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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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3337 Enderby Mabel Lake Road, Enderby BC V0E 1V5

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



**From your Chair:**

*Jacky Clark*

The hall is still closed but the school is open Wednesdays for the library and the tennis courts are busy already. We are working on the **Farmers Market**.

I never thought this pandemic would last so long but here we are moving ahead into the second year. Still, we are fortunate here in the Okanagan. Restrictions are minor compared to other provinces and even other parts of our province. I'm sure we all know how bad it is in Ontario, closing the borders between Quebec and Manitoba. But life goes on. *A helicopter has flown on Mars!*

I say life goes on and it does go on but things have sure changed. **All the handwashing and disinfecting and mask wearing has certainly resulted in less illness in general.** We all miss the social part of our lives, but the level of outdoor activities has risen dramatically. It certainly has been a boom for the sports industry. It's interesting that some businesses are thriving while others are failing. There is so much development while many retailers are closing.

But the biggest change for me has been the increase in having to do things "online".

Shop online, visit your Doctor online, register for whatever online. **It's all online.** I know I've gone on a bit about Roll up the rim at Tims, but when I actually went there one time to play and rolled up the rim it said go online to see what you won! It's not just the going online; it's all those passwords! You just get familiar with one you use regularly then you have to update for security. I keep a notebook by my computer just for passwords.

I saw a ventriloquist and his dummy onetime joking about passwords. It was a bit like "*Who's on first*". The dummy would ask what a password for something was and the answer was "*I don't know*" and the next question was answered with "*I don't remember*". I don't think the dummy ever figured it out but I think they would be good passwords to try.

Stay safe, get your vaccination and maybe we'll meet at the dump one day.

**As always my home # is: 250 838 6062 Jacky**

**KCS Memberships Are Due Making it easy and simple to renew**

FAMILY RATES -\$30.00. SINGLE-\$20.00  
E Transfer [kingfisher 3337@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisher3337@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address**

Cheques can be mailed to Suzanne Clark  
#33 Kingfisher Road, Enderby V0E 1V5

**MAKE OUT TO KCS / Cash**

Can contact Suzanne Clark @250-838-6248 [queenb47@telus.net](mailto:queenb47@telus.net)  
OR  
come by 7 days a week during the summer at Mabel Lake Farms Store  
during July and August  
OR  
kingfisher Library every Wednesday from 11-2

**ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT SUZANNE**



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250-838-6236

**Note to all members**

We need all members who haven't paid their memberships for  
2021 to please pay ASAP!

We need the funds to keep the community running as well for  
when this Covid is over, we have the funds to continue  
offering the things we all miss and enjoyed.

**So please get a hold of Suzanne and renew now!  
Thanks, the Kingfisher Community**

**NEW LIBRARY NEWS**

**Happy 2021!** The new hours for the library will be every  
Wednesday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm as 3 hours is long  
enough for the number of people that have come. The library  
is accepting jigsaw puzzles (please bring puzzles that have all  
the pieces ). I hope to see you at the library. We are  
maintaining covid protocols.

**HAPPY READING!! ~ Sherry Saunby**

**Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning  
May 2021  
submitted by Herb Latchko**

Recent warm weather is a reminder that the Fire Season is or will soon be here. Now is a good time to look around our homes and notice potential fire hazards. [FireSmart.ca](http://FireSmart.ca) provides many ideas, some of which are relatively simple. A common overlooked hazard is the debris under decks. Organizing fire tools and hoses now can make a huge difference if they are needed in a hurry. Consider buying a few more lengths of hose or maybe chip in with a neighbour and buy a fire pump.

Some people have already put out and filled their Fire Barrels. We are hoping that most people will get enough hose to fill their own barrels. This will not only make it easier for Brad Clark and Keith Gray, as they put out the community Fire Barrels, but will encourage and increase overall capabilities. Brad reports that the water filling station, near the Ball Park, is operational. If you do need to have a Fire Barrel filled, email Brad at: [bradleyclarkq@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyclarkq@gmail.com) with Fill Fire Barrel and your address in the subject line.

There is and will be more money being thrown toward community fuel load reduction. For example, check out the Forest Enhancement Society of BC website to view some of these million-dollar projects. Most of their Board Members are Registered Foresters and formerly employed by big forest companies. From their website:

“With support from the governments of B.C. and Canada, the Forest Enhancement Society of BC has been supporting many indigenous groups, local communities, contractors and companies to implement innovative forestry projects that reduce greenhouse gases, protect communities from wildfire, improve wildlife habitat, and create jobs for British Columbians. This work generates immense social, economic, and environmental benefits for British Columbians today, and for our children and grandchildren in the future.”  
—Jim Snetsinger, FESBC Chair

I have been struggling with how to phrase my impressions of what is happening with the revision of the 2005 Evacuation Plan. In short, I do not know when or if it will be done.

Stay safe and remember that personal safety is paramount when trying to put out a fire. Downed Hydro lines are very dangerous !!! Talk and make plans with your neighbours.

**Call 1-800-663-5555 or \*5555 on a cell phone to report a fire...**

**Regional Directors Update ~ Denis Delisle**

RDNO's Electoral Area Advisory Committee meeting: The owners of a 52.4 ha property on Hidden Lake Road had requested that the RDNO support an application to the ALR, to subdivide the property into 3 parcels. The request was not supported to send onto the ALC.

An application to replace the old 30 meter weather radar station with a new 42 meter station on Silver Star. The upgrade will give more accurate accounting of the weather in our area and could be completed by 2022.

The Conservation Officers (COs) enhanced boat patrol needed two personal water craft vessels (PWC) to conduct the boat patrols on the Shuswap River. Previously they used a loaner machine but this year they could not access any loaners for PWCs. Good news! EAAC supported buying one for their patrols using the COVID-19 restart grant funds. The COs had a hard time finding one that met their needs, having to go to Prince George to get the last one in BC.

Previously the RDNO provided public awareness of the impacts and solutions for invasive plants & animals but our invasive species specialist retired and we were not able to replace him. The RDNO invasive species service suffered accordingly; recently however the Invasive Species Council of BC has created a 4-person Action Team to be stationed in Vernon. This team will be in the field surveying and managing invasive species as needed. As well there will be an Invasive Species Ambassador, who will help with informing people about invasive genera in our area. They are looking for people to fill these positions if you have an interest in invasive species go to: <https://bcinvasives.ca/about/careers/> there maybe a job for you. Interested in what the ISCBC[dd1] does, go to: <https://bcinvasives.ca/> .

One invasive species that has been growing quite a bit is the “roof rat” apparently, they are spreading up into Silver Star and Area “B” not only getting in homes but eating wiring in cars. I have heard of them in Enderby and Grandview Bench area as well. With the mild winter we have had we are likely to see them spread in the rest Area “F” as well- if they are not already entrenched.

Other things happening in our area:

**Flooding**; with the warm weather there has been a slow melt of the snow climbing up the hills. If this continues flooding will less of an issue this year. However it depends on what mother nature sends as to what happens. In Ashton Creek, flooding is a big concern for those who live along the creek. We are working with Lee Heskett, who is conferring with the different agencies to get permission to do works in the creek. Once we get support to go ahead the work will start, it doesn't look like we will be able to do it now as the freshet seems to of started. Funding for the protection of the creek will be contributed by the Federal Community Works Fund.

Thanks, to local residents and a representative from the River Ambassador Program who took the time to educate me about the issues they are seeing with tubers on the Shuswap river. Tubers are increasingly accessing the river; they are finding access areas past the Riverside bridge/hall.

These are potentially dangerous floating areas and they have **NO WARNING** that it is dangerous, as well that the time it takes to reach an accessible exit before dark. Signage and proper information on the web is obviously needed. On the RDNO hand launch sites, signage could be installed but there is threat of liability to the corporation because of the wording. This real threat of liability can restrict common sense information. Signage is needed in many places not under the purview of the Regional District, how can this be done before the summer season?

Advertising on different websites advises people to go tubing in potentially dangerous areas on the Shuswap River. One site suggests that people to put in at Kingfisher! As anyone knows tubing or even kayaking (without training) through the “chucks” below Kingfisher would be dangerous and fool hardy at the least. We have no ability to do enforcement on the river, we can only educate.

Often, I hear; “it is not if but when” someone will be succumbing to the river; we are hoping signage education can prevent this from happening.

**Don't forget to support the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre's virtual Salmon Run.** You buy an entrance ticket then you do your usual exercise. Add up your distances to the race platform as you progress along the Fraser Rivers salmon migratory trip on a virtual map.

As you advance along the route, you will reach milestones and unlock discounts from local businesses. You also have the opportunity to win exciting door prizes! throughout the event.

Go to: <https://www.kingfishercentre.org/great-virtual-salmon-run.html>  
..and pay your \$50 bucks help the fish and the community!

**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 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.

<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>		

**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.  
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 and maintenance, erosion control....etc

**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)

**Cyber Newsletter**

I will be comparing the list for emailing out the Kingfisher Newsletter to the list of community members who have purchased their 2021 KCS membership. If you are not a member, I will regretfully take you off the email list. Purchasing a membership is easy, just check out the information in the newsletter. Your membership helps defray the costs of the newsletter.

**Let me know if there are any problems.**  
 George: [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

**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://facebook.com/AIMRoads)

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

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**Services available**

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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 -----	Suzanne Clark -----	250-838-6248
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.

### MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

**Suzanne Clark**  
**[queenb47@telus.netto](mailto:queenb47@telus.netto) 250-838-6248**  
**Call or email now!**

### KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to :  
[editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

#### Deadline is 20th of each month.

Deadline is strictly 20th 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