

# 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](mailto:lvffa1955@gmail.com) to place your order.

# 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 form for your licence renewal 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 your renewal is NOT submitted by December 31st, 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 would apply until January 31, 2024. If renewal forms are not submitted by January 31, 2024, regular business licence fees apply.

For more information, visit [lantzville.ca](http://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 is closed during the period December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024, inclusive, so be sure to apply for your business licence or business licence renewal early.

# Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder & Severe Winter Weather Procedures

Watch for the 2024 Collection Schedule, published soon by the Regional District of Nanaimo, in your mailbox and at [lantzville.ca](http://lantzville.ca). A friendly reminder that curbside days bump ahead for each statutory holiday and carts should be placed out at the curb by 8:00 am. Your collection days in December are on Tuesdays, except after the statutory holidays when it moves to Thursday, December 28th.

During severe winter weather every effort is made to collect the curbside materials. Please ensure your carts are at the curb for the entire 8:00 am - 6:00 pm collection window. If just your cart(s) were missed you can report a missed collection by calling the RDN's contractor, Waste Connections of Canada at 250.248.8109, or by using the RDN's Curbside Collection Online Portal. Confirm if a service alert is active in your area by entering your address into the Calendar tool. For more information, visit the RDN Curbside Collection page at: [www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection).

# Commercial Core Revitalization Phase II Lantzville Road

Thank you for your patience during the Commercial Core Revitalization Phase II project along Lantzville Road. The District of Lantzville has temporarily installed delineators and caution tape to remind drivers, until a permanent installation can be installed, that there is no parking on the new Legion Plaza located in front of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 257 at 7225 Lantzville Road. We look forward to your continued co-operation and understanding.

# Community Update Newsletter Transitions

Starting January 2024, the monthly District of Lantzville Community Update Newsletter delivered to your postal mail box will be reverting to the one-page, double-sided format that ended in February 2021.

We will continue to duplicate the two pages in an electronic version sent by email (via Constant Contact). Visit [lantzville.ca](http://lantzville.ca) to sign up now to receive Community and Council updates by email, if you are not already registered.

Staff will work towards making the Community Update fully electronic ending on December 31, 2024.

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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

## December 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, December 25, 2023 to Monday, January 1, 2024 inclusive, reopening on Tuesday, January 2, 2024  
  
After-hours Public Works emergency call 1.888.826.8271  
All other emergencies dial 911



# Upcoming Meetings

**Wednesday, December 6th** – 6:00 pm Electronic Regular Council (including Public Hearing)

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](http://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](http://lantzville.ca) and click on the meeting date for meeting information.





**Rainwater Harvesting & Sustainable Landscaping Workshop: A Success!**  


Council would like to thank Jamie Wallace for his excellent presentation last month on Rainwater Harvesting and Sustainable Landscaping workshop. Jamie recorded the presentation. It is available for all to view on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/dTcFS0Ph8es>

**2024 Council Meeting Schedule**  
Council, at its November 8th regular meeting approved its 2024 meeting schedule. Public are invited to view the schedule by visiting the District's website at [lantzville.ca](http://lantzville.ca) or stop by Municipal Hall between the hours of 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays.

# Lantzville Fire Rescue Santa Drive By Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> & Huddlestone Park Tree light-up

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. To view Santa's route and estimated times, please visit the District's website. 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. Gather at Huddlestone Park at 7:00 pm where Santa will light the big tree and share in a cup of Hot Chocolate compliments of the Lantzville Rotary Club.



# Annual Lantzville Food Drive Sunday, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lantzvillefooddrive@gmail.com).



# 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 December:

- Holiday Market, Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. ADMISSION IS FREE! Seaside Community Society is pleased to host another holiday market at Costin Hall. Come support our local vendors. One Cool Cookie will be serving hot drinks and cool/warm treats throughout the day.
- Breakfast with Santa! Saturday, December 9th, doors open at 9:00 am [proudly presented by the Rotary Club of Lantzville]. Tickets are \$2.50 per person and available at: Leiv It or Love It Consignment, Central Drugs and Snaw-Naw-As Market [Shell Station].

**Did you know?** Effective April 1, 2024, Seaside Community Society will no longer be responsible for booking rentals for Costin Hall.

Anyone interested in renting the facility for bookings starting April 1st should email [district@lantzville.ca](mailto:district@lantzville.ca) with the following information:

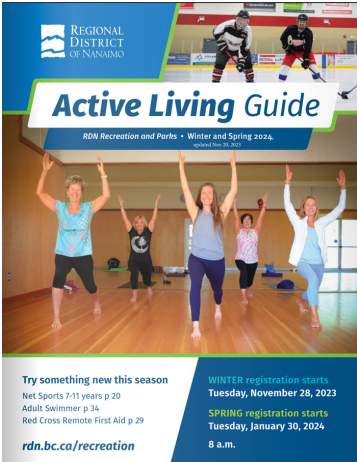
- Organization (registered society or company) or individual name and description (number of members, purpose, commercial or non-profit, etc., or the individual who would sign and be responsible for the contract)
- Contact person’s name, phone number and email address
- Frequency and history of bookings, schedule (day of the week, start & finish hours, one-time booking or ongoing, which months, etc.) Include a copy of previous rental agreement(s), insurance, rental rate and any other terms or special requirements
- Type of use, number of participants, type of participants (youth, seniors, general, commercial, etc.)
- Deadline date (if any) by which you need to confirm a rental agreement to book Costin Hall for dates starting in April 2024
- Any other information you can share about your requested use of Costin Hall.

**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](http://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.
- Winter Wonderland on Ice is back – December 15th to December 31st. Enjoy a skate in a winter wonderland of trees, lights and displays. View the skate schedule at [www.rdn.bc.ca/swim-and-skate-schedule](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/swim-and-skate-schedule).
- New Year’s Eve December 31st – FREE Family Celebration. Free tickets are available beginning December 4th at Oceanside Place Arena. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis, so get your ticket early for this popular event!

**City of Nanaimo** – Winter program registration is underway for programs from January to March, 2024. View the Winter Activity Guide available online: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities-schedules/activity-guide>

- New schedules for pools, arenas, gymnasiums and pottery begin starting January 2nd. Be sure to check the online schedules before you come to a drop-in session, as they are subject to change. <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/register-for-a-program> – Go to “Drop in” on the menu and then choose the Activity (skating, swimming, etc.)
- Join us for “Light Up the Night Bike Ride” for facilities on Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Starting at Beban Park, the ride is a 6 km route. Participants are invited to decorate their bike with twinkling lights and holiday decorations. Cost is \$5 per person, registration ID No. 105915.
- Winter Wonderland is back this year from December 24th, and 26th to 30th [inclusive] at Frank Crane Arena. The arena will be transformed into a winter wonderland with FREE skating sessions available for the community. Session times will be posted online by mid-December at <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture>.
- Skate with Santa on Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at Frank Crane Arena or on Thursday, December 21st, 6:15 pm-7:45 pm at Nanaimo Ice Centre. Regular admission rates apply.
- Join us for our 2nd annual Snowball Swim on Sunday, December 17th, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at Beban Park Pool for lots of holiday-themed fun. Regular admission rates apply.
- New Year’s Eve Skates at Frank Crane Arena: • 12:00 pm-2:00 pm (Everyone Welcome) • 3:30 pm-5:30 pm (Everyone Welcome)
- New Year’s Eve Swim at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre: • 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (Everyone Welcome)
- Activate 2024 is back. It will be held from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm at Beban Park and will have activities for the whole family, including swimming, games, crafts, entertainment and more. Get tickets at Beban Park at the door on the day of the event or in advance at Beban Park. They are 5 for \$48 or a single ticket for \$12.
- Come out and participate in the Holiday Bird Count on Thursday, December 28th 10:00 am-11:30 am at Buttertubs Marsh. Participants will learn how to spot and identify birds, make a pinecone feeder craft to take home and conclude the day with a warm beverage. Cost is \$10 per person and the course ID No. 105914.



## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:nrukus@lantzville.ca).

**Fireworks Restricted** – The District of Lantzville prohibits setting off fireworks, except on Halloween. No person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks. The sale of fireworks and use of firecrackers are prohibited in Lantzville. Fines start at \$150. For more information, view [Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005](#) at [lantzville.ca](http://lantzville.ca).



## Traffic Safety - Be bright @ night!

Shining the spotlight on safe travel after dark. Please dress and drive to suit the conditions. Be visible. Carry a flashlight. Did you know? Officials say distracted driving, failure to yield the right of way and weather conditions are the top contributing factors for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians.

## Report Street Lights Requiring Repair

These dark winter nights, if you notice a street light on a wooden pole that is not working properly, please submit a repair request to the District of Lantzville and we will contact BC Hydro on your behalf. BC Hydro will strive to complete your repair request within 10 business days. When submitting the street light repair request (email [district@lantzville.ca](mailto:district@lantzville.ca)), please provide as much detail as possible including:

- Address, location or nearby cross street where the street light is located
- Pole serial number, if known, and nature of the problem (for example, street light out, cycling on and off, dim).

## 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

Only one vacancy remains on the District’s new Accessibility Advisory Statutory Committee – members of the Committee serve, without remuneration, and will play a pivotal role in contributing to supporting 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 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](http://lantzville.ca/accessibility). This posting will remain open until all positions on the Committee have been filled.

