

# The Kingfisher

## Our Community's Newsletter



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



**from your Chair**

*Murray MacDonald*

July saw the latest installment of two legendary KCS events.

The Strawberry Tea, had a full house enjoying short-cake, tea and air-conditioning. Linzy Lunkwist had the toes a-tapping with her renditions of the old favorites and the cakewalk pitted young against old, in an effort to bring home a coveted cake. The youngsters seemed to get the upper hand this year. I won some balloons. Jan Lacko and Brigitte Koch did a great job organizing. I heard there were sixty people who contributed to it.

The Jumble Dance rumbled again for the sixty-second year (you read that right)! The Strange Brew Character Review kicked off the night with Ethel Murrman's scorching rendition of Diamonds Are a Girls Best Friend. Next was a drag performance of a Kids in the Hall sketch by Alison, Shana and Bekka. Everyone agrees the Strange Brew must return. From that point on, DJ Catalin and The Wooden Horsemen, from Vancouver, took turns blasting out the dance tunes. Thanks Shana, mojo-maker MacDonald, James, barman Latchko and Carla, the food wizard Fellows for making it happen.

The corn isn't quite ready yet, but it will be for the Corn Roast at the end of August. See you there!



*Carla Fellows - Winner of Best 'Woman as a Man' Award and James Latchko, Winner of Best 'Man as a Woman' Award.*



*Kingfisher road crew lends a hand at the road slump on their way to the Jumble dance.*



A **BIG** thank you to every one of you that helped make the Strawberry Tea a success. We raised over \$600.00! The funds will go towards ongoing expenses at the Hall.

*“Many hands make light work.”*

*Jan Lacko & Brigitte Koch*

## **Emergency / Evacuation Planning Update - August 2017**

*submitted by Herb Latchko*

With the weather heating up and much information being aired on Radio and TV, I requested a written statement from the RDNO's Protective Services Manager. The Local Planning Groups (LPG) serve in no official capacity and I wanted something official from the Local Authority. The statement appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Although having no official capacity, the Local Planning Groups (LPG) can serve as:

- A vehicle to remind people to be very cautious when relaying information
- An information sharing mechanism for neighbors in terms of fire fighting resources, fire fighting abilities, and contact information
- Actual initial attacks on fires until the Wildfire BC people arrive (7 minutes by helicopter from Salmon Arm, once in the air; 15 minutes by helicopter from Vernon and about 1 hour and 45 minutes for ground crews from Vernon)
- Resource people as the Regional District revises the 2005 Emergency Evacuation Plan.

As the dry weather continues, this is a great time to make sure any and all firefighting equipment is in good working order and readily available. Consider getting a few more hoses, better water storage, and perhaps even a fire pump. Prepare a "Go Bag" with items of importance if you should need to leave on short notice (medication, ID, etc). Around the house: clear dry materials from under decks and eaves; avoid cutting the grass in the heat of the day; safe storage of flammables; and other common sense things.

As you will note in the statement from the Protective Services Manager, 'locals' may very well be the first persons on the scene of a fire. Take caution, as human safety trumps over property and forests. Place a call as soon as possible to report the fire.

**(1-800-663-5555 or \* 5555 on a cell)**

When placing the call, stress 'values at risk' (high population, major hydro line and only one main road into the valley). The dispatch receiving your call may not be familiar with the area. As things heat up throughout the Kamloops Fire Center, dispatch may be in the position of rationing overly taxed resources.

Call rather than not call. Later, if you consider the fire out, it is better to call back and inform them of such, rather than taking a chance of a little fire becoming a big fire. Keep an eye out for smoke as you drive throughout the valley. Report campfires and careless smokers. The Region District has supplied the community with a Satellite Phone, which is at the Kingfisher Hall. The directors have kindly agreed to test and maintain the Satellite Phone. To access the phone, in the event of the phone lines being down, contact the director nearest to you.

There are basically 6 Local Planning Groups (LPG):

1. Half way to Falls Creek;
2. Falls Creek to Cooke Creek;
3. Cooke Creek to Kingfisher Creek (excluding Club Kingfisher)
4. Beattie Road;
5. Mable Lake Area (which has 6 sub groups and contacts, one of which is Club Kingfisher); and
6. The Westside.

Some of the LPG have been meeting and we may have found a contact person for LPG 3. Also, a few of contact persons have changed, which has delayed the new LPG Contact List being circulated among the LPG Contact List being circulated among the LPG. Hopefully each of you knows by now who your contact person is. The LPG will have to consider if contact persons names will be circulated via the newsletter. At this point, only contact persons received a list of other contact persons. The thinking was that 'too many cooks spoil the broth' and the LPG were to be grassroots.

This kind of thing can be worked out when the different LPG contact people get together. Once we are sure who the contact people are, it may be a good idea to meet with the Protective Services Manager.

A few people have been inquiring about getting a Fire Barrel. I have been testing out a method of more easily producing them. This involves a big FIRE decal for the barrels. The barrels and big decal cost \$60. The small decals for the pails cost \$5 each. Let me know if you are interested in getting any of the above.

The website for Wildfire BC is informative but has its limitations. If you go to the Kamloops Fire Center tab, the fires are listed in alphabetical order by their geographic name. There is a way to click on the fire to get the lat and long, but I found it awkward. Also, only fires bigger than 0.01 hectares are listed. If I've done my math correctly, those are fires bigger than 100 sq meters (10m X 10m).

It would be nice to know if a 'single tree lightning strike' or 'supposed campfire' has been actioned.

Hopefully there will be a chance for input to make it better next year. (If you are like me, you have been making plans for this fall and next year's fuel load reduction.)

In closing, I would again like to encourage you to be very cautious about circulating information that may or may not be true. I have heard three different accounts about a fire in the valley that may or may not have happened. Enderby was buzzing with rumors. There is a process in place to warn, ready and evacuate people. The Local Planning Groups are not involved in this process. As you can read elsewhere in this newsletter, the RCMP carry out the Evacuation Order after a certain set of conditions have been followed.

*Herb Latchko*  
250-838-6525

The following is a statement I received from Alastair Crick, Protective Services Manager for the Regional District North Okanagan, in response to my request for an official written statement to be published in the Kingfisher Newsletter. I have made a few changes for clarity.

*Herb Latchko 250-838-6525*

In a nutshell, any local Wildfire should be addressed by locals and should be called in early. If it cannot be contained locally, forestry will hit it with their crew. Incident Command will address the question of Tactical Evacuation. If not Tactical, communication goes through the system – Once the State of Local Emergency is established, the Power to authorize Evacuation Order or Evacuation Alert will then be in place. RCMP now have the authority to evacuate under this order. Everyone will be told where to go to register at a Reception Centre if they don't have a home to go to. Everyone, at this point, will be excluded from the area until the Order is rescinded and arrangements to re-enter have been made.

Points to remember during an Evacuation:

- Local communication will be required for voluntary evacuation early in an event.
- Mass confusion can happen as lots of boats plug landing area after crossing the river (from Westside)
- Hidden Lake is not a good escape route as one broken vehicle will block the road. Noisy Creek to Three Valley or the road on the East side of Mabel Lake to Lumby is forested and is a dangerous route. Heading out into water and Mable Lake Road is the only real option. Fire defense of the Mabel Lake road will be critical for forestry guys.

There is no fire protection there, as you know. During Provincial State of Emergency, will allow for quicker Air Branch support.

Hope this helps.

*Alastair Crick, Protective Services Manager for the Regional District North Okanagan.*

## Editor position Up for Grabs!!

If you enjoy writing or have always longed to work at a big-city newspaper, would you consider taking on, **The Kingfisher** newsletter? Brenda Heywood has stepped down, as editor, after doing a fantastic job for the past seven years. This is a once a month newsletter, requiring some computer skills. Brenda will mentor.

Phone 250-838-2193 or contact a Director or email [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com) if you would be interested in this position.

## Astronomically Speaking *Brian Lussin*

Look to the skies... but be careful.

This August 21 all of Canada will enjoy a partial Eclipse of the Sun.

Here in the Okanagan we will see about 75% of the sun covered at mid eclipse at about 10:15 a.m. Slowly beginning at 9:00 a.m. it will begin to get darker almost silvery, like looking through sunglasses. Shadows appear sharper and any small opening will project a pinhole image of the crescent sun. Build a pinhole box to cast a crescent sun shadow. Birds may even be tricked into night chirping. By 11:20 a.m. it is over. The further south you travel the greater the eclipse. Totality is a narrow 100 km strip from northern Oregon through mid Idaho and Wyoming through to South Carolina lasting about 2m40s.

**Word about safety. Use a solar filter for the purpose of viewing a solar eclipse.**

Check out [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or other suppliers.

**DO NOT USE:** photographic filters, sunglasses, exposed film, x-ray film, Mylar, CD's, homemade smoked glass or any other dimming convenience. It is the ultra violet and infrared light which can permanently damage eyes.

Other viewing: Perseids Meteor Shower early morning August 12th. Milky Way throughout August.



Summer at Kingfisher is a beautiful thing and we invite you to kick back and relax in the cool shade of our Kingfisher Hall on the **19th of August**, a Saturday. We love hearing from you and would like to hear your suggestions on what you would like to see featured on the big screen! Many people showed up and it was great seeing all your faces, so keep coming to support your community's efforts! Please email your suggestions to [ksing.marion@gmail.com](mailto:ksing.marion@gmail.com) and stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details!

**\*\*Also, a BIG Congratulations to HERB LATCHKO who won our top prize in the Raffle Draw – a one day Golf pass for Four, courtesy of Mabel Lake Golf Course.\*\***

We have many more prizes in store for the next movie night's Raffle Draw, so keep your calendar free for the 19<sup>th</sup> of August and see if Lady Luck will favour you. *Marion Fernandez*



## Summer Yoga

Gentle Yoga at Kingfisher Hall to increase flexibility, strengthen, tone and relax.

Fridays, 10 - 11:15 am  
July 7 - August 25  
8 weeks \$96; drop-in \$14

Please bring something to lie on, and a small blanket

*Alison Richmond*  
[www.yoganorthokanagan.com](http://www.yoganorthokanagan.com)  
838 0029  
[yoganorth@yahoo.ca](mailto:yoganorth@yahoo.ca)

## Kingfisher Library

We would like to say a big thank you again, for all the donations over the winter months. The library is almost back in order, before the big opening on June 27th.



The library cannot accept any more VHS video tapes; we have run out of room. Many thanks to the person who donated a whole big lot of DVDs.

We remind all of you - please sign in when you come into the library.

Happy Reading

*Sue Leavitt and Jane Clayton*



## Recycling

The Rivermouth Road recycling program is now active, but remember to label your recycling so garbage doesn't slip in and attract the local wildlife.

We are phasing out glass this year, so please drop off all glass at the waste management location up Beattie Road.

That's right, no glass. You may dispose any plastic and aluminum cans and bottles, but no tetra packs(juiceboxes) or other waste.

Please do not leave boxes, cardboard, or other containers along with your recycling- just the cans or bottles.

Look for new 'no parking signs' in front of the drop off and pick up area :)

Thank you, KCS Recycling Program,

*Catalin Faget*

## Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School  
*Barbea Flath 838 0324*



## Road Hockey

The tennis court.  
Sundays about 2.30  
**Equipment supplied.**

## Badminton

Kingfisher Hall

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



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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.

**ANTIQUATE SALE : 5, 6, & 7 AUGUST.**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**51 Potrie Rd. 250 838 6013**

*cash sales only*

**Camp Cook  
urgently needed for  
Camp MacKenzie**

Position begins July 2nd to August 18th. Must have Food Safe experience in planning, ordering and preparing meals, including special diets.

Job description on the website:

[www.mackenziecamp.ca](http://www.mackenziecamp.ca)

Salary \$680 weekly plus room & board, based on a 40 hr. week.

Contact: 250 838 6293 or 250 838 7908 for more info.

Email application form to: [maccamp@shaw.ca](mailto:maccamp@shaw.ca)



**MABEL LAKE BOAT STORAGE**

Bev Brookes

Tel: 250.838.5712  
#34 201 Kildonan Ave.  
Enderby, B.C., V0E 1V2





### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
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Maintenance	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	James Latchko -----	250 503 6698

### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brigitte Koch, our treasurer, 838-7350, or 2215 Mabel Lake Road.

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

### Membership

Art Herbert 3080 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, B C, V0E 1V5 [candaherbert@gmail.com](mailto:candaherbert@gmail.com) 838-9759  
\$30/family and \$20/single.

### KCS Newsletter

Direct your advertising and distribution questions to *George Jameson* [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

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KCS members only

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### KCS Newsletter

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Deadline is 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.

### 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