
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter



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From your Chair:

Jacky Clark

NOTICE

THE HALL AND THE SCHOOL WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR AUGUST.

Please continue to practice safe Covid prevention

Life has been pretty quiet lately and the cooler wet weather has reduced the risk of forest fires and made for less beach time and NO smoke! I like the no smoke part. But the weather has been warming up and we are seeing the return of the fire barrels. Thanks to the volunteer time of Herb Latchko, Brad Clark and Keith Gray the barrels are now out and filled ready for use but hopefully not needed. Sadly the barrel that was put out at the Ballpark has gone missing along with the pails that go with it. It would be appreciated if it was returned as there aren't any spare barrels and the ballpark gets used regularly. Also if you find a lid along the road somewhere it goes with the barrel at Leighton Rd and can be put there or returned to Brad. You can call him at 838 6326. (you could call him just to say thanks)

Here's a little trivia around the corn roast that we will be missing out on this year.

Back in the old days, I'm talking the 1970's and the early 1980's, a hay ride was the preferred method of arriving at the Hall for the corn roast. Rob Dale would hook up a tractor and a hay bale loaded wagon that his neighbour kids would decorated and start the journey up the Mabel Lake Rd picking up people as he drove along. Some preferred the whole ride and so would drive down to the Dales and get on there. Over time there were too many people for one wagon so Jim Schalin took a tractor and a wagon from his place up through the Estates and back to the Hall. By the mid 80's there was too much traffic on the road for the wagons to travel safely and another excellent Kingfisher event ended.

The water is staying high and cold so play carefully on the river and the lake.

As always, call if you would like to, Jacky Clark 250 838 6062



Here's a couple of pics of the Rivermouth at high water from around 2012.

Heavenly Viewing

Astrophysicist are delighted to have found another Sun-like system with revolving planets. That's two and counting. Don't expect to see them on a starry night here in Kingfisher. They are 300 light years away! One of the gas giants is 60 times the size of Jupiter. Imagine it rising above the southeastern horizon about ten o'clock, when you can see our gas giants on a clear night. Besides Jupiter and Saturn, find Mars doubling in brightness in August close by. Brilliant Venus is viewed in morning twilight.

Overhead at about 10pm are three bright stars that form a triangle. Elongated to the south, the Summer Triangle, provides a setting for the star filled Milky Way. Imagine us looking from our solar system position on Earth, gazing through a million stars of our galaxy. Now imagine a million galaxies known to our universe, which has been recently mapped by scientists. One of the galaxies, Andromeda, is visible in the constellation of that name later in August. Look east.

The comet Neowise (named after the space telescope that detected it) recedes rapidly out of our solar system. Did you see it?



Volunteer, Bill Arcand, enjoys a morning of weed whacking at the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre. Anyone interested in getting involved can sign up for the new volunteer program on our website

www.kingfishercentre.org or call us at (250)838-0004



MACKENZIE CAMP

on beautiful Mabel Lake

Rent a Camp!

MacKenzie is available for reunions, retreats, meetings, & outdoor education programs
May, June, late August, & September 2020
See our website for details!



Register online: www.mackenziecamp.ca or phone/email 250-838-6293 maccamp@shaw.ca
MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre





Lounge
OPEN
12-8pm
Thurs-Tues

Pizza Wednesdays 12 - 7pm
Golf course open 7 Days a week
Order food / Book online @
www.mabellakegolf.com
250-838-0881

Kingfisher Community Farmers Market

Wednesday 11-1
New Location at
Mabel Lake Farms

Interested in becoming
a vendor, please email
Suzanne
queenb47@telus.net

John is screening in our entry porch and he had the rolled up screen in its cardboard box upended in the corner of the porch. A pair of robins built a nest on it — the upended roll being just the size of a nest — so swiftly that we didn't realize in time to discourage the robins . . . so we delayed finishing the porch until we'd watched the babies fly away.

Brenda Heywood



Local Employment Opportunity

If working outdoors, during summer, along the Shuswap River interests you then you may be interested to learn that the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society is looking for an individual for a month long position interviewing salmon fisher-people on the river. The job starts on August 15th and runs until September 12th. Salmon knowledge is an asset but not essential as we can certainly offer training. You will require your own transportation and mileage will be paid.

If you would like to learn more about the job, please contact us at (250) 838-0004 or email us kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com. Application deadline is August 6th.

KINGFISHER SCHOOL NEWS

The school has been closed to all gatherings and events until further notice. We will resume when it is safe to do so.

If any of the quilters who are interested in continuing with charity quilts at home, please let Lisa 250-837-7128 or Suzanne 250-838-6248 know to book a time for picking up supplies at school.

Practice Social Distancing. Lets Beat this Sooner than Later.

If anyone has any ideas for further classes, please let myself or Laurie know, so we can set up for further dates.

Suzanne queenb47@telus.net 250-838-6248.

Laurie lauriebaines96@gmail.com 250-838-7522.

Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning August 2020

submitted by Herb Latchko

According to the mid-July Wildfire Service Seasonal Outlook: “to date there have been 199 wildfires across the province. This number is significantly lower than the 530 wildfires recorded in 2019. Historically, B.C. receives the most lightning in July. Wildfire ignition due to lightning strikes will be heavily dependent on the amount of rain associated with the lightning and number of days without rain prior to lightning events”. Although there is moisture in the deeper soils, it doesn’t take very long for the fine fuels on the surface to become tinder dry. When the temperature is above 30 degrees and the relative humidity is 30 or less, fire intensity becomes intense. Back in the day, this was called the “30/30 cross-over” and a “Red Flag” warning was issued. Crews in the field would be required to acknowledge this situation and review escape routes.

As usual, it all comes down to the weather. If you are like me, you probably do not have all of your fire fighting equipment ready to go. I have also been reflecting on the fuel reduction near the house that didn’t get finished this spring. Most homes are lost to wildfires due to drifting embers, often from fires far away; rather than from a tsunami wall of flames. Go to: firesmart.bc for more information on how to Fire smart your home and property.

Thanks to Brad Clark and Keith for fillings the fire barrels along the roadside and weed whacking the brush around them.

If you see a fire, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 Make sure to stress the “values at risk”: highly populated area and the Hydro line running through the valley. Be careful when trying to put out a fire, especially if there are gusty winds.

Community Ads (free to KCS members)

<p>Mini excavator for hire 0 turn, 5' wide 52 hp</p>	<p>Allen 250-838-6062 Brad 250-838-6326</p>	<p>Consultants</p>
<p>Dirt work Driveway parking areas ditching....etc,etc,etc Bush work Tree removal stump removal Brush removal....etc,etc,etc</p>		

Clark Boyz

3173 Mabel Lake Rd Enderby, BC V0E1V5
Allen 250-838-6062
Brad 250-838-6326

Consultants

License tree **faller 15 + years** production falling.
 Heavy Equipment **Operators since 1969**
 Logging development, Road construction
 and maintenance, erosion control....etc

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](mailto:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com)

KINGFISHER COUNTRY QUILTERS

For information please contact Lisa Miner at (250) 838-7128 or email her at lisamarie313ca@gmail.com

For Sale: Boat Trailer

14 feet, galvanized, 12 inch wheels
 good condition, not used much (our boat got stolen)
 \$700
 phone John 250 838 2193

No Road Hockey until all clear is given. Otherwise, on Sundays at 2pm.

Group Pickleball ONLY on outdoor courts. Individuals and family members are welcome to use the outside tennis court. However, there is no net provided and the **Hall remains closed.**

**MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE
January 1st for the year**

Megan Martin
 megan92@gmail.com
 250-838-0455 Cell 250-540-2916
Call or email now!

Contacts for Mabel Lake Road Enquiries

AIM Roads Inc

Contractor

1 866 222-4204

Website: aim-roads.ca

Twitter: [@AimRoads](https://twitter.com/AimRoads)

Facebook: [@AIMRoads](https://www.facebook.com/AIMRoads)

Instagram: [@aimroads.ca](https://www.instagram.com/aimroads.ca)

Email: aimroads@acciona.ca

Ministry contact:

Vernon Area Office - [250 503-3664](tel:2505033664)

Mabel Lake Farms

Kent & Suzanne Clark

250-838-6248

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

Products available all year

Please call to order

Blueberries, Jams, Syrups, Pies, Xmas Baking

Services available

Mini Excavator

Bed and Breakfast

Venue Hosting (May-September)

Coffee Shop (July & August)

Snow plowing



Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Jacky Clark -----	250 838 6062
Secretary -----	Marion Fernandez -----	250 838 9567
Treasurer -----	Michele Huntington ---	250 838 7477
Memberships -----	Megan Clark-Martin ---	250-838-0455
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Sydney Graham -----	250 574 5725
Maintenance & Supplies -----	Greg Clark -----	250 838 0292
	Kowyn Hibbert -----	250 938 6025

Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Michele Huntington, our treasurer, 250 838-7477.

Directors will not meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for now; members are welcome to attend!

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE
January 1st for the year
Megan Martin 250-838-0455
(megaan92@gmail.com)
\$30/family and \$20/single.
Call or Email Now!

KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to :
editorkingfisher@gmail.com

Deadline is 25th of each month.

Deadline is strictly 25th of each month. I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email.

If you have 2 items, use 2 separate emails. Please send text as an attachment, not in the body of the email

KCS Advertising

Paid Advertisements

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to
George Jameson.
g67george@gmail.com

Paid ads be limited to 1/8 page
Word Document only
KCS members only

Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100) or 6 months or less for \$50

Submit directly to George - g67george@gmail.com

Payment prior to ad placement to be dropped off or mailed to:

George Jameson
2365 Mabel Lake Road
Enderby
V0E 1V5

Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society

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