
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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From your Chair: Jacky Clark

and polluted air. But, we have the lake and the river to play in and we can now visit freely with family and friends and catch up on all those forbidden hugs and even with all the smoke, air quality here is better than in town.

Old age is creeping up on me and I can't remember all that I could be writing about and I'm late getting this in as I had a time warp on the date so on that note I will sign off and go for a swim.

Enjoy the summer... it's short... reconnect with your friends, write your memoirs while you can still remember and have fun.

Jacky 250-838-6062

**At long last... the news you have all
been waiting for.**

THE HALL IS RE OPENED!

The Farmers Market has already been making use of the Hall as was a recent private event. AND you should know that with a Party Girl like Laura on the board we (the directors) are planning a re opening party for the Hall. Yahoo!! See further in for details.

I guess it's BC's turn for hardship... we just get out of a State of Emergency for the Covid 19 and only days later we are back in Emergency mode for fire. Ahh yes... summer in the Okanagan...blistering heat



MABEL LAKE TRIVIA

**NAME THE BAND! And ALL
BAND MEMBERS ...**

First three people to call or email
Jacky with their answers win!!!

Prizes to be determined :)

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
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August Update

Denis Delisle

Regional Director of Area "F" Electoral Area Advisory Committee

For the Areas of: Ashton Creek, Grandview Bench, Grindrod, Kingfisher/Mabel Lake, Mara and Glenmary/ Twin lakes.
in the Regional District of the North Okanagan (RDNO)

Contact: Cell: 250 253 0976 Home: 250 838 2314

Directors report July 2021

EAAC meeting July, highways weeds, Grindrod Water, Glenmary paving, Mabel lake sewage and fire prevention.

Grindrod water system is often closed down (4-10 times a year) and every time it is closed down the system is depressurized. Interior Health insists that if the water system pressure is too low a "water quality advisory" needs to be issued. As well, if the power is ever off due to impacts to the power source (such as fire/accidents) Grindrod will still have water. A backup generator will be installed to prevent these situations. The \$202,000 costs are being funded by Canada's Community Works Fund.

Mabel Lake sewage utility depends on electricity to pump the sewage and when there are power outages there can be issues with the septic system. A standby generator is being installed to allow the system to operate normally and to alleviate worry about the power being shut down from fires or floods for long periods of time. This is generously being funded by Canada's Community Works Fund at a cost of \$245,000.

Area "F" COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant Funds of \$3,000 will be allocated to Kingfisher Community Society and \$3200 to Enderby & District Museum & Achieves.

The proposed area Mara Fire protection from Swansea Point VFD was not successful. Out of 228 properties there were 72 that voted for Fire Protection. It would have taken about 43 more petitions in support of the petition for fire protection to take place.

The EAAC members asked that the maintenance of the highways start cutting the weeds before it gets too dry. The response to myself was that it was too late, & that they deemed the cutting of weeds could cause sparks and start fires. If there are intersections where the weeds interfere with visibility of the drivers contact AIM at 1- 866-222-4204. They should send someone out to remove them.

Glenmary Road is to get some paving done from Old Salmon Arm Road to Saltwell Road, about 4 km. Some of the old pavement will be re-milled & mixed with the new. Hopefully the ditching will be improved in certain areas as well.

Fire watch; earlier in the month residents on the westside of Mabel Lake awoke to a tree that was struck by lightning. Quick action by cutting the tree down and dousing saved the day. Kingfisher has a small but dedicated group of people who have created a fire attack prevention plan for the area. They have about 45 blue barrels with water along the road for quick extinguishing. They have been used twice to extinguish fires in the past years. Folks in Ashton Creek are taking a page from Kingfisher and are setting up the blue barrels there as well. They recognize as well that to hit fires quick and hard is a successful method of prevention.

Ranchero/Deep Creek VFD gives Grandview Bench fire protection. The VFD discussed ways of securing an easily accessed good source of water in the area that Area "F" could help support creating.

Concern from the folks in the Twin Lakes/Gunter-Ellison area recognizes that they are severely challenged if a fire blocks off their access out. There is a potential road out that connects to Mat Road and then to Glenmary Road. However, it is a private road and closed. One solution offered is that the residents work with the owner to somehow open that road in the case of an emergency.

These times are going to be very trying; the best way to deal with potential future fires is to prepare now. Two methods of minimizing impact on your property and family are to FireSmart your property and create a neighbourhood plan to find solutions when fire threatens your community.

Of course, have your "Go Bag" ready now!

Fires can send sparks up to 9 kms ahead of itself in certain situations. Debris, sticks, paper, dry grass that are near your buildings will quickly ignite & flare up on other burnables against your home. The solution is to clean up any of these fuels away from your house. I've learned a few interesting ways that homes burn even though they may be kilometers away from the actual fire. Gutters – they often fill up with leaves and tree debris (especially lately) sparks land in them and they burn against the house an entrance for the flame into the walls. Even worse are plastic gutters as they become a melting burning fire starter against your walls. Solution: clean out your eavestroughs, some people have blocked off their gutters and filled them with water as a fire preventer.

Next time I'll tell what a great fire starter welcome mats are!

FIRESMART:

A small introduction to taking the situation in your own hands rather than letting the situation control you.

The present conditions suggest that we will likely have some threatening Fires in our area. Rather than worry about what might happen, it is time to take action and lessen the chance of your home being destroyed and your family being a victim of a Fire.

Two preparations you can do now to create safer and less impacted conditions for yourselves.

- 1) FireSmart your home and property; such as clearing as many burnables away from your home as possible. Most home losses are not from the colossal Fires like the Lytton Fire, they are usually started by sparks that can be as far away as 2 km. Embers land in a small pile of debris that is nestled by some boards or boxes by your walls under your deck, and in this dry weather it can flare quickly up in to a major Fire. I'm thinking that in my reports I will add small hints of what you can do to start FireSmarting your property. You can do these things in small steps & these are simple; you still have some time now.
- 2) Be prepared to leave with very little notice. They say to have an Emergency 72 hour bag packed and ready to go. Good idea! I would suggest have something for 2 weeks for a forced Fire holiday the way things are going. ***There is an excellent information handout on getting prepared for an Emergency at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/make-your-plan>***

I will try to get some paper copies and leave them at stores and Community Halls in our area.

- 3) A important 3rd step is to create a Neighbourhood Emergency Plan (NEP) which could be a block of homes, mobile park, or a group of farms planning/working together to become more resilient to a disaster. Working together to take care of each other and recognizing the dangers that threaten all of us. The benefits are:
 - Identifying potential hazards and their impact
 - The preparation of a neighbourhood response plan
 - Learning what are your existing localized resources you can work with
 - Promoting training in personal preparedness (e.g., first aid, fire suppression...)
 - Learning how to report neighbourhood status to the Emergency Operations Centre.

The way our emergency management works with the RDNO is that staff has been trained to deal activate the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to manage and support response and recovery in Area "F" boundaries. The RDNOs staff EOC organizes the resources, media information, financial payments towards running the emergency and relief payments after the disaster is done. They are the initial organizers of an emergency; then Emergency management BC quickly comes in and takes over almost all aspects of a disaster. They have all the details of power lines, roads, bridges, cell service, the moving of animals and people in a plan. They do not share this plan with residents or work with neighbourhoods typically unless there is a Neighbourhood Emergency Plan registered with them. It is in many ways a military style operation made to respond quickly and efficiently.

NEXT PHASE OF KINGFISHER HALL SAFETY PLAN

On July 6th, the Directors approved the Kingfisher Hall Communicable Disease Plan for the Hall. This plan follows the requirements from Phase Three: the BC Government's Re-start Plan. Kingfisher School will also follow this plan.

The Safety Plan identifies three main requirements:

- staying home when ill
- appropriate handwashing and personal hygiene practices
- appropriate ventilation

Until Phase 4 is enacted (expected in early September), hall capacity is limited to 60 people. Additional rules are in place for seating and activities.

The Directors ask that all adults who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear a mask inside the Hall during activities.

Renters and each activity organizer will review the hall requirements and sign a User Agreement.

KINGFISHER FARMERS MARKET

Wednesday 11am - 1pm

For more information, contact the market administration at Marniniles@telus.net.

The Kingfisher Farmers Market has returned to the Community Hall location. Two long-time vendors are managing the Market on behalf of the Kingfisher Community Society. Many past vendors have returned and new vendors have joined.

You can expect booths selling fruit, vegetables, meat, other eggs, wine, craft items, pottery, photographs, cards, drinks, snacks.

LIBRARY NEWS

Summer Hours: Open Wednesday 10:30 am to 1:30pm

Hope to see you there.

Masks will still be requested if you are not vaccinated. Community memberships are available for sale at the library.

I would like to pay tribute to one of the library founders. It is with great sadness that I announce the passing away of a lovely member of our community. On July 1st 2021, Jane Clayton left us to join her late husband Bob, and I hope they are having a wonderful time together. Jane and Susan Leavitt, with help from their husbands Bob and Jerry, started the library with one bookshelf and a few lonely books. With many hours put in over the next ten years they grew the library into the wonderful resource it is today and the community should be ever grateful, I know I sure am. Jane you will be missed. Thank-you for your dedication.

Respectfully submitted- Sherry Saunby



Interior Health

AUGUST 16 9/10am - 3:30pm
break for lunch

First & Second Vaccinations Available
No appointment necessary



Daily, Weekly or Seasonal slip rentals.
We have space for any vessel, including:

- Pontoon Boats
- Ski/Wave Boats
- Fishing Boats

Just want a day of fun? Rent hassle-free for an hour, ½ day or full day:

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- Fishing Boats
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Fuel up at our convenient fuel dock

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2021 *class of* CONGRATS!



Kingfisher Scholarship

The Kingfisher Scholarship was awarded to Aspen Schalin. Aspen is the oldest child of Nikki and Aubrey Schalin and was born and raised in Kingfisher. She is an 'all around' young woman: an excellent student, athlete, knows her way around farming and is a wonderfully kind young person. We're proud of you Aspen.

From Aspen:

"I will be attending Trinity Western University this fall studying to become a high school teacher. I will major in Chemistry and Physical Education.

Thank you to my community for being the recipient for the Kingfisher scholarship award."



EVENT SCHEDULE 2021

KINGFISHER INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

2550 MABEL LAKE RD, ENDERBY

SPECIAL PROGRAM

August 13 – Encounter Wildlife

11:00 – 1:00

- Meet a live owl, turtle and snake
- Bonus: Learn how to tie flies
- Must pre-register \$10/person

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAMMING

10:00 – 11:00

July 31 – Bug Hunting

- Learn about aquatic invertebrates with a bowl of "Bug Soup"

Aug 7 – Birds

- Learn about local birds through sight and sound

August 14 – Nature Crafts

- Use natural objects to create fun crafts to take home while learning about the natural world

August 21 – Salmon Superpowers

- Learn about the salmon life-cycle and some salmon superpowers
- Watch a salmon dissection and learn about the different parts of a salmon

For more information on any of the programs, please call us at (250)838-0004 or email us at kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com.



Evacuation Plan - August 2021 - submitted by Herb Latchko

With the fire on the Eastside of the lake, evacuation is the a very popular subject.
With any kind of evacuation plan the key is to be prepared.

The first step is to prepare a Go-bag, this bag will differ with the unique needs of your family. But these are the basics....medications, small first aid kit, all important documents, some cash, family contact info, extra set of seasonal clothing, flashlight with extra batteries, personal toiletries, some water and snack bars, phone charger and small amount of pet food. There are complete lists online.

There are two types of evacuation plans that we will probably be dealing with. The first would be a "PLANNED EVACUATION "where we would possibly have several hours to a day to get out. In this case you will be notified by RDNO in an alert via email, if you are not on their alert list do so ASAP.
<http://www.rdno.ca/index.php/contact-us/mailling-lists>

When the order to leave is issued, there will be a government official here to organize a orderly exit, this may start by having you go to your Muster Station so everyone can be accounted for and given information on how to proceed. In this case you probably will have time to leave by car, but the Evacuation Plan that was done by RDNO in September 2020 stated that it would take a maximum of 7 hours to clear all 5000 summer residents. Sounds crazy but think about everyone trying to get out at one time. This is why they say to keep our fuel tank full because there is going to be a lot of sitting and idling.

Second type would be an "EMERGENCY EVALUATION"
In this case we will possibly only have maybe hours to get out. Which would make leaving by car impossible, possibly even because the fire has blocked the road. If this happens the Hydro and phone line will be lost. So you will then be notified by someone, going from door to door telling you to go to your Muster Station where everyone will be met by a member of the Local Planning Group (LPG) for your zone. They will provide the information they have received from the officials in charge with what to do until they arrive. Please only send one family member as some stations have limited space.

The LPG 5 groups which includes the Kingfisher Campground, Airpark, Condos, Golf Course, Mabel Lake Campground, have discussed the scenario if the road is impassable which makes the only option leaving by boat. Taking people over to the Eastside of the lake to the road there, unloading and having them wait for ground transportation to one of the local communities. Then the boats continue this until all residents are there, boats and drivers would than return to the marina to moor as there will be no room to anchor several boats on that side, plus the boats are safer in the marina.

Many things will happen from this point, but those will be determined by Government Officials at that end. This plan is something we have put together, at this time no one official has approved it. (Just seem like common sense) We tried to get a Wildfire BC representative out to look things over here, but time ran out before the fire season.

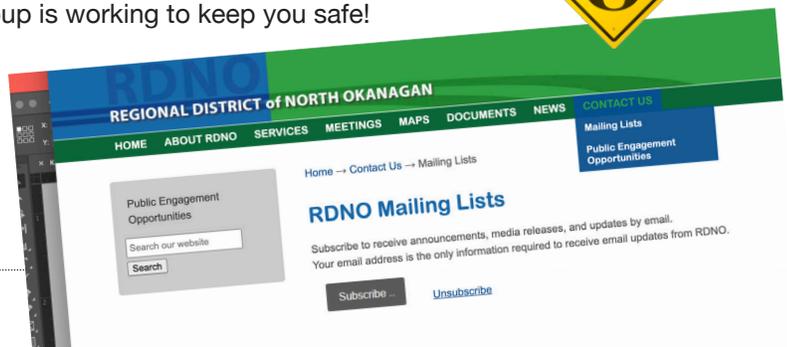
Please take some time and find your Muster Station!
You must know your LPG area...They are as follows...

- LPG#1.....Halfway hill to Falls Creek
- #2.....Falls Creek to Cooke Creek
- #3.....Cooke Creek to Kingfisher Hall
- #4.....Beattie Road and Lusk Lake
- #5a.....Kingfisher RV Park
- #5b.....Golf Course
- #5c.....Airpark
- #5d.....Mabel Ridge Estates
- #5e.....Foreshore
- #5f.....Small condos
- #5g.....Cessna Road and ML Place
- #5h.....ML Campground
- #5i.....Parkside Place
- #6.....The Westside

Hope you found this helpful and know that the LPG group is working to keep you safe!



PLANNED EVACUATION ALERT
To receive RDNO notifications
via email
SIGN UP TODAY!



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>Mini excavator for hire 0 turn, 5' wide 52 hp</p> <p>Dirt work Driveway parking areas ditching....etc,etc,etc Brush work Tree removal stump removal Brush removal....etc,etc,etc</p>	<p>Allen 250-838-6062</p> <p>Brad 250-838-6326</p>	<p>Consultants</p>
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<p>Clark Boyz</p> <p>3173 Mabel Lake Rd Enderby, BC V0E1V5</p> <p>Allen 250-838-6062 Brad 250-838-6326</p> <p>License free faller 15+ years production felling. Heavy Equipment Operators since 1969 Logging development, Road construction and maintenance, erosion control....etc</p>	<p>Consultants</p>
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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

KINGFISHER COUNTRY QUILTERS

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



We want to hear from you!

Photos and/or news items for the Newsletter editorkingfisher@gmail.com

Any Community Questions ...
Jacky Clark 250-838-6062

KCS PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to George Jameson.
g67george@gmail.com

Paid ads will be limited to 1/8 page
Email: editorkingfisher@gmail.com for Ad submission details.
KCS members only
Ads run from May - April for full year \$100
or 6 months or less for \$50

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

MABEL LAKE ROAD

Direct your concerns and/or inquires to:

Contractor: 1-866-222-4204
Website: aim-roads.ca
Twitter: @AimRoads
Facebook: @AIMRoads
Instagram: @aimroads.ca

Email: aimroads@acciona.ca

Ministry contact:

Vernon Area Office: 250-503-3664

Mabel Lake Farms

Kent & Suzanne Clark
250-838-6248
Kentclark@telus.net

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Please call to order
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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	Michele Huntington.....	250-838-7477
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Librarian & Memberships.....	Sherry Saunby.....	250-838-5660
Maintenance & Supplies.....	Greg Clark	250-838-0292
	Kowyn Hibbert	250-938-6025



*SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
Alone we can do so little; together
we can do so much - Helen Keller*

We're planning for a Welcome Back party after many months of hall closure. Now we can look ahead with hope and excitement to once again hold events and activities at our hall.



**Saturday, September 11
starting about 5:00 pm.**

The Welcome Back Party will be a combination of the Corn Roast and the Porch Party.

The KCS will provide corn-on-the-cob and hamburgers. We will hold the event on the porch, outside and inside as needed.

We are still working out the details regarding the food and entertainment.

If you have any ideas or want to help, contact any one of the Directors (phone numbers above).

KCS Memberships Are Due

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Suzanne Clark
T: 250-838-6248
E: queenb47@telus.net

STOP BY: at Mabel Lake Farms Store
July and August daily: 8-2

Kingfisher Library every Wednesday from 11-2
OR

MAIL: Suzanne Clark
#33 Kingfisher Road, Enderby V0E 1V5
(Make Cheques out to Kingfisher Community Society)
OR

E-TRANSFER: kingfisher3337@gmail.com
IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in
your email address

Receipts and Invoices:

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



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Email photos and news items to :
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Deadline is the 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.