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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

October 2018



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



**From your CHAIR:**

*Murray MacDonald*

After a quiet and refreshing month of September, KCS is gearing up for two fun October events. First up is **Road Bowling on Sunday October 14th at 2:00**. Your bucket list is not complete if you haven't tried this unusual sport. The look on the faces of passing motorists is worth the effort alone. Potluck at the finish line (Hall).

The Harvest Dinner is on **Saturday October 20th**. This is always a great night. There will be entertainment after dinner. If you'd like to contribute an act of some sort, contact me at **250-838-6379**.

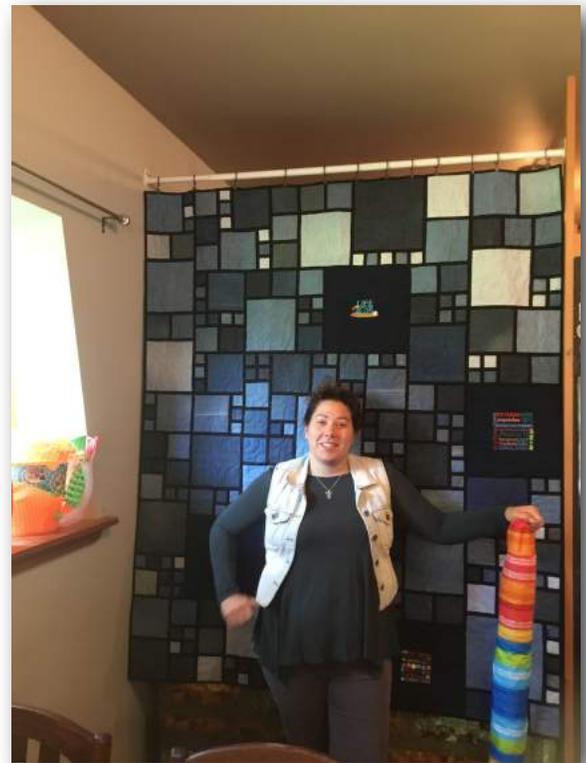
### Events for October:

**ROAD BOWLING** - 14th OCTOBER 2PM (Potluck after the event is over at the Hall).

**HARVEST DINNER** - 20th OCTOBER - 5PM at Kingfisher Hall.

The Beach raffle quilt was held on the 3rd of September and the lovely denim quilt lovingly made by the Kingfisher Country Quilters went home with the lucky winner - Tamara Meidema of Enderby!

***Congratulations Tamara!***



*Tamara Meidema of Enderby with her "Beach Fun" quilt.*

## **Emergency/Evacuation Planning**

**October 2018**

***Submitted by Herb Latchko***

I hope, that from the heading of this submission, you will have noticed that I have returned to the standard heading. I had been using this heading for the past few years, but stopped for awhile due to the lack of response from the Regional District. The Regional District has now responded to our request for a revision of the 2005 Emergency Response Plan-with a plan. You will find their response, in full, elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. If you are interested in being a part of the process, please contact me.

Fall is a great time to reduce the fuel load around your home. According to the [wildfirebc.ca](http://wildfirebc.ca) website, open fires are now permitted in the Kamloops Fire Center Region. But, Area B & C of the North Okanagan Regional District have extended the 'open burning' ban until October 31st. The [wildfirebc.ca](http://wildfirebc.ca) website has clear descriptions of what is defined as 'open burning'. Call **1-888-663-5555** for venting information before you burn. It's a rather easy to follow automated system which will explain whether the venting conditions will allow for the acceptable distribution of the smoke.

Thanks to everyone for keeping the 42 Fire Barrels 'out and about' this fire season. It's probably a good time to store them away until next year.

I received some feedback from several people this summer. I would like to paraphrase the feedback and pass it along here:

- The Hwy 1 closure that brought a parade of people down Three Valley Gap stimulated a lot of conversation. Like: "It doesn't take much to stop a parade." And: "A similar 'gong show' could easily develop if we had to move many of the 5-6000 people here during BC Day to Enderby via the Mabel Lake Rd."
- Old timers report that the seemingly large number of lighting strikes which took place this summer have happened in the past.
- Some suggest the response to the Mabel Lake/Mabel Creek fire(s) was inadequate; others suggest that this is an example of the 'let them burn if it's safe' approach to reduce fuel loads.
- The \$50 million announced for community fuel reduction is 'a drop in the bucket' compared to the massive amount needed to put a dent in the fuel loads around communities. (Dr. Lori Daniels, from the SFU Tree Ring Lab, suggests it should be in the \$3-4 Billion range. BC spent over \$ 1 Billion in the past two years on direct fire fighting cost.)
- Off Road Restrictions should come into effect much sooner.
- Slash piles from logging are not being dealt with as they should.
- Campfire Bans should be more localized in nature. (The Vernon Fire Zone is huge. Stretching from north of Salmon Arm to Winfield- interior rain forest to semi-arid.)
- Who should be accessing funding for fuel load reduction. Is this the function of the Regional District?
- An old time fire personnel suggests that many experienced upper level wildfire staff have retired and have not been replaced with the increased number required. Out of Province people are being brought in for the 'overhead teams' and are not familiar with the area. Like: "Where's Kingfisher?"

In closing I would like to say that, at least, all the smoke this summer has stimulated the conversation. We will have more smoke! Will it be by choice (controlled burns) or by chance?

Herb Latchko  
250-838-6525



### **Birds of Note**

*George Jameson*

Watching an osprey cruise the thermals above Mabel Lake offers a vivid reminder of our connection to all living things.

One of the most widely distributed birds in the world, most ospreys that breed in North America migrate to Central and South America for the winter. Migration maps on the Cornell University website indicate our local ospreys flock to the Baja and Central America.

Not as maneuverable as other hawks, they are unique among birds in the way they dive feet first, often from heights as high as 40 metres, to catch fish up to a metre under the surface. Unlike other raptors the osprey has 4 equal toes, the outer one reversible that allows them to seize and carry their prey. They have hook like scales on the soles of their feet that allow them to carry their slippery catch head first to a nearby tree to eat.

Sometimes when they catch a fish too heavy to carry and are unable to let go, an osprey can be dragged underwater and drowned. They are the only North American hawk that eats almost exclusively live fish. Ospreys obtain most of their required water from their prey.

Situated in open areas for easy approach, osprey nests are large and bulky, built with twigs and lined with grass and moss. Ospreys live for 15-20 years and couples share the same nest year after year. After generations these nests can be as large as 3-4 metres deep and 1-2 metres in diameter, large enough for a person to sit in.

Ospreys, at the top of the aquatic food web, are biological indicators of environmental problems. Osprey studies in the 1970's provided support for wider legal arguments against the use of persistent pesticides such as DDT. Still listed as endangered in some areas, ospreys are considered a conservation success story.

With underparts and head mostly white and a dark "mask" extending past their eyes, ospreys fly with a distinctive kink in their wings. They have a short, chirping whistle. As with most raptors, the female is larger than the male. Her wingspan is up to 180 cm wide and her weight approximately 1.5 kg.

We live in a world of change, beauty is fleeting, and our Kingfisher ospreys will soon depart. Catch them while you can, but if not, next spring they'll be back.

### **RDNO Response to Revising the 2005 Emergency Evacuation Plan**

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) would like to thank you for your inquiry regarding the revision of the 2005 Emergency Evacuation Plan.

Alastair Crick, RDNO Protective Services Manager, will be submitting a recommendation to the Electoral Areas in regards to updating their Emergency Evacuation Plans in the 2019 budget. In the case of an evacuation before this time, the foundational information from the 2005 plan will be adhered to. If an

### **RDNO Response to Revising the 2005 Emergency Evacuation Plan Contd.**

evacuation alert or order is required for any area, all residents will be notified of where to evacuate, register and which are the affected properties within the area of notice. Only permanent residents, those not within “seasonal” zoning, “R6” or commercial zoning “C’s” would be catered for under the provisions of EMBC emergency social services. These visitors can return to their permanent place of residence.

The RDNO currently provides information to residents through the RDNO website and in local papers. The RDNO would like to provide the following information in response to the local newsletter received on August 27, 2018:

- 1) The RDNO has an Emergency Management webpage that links residents to all the information necessary for emergency evacuations and planning on the Provincial Government website.
- 2) The RDNO offers an email list where residents can subscribe to receive instant Emergency Management updates in all areas of the RDNO at [www/rdno.ca/subscribe](http://www/rdno.ca/subscribe). The RDNO encourages all residents to subscribe to this service in order to stay up to date on emergency information in their area.
- 3) Because each emergency is different, the evacuation plan for each area will also be different. Each property / land owner is required to have their own plan in regards to both protecting their property and leaving their property in the case of an emergency. The Province of British Columbia offers various information on how to be prepared in case of evacuation. There is also a link to this RDNO’s website.
- 4) Alastair Crick, Protective Services Manager, is available to attend meetings to present information on Emergency Preparedness, and how the RDNO itself is prepared for all different types of emergencies.

We thank you for your commitment to keeping our community prepared for any emergency that might arise. If you have any further questions please contact Mike Fox at 250.550.3719 or [mike.fox@rdno.ca](mailto:mike.fox@rdno.ca).

Thank you,  
Stacey Kruger | Clerk, Community Services | Regional District of North Okanagan

### **KINGFISHER SCHOOL LIBRARY OCTOBER 2018**

Well it was quite a busy library this year with 562 adults and children signing in the book. That is all you have to do to use the Kingfisher School Library. So when you visit us please sign in the book, as I know I missed quite a few this year when it was really busy.

As usual we would like to thank all of the people that donated and also returned books and videos. We have a new box outside, compliments of Bonnie, so the books will not get wet.

We would like to say we miss you Jane Clayton, please get better so you can visit us more often. Have a great fall and winter, see you when the Farmers Market starts again.

Happy Reading  
**Sue Leavitt and Bonnie Warawa**

**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)

**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.

**Tennis Anyone?**

I am looking for anyone in the Kingfisher area that could play week day afternoons or weekends. Please call **250-503-6198**

**Bruce Ingleson**

**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:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com)

**Guided Meditation**

Guided Mindfulness Meditation with Yogini Rawal every Wednesday at 7PM at Loris', 3130 Mabel Lake Road. Contact Loris (**250-838-7747**) or George (**250-838-6882**) for more information.

**Kingfisher Quilters**

Old Kingfisher School  
*Barbea Flath 250 838 0324*

**Road Hockey**

The tennis Court.  
Sundays 2.30pm  
**Equipment Supplied**

**Badminton**

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

**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**

**Heinz Doerfling Drywall**

- Boarding •Taping •Finishing
- Textured Ceilings
- Residential •Renovations
- Serving Enderby and Mabel Lake

**250-838-7477**

**[hddrywall@xplornet.com](mailto:hddrywall@xplornet.com)**



## Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Marion Fernandez	1 778 721 5665
Treasurer -----	Brenda Heywood -----	250 838 2193
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-----	250 838 6278

### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brenda Heywood, our treasurer, 838-2193.

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)  
 838-9759  
 \$30/family and \$25/single.

### KCS Advertising

#### Paid Advertisements

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

### 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