

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

May 2018



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kingfishercommunity.com is live!!



From your CHAIR:

Murray MacDonald

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Hall Clean-up in April. Snow was on the ground so we didn't get too much done outside. We'll schedule a day for that later. The Hall is now sparkly and ready for summer action.

As you know, Mother's Day breakfast is back. A well-trained group of cooks and waiters is ready to bring you the pancakes.

The KCS AGM is on May 25th. Renew your membership and get a fascinating glimpse into the workings of our community. At the meeting we'll hear from our Area F director Herman Halvorson. Also, we will be looking to fill one director position. If you are thinking you'd like to get involved, talk to a director. We can make it work for you.



KCS Annual General Meeting 2018

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Kingfisher Community Society will be on
Friday, May 25th, 7pm, at 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 Hermann Halvorson will report on his efforts at the Regional district level.

If you have an interest in becoming a board member for KCS contact any of the directors listed in this newsletter. We welcome new energy and ideas. The meeting will be followed by a wine and cheese social.

Rockin' COUNTRY MUSIC Part 1

**Saint Andrew's United Church
1110 Belvedere Street, Enderby**

DINNER THEATRE: MAY 4 & MAY 5	DESSERT THEATRE: MAY 6
Dinner @ 5:30 pm Show @ 7 pm	Dessert @ 2 pm Show @ 2:30 pm
\$20 or \$10 Show Only	\$12 or \$10 Show Only
Dinner: Chuckwagon Chow (beef) with homemade biscuits & rabbit feed (salad)	Dessert: Cowpoke Cake (with fruit sauce and whipped cream!)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! To reserve tickets or for more information, phone 250-308-9556. All proceeds help kids go to MacKenzie Camp this summer!

Behold the Power of Camp!

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.

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**.

What To Look forward To:

Saturday, May 12th	Art Day
Sunday, May 13th	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.

Kingfisher's Farmers Market

Kingfisher's Farmers Market opens for the 2018 season

Every Wednesday from June 27th - September 5th
11am - 1 pm.

Last year's market was well attended with record crowds. Come on out this year and join the many new vendors and the popular returning ones. New people in the kitchen serving delicious goodies!

See you there!

Barb Bannister, Market Manager



ART DAY!
~ Brian Lussin

Sometimes the inner artist needs to come out. Join us on May 12th, 10am to 3 pm, at the School/Hall for a workshop on sketching and drawing. Practical lesson, guest artist, sketch by the River, open to all levels. There are still a few spaces left. Supplies need not hold you back. I have lots. Contact Brian at balussin@telus.net

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

2018

MACKENZIE CAMP
on beautiful Mabel Lake
2017 SUMMER CAMPS
for kids aged 6-17, July 2 thru August 18
Camp available for rental prior to June 28 & after August 20
Quality care & Programming
Specialty Camps, too - Drama & Fly Fishing!
See our website and brochure 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

Emergency/Evacuation Planning (May 2018)

Herb Latchko

The Flood and Fire Commission's report is scheduled to be released at the end of April. I attended the Public Engagement Hearing in Kelowna and brought along two blown-up poster pictures of the two photographs appearing in last month's newsletter. These photographs show very clearly the build up of fuels in the Ashton Creek area. This massive buildup is occurring through the Province. The Engagement Hearing was informal in nature and I had a chance to talk with each of the Commissioners for about 15 minutes.

The Commissioners have heard many concerns about the massive build up of fuels, as they have traveled throughout the Province. The Commissioners have read and studied the Filmon Report, which was written as a result of the disastrous fire season of 2003-the year of the Kelowna Fire. They have also met with Dr. Lori Daniels, from the Tree Ring Lab at UBC. Dr. Daniels was one of the authors of an open letter to the Premier and Minister of Forests calling for a massive reduction of fuel loads near communities (estimated cost of \$3-4 billion). A news item last week caught my attention. At the risk of not getting the numbers correct, the gist of the segment was that it would cost over twice as much to evacuate a community for 3 days than to substantially reduce the fuel load around that community.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Regional District applied for Fire Smart Funding to possibly update the 2005 Emergency Evacuation Plan, among other things. The funding has been approved. A statement from the Regional District's Protective Services Manager is forth coming and will hopefully make the deadline

for this month's newsletter. There is also a joint effort in the works for getting Fire Hazard Rating sign(s) in our area.

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 supposed to be done only when `venting conditions` are appropriate. Call **1-888-281-2992** to get current conditions and a fairly clear explanation of what they mean.

The Vernon Morning Star ran an article in early April about fire crew putting out a grass fire south of Vernon. These early spring fires are common before the 'green-up'. Here in Kingfisher, we await the melting snow pack.

Lastly, there are still eight Blue Fire Barrels left. As the Regional has paid half the cost, your cost for a barrel and two buckets is \$50.00...Perhaps you and your neighbours would sponsor a "Fire Barrel and Buckets" at a vulnerable location near you. Please call **250-838-6525** if you are interested.

Birds of Note

George Jameson

A murder of crows, an unkindness or conspiracy of ravens – these group names reflect a human history of suspicion and mistrust of these, the cleverest of birds.

The Common Raven and the American Crow are among the most recent birds to evolve. They will eat almost anything they can get hold of, which has allowed them to thrive in all types of environments. They are judged by most ornithologists to be the most intelligent of birds, or as the Reverend Henry Ward Beecher stated, "If men had wings and black feathers, few of them would be clever enough to be crows."

The Common Raven and the American Crow can be hard to tell apart but look for the following clues. In flight the crow has a rounded tail where the raven has a diamond shaped tail. American Crows have a strong, harsh caw compared to the resonant, throaty croak and rattle of the Common Raven. In flight ravens are more raptor-like, soaring on thermals, or doing acrobatic rolls and dropping and catching items in mid-air. The more sociable crow, in the mean time, can be seen flapping by methodically in large numbers.

Both species are monogamous and form long-term pair bonds. Breeding pairs of ravens hold territories, generally for life, from which they try to exclude all other ravens.

In winter, young ravens, finding a carcass, will call other young ravens to the prize. There have been over 250 calls of crows recorded, including a variety of distress calls that will bring aid from even other unrelated crows in the area.

Sociable, especially when not nesting, crows may gather in communal roosts on winter nights, sometimes with thousands or even tens of thousands together. While seen in Kingfisher all year round, many crows move some distance southward in winter for more hospitable climes. Common Ravens do not migrate, although some northern birds will wander south in the winter.

The next time you meet a crow or raven greet it with a croak (or caw). They just might know what you mean.

MABEL LAKE WINGS AND WHEELS FLYIN --
JULY 14 (main events), 15, 2018

Invitation to: EVERYONE IN THE MABEL LAKE COMMUNITY, Langley aviators, Vernon Grads of '65, everyone is invited to bring a friend.

Activities : - Saturday July 14 – starting at 12 noon
- Fraser Blues – Langley formation flying team
- Snow flakes - RV formation flyers
- Gyrocopter demo – flying capabilities
- Classic Car Display 10am –4pm – clubhouse parking lot

***ALL CLASSIC CARS ARE WELCOME FOR DISPLAY ***
- Vernon Grads of '65 social gathering at 3pm -- Lot 16

Resort Area : - check the website --- mabellake.com -----
- marina, beach area, golf, airstrip
- food and drinks available at restaurant and resort store

Camping : - lots of space in and near our lot 16 hangar on airstrip/ RV campsite
- bathroom in hangar/ RV campsite

Airstrip : - PPR – contact Dennis or your Mabel Lake friend/owner if you are flying in.
- no cell service at Mabel – use email
- superb grass strip – 20 miles east of Enderby

RSVP : - would be appreciated for pilots

CONTACT - Dennis and Janie Popowich – Lot 16 --
popdennis1@gmail.com

HOPE TO SEE YOU FOR SUMMER FUN IN THE OKANAGAN SUN

Alastair Crick - Manager, Protective Services

The RDNO has approved a grant to update our Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The work for this has been contracted to a RPF and including part of the work is a re-assessment of the fuel types, densities, dispersion around all of the vulnerable areas of the RDNO (under SWPI rules).

A hazard assessment and risk analysis will be formulated. With this data the next stage is to prepare a fuel management prescription program, which in turn allows for planned operational fuel treatment and maintenance programs to be undertaken. These are logical steps that must be undertaken.

Another grant that was applied for and approved was for work to be done on Firesmarting the community. This involves a closer look at the immediate fuel threat to the community, and can be used in assisting people to reduce their risk for wildfire on private and public property. It doesn't cover the owner costs in thinning the fuel, but can assist in disposal, planning for mitigating the hazards.

The "emergency response plan" that was produced by Dale Fennel in 2005 still hold fairly true today. The majority of the physical and strategic points, information and hazards still exist. The details of junctions and open areas for safer congregation still exist.

A communication strategy is a key area that should be worked on, I would like to get together with the community group and discuss ideas.

Eye in the Sky Spring 2018 ~ Nairb Nissul

With clearing skies there should be a great view of Venus as the planet rises in the Western sky over the next 3 months. Venus is never in the eastern sky in the evenings. Its western declination rises to 25 degrees later in May. It then begins its descent towards the horizon and slowly rises in the morning in the East in December. Travelling towards Enderby in the evening twilight Venus will be about 2 to 3 hands wide above Splatsin Centre.

Jupiter will be visible for the next while in the evening sky in the constellation Libra. Four of its many moons are visible with binoculars - look Southerly high up in the sky.

The Sun is moving into Taurus on the 21st. At twilight and continuing to the East, watch for bright stars like Castor, Pollux, Regulus, Spica and the planet Jupiter. Full moon on the 30th with Jupiter a few finger widths to the South. Ready for a summer astronomical challenge?

We'll see, ha ha. Yours truly, Nairb Nissul.

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
Barbea Flath
250 838 0324

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.*

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.

Thats 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 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

Heinz Doerfling Drywall

- Boarding
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Community Ads (free to KCS members)

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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

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

May 19th - 20th
9 am - 3 pm
(The Old Dale Farm)
1962 Mabel Lake Road.

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