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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

April 2019



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[kingfishercommunity.com](http://kingfishercommunity.com) is live!!

**From your Editor:**

*Marion Fernandez*

As we officially welcome Spring to Kingfisher, we see the blue skies and chirping sounds of the birds more. What welcoming sounds. Murray is away, enjoying the sunshine on a holiday. A well deserved break!

This spring also sees a few changes around our Hall. The lawn mowing and janitorial positions are out for tender. Read more about them in the newsletter.

Doug Clayton will also be taking over the reins of the newsletter. **Thank you Doug!** It has been a good two years, and I thank all who I have interacted with over the years. Please ensure you send all articles for the newsletter to [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com).

**Change is good :)**

The Hall Clean up is on Saturday, 27th April. **See you there!**

### Notice of AGM



Annual General Meeting  
of the  
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society  
will be held on  
**April 17, 2019 starting at 7PM**  
**Riverside Community Hall**  
**3784 Trinity Valley Rd.**  
**Ashton Creek**

Join us  
in welcoming our guest speaker  
**Mr. Tom Nevin** from  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
(Salmon Enhancement Program)  
*Refreshments will be served*



**GYM**

**OPEN GYM**  
**- OLD KINGFISHER SCHOOL**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**8-10 am**  
**\$2.00 Drop In fee**

Bring water, indoor shoes, mat and any equipment you may need!  
**See you then!**



**TEAM UP**  
**TO CLEAN UP**

**Saturday, April 27th 9:30 AM**  
**Hall Clean - Up & Potluck Lunch**

What to bring?  
**- YOU**

- Your Potluck contribution
- your rake, shovels, elbow grease and pruners

All ages encouraged to come and help out.  
***It's fun! Really.***  
*-Greg Clark*

**Scholarship**

The Kingfisher Community Society Youth Citizenship Scholarship is awarded annually to a local graduate. We welcome applications.

Successful candidate(s) will have strong community involvement. **Application deadline May 5.** Application is open to residents of Kingfisher (Halfway Hill to Mabel Lake) graduating from grade 12 (enrolled in any school) planning on furthering their education. (not limited to university or college — we recognize that education can take many forms). Application forms available from Scholarship Committee member or KCS director.



**2019**

**MACKENZIE CAMP**  
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**Fight for Turf in Spring but Flock for Safety in Winter**  
*~ Jan and George*

A flash of orange in early spring when migrating robins return is a welcome sight, but this year a flock of robins was spotted here in winter. It's surprising to see a large flock in December but even more surprising when a flock of 43 sticks around all winter. It makes you curious.

We expect to see a robin or two in early spring when insects and worms become available. They cheerily call out to attract mates and aggressively defend the territory where they will raise several broods over the coming months. Most robins do migrate. The individual/pairs robins of spring and summer stay around our yards but the robins who over-winter demonstrate a different kind of behaviour. In winter, most will stay as a group moving from tree to tree rather than staying in one place and defending a territory.

If robins can find enough fruit sources to feed on, they will stay the winter. It's not the weather that makes them want to migrate, it's the availability of food. Moving as a group, they search for fruit trees including ornamental crabapple and mountain ash trees. In the past 10 years wintering flocks have been sighted in most of southern Canada ([ebird.org/ebirdmap/amerob?](http://ebird.org/ebirdmap/amerob?) or see map). Many, perhaps most, over-wintering form flocks. They are quite hardy birds and can do well for themselves so long as there is a good supply of fruit on trees. They should be able to weather a few short cold snaps.

When a flock of robins arrive to feed, some may try to drive others away. This shows how critical the food source is. Without a steady supply of food, the robins will lack the ability to stay warm during the cold nights of winter. Fruit is also not particularly high in energy, so the robins must eat a great amount of it.

It is risky to decide to stay the winter, but migration itself is also high risk. It's estimated by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that 20-30 percent of hatch-year migrating birds die on the trip. Another obvious advantage is that when spring does arrive, the birds that stayed will be first to choose their territories, find mates, and start a brood. Even a week's head start gives them the chance to produce more healthy offspring than a competitor.

When spring rolls around, the flocks split up. Suddenly we start seeing robins yanking worms out of our yards again, and it's easy to assume they've all "returned" from migration. But what we're seeing is in part a switch from being non territorial in the winter time to aggressively defending a territory in advance of courting and raising chicks. This is a behavioural switch that's quite common in birds.

**Kingfisher Quilters**  
**Old Kingfisher School**  
*Lisa Miner 250-838-7128*

**April 4 and 17**-Bring your own project  
**April 10 and 24**-Quilters Club(charity work)

**Wednesdays 10-2:45 pm. Bring your lunch! Hope to see you!!**

**New\*\*\*\*\*BOOK CLUB\*\*\*\*\***  
**Author: Harlan Coben**  
**Title: *Don't Let Go***

If you are interested in joining, you must read the book, via hard copy, Ebook, lbook! Whatever works for you!!

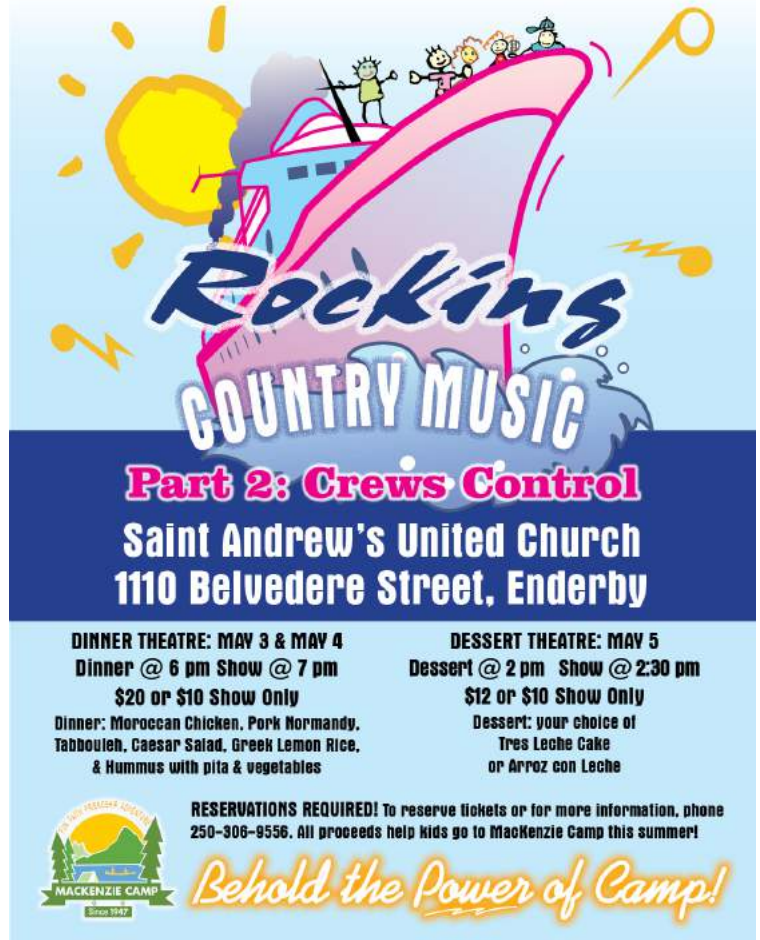
The first meeting is:

**Sunday, April 7th**  
**at 2pm**

at the **Old Kingfisher School.**

The fee to attend is \$1.00.


Any questions can be directed to Laurie at [lauriebaines96@gmail.com](mailto:lauriebaines96@gmail.com)



**Rocking COUNTRY MUSIC**  
**Part 2: Crews Control**  
**Saint Andrew's United Church**  
**1110 Belvedere Street, Enderby**

<b>DINNER THEATRE: MAY 3 &amp; MAY 4</b> <b>Dinner @ 6 pm Show @ 7 pm</b> <b>\$20 or \$10 Show Only</b> Dinner: Moroccan Chicken, Pork Normandy, Tabbouleh, Caesar Salad, Greek Lemon Rice, & Hummus with pita & vegetables	<b>DESSERT THEATRE: MAY 5</b> <b>Dessert! @ 2 pm Show @ 2:30 pm</b> <b>\$12 or \$10 Show Only</b> Dessert: your choice of Tres Leche Cake or Arroz con Leche
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**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!** To reserve tickets or for more information, phone 250-306-9556. All proceeds help kids go to MacKenzie Camp this summer!



*Behold the Power of Camp!*

**Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Plan (April 2019)**  
**Submitted by Herb Latchko**

We are still waiting to hear back regarding the Province providing funding for the revision of the 2005 Evacuation Plan. Obviously, it would make sense to get started sooner rather than later. Please consider providing input into the process.

You may have noticed that there are two groups working on fire prevention in the valley. The FireSmart Steering Committee has met several times since the FireSmart presentation at the Hall last fall. The function of this group is largely confined to educating homeowners about how to reduce the chance of wildfire air born sparks and embers taking hold and destroying homes and property. The Local Planning Groups (LPG) supports this effort, with some people being involved with both groups. The Local Planning Groups (LPG), although having no official capacity, attempt to provide additional functions with a "neighbour helping neighbour" approach.

The reality is that Kingfisher is over an hour away from the Vernon Fire Zone site (Predator Ridge) and 10-15 minutes by helicopter from Salmon Arm, assuming that one is dispatched immediately. LPG attempt to ascertain available local resources and develop a communication system to deploy them in a particularly safe manner. The Local Planning Groups (LPG) could also be helpful in situations other than fire (floods, road closures, power outages, landslides, etc.)

# April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
2:00 PICKLE BALL - H			10:00 BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT & LIBRARY - S	8:00 OPEN GYM - S	10:00 PARENT/TOT - H 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H 8:00 BADMINTON - H	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
2:00 PICKLE BALL - H New! 2:00 BOOK CLUB - S	8:00 OPEN GYM - S 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H		10:00 KCQ & LIBRARY - S 7:00 DIRECTOR'S MEETING - H	8:00 OPEN GYM - S	10:00 PARENT/TOT - H 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H 8:00 BADMINTON - H	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2:00 PICKLE BALL - H		8:00 OPEN GYM - S 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H	10:00 BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT & LIBRARY - S	8:00 OPEN GYM - S	10:00 PARENT/TOT - H 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H 8:00 BADMINTON - H <i>Good Friday</i>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
2:00 PICKLE BALL - H <i>Easter Sunday</i>		8:00 OPEN GYM - S 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H	10:00 KCQ & LIBRARY - S 7:00 DIRECTOR'S MEETING - H	8:00 OPEN GYM - S	10:00 PARENT/TOT - H 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H 8:00 BADMINTON - H	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
2:00 PICKLE BALL - H	8:00 OPEN GYM - S 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H					
5	6	<b>Notes</b> H - HALL S - SCHOOL				

Local Planning Groups also:

- provide local knowledge to outside agencies;
- identify high fire risk areas and attempt to access Provincial Funding to mitigate them;
- locate and maintain sources of water;
- ascertain vulnerable residents that may need assistance during an emergency; and,
- perhaps most importantly, attempt to short circuit rumours which spread misinformation.

There are 6 Local Planning Groups, with LPG#5 having 7 sub-groups:

- LPG #1 Halfway to Falls Creek
- LPG #2 Falls Creek to Cooke Creek
- LPG #3 Cooke Creek to Kingfisher Hall
- LPG #4 Beattie Road
- LPG #5a Kingfisher RV Park
- LPG #5b Golf Park
- LPG #5c Air Park
- LPG #5d Mabel Ridge Estates
- LPG #5e Foreshore
- LPG #5f Condos
- LPG #5g Cessna Rd/ Mabel Lake Place
- LPG #6 Westside

Please consider getting involved in your Local Planning Group. At present, LPG #1 and LPG #2 do not have a Contact Person. Please call me at 250-838-6525 if you are interested in helping.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the FireSmart Steering Committee is planning "FireSmart Activities" on the Saturday and Sunday of the May Long Weekend. Their event at the Hall starts at noon on Saturday the 18th. The Local Planning Groups will be meeting at the Hall at 10:30 that morning. Denis Delisle, our Area F Representative, has committed to be there. If you would like to get involved with your LPG, why not come and meet neighbours who are making plans to support each other during an emergency.

Spring is a great time to reduce the fuel around your house. Make sure to have fire tools and water nearby. Before burning, call the Venting Index number @ 1-888-281-2992...

I would to again like to pass along a few short video clips. The first one is the speech given by Greta Thurnburg at the Climate Change Conference in Poland a few months ago. Greta is the now 16 year old Swedish girl who started the "Student's Strike for Climate" movement. It's only 4 minutes long, but very impressive. The second is also of Greta Thurnburg. She delivers an articulate 11-minute Ted Talk. A simple Google Search for: Greta Thurnburg speech and Greta Thurnburg Ted Talk will get you in touch with this amazing young person's views.

#### **MOWING TENDER:**

The KCS is inviting quotations for the contract mowing of the hall grounds. For details of what is required contact **Greg Clark. 250-838-0292** Deadline for submissions is April 30/19. The board of directors will determine the successful applicant.

#### **JANITORIAL TENDER:**

KCS is looking for individuals interested in providing Janitorial Services for the Hall and the School. Interested parties can contact **Deanna Caswell - 250-838-9678**

## FireSmart Tip of the Month

**Regular yard cleanups significantly decrease the risk of losing your home to a wildfire.**

Remember that over 50% of homes lost in wildfires are due to windborne sparks and embers rather than as a result of direct contact with flames. Focus on Zone 1, within 10 metres of your home, and especially on the first 1.5 metres.

Embers and sparks can collect under decks. Sheath in the base of decks with fire resistant materials or 3mm screening.

Be ready for Yard Waste Cleanup Day, May 19<sup>th</sup>, and get those rakes and pruners working.



## INFORMATION MEETING

**SATURDAY MAY 18**

**12:00 – 2:00PM**

## YARD WASTE

## CLEANUP DAY

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**9AM – 4PM**



**There is no charge for yard waste disposal at the dump. Yard waste includes trimmings and prunings, tree trunks less than 8" in diameter, and other organic materials. It must be debagged.**

**Community Ads (free to KCS members)**

**WESTERN RED CEDAR**

spindle, rail, posts, hand rails, curved and funky pieces, custom-made furniture etc.  
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**BOTTLE RECYCLABLES NEEDED....**

If you are not wanting to sort out your pop/beer/wine bottles, we will gladly pick them up for you or you can drop them off at The Schalin Farm located 2843 Mabel Lake Road. Aspen, Navi and Boden are fundraising for fastball and 4-H and are looking for ways to help out with costs.

**LOOKING FOR LEADS**

Please give me a call if you spot interesting wildlife out Kingfisher way. I love coming out to the valley to catch these images. Thanks!  
Janet Brown, 250-833-8181  
[www.janetbrownphotography.com](http://www.janetbrownphotography.com)  
e:[janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com)

**Guided Meditation**

Guided Mindfulness Meditation with Yogini Rawal every Wednesday at 7PM at Loris', 3130 Mabel Lake Road.  
Contact Loris (**250-838-7747**) or George (**250-838-6882**) for more information.

**Pickle Ball:** Kingfisher Hall

**Tuesdays: 2 pm**  
**Fridays: 2 pm**  
**Sundays: 2 pm**

**Pickleball paddles provided - just bring your enthusiasm!**

**Road Hockey**

The tennis Court. Sundays 2.30pm  
**Equipment Supplied**

**Badminton Kingfisher Hall**

*Catalin Faget*  
1 250 999 0945 or the Hall 838 6200

**Mabel Lake Farms**

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[Kentclark@telus.net](mailto:Kentclark@telus.net)

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### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
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Treasurer -----	Brenda Heywood -----	250 838 2193
Memberships	Megan Clark-Martin	250-838-0455
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Deanna Caswell-----	250 838 9678
Maintenance	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	Dirk Campagnolo-----	250 838 6278

#### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brenda Heywood, our treasurer, 838-2193.

Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; members are welcome to attend!

Please write to: [kcsentertainmentdirector@gmail.com](mailto:kcsentertainmentdirector@gmail.com) to know about events. [KCSrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:KCSrecreation@gmail.com) to ask about activities happening in & around the hall

#### Membership Megan Martin

250-838-0455

([megaan92@gmail.com](mailto:megaan92@gmail.com))

\$30/family and \$20/single.

#### KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to: [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

**Deadline is strictly 25th of each month.**

#### KCS Advertising Paid Advertisements

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to George Jameson.

[g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

Paid ads - limited to 1/8 page, Word Doc only. KCS members only Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100), or 6 months or less for \$50 Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society



#### MABEL LAKE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Mabel Lake Golf and Country Club is looking for energetic, diligent team players to join our existing Team for the 2019 season.

We offer competitive wages, great benefits and incentives for our employees. If you are friendly, out-going, enjoy meeting new people and are interested in being part of our Team – please email [mabellakegolf@telus.net](mailto:mabellakegolf@telus.net), with a copy of your resume.

#### Positions

- Line Cook
- Pizza Cook
- Grounds Crew
- Lounge
- Housekeeping

#### From OUR ARCHIVES Kingfisher Community Society Mandate

##### The purposes of the KCS are:

- to acquire land and thereon build and operate a Community Hall and Recreation Centre, and
- to foster and promote social, sporting, recreational, charitable and educational activities