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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

June 2018



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



**From your CHAIR:**  
*Murray MacDonald*

**“Only fools and newcomers try to predict the weather.”**

*~Wilfred Simard*

As I write, the Shuswap river laps at the edge of Mabel Lake Road. This, just as the beginning of the fire season is announced. We've seen a lot of weather in the last year. Hot summer, cold winter, weird winds, floods and fires. Makes you wonder? So, when Neil Brookes relayed the above quote made by Wilfred Simard so many years ago, I was amused and comforted. We do live in a unique zone, straddling as it were, the Monashee's, Columbia, South Shuswap and North Okanagan. Even within this valley there are micro-climates. Storms can rip up Mabel Lake and people at Cooke Creek know nothing about it. Geographically blessed and sometimes geographically stressed. Did the Secwepemc people have a saying like this? It has the ring of truth.

The Jumble Dance is going to be amazing! Our talent scout in Vancouver has booked the **Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra**. They are touring Western Canada and bringing the party to Kingfisher Hall on July 14th. I saw a couple of them busking on the streets of Nelson once. Biggest busking crowd ever! Check them out on YouTube. Also, there is a rumour that CBC wants to do a story on our one of a kind, event. **Year sixty-three. Be there.**

Last night was the KCS AGM. About forty people (good for an AGM) showed up to get a picture on what has been happening in and around the Kingfisher Hall, this past year. As well as director reports we heard from the Interpretive Center, the quilters, the school, fire safety, newsletter and tennis court group. Herman Halvorson was on hand to talk about Regional District of the North Okanagan issues and on the election front, Dirk Campagnolo, is coming on board as a Director.

**“Community is the work of being a community.”** *Unknown*

### What To Look forward To:

Saturday, June 9th: Porch Party & Potluck Dinner  
Wednesday,  
June 27th: First Farmer's Market!

Saturday, July 7th: Strawberry Tea  
Saturday, July 14th: JUMBLE DANCE  
Saturday, Aug 25th: Corn Roast

## GONE MISSING

A very large ( approx 10" x 10") piece of obsidian (shiny black volcanic rock resembling glass) has disappeared from outside my house next to Kingfisher Hall.

I found this piece in Oregon on a trip down to California when my kids were younger so it has great sentimental value. If you have it or know someone who has it please get it back to me at 3335 Mabel Lake Road. No questions asked.

Thank you! Susan Pinto

## 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

## Strawberry Tea: 7th July



We are searching for bakers and cake enthusiasts who can lend a helping hand with planning this event.

If you would like to donate your time, and cake making abilities for the Cake Walk as well as help out with other areas of this event, please contact Brigitte @ **250 838 7350** or Marion @ **1 778 721 5665**

## Emergency/Evacuation Planning

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~ Herb Latchko

The Flood and Fire Commission's report was released at the end of April. It's some 140 pages long. The report does make note of the huge fuel loads throughout the Province and has made several recommendations to try and mitigate the situation. Although I have not yet read the entire report, I did not see the Commission recommending the estimated \$3-\$4 billion required to put a significant dent in the problem. To view the Full Report or Executive Summary, go to :[bcfloodfirereview.ca](http://bcfloodfirereview.ca)

The report recommends unified evacuation plans throughout the Province. This may have bearing on the revision of the Kingfisher Evacuation Plan of 2005. Commissioners also noted the value of local knowledge, not only in mitigation planning but in the actual first responses to fires. Our Regional District's Protective Services Manager, Alastair Crick, commented in last month's Kingfisher Newsletter that local input will be valuable in any future planning. Our Local Planning Groups (LPG) will most likely be asked to contribute.

The chance of getting one or two Fire Danger Rating Signs is looking good...Now is a good time to get all your fire fighting equipment together and in good working order. Talk and prepare with your neighbours - practice everything...There are still six 'Fire Barrel and Bucket' sets left. The Regional District has put in half the cost, so your cost would be **\$50.00**. Please call **250-838-6525** if you want one or would like to sponsor one at a vulnerable location.

On May 15th, the size of open fires was restricted at elevations under 1,200 meters. As of the time of this submission (25 May), campfires a half-meter by half-meter (or smaller) are still allowed. Check: [bcwildfire.ca](http://bcwildfire.ca) for up-to-date information. To report a wildfire, call **1-800-663-5555** or on a cell **\*5555**.

**Birds of Note**

*George Jameson*

Like many Kingfisher residents and friends, Rufous and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds return to our beautiful valley with the arrival of warm spring days.

Hummingbirds are the world's smallest and gram for gram among it's most aggressive birds; a small Ruby-throated adult can weigh as little as 2.4 grams, the same as a Canadian penny (you remember those). Hummingbirds are very territorial, especially the males. While active during the day hummingbird's heart beats at an astounding 1200 times/minute and they flap their wings at up to 80 times/second. They can fly up to 60 mph for short distances. At night they go into a state of semi-hibernation, called torpor, where their heart beat drops to 50 times/minute.

With such an incredibly high metabolism they need to eat about every 10 seconds. Contrary to popular belief hummingbirds are carnivores and consume nectar from flowers and feeders just to fuel their insect catching activity. To not waste time on already explored flowers they are able to memorize the location of more than 1000 blossoms in a day.

During mating, males will streak up 60 feet high before rocketing straight down, pulling up just before hitting the ground.

Most Ruby-throated Hummingbirds winter between southern Mexico and northern Panama while the hardier Rufous spends its winters in Mexico and the southern US. Migrating south in waves, the males leave first in July, closely followed by the females, and a month later by the year's hatchlings who make the trip for the first time alone. Enjoy these tiny aerial artists while you can; they'll soon be southward bound.

**SUMMER MENTORSHIP STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**



**Summer Student** wanted for 30 hrs a week for 8 weeks starting July 2nd, 2018 at the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre. Duties include hosting summer visitors, learning about plants and animals, working with children, event planning and site maintenance. Must be willing to work outdoors. E-mail applications and/or questions to [kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com) or mail to 2550 Mabel Lake Rd, Enderby, BC, V0E 1V5 by **June 15th, 2018**.

**This job offers great experience in the field of Natural Resources. Previous summer students have pursued careers in Fisheries, become teachers, renewable resource technicians and much more. We are able to individualize the job to suit the interest of the student so they get the most out of their work experience. Besides, who wouldn't love to spend the summer outside, close to the river!**

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

**July 14, 12 noon:**  
- Fraser Blues, Snow flakes Gyrocopter demo, Classic Car Display clubhouse parking lot  
**Dennis & Janie Popowich – [popdennis1@gmail.com](mailto:popdennis1@gmail.com)**

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

### **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.

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*

### **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. It 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.

### **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**

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***hddrywall@xplornet.com***



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Road and driveway maintenance, repairs, new construction.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.janetbrownphotography.com)  
[e:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com](mailto:e:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com)

## 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

### FaceBook

Our FaceBook Community Page is for the community - so please feel free to share news from in and around Kingfisher, and other news that may concern our community. **Share, comment, Like, post** - use this platform to connect and let others know what is happening - whether it is the water levels, bear sightings, things you want to buy/sell or more.

We want to hear from you!



## 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 -----	Dirk Campagnolo	

### 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](mailto:kcsentertainmentdirector@gmail.com)  
 to know about events.  
[KCSrecreation@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:candaherbert@gmail.com)

Paid Advertisements: [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)  
 paid ads be limited to 1/8 page - Word docs/ KCS members only  
 Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100) 6 months for \$50

### KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to  
 Marion Fernandez:  
[editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Yoga North

**Summer Yoga:** Kingfisher at the Kingfisher Hall

*Gentle yoga to increase flexibility,  
 strengthen, tone and relax*

**July 6– Aug 24**

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

**8 weeks:\$96/ drop-in: \$14**

Please bring something to lie on, and a small blanket  
 Classes in Enderby and Armstrong re-commence in September.

For more information, contact:

Alison838-0029

[yoganorth@yahoo.ca](mailto:yoganorth@yahoo.ca)

[www.yoganorthokanagan.com](http://www.yoganorthokanagan.com)

***Alison Richmond***

*Cert. Yoga Instructor, teaching since 1998*

*Cert. Kripalu Yoga Dance Instructor*

### 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