 imperial gallons of rainwater storage.

**Irrigation Upgrades & Soil Improvements:** Increase the watering efficiency of pre-existing irrigation systems or upgrade the quality of your garden soil, compost, or mulch. Eligible RDN residents can 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.

**Well Head 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. Eligible RDN residents can 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 well-owners.

For details on all of 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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## RECREATION



**Register for Spring Break Camps today.** Camps for ages 6-14 offered. View online at [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation).

**Looking to increase your strength and mobility?** Check out the wide range of adult fitness classes offered for all ages and levels. Drop-in fitness passes are available or register for a discount.

**Spring Summer Active Living Guide** will be online March 7, registration begins March 11.

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