
The Kingfisher



The Community's Newsletter

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From your Chair:
Jacky Clark

THE HALL IS NOW BACK TO FULL SPEED AHEAD!! Look inside for a calendar of events

Maybe you have noticed that over the last few months I have hinted of projects that we have been working on. Well, now I am able to reveal what we've been up to.

Due to the generosity of some caring and thoughtful community members we now have a fund that enables us to offer a one time monetary payment to parents of new babies. Look inside for more details.

Our other project started back in the fall when RDNO did assessments on the School and the Hall. The Hall came through with not much needed in the way of upgrading but the School is another story. It needs quite a bit of upgrading. Well after much research and back and forth between multiple parties we have reached an agreement and will be moving ahead with renos. The actual work will not happen right away as there is some preliminary work to be done first such as getting an actual physical layout of the building on paper. As things get closer to construction there will be more detailed info. But for now everyone is happy that we can just get started.

Keith Gray has done a stellar job, over the many years, of keeping the school maintained. He was always available to change lights, fix stuff and generally be a valuable information source of all things School. Keith is another example of a community member that works quietly behind the scenes just getting things done. Good Job Keith! and a BIG thank you for all the time and energy that you have invested in OUR School. The upcoming work is no reflection on what he has been doing...this is bigger stuff, like replacing windows and upgrading wiring.

Look out for new signs that have been placed along the River in preparation for a busy summer. Everybody play safe on the River.

A more recent project that came about from the AGM is having a summer Community meeting. This meeting is info based with lots of room for questions. Look inside for more info.

If you can't wait until this meeting in August to bring up an issue or get some info PLEASE feel free to call me and either I will be able to help or I'll know who can. Also members are encouraged to come to a directors meeting to address an issue. Advance notice would be helpful (but not necessary) so we can get you on the agenda. Directors usually meet on the second Tuesday at 7pm.

As always I can be reached at 250 838 6062. (the hubby is not always reliable at relaying messages) See you at the Hall

PS Hey Pickleballers..someone left a nice pair of ladies white runners/court shoes at the Hall. If you need help getting in let me know.





KINGFISHER HALL 2022 SUMMER EVENTS

JUNE

Please consider volunteering for one event per year.

No experience necessary ... just come and meet your neighbours and make some new friends.

Contact the Entertainment Director Sydney Graham or any one of the Directors.

Porch Party

June 18
5 pm



Hamburgers & hotdogs provided.
Bring a salad or dessert.

Farmers' Market

Every Wednesday
11 am - 1 pm

First Market June 29th

JULY



Kingfisher Jumble Dance
July 2 • 9:30 - 2am

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Farmers' Market

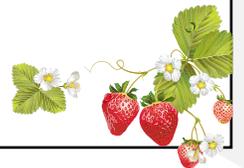
Every Wednesday
11 am - 1 pm

July 6, 13, 20, 27

STRAWBERRY
TEA



Date to be
Determined



AUGUST

Farmers' Market

Every Wednesday
11 am - 1 pm

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

COMMUNITY MEETING
WITH RDNO

August 9
10 am - 1 pm

Presentations by RDNO staff begins at 11 am
Parks & Recreation, Emergency Planning, Fire Prevention

Corn



ROAST

August 20 • 5 pm
Potluck, Corn provided

SUMMER MEETING WITH THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF THE NORTH OKANAGAN (RDNO)

Tuesday, August 9th
10 am - 1 pm
Kingfisher Community Hall

We are hosting a meeting with several staff from RDNO who will provide information on parks and recreation planning, emergency evacuation planning, and fire prevention and response.

Area F elected representative, Denis Delisle will also be present. Our community association will also have information available at that time.

Doors open at 10 am
Presentations begin at 11 am



The Kingfisher Community Society is pleased to announce the establishment of a Baby Welcome Fund.

This fund is made possible through a generous donation by local residents (who wish to remain anonymous).

The fund provides one-time financial support to parents of infants from Kingfisher.

Application forms are available from a Director. The family must reside in Kingfisher at the time of the birth.



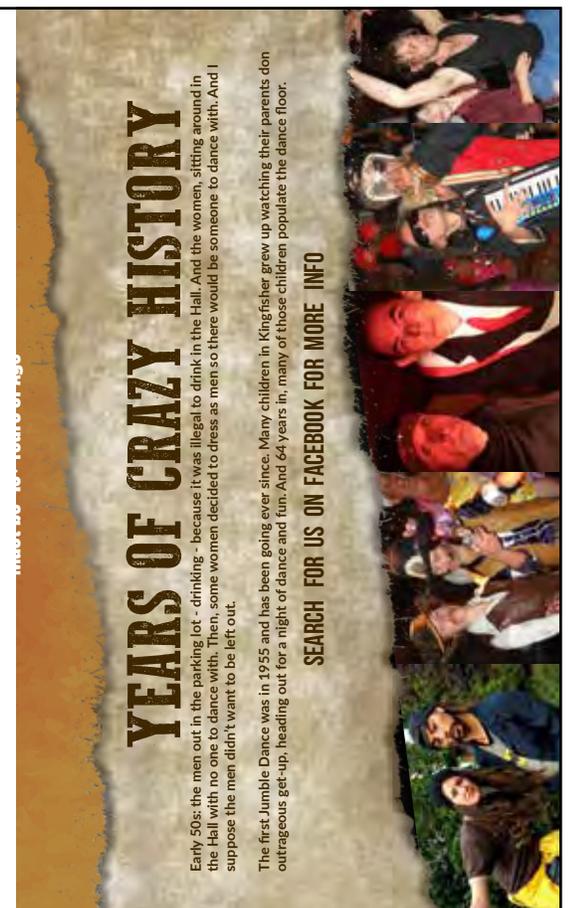
65th Annual
JUMBLE DANCE
DONT MISS THE WEIRDEST, CRAZIEST, CROSS-DRESSIEST PARTY SINCE 1955

July 2, 2022

9:30 - 2AM KINGFISHER Hall, Mabel Lake

tickets: \$20 advance \$25 door	LIVE BAND Peter and the Wolves	CASH BAR midnight snack by donation
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Tickets Sold at Tony O'S, Enderby
Must be 19+ Years of Age



YEARS OF CRAZY HISTORY

Early 50s: the men out in the parking lot - drinking - because it was illegal to drink in the Hall. And the women, sitting around in the Hall with no one to dance with. Then, some women decided to dress as men so there would be someone to dance with. And I suppose the men didn't want to be left out.

The first Jumble Dance was in 1955 and has been going ever since. Many children in Kingfisher grew up watching their parents don outrageous get-up, heading out for a night of dance and fun. And 64 years in, many of those children populate the dance floor.

SEARCH FOR US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO

May Update

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)

In December of 2021, Interior Health reclassified the Mabel Lake Water Utility from a small system to a Large Drinking Water System. The reclassification requires more frequent water sampling, so you may see water quality techs gathering water samples in the community.

The Kingfisher Community Society, The Kingfisher School, Tannis Nelson, Dan Nash (RDNO) and myself discussed next steps to renovate the Kingfisher school. The first step will be completing design work done, then engineering will follow. After that, the contracting out will start, if all works out from the information gathered. With supply chain issues, volunteer times and finding workers it will be a challenge; however, we have a great group of people working together. Funding will be through the Canada Community-Building Fund (the federal gas tax fund).

And, the Kingfisher Community Society is planning on hosting an informational meeting with the RDNO Parks and Emergency Management staff, and myself. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9 or around that date if all goes well.

A residence in Mara on Highway 97A had their property given a "Notice on Title" on their land registration for construction of a single-family dwelling without a building permit. Staff will be authorized as well to take further action to bring the property into compliance.

Attending a FireSmart Conference some interesting information came out, such as the ***RDNO is one of the top 10 of the most likely to have a high or extreme wildfire.*** The destruction of Lytton was investigated by ***Jack Cohen, a retired fire researcher. His conclusion was "that the Lytton fire is no different then the way all catastrophic urban areas burn or for that matter rural homes."*** Embers landed in material around homes and then started those dwellings burning, which in turn kindled other structures, destroying the town in about 2 hours. The forest fire had already passed through and over the town, leaving an ember storm to start those homes not FireSmarted to ignite. It was noticed there were coniferous trees in the town and they were not burnt. The lesson here for all of us is to remove flammable debris from around structures.

Insurance Companies are getting closer to using the FireSmart principles by either giving credits for homes that are fire resistant, or not providing coverage for homes that do not reach that standard of fire protection. To read more online: www.firesmartbc.ca/resource-types/firesmart-research. The first line item is a great read on the Lytton fire as well as other information research that has been done on wildfires.

If you are burning a fire (in the Enderby VFD area) please contact the Enderby Fire Department at 250-838-6950. This will help and respect Fire Fighters not having to take time to rush out to a fire that is not an emergency. The Shuswap Fire Protection District has used up all of its reserves in providing partial payment for the new fire truck which is to arrive in 2023. The cost is \$710,000 plus taxes; luckily it was purchased some time ago when the prices were lower and not what the truck would cost now!

There was a meeting of "harm reduction from opioids", with the Canadian Center for Disease Control, to have leaders be involved with problems/solutions for the overdose plague we are seeing in our communities. Presently It is the 2nd leading cause of deaths; on average 6 people are dying from toxic drugs a day; 74% are ages 30-59, 78% predominately male; only 12% are homeless. First Nations are 4.5 times higher than the rate of all drug users. There were other statistics that give a different framework of what I think most people imagine opioid users to be: 86% die inside homes and 56% of those are in well to do residences. There are variety of options but no single solution to harm reduction. The pragmatism is that drugs will be around for a long time, we are not able to stop that. We need to deal with lessening the impact on society that these drugs have. It has been found that if up to 90% of the users are offered a legal readily available source of drugs, this could lessen criminal or self-destructive life styles and help remove them from the addictive path. What is needed is: better living conditions (homes), building relationships with drug users and offering tools that will keep them safe such as naloxone and single use kits.

Later in May; IHA, Enderby, Splatsin and myself will be bringing awareness of how, negative stigma is one of the main drivers to deaths from drug overdoses. Our attitudes are helping to direct users of opioids to self-medicate in seclusion. They in turn, could have an overdose without someone there to save them. Recognize as well, it is not unusual to have people experimenting with drugs, not just seasoned drug users. Hence the deaths can be teenagers and young adults which is very tragic to families.



Beginning June 8
Kingfisher Hall

CLASS TIMES: Wednesday: 5 - 6:30 pm
Saturday: 10 - 11:30 am

Karate Classes

Anyone 12 and older is invited to
attend and try it out!

The instructor is Terry Price, a local resident who holds a fifth degree black belt with the title of Shihan. He has almost 40 years teaching experience.

This class will include a variety of disciplines including yoga based warm ups and stretching, strengthening and coordination exercises, cardio, meditation and more.

Uniforms are available or you can train in sweats/shorts and a tee shirt.

Costs are a one time \$40 registration fee and a drop-in donation at the door. Suggestions per class are \$10 if you have it, less if you don't, or a food bank donation.



**BOOK CLUB will resume
in the fall. Please stay
tuned for further updates**

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

SCHOOL NEWS

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

YARD SALE

Thank you to everyone for coming out on Saturday and supporting the Kingfisher School Yard Sale Fundraiser, it was a great success. A special thank you to Whitney Steber for her tireless energy and focus in helping make this a success. And to "Crossroad Sons" whose great music provided the perfect backdrop to a fun, successful day.

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

Friday Games Afternoon



Will Resume
in the Fall

LIBRARY NEWS

OPEN WEDNESDAY 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

It's great to see the library getting busier again. We are so grateful to the community for the amazing amount of donations that come here. It is with regret that we decided to not accept VHS tapes. Nobody takes them out any more so to make better use of limited space we will be getting rid of them. If anybody wants any of them come and get them soon because they will be gone before summer.

Hope to see you soon at the library.

HAPPY READING.

Respectfully submitted- Sherry Saunby



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brochure for details

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2022

MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre
URL www.mackenziecamp.ca email maccamp@shaw.ca



Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning - June 2022 submitted by Herb Latchko

If you're like me, many of your conversations about the continuing rain have included, "well it's better than the dry and hot Fire Season last year".

I have not yet been able to find the Kingfisher/Mabel Lake Evacuation Plan or the Memorandum 4800.01.01.01, which prefaced the Plan. The Regional District is updating it's website and hopefully these documents will be easily available to the general public.

As of this writing, May 20th, there are no current fire bans or restrictions for the Kamloops Fire Centre-providing the Venting Conditions are favorable. You can go to: **BC Venting Conditions Interactive Map** and easily check if burning is allowed.

This reprieve in fire hazard is a good opportunity to plan with your neighbours for the eventual hot dry weather to come, whether this summer or the next. Go to: **Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Guide-Government BC** for a simple template to get you started. There are a few hard copy brochures of the Neighbourhood Emergency Plan circulating in the community, with hopefully many more to come.



SPRING IS HERE AND PICKLEBALL HAS MOVED OUTSIDE!!!

We are playing Monday, Wednesday & Saturday's at 10am weather permitting.

We will start play earlier once the weather is warmer.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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

Clark Boyz

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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!

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Ministry contact:

Vernon Area Office: 250-503-3664

90's DANCE PARTY

FRI, JULY 1ST, 2022

MABEL LAKE FARMS 7:00-11:00PM

\$15 SNACKS +BAR COSTUME PRIZES DOOR PRIZES 19+

250-838-6248 facebook.com/MabelLakeFarms



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Chair.....	Jacky Clark	250-838-6062
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2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

As of the end of May we have 56 - 2022 renewed memberships. 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
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STOP BY: at Mabel Lake Farms Store
 July and August daily: 8-2

Kingfisher Library every Wednesday from 11am - 1:30pm
 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 Robin:
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 Or call, 250-574-3572 | 250-838-5615

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.