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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter



... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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



**From your Chair:**

*Jacky Clark*

**As a result of the recent information from Dr. Henry we have closed the Hall again, this time hopefully for only 2 weeks with a review after that time.**

Well we managed to get our AGM done before this most recent "lock down". The meeting was well attended and everyone followed the proper Covid etiquette. Thank you to those that volunteered to be auditors for next yearend and to Suzanne Clark for coming on as a director. Thank you Megan for your service as membership director for the past 2 years..we will miss you at our meetings.

At our recent directors meeting we discussed options for a Kids Christmas event and in the end decided that there was really no good way to hold this event so, sad to say there will be NO Christmas event this year. This is the first time since I can remember that there will be no Christmas Concert at the Hall. Looking through our Flowing Through Time history book for something to share about the concert I

discovered that the concert has been going on since there was a school and any new teacher would find out in a hurry just how important the Concert was. There are quite a few stories from teachers that are fun to read. Our other great Christmas event for quite a few years was the "Ye Old Dickens Christmas Faire" hosted by Doris Campagnola with help from many other ladies from the Valley. Doris would decorate the stage with her extensive collection of antique dolls and toys with props made by John Arcand. There werw craft sale tables, costumes and costume judging, a delicious lunch and a raffle. It was a well attended and favourite Christmas social for locals and out of towners alike. (for more see pg 90 Flowing Through Time). Second printing available at Mabel Lake Farms. Fri 10 to 2, and I think the Enderby Museum. (great Christmas present)

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Oh Boy! not only do we have new pavement but we got a line too!!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday Season, with best wishes to us All for a better 2021.

**As always, feel free to call..838 6062  
Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas!!  
As always.. feel free to call.**

## **NEW LIBRARY NEWS**

**by Sherry Saunby**

On Wednesdays starting November 25th, the library at the school will be open from 10:00 until 2:00 . We will be following Covid protocols set out by RDNO and Okanagan Regional Library. Only two people will be allowed to come in at a time. Please enter by the front door where hand sanitizer will be provided and used. There will be a plastic bin to accept returned books which will be isolated for three days. When your visit is over please exit by the back door.

**HAPPY READING AND SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY**

## **KINGFISHER SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**NOVEMBER 2020**

We are trying to get the library up and running, but will advise when it will be open later. I just thought I would tell you all. Because of medical issues, I am stepping down from the library, it has been such fun. Sherry Saunby will be taking over for me as she lives out here all year. Thanks so much from the following people that have helped me with the library:

**Jane Clayton, Sherry Saunby, Bonnie Warawa, Sandra Scott, Pam Boyko, Jan Quesnel and Bonnie Ennis and of course the guys that helped get rid of the garbage Jerry Leavitt, Bob Clayton, Kent and Susie Clark and Doug Clayton**

Hope to see you all soon, and anyone I missed thanks so much for all your help.

**Sue Leavitt**

**Happy Reading**

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It was great meeting people again at the Kingfisher AGM, I was able to bring some information about the projects and grants to the attendees. One of the grants that is available for application from the RDNO solid waste department is called the “ReTHINK Waste Grant”. Go to: <http://www.rdno.ca/index.php/services/community/solid-waste/sw-grants> .What the grant is looking for is: an initiative that reduces waste, one-time capital improvement, innovative approaches to reducing waste and inspiring the public to rethink the waste they produce and reduce it.

Another grant available is from the Electoral Area Directors, and is investing in rural areas by the Rural Economic Development Service. It supports economic support in the agriculture, forestry, tourism, technology/Manufacturing, and creative Industry. Recently a \$5,025 grant was given to the Kingfisher Interpretive Center Society for a virtual Salmon Run. This project involves people to get active and follow the distance of the Salmon run starting at the mouth of the Fraser river to Shuswap River (600 kms). It hopes to raise watershed/salmon awareness, promote business and raise funds for education. The final grant date was November the 5th 2020; the next grant availability will be in 2021 with a new date opening to be announced in the future.

Others discussions at the AGM were: Emergency Management Plan, Shuswap River Sustainability Plan, Enderby swimming pool, loss of recycling opportunities in Kingfisher, the refurbished highway, Mable Lake Golf course trail, Invasive Weeds, Kingfisher School building, having River Ambassadors extend their work to Dale hand launch and a source of wood chip compost for the Kingfisher Hall park. Brad Ackerman RDNO’s Parks planer gave an excellent update on the Master Parks Plan.

Nov Face book article 2020

Baxter Bridge

The North Okanagan Enhanced Boat patrol update was given by Conservation Officers (CO’s). The patrols covered Mabel, Mara, Kalamalka Lakes and Lower Shuswap River. They were sponsored by the RDNO Electoral Areas, Enderby and a new supporter, Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA). Shuswap River had the highest number of contacts with river users within the 6 dedicated CO’s patrols for the watercourse. Lifejacket use has increased from previous years with only 62% of vessels in non-compliance (the lowest in the patrolled area). There were 471 vessels and 617 individuals checked, with 18 tickets and 291 warnings issued. Orders to shore accounted for 18 vessels (too dangerous to operate). Vessels that were 100% compliant numbered 180 vessels. There were 327 enforcement actions taken on watercrafts. The CO’s found that most of boat users were locals and had been checked in previous years. Conflicts between tubers and vessels were difficult for the officers to deal with. They were aware of incidents happening but it is hard for them to be on hand when these confrontations happened. They themselves had to be very careful when driving through the tubers.

The CO’s found that many tubers were found to be inadequately prepared for being on the river safely. A dangerous situation they noticed is that some tubers tie many of their floats together, this can result in the group being caught behind a log jam and sucking everyone under. The water is very powerful; it is relentless and unforgiving in situations like this. A person cannot swim their way out. A suggestion for solutions would be to have more education available to the users about the dangers of the river.

Mara lake had 2 patrols and they checked 38 vessels and 110 people; 5 tickets and 95 warnings were issued with 9 orders for vessels to be taken to shore. Five vessels were 100% compliant and 69 actions of enforcement taken. The total compliance rate at 87%.

The Conservation Officers have noticed a significant decrease in out of area visitors and a large increase in local residents. This could be why they are seeing more compliance to safety requirements and less unlicensed. They received many kudos from boaters who expressed gratitude for seeing them on the water.

A Development Variance Permit was granted for a property in Mara along highway 97A; to reduce setbacks for a home and garage from the highway right of way.

The Electoral Area Directors are considering having a “youth member” sitting on our Advisor Planning Committee (APC). A youth would be someone between 16 and 21 years. The APC give input to the RDNO on issues dealing with to land use, preparation and adoption of official community plans, or proposed bylaws or permits. At times I use them as a sounding board to what they are hearing in the community.

On Grandview Bench 2 properties were found to be building without a building permit. The RDNO Board agreed to put a Notice on Title that they were in contravention of the building bylaw. RDNO will continue trying to work with the owners to find a solution to bring them into compliance. If, however there is no willingness to work with staff there are other tools the RDNO can use to bring about a resolution. These can range from a variety of legal actions not excluding demolition and hefty fines.

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## **Press Release**

### **Sponsor a Salmon this Christmas**

#### **– A Wonderful Gift Idea**

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre is proud to offer a new campaign called Sponsor a Salmon, where sponsors have the opportunity to become a certified salmon steward.

Sponsoring a Salmon allows people to play a direct role in protecting local salmon stocks by supporting the resources



needed to raise a salmon from egg to fry.

The sponsorship makes a wonderful Christmas gift for kids and adults alike. You can sponsor in your own name or gift it to someone else. All sponsors get ownership of an **actual egg** and will get email updates with information on that growing salmon as it develops through its lifecycle. It's a fun and educational way to know that you are making a



difference in salmon conservation and enhancement efforts.

#### **Included in the salmon sponsorship is:**

- A personalized Salmon Steward Certificate, with the opportunity to sponsor in your name or in someone else's name.
- A personalized Salmon Birth Certificate – you can name your baby salmon once the eggs hatch.
- 4 email newsletters with up-to-date information on YOUR growing salmon and its lifecycle, salmon current events, kid-friendly puzzles/colouring pages and so much more!

Sponsorship of a salmon egg will help the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre's annual salmon enhancement and conservation efforts. The centre raises 50,000 Chinook Salmon each year while offering place-based programs to teach kids the importance of salmon in the watershed ecosystems.

The non-profit, volunteer-driven Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society was established in 1991 in response to the near-extinction of salmon stocks in the Lower Shuswap River. It has since evolved from a small salmon hatchery into an ecosystem stewardship learning centre.

Sponsor a Salmon requires a donation of \$25, \$100 or \$500 with 100% of proceeds going towards salmon conservation efforts. Tax receipts are available.



**To find out more information and to Sponsor a Salmon today, visit [www.kingfishercentre.com](http://www.kingfishercentre.com)**

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

**BOTTLE RECYCLABLES NEEDED....**

If you are not wanting to sort out your pop/beer/wine bottles, we will gladly pick

<p><b>Mini excavator</b> for hire 0 turn, 5'wide 52 hp</p>	<p><b>Allen</b> 250-838-6062</p> <p><b>Brad</b> 250-838-6326</p>	<p><b>Consultants</b></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>		

them up for you or you can drop them off

<p><b>Clark Boyz</b></p> <p>3173 Mabel Lake Rd Enderby, BC V0E1V5</p> <p><b>Allen</b> 250-838-6062 <b>Brad</b> 250-838-6326</p>	<p><b>Consultants</b></p>
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License tree **faller 15 + years** production falling.  
Heavy Equipment **Operators since 1969**  
Logging development, Road construction  
and maintenance, erosion control....etc

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:[janetbrownphotgraphy@yahoo.com](mailto:janetbrownphotgraphy@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)

**PICKLEBALL IN THE HALL**

Beginning November 3 we will again be playing pickleball in the hall, beginning at 3 pm.

Please note the new start time.

Please use the back door for entry.

Sanitize your hands and equipment before playing, and you must sign the players book each time before playing.

Stay healthy, and stay safe.

All protocols are posted, so please follow them.

Please ensure your Memberships for KCS are up to date.

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

Megan Martin

[megaan92@gmail.com](mailto:megaan92@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

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Twitter: @AimRoads

Facebook: @AIMRoads

Instagram: @aimroads.ca

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

**Ministry contact:**

Vernon Area Office - 250 503-3664

**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**

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



### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Jacky Clark -----	250 838 6062
Secretary -----	Laura Jameson -----	250 838 6379
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.

**Next directors meeting  
Tuesday Jan 12  
at 4pm.**

**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  
V0E 1V5

**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