

# The Kingfisher

## Our Community's Newsletter



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**from your Chair**

*Murray MacDonald*

Up and down the valley, there was relief, when the cooler and somewhat wetter fall weather arrived. Though uncomfortable, at times, we managed to avoid the worst of the fires. Through it all the blue fire barrels stood on the side of the road, a visual reminder of the extreme danger we were facing. Many have wondered what use these barrels would be, in a real fire situation.

In August they were put to the test. Driving home one night, Neil and Colin Brookes noticed a truck stopping and scooping up the white fire buckets. Thinking these people were thieves, they gave chase and followed the truck up Cooke Creek Road. Just below the power line they came across a grass fire working its way uphill.

Turned out the thieves were BC Hydro guys who had touched off a fire while fixing a downed power line. Seeking a water source, they remembered the barrels and grabbed as many buckets as they could. Between them all the fire was put out before forestry crews arrived. Small actions can have big consequences. Rumour is, other rural areas are now considering their own fire barrel programs. Check out the September 22nd issue of Rivertalk issue for a more in-depth report on the story.

### **Around the Director's Table**

Lots has been happening in and around the Hall. The back of the Hall looks amazing with new fascia and paint. Check out the moon on the outdoor toilet too. Thanks James Latchko and crew for that.

Movie Nights continue and are drawing bigger crowds. A projector will be purchased to facilitate movies as well as power-point and slide shows. Wi-fi at the hall has been discussed.

#### ***Let us know what you think.***

Did you like the way the Hall was decorated for last years Harvest Dinner? It is going to happen again. Be there on Saturday, October 21st!! There will be music too.

Area F director Herman Halvorson offered to have the parking lot levelled with crush and then dust-proofed. Probably next spring. We said "yes".



## **Emergency / Evacuation Planning Update**

**October 2017**

*Submitted by Herb Latchko*

After a rather tense summer, the State of Emergency and Camp Fire Bans have been rescinded. Fall is a great time to reduce the fuel load around your home. We are not yet allowed to burn brush for this purpose. Usually this announcement is made somewhere around the mid to the end of October. Notifications appear in local newspapers and on the radio. Go to [wildfirebc.com](http://wildfirebc.com) for up-to-date information on restrictions and tips for reducing fuel loads around your home. Some people oppose burning due to the smoke in the air. Hand fed fires are hotter, which result in less smoke. Also, burning is supposed to be done only when `venting conditions` are appropriate. Call 1-888-281-2992 to get current condition and a fairly clear explanation of what they mean.

There have been some interesting fire related programs aired on CBC radio this summer. You may want to check out 2050: Degrees of Change which is a 5 part series on the impact of Climate Change in British Columbia. Episode 5 `Fire and Forests` is an eye opener. Also, the program `Ideas` produced an episode called: World on Fire, which aired on May 1st. If you download the free CBC radio app, you can search for these thought provoking shows.

Dr. Daniels is a Professor of Forest Ecology in the Forest and Conservation Sciences Department at UBC-Vancouver, where she directs the Tree-Ring Lab at UBC. She will present her on-going research on long-term forest fire patterns and forest resilience to climate change in a public talk at Okanagan College for the Science in Society Speaker Series. *“Wildfire is driven by climate, weather and fuels that vary among ecosystems and through time. Combined, land-use change, fire exclusion and global warming have made many forests highly susceptible to intense fires that are difficult to control and spread to large sizes,”* says Daniels.

*“Revolutionizing forest and fire management will improve ecosystem resilience to climate change, but we will not stop future fires from burning.”* The presentation will take place at Okanagan College’s Vernon campus in the lecture theater on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. in a talk entitled Wildfire 2017: Causes, Consequences and Solutions to a Wicked Problem. Admission to the lecture is \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. For advanced tickets call the Okanagan Science Centre at **250-545-3644**.

The Regional District is again offering to pay for half of the cost of fire barrels and buckets. So far: Jan Lacko, Greg Clark, James Latchko, the Grays, the Herberts, Loris Davidson and myself have sponsored a fire barrel at a community based location. Also, the Kingfisher Community Club and Kingfisher Interpretive Center have sponsored fire barrels. Brad and Allen Clark have been storing, putting out and filling many of the fire barrels. If you can think of a good community location for a fire barrel, consider sponsoring one. Your cost would be \$50.00.

**Please call me at 250-838-6525 if you are interested.**

Last year, 16 fire barrels with buckets were put out and another 10 went out this year. There are 10 more that will be ready to go soon.

If you would like to be involved with the soon to be revised Evacuation Plan, please call me. I will be sending out meeting information to contact people of the Local Planning Groups (LPG). The revised Evacuation Plan will hopefully be in place before the next flood or fire season.

## **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**



**Doors will open by 5pm**

The changing colours, signalling the end of a brilliant summer and the warm autumn leaves bring us to this year's Harvest Thanksgiving, which is just around the corner and this year we would love to see you all there!

If any of you would like to try their hand at performing - or want to volunteer with decorations - get in touch with any Director. Of course, we will have the usual goodies planned, but do get a little something for the dinner table as well! :)

**Date: 21st of October 2017**

**\*\*\*POKER TOURNAMENT AFTER EVENT\*\*\***

## **News from the Kingfisher Country Quilters**



The quilters are continuing to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There have been 7 - 9 quilters in attendance each time with interest being indicated by a few new people as well. We hope that those who have inquired and expressed interest will become active members of our group. We are continuing to work on quilts for donation to the women's shelter, Safe House in Salmon Arm.

**GOOD NEWS !!!** The quilters have made a lovely 58" X 82" quilt to go on raffle at the fall Harvest dinner on October 21. Tickets will only be on sale during the course of the evening at \$2.00 each. Proceeds of the raffle will be split between the Kingfisher community and the quilters. Bring your money and buy lots of tickets!!

## **PICTURES NEEDED!**



We all love the events that happen at the Hall - the yummy potlucks, the music, the chitter-chatter, and the feeling of thankfulness that comes with cozy events. But we all get busy and sometimes forget to take pictures - which go on our Facebook page and website. It's nice to go through all old pictures as they are a warm reminder of good memories. We would appreciate it if any pictures taken at Hall events is shared with us @ [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

**WOW!**

The grounds are looking sharp! We had tons of help again this year. All our buildings got a lot of **love**. New fascia boards, along with a fancy new paint job, make the back of the hall finally match the rest of the grounds. The new outhouse was painted to match. The front of the hall got a couple of new coats. Even the school and the storage shed got a coat or two.

It was a big group effort with lots of people to thank: Mac Clark, Jaime Mitchell, Luxe Robertso, Jamie Bannerman, Jax Putschinger, Sabrina, Catalin Faget, Dominic & Marion Fernandez, Ian Latchko, Cloverdale in Vernon for the donation of paint, Jackie Clark for the cake that helped keep us all working, and everyone else I forgot to mention.

**Amazing job guys! You keep this place shining as bright as ever.**

*James Latchko*



*The brightly coloured Outhouse*



*Helpful volunteers*



*The tools, equipment, paints and Work Center*



*The Yellow process*



## Gramma's Playground

## 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*



## Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School  
*Barbea Flath 838 0324*



## Badminton

Kingfisher Hall

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

## Road Hockey

The tennis court.  
Sundays 2.30  
Equipment supplied.

## 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 (juice boxes) 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*

## MABEL LAKE BOAT STORAGE

Bev Brookes

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Listings of accommodations for rent by owner.

**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.

**Young Living Essential Oils - October 27**

**Kingfisher Hall @ 7 PM**

**Information Night!** - This info session is **FREE!** Bring your friends!

Do you want to learn how Essential Oils can help support your health? If you have one issue (sleep, headaches, being sick all the time, depression) you've been struggling with, we are going to hold an info session on Young Living Essential Oils for YOU to learn about how these oils can help.

Do you want to learn how to kick toxic chemicals out of your home? We are going to walk through step by step and give easy, simple tactics that anyone can do with the BEST essential oils on the planet.

**No obligations – Come and Learn....Door prizes.**

**Contact:** Heather Brown-Mehrfert 250 852-1864  
**([heather-brown2@yahoo.com](mailto:heather-brown2@yahoo.com))**



### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	1 778 721 5665
Treasurer -----	Brigitte Koch-----	250 838 7350
Memberships	Art Herbert	250 838 9759
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Deanna Caswell-----	250 838 9678
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.

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

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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