

Hall Maintenance Notice

We love that the Kingfisher Hall is being used by many people and user groups.

If you use the Hall, please leave the hall cleaner than you found it. The Hall is cleaned after KCS Community Events, and the janitor takes garbage to the dump as needed, but is not required to clean the Hall on a daily basis, only after KCS events.

Please ensure that **you** clean the dishes, dry them and put them away, sweep the floor as needed and put away all equipment after you are done using the Hall and its amenities.

If you notice anything that needs immediate attention, please contact Greg Clark. If supplies need to be replenished, use the white board @ the kitchen door to list needed supplies.

What To Look forward To:

Saturday, April 14th	Hall Clean up & Potluck Lunch
Sunday, May 14th	Mother's Day Breakfast
Friday, May 25th	Annual General Meeting, Wine and Cheese Social to follow
Saturday, June 9th	Porch Party & Potluck Dinner
Wednesday, June 27th	First Farmer's Market!
Saturday, July 7th	Strawberry Tea

Newsletter Advertisement Costs

Marion, the editor of the newsletter, and I met with the KCS Directors at their March meeting to discuss the ever-rising costs of printing and distribution. We shared that the latest increase in costs is +9.25%, beginning in April.

Presently the printing costs to the KCS for an ad are close to double what we charge the advertiser. To cover this discrepancy and to help generate some revenue we need to raise the yearly advertising rate to \$100 (6 months or less - \$50). We are also reducing the size of the ad to 1/8 page. All ads presently running and paid for will continue, as is, until they expire.

One or two-line submissions in the '**Community Ads**' section of the newsletter will continue to be free to paid up members.

All KCS members wishing to run an ad will be charged, except for non-profits (Kingfisher Interpretive Centre and Camp MacKenzie). A cheque made out to the KCS needs to be mailed or dropped off to myself prior to the ad's inclusion.

All ads to be emailed directly to g67george@gmail.com.

Review the KCS Advertising box on the back page for further details.

Employment Opportunity

Kingfisher Interpretive Center

Looking for a very part-time job this Spring? The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre is seeking an interpreter for one or two days a week and for on-call work for May and June. Experience with kids and/or environmental knowledge is an asset but not essential.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact:

Shona at (250)838-0004 or by email at: kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com.

Emergency / Evacuation Planning Update - April 2018

Herb Latchko

The Flood and Fire Review Commission held a public engagement hearing in Kelowna on March 28th.

At the time of this writing, I plan to attend. Throughout my submissions to the Kingfisher Newsletter, I have tried to keep them informative and positive. In a written submission to the Commission, I did however express great frustration with the lack of progress in reducing fuel loads provincially and locally. Hopefully the Commission will recommend carrying out the massive fuel reductions suggested in the Filmon report of 2005 (after the Kelowna Fire of 2003) and; that the Province will follow through with any recommendations. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Regional District has applied for a Fire Smart funding to update Emergency Evacuation Plan from 2005. At this point I have not heard if the funding has been secured or how/when the Regional District will proceed.

I would like to encourage you to reduce the fuel load around your home. Consider making the discussion of a province wide effort for fuel reduction on a massive scale part of your conversations. We will have more smoke. Will it be uncontrolled smoke by chance or smoke by choice? Go to 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 burn hotter, which results in less smoke. Remember, burning is suppose 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.

The photos accompanying this article show the massive increase of fuel in our area (Ashton Creek). Thanks to Chris Solic for providing them. "Smokey the Bear" has done his job too well.

Start your tractor 🚜
Shift into gear
Jim Schalin's 70th Birthday
Is almost here. 🐕

You are invited to a coffee and cake open house on **Sunday April 29th** at Jim's house from 2 - 4 pm
2807 Mabel Lake Road
No gifts please.
Bring a lawn chair if it is nice.

Thanks,
Gail Schalin
838-6254



Special Mention

As mentioned, our February "FUN-Raiser" was a great success - numbers are in and as a community we raised just over \$2000 - despite the snowy weather. This wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of local donors. We would like to thank and recognize these businesses and individuals.

Ashton Creek Store
Backus Racing

Cliff's
Colin Brookes

Enderby Jewellers

HRSA

Hungry Jack's Cafe

Jackie Clark

Jan Lacko

Janet Brown

Joan Turner

Kingfisher Community Quilters

Kingfisher Interpretive Centre

Lookers

Luxe

Mabel Lake Golf & Country Club

Pressed Wishes

Roger Hatt

Second Impressions Consignment

Small Axe Bistro

Sue Saloka

Tony O's

Valhalla Revelstoke

Birds of Note

George Jameson

Along the Shuswap River look for our community's namesake and symbol, the Belted Kingfisher, hovering in the air above clear and smooth sections of water. Once a fish is spotted the Kingfisher barrels straight down (up to 2 feet below the surface) and spears or grabs it in its bill. With its third eyelid closed, its eyes are protected when it is underwater. It then flies to a perch, bashes its catch against a branch to kill and soften it up, flips it in the air, and swallow it whole, headfirst. Undigested scales and bones are regurgitated as pellets. Listen also for its loud, distinctive, rattling call.

Across from Schalin's dairy farm on Hupel Flats look for Kingfisher nesting tunnels dug into the banks. Excavated with two fused toes, which it uses like a shovel, these tunnels have a rounded chamber at one end and are slanted upwards for drainage. Tunnel lengths range from one to eight feet deep!

Kingfishers are monogamous within each breeding season, April to July, but form new pairs every year. Patrolling an area of 300-500 metres of shoreline, these highly territorial birds are especially vulnerable during breeding season to incursions by boats, people, predators, and other birds. For the rest of the year, Kingfishers are solitary.

Belted Kingfisher fossils up to 600,000 years old have been found in parts of the US.

Spotted—a Western Bluebird at the Rivermouth Beach on March 19th and a Western Screech Owl at the Herbert's.

Contact me at g67george@gmail.com if you see or hear any noteworthy birds.



Notice of meeting

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society will be held on April 18, 2018 starting at 7PM
Riverside Community Hall
3784 Trinity Valley Rd.
Ashton Creek
Join us for a slide show and a presentation about the KICS.
Refreshments will be served

Mother's
DAY

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Skipping a year of such a wonderful event proved just that
- it's a wonderful event.

Sunday, May 13th
8am - 11am

\$10 per person

Come enjoy - 2 pancakes (fresh strawberries and real whip cream), 2 eggs, 2 sausages, coffee, tea, juice

- but mostly enjoy a lovely day with Mom



TEAM UP
TO CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 14th 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

Daughter's Production's Inc. will be filming by the Kingfisher Community Hall on April 12th. The filming includes trained wolves. We graciously ask that all domestic animals are on a leash on this day. If you have any questions or concerns please contact **Robert at 778-938-3898.**

Kingfisher Library

The Library will be accessible from 10am - 3pm every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.
Happy Reading!

Kingfisher Quilters

Old Kingfisher School
Marieka Vroon
838-7856

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

TASS - Tuesday Afternoon Social Scene

Every Tuesday @ 1pm -
Contact: Ted & Marieka Vroon for more details
838-7856

GUITAR:

You might have noticed a **guitar** hanging on the wall above the piano. It has been generously donated to the KCS by **Jade Lawrence**, to encourage random music-making. Feel free to play. Rock out, Kumbaya or practice. *Age 10 and up would be a rule of thumb.*



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 2018 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, with a copy of your resume.

Positions

- Line Cook
- Grounds Crew
- Housekeeping
- Pro Shop
- Lounge

Badminton

Kingfisher Hall

Catalin Faget
1 250 999 0945 or the Hall
838 6200

Road Hockey

The tennis Court.
Sundays 2.30pm
Equipment Supplied

Eye in the Sky 2018 ~ *Brian Lussin*

Here is a selection of celestial events for 2018. With the help of astronomer friend, Nairb Nissul, I have mostly selected those that would be best for naked eye and binocular viewing.

Venus gradually appears in the evening western sky in March and moves higher until elongation on August 17th. Several planets move into nighttime viewing in April, May, and June.

Solstice on June 21st - summer - prepare for fire season. Get a water barrel and bucket.

Watch this space. Clear skies everyone!



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Road and driveway maintenance, repairs, new construction.

Waterworks, reserve tanks, waterline - installation, repairs.

Tree removal - hazardous, unwanted, pruning.



Kingfisher residents since 1953.
Allen & Brad Clark
250 838 6062
References available.



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

MASSAGE PRACTITIONER

Available for booking in home or studio sessions. Call Catalin 1 250 999-0945

MABEL LAKE RENTALS

www.mabellakerentals.ca
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.

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

Mabel Lake Farms

Kent & Suzanne Clark
250-838-6248
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 -----	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 -----		

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!

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

Membership *Art Herbert*

3080 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, B C, V0E 1V5 candaherbert@gmail.com 838-9759
\$30/family and \$20/single.

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.

KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to Marion Fernandez:
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.

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