

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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kingfishercommunity.com is live!!



From your CHAIR:
Murray MacDonald

John Heywood is having a birthday!

Come celebrate his youthfulness and good looks for turning 80.

December 30 1 - 4 PM at the one and only Kingfisher Hall.

Tea and Aussie goodies will be provided. No gifts, just your presence and memories required.

~Hosted by John's children

Bowling with the Salmon

Nine people turned out for Road Bowling on October 14th. Other than Marieka disappearing down a hole on the last throw of the game, everything went smoothly. This year the bowlers enjoyed the added bonus of throwing alongside a massive Sockeye run. Two ancient traditions coincide.

The Kids Are Alright

During the entertainment at the Harvest dinner, two, two-year-old valley kids threw down some major chops. First, Ronin Ashworth sang Starlight Starbright. Later, he joined Emrie Martin, go-go dancing to Curtis Paul's rendition of Pride and Joy.

Christmas Shoppers

Each year at the Kingfisher Christmas Concert/ Potluck, Santa gives a gift to the children of the community who are grade four and under. This year KCS needs one or two people who can spend a couple of hours in town, purchasing the gifts. Jackie Clark, who has done the shopping many times, will tell you everything you need to know.
Call Deanna 587-215-0076

RDNO

The new cement barriers and crushed rock paving has been laid out in the Hall parking lot. This project was initiated and paid for by the North Okanagan Regional District. Our thanks go to Area F representative Herman Halvorson. Coincidentally, Herman has stepped out of politics. He is succeeded by newly-elected director Denis Delisle.

Welcome Denis.

Emergency Planning/Preparedness

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Submitted by Herb Latchko

Last month's newsletter included the statement/response from the Regional District, which included their plan to budget for revising the 2005 Evacuation Plan. There is more good news this month. The Protective Services Manager, Alastair Crick, has arranged for Kingfisher to embark on becoming a "Fire Smart" community. There will be an introductory Fire Smart meeting at the Hall on Saturday, November 17th starting at 1:00 pm. The first part of the meeting will be in the Hall itself. We will then move to a nearby residence and have the presenters explain/demonstrate how the residence can move toward to being Fire Smart. We should be finished by 3:00 pm.

Having Kingfisher become a Fire Smart community is a great idea, but I hope we will not lose site of the big picture, i.e., the huge fuel load in the forests around the community. The provincial Government's recent announcement dedicating \$69 million toward fuel load reduction is a mere drop in the bucket in terms of what is required.

Fall is a great time to reduce the fuel load around your home. Go to: firesmart.ca for tips on how to begin. Call 1-888-281-2992 for venting conditions before you burn. Hope to see you at the Hall on the 17th for the Fire Smart meeting.



Birds of Note

George Jameson

Perched on rocks and gravel in swift moving sections of the Shuswap River and Kingfisher and Cooke Creeks, the American Dipper bobs quickly up and down. Watch it dive underwater in search of aquatic insects and larvae. This chunky, slate-grey songbird swims or strides along stream bottoms by rowing with its stubby powerful wings. An efficient predator, it has an extra eyelid that allows it to see clearly underwater and scales that close its nostrils when submerged.

Native to western North America, it ranges from Alaska to Southern California. The Dipper can survive in the cold winter waters through its very low metabolism, its extra thick coat of feathers, and the greatest capacity of any bird to carry oxygen in its blood. With these adaptations to cold the Dipper cannot survive temperatures above 36°C. They thrive in the cold and are most easily spotted in the winter months.

Often built behind waterfalls and under bridges, the Dipper's domed, streamside, moss-lined nests are situated in moist, shady spots. These provide security from floods and predators.

Mainly monogamous but solitary throughout most of the year, the American Dipper aggressively defends its linear territory along streams and rivers. Like ducks (but unlike most songbirds), it moults its wing and tail feathers all at once leaving it flightless for a short period in the late summer.

With winter coming take a trip down to Cooke Creek Beach below the Interpretative Centre. Wait by the gravel bars and listen for the Dipper's penetrating, buzzy 'dzeet' and long, high trilling song. Your patience should be rewarded with a sighting of this amazing little bird.

**Noted:**

Spotted above the hydro line – a solitary raven chasing two Turkey Vultures and harassing them up the thermals until the vultures split off and disappeared.

The Chickadees, Nuthatches, and other small birds have been spotted bunching up into their mixed winter flocks.

Come join us in December (date TBA) for the 22nd annual Christmas Bird Count and potluck. The only prerequisites are an interest in birds, and an enjoyment of delicious food and lively company.

Kingfisher Hall

That was a close election! In case you ever wonder if your vote counted here is a good example that it does. So here I am, the new Regional Director. As many of you may know we have laid crush rock down in around the Kingfisher Hall. We hope this will keep the hall and the grounds cleaner by minimizing the mud being carried in the hall area, as well as making it look more attractive. The same was done at the boat launch to make parking and driving easier, and less of a muddy parking lot.

A future plan is to clean up danger trees around the present trails and create new ones in the area. As well, we would like to see the creation of a breakwater to protect the present wharf/boat launch. It is not a simple procedure and Herman Halvorson (past Regional Director as of Nov 06 2018) has been working on this project for 2-3 years. I'm taking up the charge from that time.

What needs to be done is Forest Lands & Resources Operation (FLNRO) needs to give us a Section 11. Section 11 notification is used for specified low risk changes in and about a stream / lake that have minimal impact on the environment. The terms and conditions may relate to the time of year in which you may do the work, and/or to other measures that protect the aquatic ecosystem, the hydraulic integrity of the stream channel and the rights of water users and landowners downstream. It is not a simple permit to get it takes time and FLNRO does not have to give the permit. Luckily Herman has a good relationship with the Splatsin Band and with their support we are a lot more likely to get the permit from FLNRO. Cost is another issue; the breakwater is likely to cost in the range of \$100,000 and likely higher. We have a \$100,000 set aside and feel we have access for money to put towards this project. Timing? We cannot say at this point I would say at the very earliest it would take a year.

The dry summers and intense fires that seem to be increasingly worse every year is a concern. Especially for folks who live in rural areas with limited access, like yourselves. Our best defense is working with yourselves in having a plan should fire or other disaster strike on your side of the lake. The key here is coordination, communication and a planning.

I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and hearing your ideas or needs. Please feel free to contact me with any of your issues or information that I might be able to give you. It will be great working with you in the coming years.

Thank you
Denis Delisle



Crush rock being laid out at Kingfisher Hall



The winner of the Harvest Dinner tooney raffle quilt this year was Richard Smith, a recent Mabel Lake permanent resident. Congratulations Richard!!



On October 24th, Baby Jack with his big sister Emrie and parents Kurt and Meagan Martin accept a baby quilt from the Kingfisher Country Quilters. Congratulations to the happy family!!



This year's Harvest Dinner saw a huge turn out from our community. Even better, there were many new faces present as our small community constantly grows. From the abundant dishes that graced the dinner table, to the beautiful entertainment provided by Lili and Murray (pictured left), this years' Harvest Dinner was absolutely magical.

The stage was graced by Curtis, who gave an amazing performance that left the crowd spell bound. We hope to see more of you on stage!!! Thank you to all the volunteers and helpers, who donated their time and effort to make this a lovely event.

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

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.

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
[e:janetbrownphotgraphy@yahoo.com](mailto:ejanetbrownphotgraphy@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

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

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Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
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Treasurer -----	Brenda Heywood	----- 250 838 2193
Memberships -----	Art Herbert	250 838 9759
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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 to know about events.
KCSrecreation@gmail.com to ask about activities happening in & around the hall

Membership *Art Herbert*

candaherbert@gmail.com 838-9759
 \$30/family and \$25/single.

KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to Marion Fernandez: editorkingfisher@gmail.com

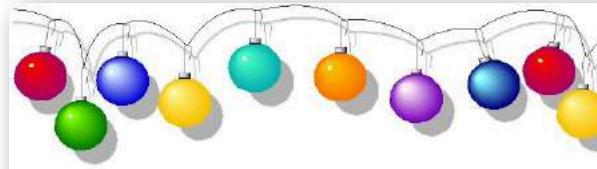
Deadline is 25th of each month.

KCS Advertising

Paid Advertisements - 1/8 page of Word document

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



Arts and Craft Fair
November 24th
10am - 3pm

A Gift for Everyone on your Shopping List

Unique Handmade Crocheted/Knitted Gifts
Photography - Paintings - Cards
Soap - Bathbombs - Lotions
Mini Manicure - Massage
And so much more...
Concession - Lunch
Raffle

Riverside Hall - 3784 Trinity Valley Rd

Riverside hall is having a craft fair. We are looking for more vendors if there is anyone that is interested. Email Sandra for more information at mycommuniyt3784@gmail.com

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



SATURDAY NOV 17 1:00 – 3:00PM FIRESMART EVENT

LET'S' WORK TOGETHER!

We can't control or predict when a wildfire will start, but we can control how we prepare ourselves and our community using the FireSmart principles.

**Learn about the
FireSmart
Program**

**Learn how to
assess your
home's wildfire
risk**

**Learn what you
can do to reduce
your hazard**

**Meet your
neighbours**

**Come have a
coffee and cookie**

LOCATION:

Kingfisher
Community Hall
3337 Enderby
Mabel Lake Rd

RESIDENTS OF:

KINGFISHER AND
SURROUNDING AREA