

# The Kingfisher

## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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### From your Chair: Jacky Clark

Feel free to call anytime for anything. 250-838-6062

### THE ONLY INDOOR ACTIVITIES AT THE HALL AT THIS TIME ARE PICKLEBALL AND KIDS DAY.

*Dare I say it ...Christmas is just around the corner.* I have always wished that Christmas was more in the middle of the winter as opposed to at the beginning and today as I'm writing this it's snowing, looking like it's here for the duration.

The directors have planned an outdoor Christmas event complete with a tree, decorations and Santa, with gifts for the little ones and hot chocolate and goodies for all. We will be following the Covid 19 protocol so we'll all be safe. Looking forward to seeing you all there, feel free to bring me a small gift of chocolate, I prefer dark. :)

There are some interesting comments in the "Flowing Through Time" book about Christmas so here's a few tid bits that hopefully will tempt you to get that book out again and have a look see. The Enderby Commoner wrote on Dec 24, 1970 that the concert was well attended even though it was a snowy road and that Isobel Simard and Mr. T Wrinch were responsible for the entertainment. Mrs Doris Campagnolo and Mrs. Vera Clark did the costumes and Mrs. Joyce Potrie was responsible for the music. Della Faulkner (a teacher at Kingfisher school) remembers a December when the power was off more than on and because the power was out there was no dress rehearsal. Hans Gubler brought over a tractor that was hooked up to a generator so there was power and heat for the concert that night, after all "the show must go on". She (and many others) remember Mrs. S Pinto having a baby the morning of the concert and bring him along with his siblings to the concert that night! For many years Murray McDonald was head writer, producer and director of the school concerts and even after the school was closed Murray did the concerts. Maybe we'll get lucky and he'll entertain us at this years event.

There will be no newsletter in January as we are all taking Christmas off.

Wishing You and Yours a Wonderful Christmas and All the Best for 2022. Hopefully the world will settle down in the New Year.

### 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



## AN OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT KINGFISHER HALL

Saturday December 11 • 2-5 pm

Santa will be there 3-4 pm and will have gifts for children age 10 and under.

Parents are asked to notify Ursula at [ulussin@gmail.com](mailto:ulussin@gmail.com) if your children will be there.



Everyone Welcome!!

We will have a decorated tree, a bonfire, hot chocolate and goodies.

### Christmas Driftwood Ornament Class

Join us for our second and last craft class of 2021! This beautiful Christmas Driftwood Ornament can be displayed outside or in and the only limitation to its magic is your imagination. All materials, supplies and instruction will be provided for the basic ornament. Should you wish to add more bling, you can do so for an additional cost.



**Date:** December 12, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Kingfisher School

**Instructor:** Delia Backhouse

**Cost:** \$25

Please bring any snacks or drinks you would like. And if you have a favourite glue gun feel free to bring it.

**Kindly RSVP to Lisa Miner by December 1st**

to secure your space. Space is limited and registration is required to ensure adequate supplies. (Current Covid protocols apply)

250-838-7128 | [lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)

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## November / December Update

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**Denis Delisle**  
Regional Director of Area "F" Electoral Area Advisory Committee  
Contact: Cell: 250 253 0976 Home: 250 838 2314

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)

**At the Board meeting :**

The Okanagan North Westside Community (ONWC) residents are looking towards removing themselves from the Central Okanagan Regional District (CORD) and either being self-governed or joining the RDNO. RDNO staff will be looking at if we can include them into our District. The main reason the ONWC is wanting to separate is that they feel ignored by CORD.

**At the Electoral Area Directors meeting:**

The volunteer group "Good Food Box" have been donated \$2500 for needy families in the Enderby Area from the Covid-19 restart funding grant (from Area "F"). The total was \$10,500 from all of the Electoral Director areas. The Good Food Box is a volunteer group which helps families include more fresh fruit and vegetables in their meals.

The RDNO is hoping to work with the "Clean Farms" organization to mitigate the plastic waste that farms produce in our area. Clean Farms programs create meaningful change, and offer a tangible way to address agricultural waste management and resources in the community.

**The North Okanagan RCMP 3rd quarter report:**

Our area has a new Sergeant; Steve Mancini. Fires brought 60 additional RCMP to deal with alerts, patrols, safety, clearing paths and service in the area of the fires. The Fires brought other headaches for the officers. In Falkland they had to clean out much of their office because of the impending fire. As well in Armstrong they had to prepare for an evacuation of some of their items there as well.

Front line policing incidents: A 75-year-old man died (from a medical issue) while cliff jumping into the Shuswap River. As well, a fraud convinced someone to give their private account information, resulting in the purchasing of \$3,900 of Google play cards. On September 21, there were reports of 3 arson attempts in the 6300 block of Highway 97A; no suspects were found. There were motor vehicle accidents (20) followed by assaults (8) and theft under \$5,000 (6) in this 3rd quarter.

An application to subdivide a piece of property in Ashton Creek on ALR lands. It was deferred until more information could be gathered about where a dwelling would have the minimum impact on farming land.

The 2021 Conservation Officer (CO) boat safety patrols were done on 6 different water bodies in the RDNO area. As well, there were 7 on Shuswap River, 3 on Mabel Lake and 2 on Mara Lake. Shuswap River had the highest public contacts with the Cos. Compliance has increased amongst locals but tourists are an ongoing challenge. The non-compliance rate was 84% on the Shuswap River. Mabel Lake had 66% non-compliance rate. Mara Lake because of the fire road closure did not have so many users, the compliance rate was 69%. On the 3 waterways there were 20 tickets, 13 orders to shore and 649 warnings. We are the envy of other water bodies in BC who do not have COs policing their waters.

**Other items:**

The pilings at the Mabel Lake boat launch were removed this November. The reason they were removed is that the wood pilings had deteriorated to such a point that they could easily break off. If this would have happened the RDNO would be liable for any damage that the cable and posts would do to the river.

An assessment was done on the Kingfisher Hall and school. The assessment was done on all Community Halls for two reasons. One to get an idea of the present condition of the buildings and use this as a base line for future repairs that may be needed. The second reason is to deal with any immediate issues and rectify them as soon as possible.

Secwepemc Knowledge Relationships: Wayne Christian & Robyn Laubman were on a webinar sponsored by "Living Lakes Canada" told of the relationship of the Splatsin and importance of a healthy Shuswap watershed to them. Subjects discussed were responsibility, the importance of Salmon, being humble with nature and the importance of working together in a sustainable way to keep and improve the health of running waters.

Unfortunately, Glenmary and Inch Logan Road will not be paved this year due to the wet weather we have been getting. The substrate will not adhere properly to the asphalt if it was paved now. It would only mean further issues with the surface down the road.



Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning  
December 2021  
submitted November 20th by Herb Latchko



Somehow it is hard to think about FireSmart amidst all the rain and flooding. But this is a great time of year to reduce the fuel load around the home and outbuildings. I received an interesting YouTube video clip from Denis Delisle, our Area F Director. It is a recording of a Zoom meeting given to land management planners by a long-time forest manager who was part of setting up the FireSmart program. I have jotted down a few quotes below:

"We don't have a forest fire problem; we have a home ignition problem." (some 60-90% of all homes destroyed by wildfire result from drifting embers)

"Embers on a lawn cushion in Ft. McMurry showed almost 600 burn holes per square meter." (this took place over the course of time, in which amazingly, none of the embers ignited the cushion)

"The most intense wildfire flames and radiant heat can not ignite wood structures farther away than approximately 30 meters." (go to: FireSmart.bc to view the 4 Home Ignition Zones around your home and outbuildings)

"Watch where the first snowflakes end up on a windy day." (these are the places where hot embers from a far away wildfire are most likely to land)

You can watch the entire video at: <https://youtu.be/7GWSXsaL7sU>

We know that wildfire can play an important part in terms of forest health. However, massive deep burning fires can have a detrimental impact on the soil and water retention capabilities. A quote from a US Forest Service:

"Physical impacts of fire on soil include breakdown in soil structure, reduced moisture retention and capacity, and development of water repellency, all of which increase susceptibility to erosion. ... When fire consumes vegetation and underlying litter layers, hydrophobic or water-repellent soil conditions can form."

If you decide to burn rather than take the debris in for composting, make sure to check the "BC Venting index". It's easy to use. I found it interesting that sunny days are not always the best for burning and there have been some very cloudy misty days that have had good venting conditions. It depends on the air aloft and it's "mix height" above the surface.

In closing, I hope that more communities will take advantage of large community fuel reduction through the Forest Enhancement Society of BC. These are million dollar projects.

## NOT GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER?

The "Kingfisher" newsletter is delivered to all rural postal boxes from the "Welcome to Kingfisher" sign to Mabel Lake.

You will not receive the newsletter if you have informed the post office that you don't want fliers delivered to your mailbox.

If for any other reason, you, or someone you know isn't getting the newsletter, please let me know.

FYI - every year there is no January newsletter.

Thanks, George  
g67george@gmail.com



TELUS IS INVITING CUSTOMERS TO INDICATE WHETHER THEY WOULD LIKE BETTER INTERNET SERVICE.

Currently, Telus offers Internet 6-15 for most people in the Mabel Lake area. Take a minute to go to this Telus site and sign the petition.

Here is the link provided by Telus to sign the Petition

<https://www.telus.com/en/contact-form/omni-form/i-want-fibre>

## PICKLEBALL AT THE HALL

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9 am - 11 am for pickleball fun.

Safety Protocols include: must be fully vaccinated, masks and distancing while not playing and maximum 10 players



## SCHOOL OPEN FOR CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



Should you wish to dazzle us with an idea for a workshop or even host one  
- Please Give Us a Call!

Please Contact Suzanne  
Tel: 250-838-6248

## QUILTERS & CRAFTERS ANNUAL POTLUCK GET TOGETHER Wednesday, Dec 15th



For more details and Info contact  
Suzanne Tel: 250-838-6248

In accordance with COVID protocol  
our gathering number are restricted to  
10 guests only at one time.



## BOOK CLUB

Contact Laurie  
lauriebaines96@gmail.com or  
call 250-838-7522.

## LIBRARY NEWS



The Library would appreciate any donations of books of Christmas stories, crafts and/or baking.

Open Wednesday 10:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Hope to see you here over the winter - Sherry

Masks are again mandatory.  
Community memberships are available for sale at the library.



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:

- Jet Skis (brand new this year)
- Fishing Boats
- Canoes or Kayaks

Stop into our store for snacks & icecream  
Fuel up at our convenient fuel dock

[www.rivermouthmarina.com](http://www.rivermouthmarina.com)

250-838-6236



## The first Trunk-Or-Treat candy party for the community children was fun!

Thanks to everyone who participated!  
Continuing forward let's expect much more fun  
for our little Kiddos



## Merry Christmas from MacKenzie Camp!

Looking forward to school programming a full slate of summer camps in 2022! (health regulations permitting)



Wondering about a present for a favourite youngster? How about something to last a lifetime – a Gift Certificate to MacKenzie Camp!

Find the form at [www.mackenziecamp.ca](http://www.mackenziecamp.ca). We'll supply you with a colourful certificate to tuck under the Christmas Tree.



MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre  
URL [www.mackenziecamp.ca](http://www.mackenziecamp.ca) email [maccamp@shaw.ca](mailto:maccamp@shaw.ca)



## COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Free to members. Limit of 50 words - no graphics.  
Please confirm information every six months.

Advertisements from local non-profit organizations are free and limited to 1/2 page.

<b>MINI EXCAVATOR FOR HIRE</b>	Allen 250-838-6062	<b>CONSULTANTS</b>
52 horse power, 5' wide 0 turn  Dirt work Driveway parking areas Ditching ... etc, ect, ect Bush work ... etc, ect, ect	Brad 250-838-6326	
Inquiries: BradleyClarkQ@gmail.com		

<b>Clark Boyz</b>	<b>CONSULTANTS</b>
3173 Mabel Lake Rd, Enderby, BC V0E 1V5 Allen 250-838-6062 Brad 250-838-6326	
License tree faller 15+ years production falling Heavy Equipment Operators since 1969 Logging development, Road construction and maintenance, erosion control ... ect	

### 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:e:janetbrownphotgraphy@yahoo.com)

 North Mabel Lake buy/sell/free

For Sale:  
 Front load washing machine. Works well.  
 \$200.00 OBO call 250-838-6062

### FUNDRAISER FOR KINGFISHER SCHOOL 'Kingfisher Recipe Book'

Submit your favorite recipe with a little story or note about it and the name (or not) that should be on the recipe. The recipes will be compiled with the hope that the Recipe Book will be available for sale by April 2022, just in time for Mothers Day!!

Please submit recipes to Laurie  
[lauriebaines96@gmail.com](mailto:lauriebaines96@gmail.com) or T: 250-838-7522

\*must be KFS member to have recipe published

## KCS PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to George Jameson.  
[g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)

Paid ads will be limited to 1/8 page  
 Email: [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto: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 inquiries to:

**Contractor:** 1-866-222-4204  
**Website:** [aim-roads.ca](http://aim-roads.ca)  
**Twitter:** @AimRoads  
**Facebook:** @AIMRoads  
**Instagram:** @aimroads.ca

Email: [aimroads@accion.ca](mailto:aimroads@accion.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 & Breakfast  
 Venue Hosting (May-September)  
 Coffee Shop (July & August)  
**Snow Plowing**



## Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair.....	Jacky Clark .....	250-838-6062
Secretary.....	Laura Jameson .....	250-838-6379
Treasurer.....	Michele Huntington.....	250-838-7477
Memberships & School .....	Suzanne Clark.....	250-838-6248
Hall Bookings/Entertainment....	Sydney Graham .....	250-574-5725
Librarian & Memberships .....	Sherry Saunby.....	250-838-5660
Maintenance & Supplies .....	Greg Clark .....	250-838-0292
	Kowyn Hibbert .....	250-938-6025



## Kingfisher School Contact Information

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Kingfisher Country Quilters.....	Lisa Miner .....	250-838-7128 Email: lisamarie31ca@gmail.com
Librarian .....	Sherry Saunby.....	250-838-5660 Email: sjsaunby@telus.net

## 2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE JANUARY 2022



### SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

As of November 22nd we have 106 memberships in good standing.

Your membership is valued and important to the whole Kingfisher Community, so please feel free to contact us with suggestions or ideas for improvement.

### KCS Memberships - Help Support Your Community

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Suzanne Clark  
T: 250-838-6248 Email: 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



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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.