

# The Kingfisher

## The Community's Newsletter



... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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3337 Enderby Mabel Lake Road, Enderby BC V0E 1V5

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



### From your Chair:

Jacky Clark

## ATTENTION

**THE HALL AND THE SCHOOL ARE STILL CLOSED AND ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE STILL CANCELLED/ POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NEWS FLASH !!! AS OF JUNE 1 THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE OPEN. YAHOO, MOVING ALONG!**

The tennis court is open and Pickleball and Tennis are back at it and players are following safety protocol.

Hopefully you have noticed by now that the "Welcome to Kingfisher" sign is missing. James Lacko, with a bit of help from Allen and I, took the sign down, Allen sanded and repaired it and James repainted it. It is currently hanging in the Hall to "cure". James suggested that the longer it stayed in the Hall the better. Good job James and Allen, thanks for your time and work volunteering to keep our community looking good. It will

return to it's welcome spot soon.

Here's some trivia for you.

Where the Mabel Lake Rd meets the west end of Potrie Road (called Potrie road after the Potrie's that lived on it) there is a fairly large body of water on the North side of the road. This place has several names. I have always known it as Potrie's slough. Many people now call it the Turtle crossing but in actual fact it is an estuary. Whatever you call it, it is a great place to view some wildlife, Kingfishers, ducks, herons, otters, muskrats, beavers and of course turtles.

If you know it as the Turtle crossing then you are aware of the turtles so please watch out for them(as in do not run them over) in the coming months when they are crossing the road to lay their eggs.

As we start to return to some "normal" activities stay safe, practice your social distancing and try to have some fun.

I am doing some research into the Farmers Market so watch out next month for an update there.

As always call if you need to.

**Jacky 250 838 6062**



The freshly painted sign

## Mackenzie Camp To Go Online This Summer

On May 13, the Board of MacKenzie Camp made it official: after over 75 summers of continuous operations, there will be no over-night camping this year at the Mabel Lake site. Instead an online camp, MacKenzie Connect, is being developed to support the youth of the North Okanagan/Shuswap.

“We are all disappointed,” said Lana O’Brien, Camp Director again for this season. “Our camp, tucked away on Mable Lake near Kingfisher, is such a magical place. We desperately wanted to welcome area youth there again, but we simply can’t move forward at this time. Shifting to an online format is the responsible thing to do given the province’s current COVID-19 situation.”

“Camp is such an important part of so many kids’ summers, so we are working hard to find ways to replace at least some of that experience for them. We are developing an online format to connect kids through Zoom and we are building a collection of activities and challenges to support young people. We even intend to continue with some of our themed camps like science camp and arts camp. Another possibility that we are considering is to do a few in-person gatherings in church parking lots or other outdoor venues, so that ‘campers’ can get to know each other and their counsellors a bit better.”

Not surprisingly, moving to this new format will present obstacles for the camp.

“Online camp is brand new to us, so we are jumping into the programming side of things already,” said O’Brien. “I and three counsellors returning from last year have been hard at work putting a plan together. It’s exciting to see all the resources that are available as camps across the country and beyond respond to this COVID-19 health emergency challenge.”

Of course funding is also a concern. Weekly camp fees will be reduced to just \$15, only enough to cover registration costs. Other costs will have to be covered through other means.

The camp has long counted on the support of a dedicated corps of volunteers and patrons. MacKenzie Camp Association Treasurer and long-time camp booster, Lorraine Powell, is hopeful that such support will continue and maybe even expand this summer.

“Every year our supporters give generously so that kids who can’t afford it can attend camp, and we anticipate that this will happen again this season. We are also hoping that individuals and businesses in the North Okanagan and Shuswap will consider helping out. Each week, registered campers will receive a ‘MacKenzie Camp cares package’ filled with craft supplies and other materials for projects and activities. We would welcome any cash or in-kind donations from local individuals or businesses for our programming materials or to cover other operating expenses. And as a registered charity, we are happy to be able to provide tax receipts for this support.”

If you would like more information about registering a youth for MacKenzie Connect or you want to make a donation to support the camp, please contact the camp at [maccamp@shaw.ca](mailto:maccamp@shaw.ca) or phone 250-838-6293.



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## MACKENZIE CAMP

on beautiful Mabel Lake

### Rent a Camp!

MacKenzie is available for reunions, retreats, meetings, & outdoor education programs  
May, June, late August, & September 2020  
See our website for details!



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 SCHOOL NEWS

The school has been closed to all gatherings and events until further notice. We will resume when it is safe to do so.

If any of the quilters who are interested in continuing with charity quilts at home, please let Lisa 250-837-7128 or Suzanne 250-838-6248 know to book a time for picking up supplies at school.

Practice Social Distancing. Lets Beat this Sooner than Later.

If anyone has any ideas for further classes, please let myself or Laurie know, so we can set up for further dates.

**Suzanne queenb47@telus.net 250-838-6248.**

**Laurie lauriebaines96@gmail.com 250-838-7522.**

## Area F RDNO Report Denis Delisle

The First Quarter RCMP Report is showing crime is up, with domestic violence/mental health issues are some of the main drivers. The officers were going to schools to talk about bullying with the "Pink Shirt day". They quit because of Covid-19; the virus has had other impacts on the officers as well. Cell blocks have been set up in such a manner that criminals are in separate cells to prevent the spread of the virus. Vehicles and many of the materials police handle are being disinfected. However, in their day to day interactions with people social distancing is just not possible and is a threat to the constables.

There had been 492 calls for service in the Enderby area in the first quarter of 2020, substantially more than any other area except Vernon. They do not know why it is so high but suspect many things could create this situation. One is being in the middle between Salmon Arm, Sicamous and Vernon bringing criminals to transit through the Enderby area. Another is there are locations that lend themselves to have criminals congregate in our area. These are difficult for police to shut down without substantial information and work. The police rely on information, and yes often it does not seem to do anything at first but over time it can help them. Any information you may have on criminal activity call **Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-222-8477. The Enderby area now has 24-hour servicing, and this has increased the ability for the force to catch bad guys. They are, as well, requesting 2 more officers for the area.

The Rural Economic Development grant application has been revised to emphasize rural economic development. The form has been revised to simplify the process for grant applicants as well. The RDNO allocates annual grant funding to organizations that support economic development within RDNO Electoral Areas. There is about \$18,000 that is available until September for projects that fit the criteria.

A variance is being applied for a dwelling on the east side of Mabel Lake. The request is for rear/side yard and floodplain setback.

The water is rising, and flooding is a concern, stay away from creek and river edges. The dryness is good for fires. Prepare for forest fires and clean up burnables around your buildings.

Thanks to A.I.M. for grading the entrance road to the Kingfisher Interpretive Center. We appreciate the Community support they give.

Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, technical planning for the new rail trail between Sicamous and Armstrong has moved ahead over the past two months. As part of a commitment to tell the true story of the region within the Secwepemc Nation Territory, preliminary assessments have been conducted by Splatstin leadership for both archaeological and cultural heritage values. Planning with geotechnical, environmental, agricultural, storm water, erosion control, steep slope, and structural bridge assessments is being continued. For more information visit [www.shuswapnorthokanaganrailtrail.ca](http://www.shuswapnorthokanaganrailtrail.ca) A FireSmart photo contest will be held from May 13 until June 10 for RDNO's Electoral Area residents. To enter, residents simply need to submit a before and after photo of their FireSmart efforts. The winner will be randomly selected from a draw, with a prize of various gardening tools valued at \$150. Details can be found on the RDNO Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RDNorthOkanagan/>

### **Denis Delisle**

Regional Director of Area "F"

Contact: Cell: 250 253 0976 Home 250 838 2314

My good friend, Nairb Nissul, updates us on some summer viewing highlights.

Solstice is here on June 20th at 1:44 pm. After that time, Earth's rotation takes us back to shortened daylight. Mercury, elusively, makes an appearance around the 4th, about 24 degrees above the eastern horizon. Jupiter and Saturn in retrograde motion against the background stars. Both rise before midnight in Sagittarius and Capricornus respectively. Also, both appear close to the Moon on June 8th and 9th. Mars, Neptune, and Uranus are emerging at morning twilight.

Clear evening skies will highlight returning summer stars, like Vega, Arcturus, Deneb, Altair and constellations like, Cygnus, Lyra, Hercules, Scorpio, and Virgo. Wow, there's a collection of possible newborn names. Given the covid-19 concerns, I am withdrawing my summer astronomy challenge. Great viewing everyone! B. Lussin.

## **Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning**

June 2020

submitted by Herb Latchko

The fire season is approaching. This is a great time to locate and test your fire fighting equipment. Consider acquiring: a few more hoses and fittings; hand tools; a water storage set-up; or perhaps, even a fire pump. The efforts taken during the first few minutes of fire will have a huge impact on the effort needed to ultimately suppress and extinguish the fire.

Locals are the first line of attack. Talk with your neighbours. Share contact information. Be aware of the location and operational procedures of each other's equipment and water systems just in case they are needed if you are not home.

**Make people's safety the highest priority when trying to put out a fire !!!**

There is a great deal of information to be found on the Wildfire Service website. For me, the easiest way to get there is to search: [bcwildfire.ca](http://bcwildfire.ca)

An interesting site to search for weather prediction is: BCWS Seasonal Outlook

**If you see a fire, call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a cell phone.**

### **Hello Donor**

As you may have heard our plans for grad have hit another roadblock due to COVID-19 rules. We had planned to announce our winner on June 9th while showing our grad video at the Starlight Drive In here in town. As per Dr. Henry's new requirements all grads planned for the drive in have now been cancelled. So we are continuing with our filming of the grads crossing the stage on June 1st. I know I requested your winners by Jun 1st as I thought I had till June 9th to be organized, but with these changes if it is at all possible could I get your winners before Jun 1st? If not, that is fine as I know this is a last minute request.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

**Thank you for your patience during this time.**

## **Mabel Lake Golf & Airpark is now open!**

**Proshop Hours of operation** - 9am – 5pm Daily. Please check our facebook page for updates, as open hours will change as the demand grows.

**Lounge hours** – Friday – Sunday 12pm- 8pm

Tuesday 3pm – 8pm. Please check our facebook page for updates on lounge hours and menu items. Online ordering available!

**ORDER** food or **BOOK** online at  
**WWW.MABELLAKEGOLF.COM**

or Call 250-838-0881



**Community Ads (free to KCS members)**

<p><b>Mini excavator for hire</b> 0 turn, 5'wide 52 hp</p> <p><b>Dirt work</b> Driveway parking areas ditching....etc,etc,etc</p> <p><b>Bush work</b> Tree removal stump removal Brush removal....etc,etc,etc</p>	<p><b>Allen</b> 250-838-6062</p> <p><b>Brad</b> 250-838-6326</p>	<p><b>Consultants</b></p>
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**Clark Boyz**

3173 Mabel Lake Rd Enderby, BC V0E1V5  
**Allen** 250-838-6062  
**Brad** 250-838-6326

**Consultants**

License tree **faller 15 + years** production falling.  
 Heavy Equipment **Operators since 1969**  
 Logging development, Road construction  
 and maintenance, erosion control....etc

**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)

**KINGFISHER COUNTRY QUILTERS**

For information please contact Lisa Miner at (250) 838-7128 or email her at [lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)

**No Road Hockey until all clear is given. Otherwise, on Sundays at 2pm.**

**Group Pickleball ONLY** on outdoor courts. Individuals and family members are welcome to use the outside tennis court. However, there is no net provided and the **Hall remains closed.**

**MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE  
January 1st for the year**

Megan Martin  
 megan92@gmail.com  
 250-838-0455 Cell 250-540-2916  
**Call or email now!**

**Contacts for Mabel Lake Road Enquiries**

**AIM Roads Inc**

Contractor

1 866 222-4204

Website: [aim-roads.ca](http://aim-roads.ca)

Twitter: [@AimRoads](https://twitter.com/AimRoads)

Facebook: [@AIMRoads](https://www.facebook.com/AIMRoads)

Instagram: [@aimroads.ca](https://www.instagram.com/aimroads.ca)

Email: [aimroads@acciona.ca](mailto:aimroads@acciona.ca)

**Ministry contact:**

Vernon Area Office - [250 503-3664](tel:2505033664)

**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**



### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Jacky Clark -----	250 838 6062
Secretary -----	Marion Fernandez -----	250 838 9567
Treasurer -----	Michele Huntington ---	250 838 7477
Memberships -----	Megan Clark-Martin ---	250-838-0455
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Sydney Graham -----	250 574 5725
Maintenance & Supplies -----	Greg Clark -----	250 838 0292
	Kowyn Hibbert -----	250 938 6025

#### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Michele Huntington, our treasurer, 250 838-7477.

Directors will not meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for now; members are welcome to attend!

**MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE**  
January 1st for the year  
**Megan Martin** 250-838-0455  
**(megaan92@gmail.com)**  
\$30/family and \$20/single.  
**Call or Email Now!**

#### KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to :  
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

#### 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**

#### 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