
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

Here we are in December again. The time sure whizzes past. If you are in the valley, mark December 7th and 14th on your social calendar!

These are the **Decorating party (the 7th)** and **Potluck/ Concert (14th)** respectively. They are sure to give you a few laughs (and full belly), to brighten the holidays.

We are excited to announce that **Megan Martin** has joined the KCS board. She will take over memberships from outgoing director Art Herbert. New energy, new ideas!

Thanks again to Art Herbert for the many years as a our Membership Director.

2018 has been a great year for KCS. Whether it's Potlucks, Jumble Dance, Strawberry tea or Mother's Day, people have come out to enjoy some neighbour time, keep our coffers full and help out. Cheers!

One of the challenges the Directors face is connecting people who'd like to volunteer to our events. Without that connection, leadership too often falls to the Directors. This, of course, can lead to burn out. Our community has been successful because we've adapted. In the New Year we'll be looking at fresh ways to bring people together to get the work done. A Volunteer Coordinator has been mentioned as well as having a one-day workshop to brainstorm possibilities.

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS WHEREVER YOU ARE!

HALL DECORATING PARTY
Friday 7th December - 5:30pm

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND CONCERT
Friday 14th December - 5:00pm

- Hall decorating for Annual Xmas Concert is on December 7th. All volunteers are appreciated - we require assistance with lights, tree and wrapping gifts that Santa will distribute.
- Is a Pot Luck event and we will do our traditional gift exchange (\$15 max). Any questions, please call Dee Caswell @ 250-838-9678.



We are on the lookout for a Santa who can be the jolly man from the North to give our gifts to all the kids this Xmas. Also, we will need volunteers to set up the hall on Friday 13th December.

Those who can lend a helping hand, please do so. Many hands make light work and make the event more enjoyable for all involved. Thanks!

What To Look Forward To:

INTERNET SECURITY SEMINAR

December is a busy month, but this January, there will be a free seminar at Kingfisher Hall to educate people on basic internet security, if there is enough interest. **Dominic Fernandez** has kindly offered to hold this seminar at the Hall.

This would be elementary internet security advice like How to keep yourself and your account safe from hackers while browsing etc.

Pot Luck & Christmas Concert

A Pot Luck dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, December 14 preceding the Kingfisher Christmas Concert this year.

Bring a main dish and vegetable, salad or dessert.

There'll be lots of time to visit before the Concert begins at 7pm.

As always, our Hall will be beautifully decorated for the festivities. Concert entertainment will include Kingfisher's traditional visit from that jolly old elf.

Parents bring a small gift for kids outside the community who will be at the concert.

Bring a donation for the Enderby food bank

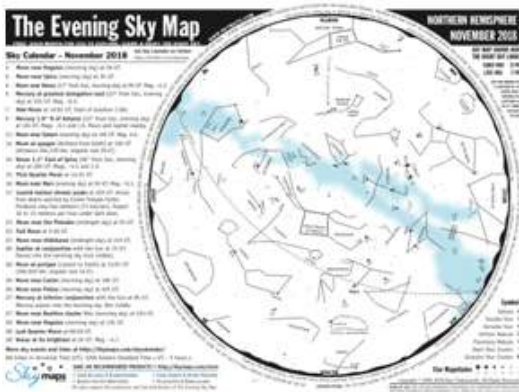
Please spread the word so that those attending from near and far can take part: Potluck & Christmas Concert this year!

Friday, December 14th, 2018

Doors open 5:00pm

Dinner 5:30





Sky maps 'old and new'

Sky maps are a quick and easy way of finding information about the location of major constellations on any evening. Keep in mind that as the Earth rotates eastward the position of each constellation appears to move westward at about 15 degrees per hour and 1 degree per day.

A planet's relative motion is much quicker than the background stars. On consecutive nights, the planets, (visible like Mars this November) appear to move 'through the background of stars. For ancient humans these heavenly motions were like watching celestial TV. The invention of telescopes brought more definition.

With the introduction of computer applications it is easy to download sky maps to a phone or laptop. Complete with colour and names and no interference from weather these apps are an excellent tool to follow the constellations and the stars in them. Curiously, point your device downward at noon and see what is going to be seen above at midnight. Look at the 'hidden night sky' during the day. Find your zodiac constellation! Where is the moon? Heaven highlights for 2019 coming next month.

Happy viewing, Nairb Nissul.

Emergency Planning/Preparedness/FireSmart

December 2018

Submitted by Herb Latchko

Almost 40 people turned out for the FireSmart meeting on chilly Saturday, November 17th. Persons interested in being on the FireSmart Steering Committee met for an hour before the FireSmart presentation, which was delivered by Davies Wildfire. The presentation was very informative and the presenter, Andy Low, fielded many questions. Alastair Crick, the RDNO Protective Services Manager, and Denis Delisle, newly elected Area F Director, also answered many questions. After the presentation, those willing to brave the cold moved to a local residence for a demonstration on how to assess hazards on and around the building. For me, the two big take-a-ways were: most homes are lost by embers rather than a tsunami wave of fire and; reducing the fuel load around our homes is as important as dealing with the massive fuel loads in the surrounding forest.

The topic of "RDNO Trails" came up at the FireSmart meeting. The following is the statement I received from our newly elected Area F Director, Dennis Delisle, in response to my request for an update.

Herman Halvorson had the RDNO trail easements repair/upgrade earmarked before the election and I'm continuing to getting the trails done. Thanks to generous dedication of \$30,000 from Terry Laursen as part of his application for the storage facility, we have some money to start the work on the trail. Herman & I did have a meeting with Sandra Scott and discussed the local knowledge and needs of the walking footpath. We did discuss extensions of the RDNO trail easements to the RV Kingfisher Park. Complications with this proposal arise because of land ownership and having to deal with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Presently we would like to deal just with the trails that the RDNO have and deal with the accesses along the highway at a later date.

The next steps will have to be determined, those being: where the trails are physically situated, the legal parameters that have to be met and what standard the paths need to be built to (to name a few). We are in between transferring the responsibility of Area "F" parks/ trails/ community halls to RDNO control, from the Enderby Services and Area Commission. There may be some hiccups because of this transfer but we need to have a solid plan going forward by the time the snow melts.

We are looking forward to working with the community to bringing a walking trail for all of us to enjoy. Please contact me if you have any practical ideas or thoughts of trails in the area.

Andy Low made a comment about venting conditions. I emailed him and requested a clarification as to when burning may be allowed. Andy responded promptly. Basically, burning is allowed if no nearby venting condition information is available. Common sense will notice if a small test burn shows smoke ascending high in the air, rather than smoking up the valley. Many people are opposed to reducing the fuel load by burning. A smoldering pile of leaves on a poor venting day gives much support to their position. We will have more smoke! Will it be smoke by choice or smoke by chance? Below is the link Andy sent along to view the test venting article, but the 1-888-281-2992 is a good place to start before you consider burning. Locally, there have been some good burning days the past few weeks.

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/90df79_b5333c942045491eaaff2231ce66cb29.pdf

I also received a link from George Jameson to an interesting article about a forestry practice not many people are aware of.

Last year, 12,812 hectares of B.C. forest was sprayed with the herbicide glyphosate. It's an annual event — a mass extermination of broadleaf trees mandated by the province <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/it-blows-my-mind-how-b-c-destroys-a-key-natural-wildfire-defence-every-year-1.4907358>

I would like to end this rather lengthy newsletter submission with a request for some help. While getting ready for the 17 November FireSmart meeting, I came across minutes from a 2011 Fire Awareness meeting at the School. Three RDNO (then called NORD) representatives; three Fire Zone representatives; one RCMP and one Search and Rescue were present. Dale Fennel, the author of the 2005 Emergency Response Planning Document, was also present. The last paragraph of the minutes include: "...our regional rep and NORD be asked to help update the plan..." and "any updates could be posted on the internet in order to make the plan accessible to the community." I also found correspondence I had with the RDNO in 2016.

In a question and answer format I asked:

Q: Do you have a timeline and budget for revising the Emergency Planning Report?

A: Yes we have a budget for a consultant, we are still planning on starting the review for Area F in 2016.

A: RDNO is in the process of hiring a Protective Services Manager, updating the RDNO Electoral Area Emergency Response Plans will be one of the priorities of this new position.

Since then, there was a plan brewing to hire two retired former Wildfire Officers to conduct the revision, which did not happen. The October 2018 Kingfisher Newsletter published RDNO's response to another request as to the status of revising the 2005 Plan. This response was detailed and positive. I am asking for your help in ensuring that the revision of the 2005 Evacuation Plan remains a priority for RDNO. Please take the time to send an email to RDNO with reason why you think revising the plan is important. Below are the points I am including in my email:

The plan should include the most likely scenarios, with input from locals. Where are: the muster points (gps) with gravity feed sprinkler systems; the elderly or in-firmed residences; the GPS coordinates of available water sources; plans for a possible lake evacuation; locations with cell coverage; and explorations of possible evacuation routes? The revised document is important in itself. But the process of producing it could be a valuable educational and information sharing experience for the community. As you project the revision costs into the 2019 budget, as mentioned in the RDNO response dated 30 August 2018, please consider allowing adequate time for the persons doing the review to include substantial and valuable local knowledge.

The RDNO response ended with: "If you have any further questions please contact Mike Fox at 250.550.3719 or mike.fox@rdno.ca Feel free to Cc. me in your email and I will compile suggestions for the revision of the 2005 Evacuation Plan hatchko@sd83.bc.ca

Kingfisher's 22nd Annual Christmas Bird Count

Every winter for the last twenty-one years, eyes have turned to the skies during a designated 24-hour period to record the type and number of birds from Mabel Lake to the half-way hill. It's part of a Christmas Bird Count that began in 1900. Ornithologist Frank Chapman began a holiday tradition to protest the existing practice of teams competing to see who could shoot the most birds and animals in one day. Today more than 2000 communities across North America are expected to participate in assigned standardized 24 km diameter circles *counting* the birds seen in a single day. Here in Kingfisher the 22nd annual Christmas Bird Count, a hidden gem in the community calendar, occurs from sunset December 18th to sunset December 19th.

What's Involved

- Some people count at their feeders. Others venture out to walk along the road, by the river, or into the bush. While some may spend a good part of the day, all that's required is a couple of hours of your time. It's not a competition; you don't need to "bag" a large number.
- You don't need to be an expert to participate. The basics are binos, a bird book, and the ability to count. For myself the joy lies in slowing down and appreciating what's around us.
- You can email or phone in your sightings or better still bring them to the famously delicious potluck supper on December 19th at Susie Everatt's home, 2012 Mabel Lake Road. This is a wonderful low-key, almost no-key, opportunity to meet new people; if you are new to Kingfisher, we'd love to see you. Areas we are hoping to cover better are the golf course, the Westside, and the Estates. While encouraging younger contributors we are mostly a grey-haired group and the evening ends early.

There is so much to learn about our Watershed and its related wonders. When we pause to appreciate the depth of diversity around us and the interconnectedness of our natural world, we can be inspired to continue our efforts to raise awareness of it and to protect it. Join the Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count this year! If you are interested, you can call myself or Jan (838-6882) or Susie (838-2026) or contact me at g67george@gmail.com. **Join us!**



PICKLEBALL

Do you want to get into a Pickle?

Join us at the Hall:
Tuesdays - 9:30am
Fridays: 2pm
All you need is enthusiasm.





Kingfisher Christmas

It's a Kingfisher Christmas,
And all my best wishes,
Go out to you today.

With the snow all around
On the trees, on the ground
So happy I'm here to stay.

And when Mabel Lake freezes,
Forget colds and sneezes,
It's off to the ice for the day.

Cos it's here that I want to be,
Home by the Christmas tree,
Shining for you and me.
Cos there's no place I'd rather be,
Kingfisher's gotta be, Special for you and me.

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: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

Products available all year

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Blueberries, Jams, Syrups, Pies, Xmas Baking

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Coffee Shop (July & August)

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- Textured Ceilings
- Residential •Renovations
- Serving Enderby and Mabel Lake

250-838-7477

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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 *Megan Martin*

250-838-0455 (megaan92@gmail.com)
 \$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
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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.

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