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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

May 2019



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



**From your Chair:**

*Murray MacDonald*

After a fairly quiet winter, things are starting to get exciting at KCS. In March, the Pickle ball players approached the Directors about repainting the Pickle ball lines in the Hall. It turned out we were due for a floor surface recoat. All of that happened in early April. Thanks to everyone who turned out to the Hall clean-up on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Check this newsletter for information about:

- Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast- Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>
- KCS Annual General Meeting- Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Porch Party- Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Strategic Planning Meeting- Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

The KCS Directors are pleased to announce that Kowyn Hibbert has joined the board. You've seen him and his partner McKenna, helping out at lots of events since moving to the valley. Welcome Kowyn!

We'd also would like to extend our gratitude to Jennifer Steeves, former KCS treasurer, who has been helping keep the books from her home in Toronto. Now that is dedicated volunteerism. We are now ready to keep the books right here in the valley. Thanks Jennifer!

And... the Jumble Dance Band has been booked! **Petunia and the Vipers** from Vancouver will shake the dance floor on Friday July 19<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

### Notice of AGM

Annual General Meeting of the Kingfisher Community Society will be held on  
**Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7pm at the Kingfisher Hall**

At the meeting, a financial report will be given, as well as updates from each of the board members. Other groups operating in the community will provide information and Area F director Denis Delisle will report on his efforts at the Regional district level. The meeting will be followed by a wine and cheese social.



Lauren Anions and 6 weeks old baby daughter Arielle visited the quilting group on April 10, where they were presented with a baby quilt. Congratulations to the happy family.



## Strategic Planning Meeting for KCS Members

In February, a Strategic Planning Meeting was held at Kingfisher Hall. The meeting, facilitated by Laura Jameson, was to help the KCS Directors plan for the sustainability of KCS. Strengths, weaknesses and future goals were identified. All who took part felt the exercise was very productive. One of the goals was to have a second meeting open to the membership. This meeting will take place Saturday, June 8th from 10-12 at the Hall. Laura Jameson will be the facilitator. The first meeting outcomes will be reviewed and the floor opened to thoughts and ideas from members.



**2019**

### MACKENZIE CAMP

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#### 2019 SUMMER CAMPS

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MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre



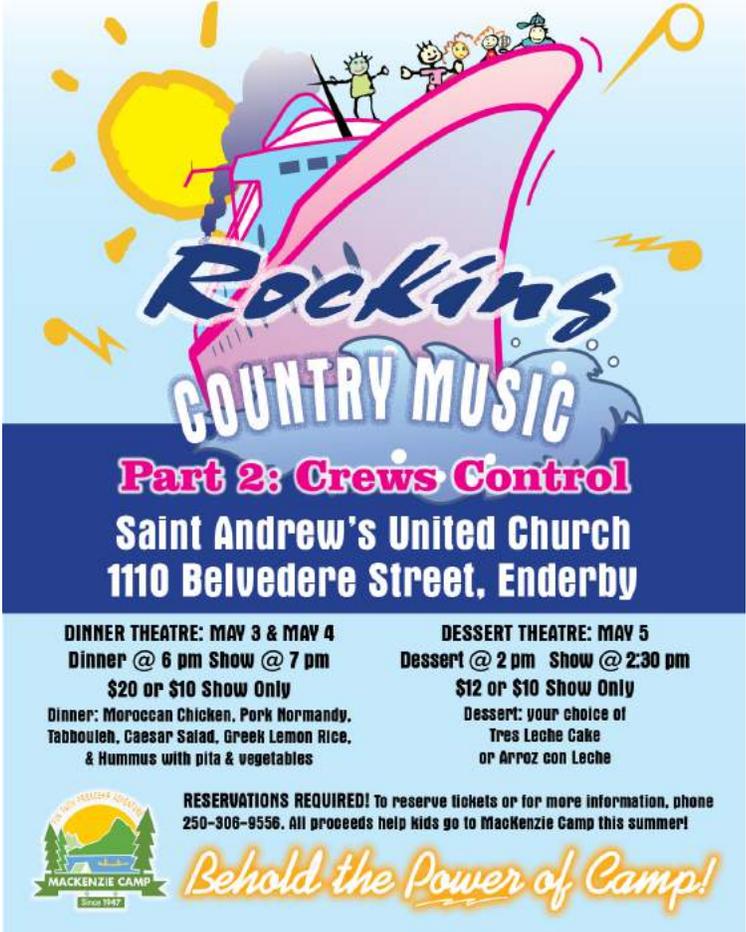
**Kingfisher Quilters**  
**Old Kingfisher School**  
*Lisa Miner 250-838-7128*

**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 \*\*\*\***  
**The May selection is**  
**Author: Tara Westover**  
**Title: Education**

If you are interested in joining, you must read the book, via hard copy, Ebola, IBook!  
What ever works for you!!  
The fee to attend is \$1.00.  
Any questions can be directed to Laurie at [Lauriebains96@gmail.com](mailto:Lauriebains96@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!*

**We are the LPG5 group (Local Planning Group)  
which includes 8 locations:**

- Club Kingfisher
- Golf Course
- Airpark
- Mabel Lake Resort
- Mabel Ridge Estates
- Foreshore
- Condos
- Mabel Lake Place/Cessna Road

***WE ARE A VOLUNTEER GROUP ONLY***

In the event of an emergency, we have muster stations to enable us to get information and updates to the residents and guests in an organized fashion.

**IF** a situation arises that requires the coordination of people awaiting direction from officials, we will be onsite to do so.

# KINGFISHER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

# MAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H	29	30	1 10:00 BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT & LIBRARY - S	2	3 10:00 PARENT/TOT - H 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H 8:00 BADMINTON - H	4
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12 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H <i>8:00 Mother's Day Breakfast - H</i>	13	14 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H	15 10:00 BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT & LIBRARY - S	16	17 10:00 PARENT/TOT - H 2:00 PICKLE BALL - H 8:00 BADMINTON - H	18 12:00 FIRESMART AWARENESS MEETING - H
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## Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Plan May 2019

**Good News !!!** The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) has received funding to prepare an Evacuation Plan for the Kingfisher/Mabel Lake area. I emailed RDNO requesting a short statement about the process, timeline of implementation, and what method will be used to take advantage of "local knowledge" for the newsletter. I received a prompt reply from Mike Fox, GM Community Services, stating that all the information requested may not be available before the newsletter deadline. And, "as we move forward, we can make sure to update the community". Mike also sent along the RDNO media release, which you will find below:

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) has been awarded two grants through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for evacuation route planning at Kingfisher/Mabel Lake and for Emergency Operations Centre training.

The RDNO received \$25,000 to go towards evacuation route planning for the Kingfisher and Mabel Lake area in the Electoral Area F. The amount received is the maximum that could be awarded under the program.

The funding will be put towards the creation of an Evacuation Route Plan. The Plan will be created by firstly conducting a review and analysis of the current evacuation challenges based on demographics, geographic location, and local geology. After the review, the Plan will identify such things as alternative means of evacuation transportation including ground, water, or air. The RDNO will work in collaboration with ESS Coordinator and Emergency Program Coordinator to determine appropriate muster points, neighbourhood liaisons, group lodging options, transportation capabilities and resource requirements for evacuation.

"The Kingfisher and Mabel Lake area can be prone to a number of natural hazards, such as wildfires, so the RDNO felt it was imperative to develop a comprehensive Evacuation Route Plan to ensure that residents will be able to leave the area safely in the event of an emergency," said Alastair Crick, Manager of Emergency Services, RDNO.

Also awarded was \$7,000 to go towards Emergency Operations Centre training for RDNO staff.

The RDNO thanks the Province of British Columbia for the grant funding, and UBCM for administering the programs which will help make our communities safer in the event of an emergency.

With all the FireSmart activities taking place on May Long (see details elsewhere in this newsletter), the Local Planning Groups will **NOT** be meeting before the noon FireSmart session on Saturday, May 18th. If you would like to know who your Local Planning Group (LPG) contact person is, please contact me and I will get you connected. Again, LPG #1 (Halfway to Falls Creek) and LPG #2 (Falls Creek to Cooke Creek) do not have a contact person. If you live in these areas, please talk to your neighbours and consider making plans for dealing with an emergency in your neighborhood.

If you have one of the 42 Fire Barrels which were out and about in the valley last year, please try to put your barrel out during the week of May 13th to the 17th. Hopefully this will make a statement and encourage attendance at the Saturday Noon, May 18th FireSmart meeting. Brad Clark will again spearheading the effort to fill Fire Barrels along the road and is willing to fill up your Fire Barrel, if you do not have enough hose or the ability to do so. Contact Brad at 250-838-6326 to make arrangements.

For the past two newsletter submissions I have been encouraging people to check out Greta Thurnberg's speech to the U.N. Climate Change COP24 Conference. Previously you could simply Google search "Greta Thurnberg's speech". Greta has recently been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize and has been making speeches around the world. Thus, a Google search needs to include "...speech at U.N. Climate Change..." In her 3:30 minute speech to the COP24 Conference, Greta poses the question as to what she might tell her children, if she has any, when they ask her about us and why we "didn't do anything while there was still time to act".

**Herb Latchko**  
**250-838-6525**

### **FireSmart Tip of the Month**

The last two summers in BC were the worst wildfire seasons on record. Both resulted in a provincial state of emergency being declared. In 2017 over 65,000 BC residents were evacuated and 509 buildings were destroyed. Wildfire expert Mike Flannigan says that while it would be unusual to get 3 bad seasons in a row, he wouldn't rule it out. He states that the risk is weather dependent, and the effect of climate change makes it increasingly hard to predict. This year's unusually dry March has led to an early start to the 2019 season, a worrisome trend that began about 2 decades ago.

What can we do? FireSmart provides a clear and easy to use tool to assess your home's risk. Go to [firesmartcanada.ca](http://firesmartcanada.ca) for good information. Better still, attend the FireSmart Information Meeting at 12:00 on May 18th at Kingfisher Hall.

In November 2018, the Kingfisher FireSmart Steering Committee was formed consisting of 7 members from the Halfway to Mabel Lake Golf Course. We will be presenting what we have learned since then with a focus on the assessment tool and how to put it to use. Denis Delisle, RDNO Area F Representative, will be attending. We are also hoping to have representatives from FireSmart to give a presentation. Wanting to attract summer and part-time residents, we have scheduled the meeting for the long weekend. Following the Saturday meeting there will be an inspection of a local residence demonstrating the tool in action. Sunday, May 19th is Yard Waste Cleanup Day to encourage us all to put this information to use.

Hope to see you there!

### **KINGFISHER SCHOOL LIBRARY MAY 2019**

We would like to thank again for all the donations over the fall, winter and spring months. The library is doing a big clean up on April 27th, we need to clean the rug in the children's library area so hopefully we can get rug cleaner machines to do that.

The library is open every Wednesday thanks to Lisa Miner and the quilting ladies. Thank you all, see you when the Market opens up on June 26th, 2019.

**Sue Leavitt and Bonnie Warawa**

## **PORCH PARTY JUNE 1**

**Doors Open @ 5pm**

**Potluck @ 6pm**

**Burgers provided**

**Bring something for the  
potluck table**

### **The Firesmart Committee**

would like to create a

'Resource Reference List' for the area.

If you have a skill or service that may be of assistance or interest to residents of Kingfisher, and would like your name added to the list, please send that information to:

**George Jameson**  
**[g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)**

### **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**

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

**WESTERN RED CEDAR**

spindle, rail, posts, hand rails, curved and funky pieces, custom-made furniture etc. Allen Clark 250 838 6062 www.allenclark.ca

**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 e: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.

**Tennis Anyone?**

I am looking for anyone in the Kingfisher area that could play week day afternoons or weekends. Please call 250-503-6198 Bruce Ingleson

**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 2.30 pm  
**Equipment Supplied**

**Badminton Kingfisher Hall**

*Catalin Faget*  
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### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	250 838 9567
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



## **INFORMATION**

### **MEETING**

**SATURDAY MAY 18**

**12:00 – 2:00PM**

#### **LET'S WORK TOGETHER!**

**We can't control or predict when a wildfire will start, but we can control how we prepare ourselves and our community using the FireSmart principles.**

## **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.**

**Learn about the FireSmart Program**

**Learn how to assess your home's wildfire risk**

**Learn what you can do to reduce your hazard**

**Meet your neighbours**

#### **LOCATION:**

Kingfisher  
Community Hall  
3337 Enderby  
Mabel Lake Rd

#### **RESIDENTS OF:**

KINGFISHER AND  
SURROUNDING AREA



**Begins at Home**