

Lantzville Fire Rescue Santa Drive-By December 2nd

Santa Claus is coming to town! Lantzville Fire Rescue will drive and accompany Santa through the District of Lantzville on the evening of Saturday, December 2, 2023, starting at approximately 4:30 pm. Watch for Santa’s route and estimated times to be published closer to the date. Mark the date on your calendar and expect to hear sirens and Christmas music heralding Santa’s arrival in your neighbourhood on December 2nd. Please keep your pets indoors and forewarn your household so no one is alarmed by the sirens.

Annual Lantzville Food Drive December 3rd

The Lantzville Fire Fighters Association is teaming up with Lantzville Rotary for this year’s Food Drive. The Food Drive date is Sunday, December 3rd. Pick up will be between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please place your food items out at the end of your driveway between the hours of 8:30 am and 9:00 am and our volunteer drivers will be happy to come by and pick up your generous donations. You can also drop your items off at the Firehall front door on December 3rd only. New this year, you can donate money towards the purchase of a gift certificate that we will place in the hampers. Donations are always welcome, and may be made by cash, cheque or etransfer. If donating by cheque, please make cheques payable to the Lantzville Rotary Club or the Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Association. If by etransfer, email address is lantzvillefooddrive@gmail.com.

If you know of a family or person in the Lantzville community that is struggling this season and could use a Food Hamper, that hasn’t already applied outside of our community, please submit their name, address, telephone number, and number of members of the family to lantzvillefooddrive@gmail.com. We will be happy to fill their needs this upcoming Christmas Season. Questions about the food drive or food hampers email lantzvillefooddrive@gmail.com.

2024 Business Licence Required by January 1st

It’s time to get your 2024 Lantzville business licence! It is unlawful for a person to engage in or carry on a business within Lantzville unless that person holds a valid business licence issued by the District of Lantzville. The requirement to hold a District of Lantzville business licence includes non-Lantzville-based business operators who also hold a licence in the municipality where their business has an office, business address or is normally based. The Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 26 establishes the business licence fee (\$100/each premise in Lantzville for non-Lantzville-based and Lantzville-based business except Home based business whose fee is \$50.00) and renewal fees.

NOTE: For those businesses licensed for 2023, if you submit the licence renewal form by December 31, 2023 for your 2024 business licence, the annual business licence renewal fee is \$50/each premises for non-Lantzville based business and FREE for Lantzville-based or Lantzville home business renewal - there is no fee. If NOT submitted by December 31st but submitted by January 31, 2024, the late annual business licence renewal fee is \$100/each premises for non-Lantzville based business and \$50 for Lantzville based business and \$25 for Lantzville home business. If renewal forms are not submitted by January 31, 2024, regular business licence fees apply.

For more information, visit lantzville.ca to view Bylaw No. 167 or Bylaw No. 26, and to obtain a business licence application. Indicate on the application “Renewal” if applicable. Remember: Municipal Hall will close at 4:00 pm on Friday, December 22, 2023 to January 1, 2024, inclusive, so be sure to apply for your business licence or business licence renewal starting in November.

Remembrance Day Ceremony & Parade Saturday, November 11th

The portion of Lantzville Road from Lantzville School Road to Huddlestone Road will be closed to vehicles from 9:45 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, November 11, 2023 for the Royal Canadian Legion Seaview Centennial Branch #257 (the Legion) parade to the Cenotaph in Huddlestone Park and during the service in the Park. Expect traffic delays, obey all directions given by the Legion’s traffic control, and use caution with the increased pedestrian traffic on November 11th. Arrive early and park at the municipal parking lots by the tennis courts on Lantzville School Road or at Municipal Hall. Parking on Huddlestone Road is prohibited. Contact the Legion at 250.390.2108 for information. Honour and remember Canada’s fallen Veterans and help ensure Canadians never forget. Support the annual Poppy campaign and take a moment to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy.

2024 Lantzville Firefighter Calendars

Support your local fire department with the purchase of the 2024 Lantzville Firefighter Calendar. Cost is \$25.00 – prepay now and receive your calendar in the mail. Email lvffa1955@gmail.com to place your order.

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Do you Want to Meet With the Mayor?

Call the Municipal Hall at 250.390.4006 if you wish to book an appointment to meet with Mayor Swain.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

November 2023



Municipal Hall Hours

By phone or email: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
In-person payment and document drop off: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Call or email for appointments or other services

Closed Monday, November 13th for Remembrance Day

After-hours Public Works emergency call 1.888.826.8271
All other emergencies dial 911



For meeting information, visit lantzville.ca and click on the meeting date on the calendar to access the meeting agenda package, minutes and video recordings. The start time of the open portion of the meeting may vary if a closed portion is required at the beginning of the Council meeting. Please refer to the Council meeting agenda, published the week before the meeting, to confirm the open portion start time.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, November 2nd**

– 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole
- Wednesday, November 8th**

– 6:00 pm Regular Council
- Wednesday, November 15th**

– 6:00 pm Special Council (Financial Plan)
- Wednesday, November 22nd**

– 6:00 pm Regular Council
- Wednesday, November 29th**

– 6:00 pm Special Council (Financial Plan)

Council members may attend in person, or electronically (except for the Mayor) for a hybrid meeting, or via Zoom Webinar for an Electronic Meeting (per the Community Charter and the Council Procedure Bylaw). The Council Procedure Bylaw defines an Electronic Meeting as a meeting where all attendees participate electronically. Participation will be managed electronically via Zoom, operated from the Council Chambers. Public Hearings are held electronically (per the Local Government Act) to provide greater access, transparency and convenience. Zoom also offers the option to dial in by phone. For Electronic Meetings (e.g., meetings with Public Hearings), in accordance with the Community Charter, the Council Chamber is open (with limited seating) for those unable to participate electronically to attend and a designated municipal officer must be in attendance. For in person and hybrid meetings the Council Chamber is also open for the public to attend. Due to limited seating, the public is encouraged to view the open portion of the meeting via the livestream (advance registration is not required), and to provide verbal public input on agenda items by registering in advance using the Zoom Webinar link provided for each Council meeting event at lantzville.ca OR written comments by noon the day of the meeting. Prior to attending at Municipal Hall, please self-assess to ensure you are healthy and do not attend if you are ill. Members of the public must remain seated unless invited to address Council. Meetings recorded by the District of Lantzville may be viewed at lantzville.ca.

Five Year Financial Plan 2024-2028

Throughout the month of November, Council will continue the review and amendment of the 2024-2028 Five Year Financial Plan started at the October 18th Council meeting, and may consider adoption of the bylaw in December. Members of the public are invited to provide feedback either in writing or by providing public input in person or remotely during the 6:00 pm Council meetings on Wednesday, November 15th, 22nd or 29th. Submit written comments by mail, email to district@lantzville.ca, or drop off at Municipal Hall, BEFORE 12:00 noon the day of the meeting, providing your name, address, agenda item number / name, and comment, to become part of the public record, be shared with Council and posted to lantzville.ca. Visit the District website to register in advance to provide your public input remotely during the Public Input on agenda items section, via your computer or smartphone, or to view the livestream or recording. Public input regarding personnel matters, legal action, nominated political candidates, applications for grants in aid or public hearing topics (except during the official public hearing) will not be included or will be severed. The District does not accept anonymous submissions (this includes emails with an email address only) so please include your name and civic address.

Remember to ‘Fall Back’ & Check Your Smoke Alarms!

When you set your clock back one hour to end Daylight Saving Time (2:00 am on Sunday, November 5, 2023) remember to check your smoke alarm too! Working smoke alarms save lives! Change worn devices and batteries right away. Every home in BC is required by law to have a working smoke alarm. Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button; maintain and replace following the manufacturer’s instructions (at least every 10 years). Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Changes to Utility Charges [Sewer Fees]

Utility sewer fees are currently charged a minimum quarterly rate (flat rate) plus additional charges based on 66% of water consumed with higher charges for higher water use. Council has directed staff to bring forward an amendment bylaw to reduce the percentage based on water consumption annually starting in 2024, to result after a period of three years in a 100% flat rate. The rate for sewer fees, whether partial or full flat rate, is reviewed regularly and must be sufficient to fund the cost of operating the sewer service. An amendment to the District’s Miscellaneous Fees and Charges bylaw will be coming forward to adjust the sewer fees and to take affect by March 2024. Feedback from sewer users each year will be considered to determine if sewer fees being charged at a flat rate should continue or if a preferred fee formula be adopted by Council.

Recreation Opportunities

The District of Lantzville partners with other local governments and agencies to provide recreation opportunities for the residents of Lantzville.

Lantzville Community Facilities – Here’s what’s happening at Costin Hall for the month of November:

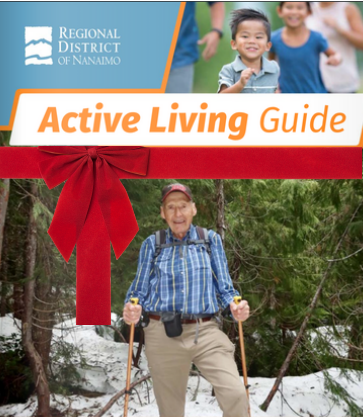
- Costin Hall Movie Night, Friday, November 10th, doors open: 5:45 pm, Teenage Kraken Movie starts 6:00 pm. Come in your pjs and bring something cozy to sit on. Entrance is by donation, and pre-packaged snacks will be available for purchase. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) – Registration for winter programs begins November 28th at 8:00 am. The Active Living Guide will be viewable online on Friday, November 17th. Be the first to receive the online Active Living Guide to your inbox by subscribing to the REC Connect page today at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.

- Give the gift of recreation. Gift certificates make great gifts all year round. Purchase at either Ravensong Aquatic Centre or Oceanside Place Arena.

City of Nanaimo (CoN) – Winter Activity Guide will be available for viewing on Wednesday, November 15th. View the Activity Guide: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/ActivityGuide/>

- Registration for activities will begin on Wednesday, November 22nd. You may also register in person at Beban Park, Bowen Park, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and Oliver Woods Community Centre or by phone by calling 250.756.5200.
- Remembrance Day Skate held on Saturday, November 11th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Frank Crane Arena
- Remembrance Day Swim held on Saturday, November 11th, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre
- The City of Nanaimo is introducing a new class called “Dance for the Mind” designed for older adults experiencing various stages of dementia or those with significant physical or cognitive challenges. The class is being held on Thursdays, November 2nd to December 7th, 10:30 am – 11:30 am at Bowen Park Complex. Registration fee is \$48.00.
- The City is now offering personal training sessions in their weight rooms. Participants can participate in one-on-one training or bring a friend or family member for a shared session. Please visit to complete an online intake form to book your session.
- The City is offering a FREE Canada Revenue session to learn about Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security and other benefits including how to apply. The FREE session will be held on Monday, November 13th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm at the Bowen Park Complex. Pre-register for this informative session using course ID #106543.
- The Online Safety Course for Seniors will be held on Tuesday, November 14th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Bowen Park Complex. The course identifies strategies for how seniors can remain safe online. Registration fee is \$15.00. Register using course ID #106560.
- The Silver and Gold band will be performing at Bowen Park Complex on Thursday, November 30th at 1:30 pm. Fee is \$4.00 and includes tea, coffee and a variety of treats.



Getting Winter Ready

The cool weather is starting to roll in, which means we need to get ready for Winter! We see a lot of extreme weather during the winter months. Here’s how you can prepare for cold snaps and windstorms:

Extreme Cold

- Build and re-stock your home emergency preparedness kit with snow salt or melting medium, snow shovels, additional fuel sources and warm clothing and blankets
- Winterize your home by mending weather stripping, adding insulation, clearing rain gutters and inspecting your chimney
- Prepare a winter vehicle kit with food and first aid kit, extra blankets, shovels, windshield scrapers and don’t forget your winter tires!

Extreme Wind

- Trim dead branches and cut down dead trees to reduce the danger of falling debris
- Secure items that may be blown around
- Re-stock your home emergency kit and review your emergency preparedness plans
- Familiarize yourself with BC Hydro webpages and call 1.800.224.9676 or *49376 to report an outage.

The District of Lantzville contracts with the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) to provide emergency planning services. For more tips, go to the RDN’s extreme weather page at <https://rdn.bc.ca/extreme-weather>. Don’t forget to register for the RDN and District of Lantzville Voyent Alert System (www.rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert) to receive warnings about upcoming severe weather events. You can always learn more about how to be prepared for emergencies in our region by visiting www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness.



Bylaw Reminders

Open Burning – Until April 15, 2024, Open Air and Incinerator fires are permitted ONLY IF every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris has been pursued first to minimize the amount of debris to be burned and subject to [Bylaw No. 185](#) regulations and the Ventilation Index. No prohibited materials may be burned (e.g., no demolition waste, household waste, treated lumber, etc.). Burn only clean, dry organic materials in a fire less than 1.2 m high by less than 1.8 m in diameter and subject to the venting index. Visit env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting.ca or call 1.888.281.2992 to confirm the Ventilation Index category for the CNTRL VAN ISLD the day you wish to burn to confirm if venting is GOOD, otherwise burning is prohibited. NO LANDCLEARING FIRES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR except registered burns on ALR lands Oct 15th-Nov 15th. Small campfires used for cooking, heating or ceremonial purposes are allowed (except on beaches) subject to conditions. NO OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED ON ANY BEACH AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR; only portable propane campfire apparatus (CSA or ULC approved) are permitted on the beach between the hours of 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. At any time, a representative of Lantzville Fire Rescue may demand that a fire be extinguished. Every person who ignites, or permits to be ignited, any fire, is responsible for that fire and is liable for all expenses incurred by the District to respond to that fire. For more information, visit lantzville.ca to view [Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185, 2019](#) and the Outdoor Burning brochure or contact the Fire Chief at nrukus@lantzville.ca.

Watering Restrictions Lifted – Effective November 1st

Effective November 1st, all watering restrictions are lifted. We wish to thank the community for adhering to the various water restriction levels during the 2023 season. Your efforts in conservation will contribute to our future water supply and water sustainability overall.

Community Water System Maintenance

The annual maintenance of the District’s fire hydrants that started mid-October continues through November. Discolouration of water may result and, while this should not affect the quality of the drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings.

Are you Prepared for Winter?

At this time of year, we have maximum darkness, rain, and sometimes slippery or snowy conditions.

Pedestrians and drivers: Please dress and drive to suit the conditions.

Be visible. Carry a flashlight. After a snowfall, expect minor delays, allow extra travel time and park off the road to allow plows and emergency vehicles space to pass. Don’t abandon your car if it gets stuck. Our contract with Windley Contracting Ltd. identifies which roads receive priority clearing during heavy snowfall. The first priority is to clear ‘Primary’ roads:

1. Primary Roads – Aulds, Dickinson, Lantzville, Superior and Ware (regional transit, school, and emergency access required).
2. Secondary Roads – Examples of secondary roads are Caillet Road, Harwood Drive and Southwind Drive.

If snowfall is ongoing, the contractor will return to those Primary roads if snow continues to accumulate and, as a result, may not make it to Secondary roads, cul-de-sac and side roads for twenty-four hours. If possible, stay off the roads during a snowfall and for safety reasons, do not use the roads as playgrounds. Report unsafe conditions on municipal roads to the Municipal Hall at 250.390.4006 or after-hours Public Works emergency number: 1.888.826.8271. To report Hwy 19 road and safety hazards, call Mainroad (Provincial maintenance contractor) Mid-Island 24-hour hotline at 1.877.215.6006.

Parking when it snows – Please park off the road when it is snowing, to allow plows and emergency vehicles space to pass. If residents on the following roads are unable to park in their own driveways, please park on the south side of the road (if possible) and as far onto the shoulder as possible: Northwind Drive, Clark Crescent, Southwind Drive, Fernmar Road, and Andrea Crescent. This will allow our snow removal crew to provide better service to our neighbourhoods.

Volunteer Vacancies Call for Applications from Residents

The District of Lantzville continues to seek two [2] more volunteers to serve, without remuneration, on the new Accessibility Advisory Statutory Committee. The Committee will support accessibility planning in Lantzville by identifying barriers and advising on how to remove and prevent barriers faced by individuals with disabilities who interact with the District. Member criteria: persons with disabilities, or individuals who support or are from organizations that support persons with disabilities; Indigenous persons; and who reflect the diversity of persons in BC. The Committee will review and make recommendations to support the development of a District Accessibility Plan that considers how the principles of inclusion, adaptability, diversity, collaboration, self-determination and universal design can be implemented in Lantzville. For more information and an application form, visit Municipal Hall or lantzville.ca/accessibility. This posting will remain open until all positions on the Committee have been filled.



Fall leaves are fun but messy, and potentially damaging! Help prevent slips, falls and drainage problems – please keep leaves clear from streets and culvert inlets!