

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 is live!!



From your Chair:

Jacky Clark

The School and the Hall will remain closed for September. The playground and the tennis courts are open and well used.

Even though activities at the hall have been suspended the directors have been meeting and keeping all that business stuff happening. The books have recently been audited so thank you to Michele the treasurer and the auditors, Keith Gray, Harry Flath and Suzanne Clark and to John Heywood for his support. Michele and I spent some time putting together our budget and submitted it to RDNO to apply for our yearly operating grant.

I really have not much to say and I'm not very good at starting rumours so I'll find a little something from the Kingfisher History book.

Did you know?

Many years ago Jack Simard, son of Henry Simard, nephew to Wilfred Simard, ran a floating cafe in the place that the Rivermouth store is now. It had a dance floor that the Westside residents helped pay for "because they wanted it" and a jukebox. There was food and gas and dancing most weekends. Jack ran it for about 4 years but had to give it

up because it became very popular with too many people attending the dances and making it dangerous. The building was later sold and moved to the west side of the lake. Is it on your property?

In 2004, when Marion Schalin was visiting the Flath's in her duties as the Kingfisher Welcome Wagon rep, Barbie was surprised that there was no quilting group but Marion said that they could start one, and they did. The original members were Georgia Baines, Pam DeKock, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Barbea Flath, Karen McFarlen, Marion Schalin and Diane Warnock. In the beginning the Kingfisher Country Quilters met at the hall with the goal of learning but have now expanded to include fundraising for the Kingfisher Society and also help less fortunate members of society.

As of 2015 they had moved to the school, raffled numerous large quilts as fundraisers, used their many quilts to decorate the hall for the Strawberry Tea and donated 69 quilts to local seniors homes.

The number of quilters has increased over the years as well as members coming and going. I'm sure that in this time of limited social activities the ladies are missing their quilting and can't wait to get back to it.

Play safe, keep cool or hot if you like it. Hopefully life will sort it's self out soon. In the meantime, take care and enjoy the company of those in your "bubble".

As always feel free to call. 250 838 6062

"Shall I picnic here?"

Photo taken out from Brenda Heywood's entry room window



This is from an MD in charge of BC provincial task force for COVID 19. She has experience with multiple viral situations. Situations in BC and Canada in general are far better than the US.

1. We may have to live with C19 for months or years. Let's not deny it or panic. Let's not make our lives useless. Let's learn to live with this fact.
2. You can't destroy C19 viruses that have penetrated cell walls, by drinking gallons of hot water - you'll just go to the bathroom more often.
3. Washing hands and maintaining a two-metre physical distance is the best method for your protection.
4. If you don't have a C19 patient at home, there's no need to disinfect the surfaces at your house.
5. Packaged cargo, gas pumps, shopping carts and ATMs do not cause infection. If you wash your hands, live your life as usual.
6. C19 is not a food infection. It is associated with drops of infection like the 'flu. There is no demonstrated risk that C19 is transmitted by food.
7. You can lose your sense of smell with a lot of allergies and viral infections. This is only a non-specific symptom of C19.
8. Once at home, you don't need to change your clothes urgently and go shower! Purity is a virtue, paranoia is not!
9. The C19 virus doesn't hang in the air for long. This is a respiratory droplet infection that requires close contact.
10. The air is clean, you can walk through the gardens and through parks (just keeping your physical protection distance).
11. It is sufficient to use normal soap against C19, not antibacterial soap. This is a virus, not a bacteria.
12. You don't have to worry about your food orders. But you can heat it all up in the microwave, if you wish.
13. The chances of bringing C19 home with your shoes is like being struck by lightning twice in a day. I've been working against viruses for 20 years — drop infections don't spread like that!
14. You can't be protected from the virus by taking vinegar, sugarcane juice and ginger! These are for immunity not a cure.
15. Wearing a mask for long periods interferes with your breathing and oxygen levels. Wear it only in crowds.
16. Wearing gloves is also a bad idea; the virus can accumulate into the glove and be easily transmitted if you touch your face. Better just to wash your hands regularly. Immunity is greatly weakened by always staying in a sterile environment. Even if you eat immune boosting foods, please go out of your house regularly to any park/beach. Immunity is increased by EXPOSURE TO PATHOGENS, not by sitting at home and consuming fried/ spicy/sugary food and aerated drinks.

Be smart and stay informed! Live life sensibly and to the fullest.

Be Kind Be Calm and Be Safe

Dr Bonnie Henry



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 or phone/email 250-838-6293 maccamp@shaw.ca
MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre**





Lounge
OPEN
12-8pm
Thurs-Tues

Pizza Wednesdays 12 - 7pm

Golf course open 7 Days a week

*Order food / Book online @
www.mabellakegolf.com*

250-838-0881

Kingfisher Community Farmers Market

Wednesday 11-1
New Location at
Mabel Lake Farms

Interested in becoming
a vendor, please email
Suzanne
queenb47@telus.net

The Annual MacKenzie Camp Golf Tournament!



Salmon Arm Golf Club
Saturday, October 3, 2020

Tee-off: 3 pm Dinner: 6 pm
Entry Fee: \$80.00 includes
9 holes of golf plus dinner!

Win Prizes!

- \$10,000 for a Hole-in-One on Hole #2!
- Best Score / Worst Score
- 3KPs; Most pledges raised

Collect Sponsors for your golf game!
For more pledge forms call
250-804-4830 or 250-838-7908



**ALL proceeds will help children
go to MacKenzie Camp
next summer!**

**The Grindrod
Garlic Festival**
that was supposed to
happen this August 16th is
going Virtual due to
COVID19.

The Virtual Grindrod Garlic Festival

is taking place online from
August 16th – Sept. 15th,
and people can purchase
goods from local growers
and artisans

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

Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning September 2020

submitted by Herb Latchko

Another lovely rain watered the valley, which caused me to remove the water tank out of my farm truck and add “bring in the firewood” to my to-do list. Things can change quickly, but with shorter days, high humidity, and lower daytime high temperatures; it is tempting to think that this year’s fire season may be over.

I listened with interest to the Fire Information Officer while following the fire near Penticton. While referring to the homes under the evacuation alert, she stated that they were starting to “triage” these homes. What this mean is that they will go around and evaluate which homes have a good chance of surviving fire or blowing embers and which ones have fuel loads so great that fire suppression activity is unlikely able to save the home. Colored ribbons are hung so fire fighting responders know which houses are a priority with their often limited resources. The same would be done here if we were to be put on evacuation alert in the future. FireSmart homes, with reduced fuel loads, will be given first attention. Yet another thing for my to-do list... Search: FireSmart Manual for more information.

In the 2017 and 2018 fire seasons British Columbia spent almost a total of one billion dollars on fire management and suppression operations.

Today, with the huge amount of money being put into sustaining and jumpstarting our economy, the 4-5 Billion required to substantially reduced the fuel load around communities in British Columbia no longer seems so far fetched. Hopefully, this project will become a reality.

As I “cut and pasted” my submission heading from last month to the blank document for this month, I reflected on that I have not recently commented about the Revision of the 2005 Evacuation Plan. I have not heard anything from the Regional District. I have minutes from the 2011 meeting, at the Kingfisher school, calling for the Revision. And, emails from RDNO in the 2015-2016 range stating that funds were available for the Revision. Two years ago, RDNO received \$25 000 to do Evacuation Planning. This year, although not related to our Evacuation Plan, RDNO received yet more funds to deal with evacuations. Authorities, since Fort McMurry, are tending to go “on alert” and “evacuate” sooner than later. Good idea, but what does that look like?

Summer at the KIC

I am sure that we have all had an “interesting” summer this year. The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre was no exception to that.

The site saw many, many beach goers but without programming, attendance was down. However, numerous people enjoyed the new self-guided walk that was established for guests to learn from, while visiting the site. Even the really young had fun just finding the numbered fish along the trails! Our Fantastic Forest walk was successful with a small attendance of very enthusiastic people.

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new You Tube Channel “Kingfisher Interpretive Learning Channel”. With no spring school field trips this year, we wanted to continue providing educational opportunities to students and teachers, and decided that we could bring their field trip to them through a virtual platform. We have filmed and produced our learning ‘stations’, which the kids would have enjoyed during their visit to the site, which are now available for anyone to enjoy. It certainly isn’t the experiential learning that we love to provide but is something that can be enjoyed by anyone, anywhere.

The other exciting news that we would like to share is that we have set up an Endowment Fund in Memory of Neil. He was a guiding force behind the KIC and we would like to honour his dedication and commitment to our community hatchery, the salmon in our river and his devotion towards educating today’s youth, by allowing his legacy to live on through this fund in perpetuity. If you would like to donate to the fund, more information can be found on our website.

Special thanks go out to our summer staff and the local volunteers, you know who you are, for their hours of work done this summer at the centre. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer and learning about future volunteer opportunities please feel free to sign up for the new volunteer program that has been launched on our website, at kingfishercentre.org.

Lastly, we have also made memberships available on-line as well as the application to become a Board Member. If anyone has any questions please give us a call at 250-838-0004 or stop by anytime.

Astronomical Word Fun for September

Science disciplines have their own word descriptors. Think about medical words; astronomy no less. So this month let’s have some word fun!

6 - Mars 0.03° S of Moon, occultation. Moon at apogee (405 607 km)

11 - Moon 0.3° S of M35. Neptune at opposition.

14 - Double shadow transit on Jupiter. Zodiacal Light next two weeks morning twilight.

17 - New Moon (lunation 1209)

18 - Moon at perigee (359 082 km)

22 - Equinox at 13 31

25 - Venus at ascending node

29 - Saturn stationary

Wow, what an exciting month, astronomically speaking. Thx to my friend, Nairb Nissul for the info.

Community Ads (free to KCS members)

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

Clark Boyz

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Brad 250-838-6326

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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
[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

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

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

Ministry contact:

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

Mabel Lake Farms

Kent & Suzanne Clark

250-838-6248

Kentclark@telus.net

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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

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KCS members only

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Submit directly to George - g67george@gmail.com

Payment prior to ad placement to be dropped off or mailed to:

George Jameson
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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