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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

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



**From your CHAIR:**

*Murray MacDonald*

The end of the year brings with it a wild mix of emotions.

The big Christmas party is over and the cookie container is empty (metaphorically and actually). *Pretty big deal isn't it?* We'll hope the next year is as good as the one just past.

One of the highlights was listening to the beautiful voices of the kids at the Christmas Concert. This year was even more special because Santa arrived early and got to hear them sing *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*.

As for me, one of my last Hall events of the year was playing Pickle Ball for the first time. Check it out. It's fun!

**Happy New Year and see you soon.**

### INTERNET SECURITY SEMINAR

There will be a free seminar at Kingfisher Hall to educate people on basic internet security on the **Saturday, 12th of January 2019**. **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.

**SATURDAY 12th January 2019**  
**2PM**  
**Kingfisher Hall**

### Note from the Editor

There have been a lot of events that were organized at the Hall this year. We saw many new faces - which was great!! as well as familiar old faces. This is what makes our community so unique.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank ALL the people involved that keep the Hall running - from the enthusiastic volunteers at every event who help with the cleaning up, to the youth who use the Hall for Hockey or Badminton, to the members who utilize the Hall for other activities. You are the people who keep this community active and alive. Thank you to all the invisible people behind all events who put in a lot of effort - just to let you know that you are treasured, in our own way, and we are thankful for you..

**Most of all, I want to thank YOU - the community.**  
What a lovely place to live in.  
**Happy New Year everyone!**

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## **What's Up Astronomically in 2019**

~ *Brian Lussin*

Some of the more notable events in the sky for our area this coming year.

- January 21: total Lunar Eclipse about 5AM UT time or about 9PM Jan 20 MST.
- January 22: Venus and Jupiter close together in darker morning eastern sky.
- Last 4 days in Jan. and first week in Feb: International Space Station. In the evening western sky between 6-8pm. Exact times at Heavens Above. We are at 51N lat and 119W long. Say hi to David Saint-Jacques.
- February 27: week before and after to see Mercury in evening western sky.
- June, July, August: good viewing of Jupiter and Saturn in evening.

Watch this space for more updates on Meteor showers. If you are travelling in the southern hemisphere, then there are two solar eclipses and the other lunar eclipse to view.

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## **Kingfisher Firesmart Steering Committee**

The threat of wildfires to our homes and to our community is a reality of where we live. Firesmart, funded by our provincial government, provides clear simple recommendations and assessment tools to help reduce this risk.

On November 17th, Firesmart and RDNO hosted a Firesmart Information meeting at our hall. Since that meeting, we have formed a local Firesmart Steering Committee composed of 7 community members from the Halfway to the golf course. We met recently and decided on the following first steps.

- On Saturday, May 25, 12-2, we are holding a Firesmart Community meeting at the Hall to inform and involve the many summer residents who will be here to open their cabins and who were unable to attend the November meeting. All interested Kingfisher residents are urged to attend. We are hoping that Area F Representative Denis Delisle, Firesmart Educator Brandy Maslowski, and RDNO Protective Services Manager Alastair Crick will be able to attend.
- In conjunction with this we are hoping to have a Community Yardwaste Cleanup day on Sunday, May 26. We are hoping for extended dump hours and to have a chipper available.
- With a focus on Zone 1 (<10 m from homes and buildings) we will encourage use of the Firesmart assessment form. Check out the Firesmart website at <http://www.firesmartcanada.ca/firesmart-communities/provinces/british-columbia/>
- We have contacted Denis Delisle regarding the time frame for cleanup of the Beattie Road/golf course trail.

Denis Delisle response was prompt and favourable to all our requests.

While not in the mandate of our committee, we have sent a letter to Alastair Crick and to RDNO Director of Operations Mike Fox, supporting the need to develop a clear and safe evacuation plan for Kingfisher. Referring to the 2005 Evacuation Plan prepared by Dale Fennell, Mike Fox has responded that "the Regional District of North Okanagan is currently waiting for the appropriate grant funding that will enable us to update this document."

Working together our community can reduce wildfire threats.



### **Kingfisher Christmas Bird Count 2018**

Weather and climate play a role in the birds and wildlife seen in our valley. This year's mild winter has resulted in some unusual sightings, the most striking being 43 American Robins in the Birch trees at our place. This is a first for our count. What will happen to them when the winter inevitably turns colder? Robins migrate more in response to food than to temperature; the abundant Mountain Ash and berry crops are perhaps keeping them hanging around.

Also new to our count were a Red Winged Blackbird and 20 Brown headed Cowbirds.

Among the thirty-five other species counted this year, there were about average numbers of Mallards, Common and Barrow's Golden eye, Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Crows, Ravens, Black Capped Chickadees, and American Goldfinches. Once again, a Kingfisher made an appearance! A total of 766 birds were spotted.

The day after the count Keith Richards was in his gazebo around dusk when he had a visitor. He thought it was a hummingbird. Keith was reluctant to include this in the report as he couldn't make a 100% confirmation.

A huge thanks to Susan Everatt, once again, for being so gracious in hosting the post count potluck. As always it was fabulous!

Birding is another great reason to get outside. If you have any interesting bird or wildlife sightings, let us know and we'll share it in the Kingfisher Newsletter. Just email [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com).

### **Emergency Planning/Evacuation Update** ***Submitted by Herb Latchko***

As we approach the New Year, there have been some positive developments toward revising the 2005 Evacuation Plan. In a response from Mike Fox, General Manager-Community Services, states: "*The Regional District of North Okanagan is currently waiting for the appropriate grant funding that will enable us to update this document.*" The December 14, 2018 issue of the Salmon Arm Observer ran an article about the Columbia Shuswap Regional District applying for a Community Emergency Preparedness Fund grant in the amount of \$25,000. "*A comprehensive plan is critical for large scale evacuations...*" "*The proposed evacuation route planning will build on the current plan and will incorporate additional layers of specific resources, communications planning, evacuation route mapping, considerations for aerial and water evacuations, mass transit and personal preparedness education.*" I assume our Regional District application will be similar. If you haven't already done so, please email Mike Fox at: [mike.fox@rdno.ca](mailto:mike.fox@rdno.ca) and express your ideas/concerns in terms of revising our Emergency Evacuation Plan. If you would like a copy of the 2005 Evacuation Plan, email me at [hlatchko@sd83.bc.ca](mailto:hlatchko@sd83.bc.ca) and I will send you a digital copy.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, a FireSmart Steering Committee has been formed as a result of the 17 November meeting at the Hall. It was decided that the FireSmart group would be separate from the Local Planning Groups (LPG). The LPG will still: continue neighbour to neighbour discussions/communications as to firefighting resources and tactics; pursue and participate in the Revision of the Evacuation Plan; and work with the larger community in terms of risk assessment and prevention.

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In a previous submission, I noted a six part podcast by Johanna Wagstaffe, CBC Meteorologist, called "2050: Degrees of Change". The tag line for Episode 5 – Fire and Forests states: "There is no 'no smoke' option. By 2050, forest fires will be more frequent and more devastating." There is now and Episode 7, which asks the question: "What would it take for you to change for climate change?" Johanna Wagstaffe hosts a panel of environmental experts to tell us what kind of change is meaningful enough to alter the path as we head towards the year 2050. Hear why it's not too late to rewrite our future. A simple Google search will get you there...



- Santa getting serenaded by the little ones
- the rapt audience
- The Valley's Von Trapp family!
- Murray & his musical magic
- Sierra and Murray MCing
- Maggie and her star performance
- Sierra serenading the attentive audience

**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)

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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: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.

**Pickle Ball**

Kingfisher Hall  
Tuesdays: 9:30am  
Fridays: 2pm

Pickleball paddles provided - just bring your enthusiasm!

**Kingfisher Quilters**

Old Kingfisher School  
Lisa Miner [lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)

**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**

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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	Megan Clark-Martin	250-838-0455
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 *Megan Martin*

250-838-0455 ([megaan92@gmail.com](mailto: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](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  
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**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.

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