
The Kingfisher



The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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I was planning on doing my Spring cleaning in February. But it seems that I prefer to hibernate. Sunny days do get me up and about but there have not been enough of them to get much done. How about you?

The Valentines bonfire was fun even tho it snowed...not sure what happened to the nice weather I ordered.

Spring is on the way even if it doesn't look like it and with spring comes activity and change. As for changes with your directors, I am ending my term at the AGM, so come on March 25 to see who will be joining the very fabulous Board. Our entertainment director, Sydney, is looking for some help with her position, she needs a team, you do not have to take on a directors role to help her. Also at the meeting an RDNO representative will be present and hopefully the new area F Director Allysa Hopkins. I am expecting a report on the progress of the school renovations and also a report for the Parks and Recreation plan. There will also be a report from The Mabel Lake-Kingfisher Community Resource Centre, (aka the School). The main purpose of the AGM is to review the previous year, review the financial statement and obtain new directors as needed. It is not a planning session for the present year but if you have ideas for anything hall related contact a director or talk to one after the meeting and we'll do what we can. We are open to new ideas. See you there!

For many years Brenda Heywood, Keith Gray and Brad Clark have been responsible for the Kingfisher Graduate Scholarship and they have done a fine job. But as I said things change and the directors feel it is time for that responsibility to come back to them. The process won't really change but stay tuned for up to date info in the coming months. So on behalf of all of us I would like to give a big thanks to Brenda, Keith and Brad. They have done a good job for a long time and now they can rest.

As always, for a little longer, you can call me at 250 838 6062
Thanks, Jacky

PS



Happy St. Patrick's day!

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Saturday March 25th, 1pm
Kingfisher Hall

Must be a member in good standing to vote.
Memberships renewals will be available at the *meeting*

Six Ways to get involved in the Kingfisher Community

Whether you're new to the community or you've been here forty years, you know that there's regular community events at Kingfisher Hall. These events are a cornerstone of our community, a legacy that has continued through many generations.

About the Kingfisher Community Society

The Kingfisher Community Society Board of Directors is made of eight to nine volunteer directors. They meet monthly. Meetings are used to plan and coordinate events, and oversee the management of Kingfisher Hall and grounds. Here are six ways to get involved:

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- 1. Attend the AGM:** The Kingfisher Community Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is happening on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 1:00 PM PST. All are welcome.
- 2. Attend an event:** All Kingfisher Community Society events are shared in our newsletter, on our Facebook page, and at the top of Halfway Hill (as you come into Kingfisher).
- 3. Host an Event:** Have an idea for a community event at Kingfisher Hall? Contact a KCS director to find out how to get the process started.
- 4. Volunteer at an Event:** Contact any KCS director to volunteer at upcoming events.
- 5. Join the Entertainment Committee:** Want to get more involved in hosting events with KCS? Contact our Entertainment Director, Sydney Graham to sign-up.
- 6. Become a Kingfisher Community Society Director:** If you want to get more involved in the governance of KCS, then consider becoming a volunteer Director.

If you have further questions contact any KCS Directors (see back page of the newsletter for names and contact information).

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Hall rental at discounted rate
 - Monthly Newsletter
 - Weekly Activities
 - In-door games, exercise classes, pickleball & badminton courts.
 - Out-door activities: pickleball, tennis, ball hockey
 - Maintained playground field and play equipment
 - Community Events: Strawberry Tea & Cake Walk; Porch Party potluck; Harvest Dinner potluck & more!
 - Annual Jumble Dance
 - Christmas concert & visit from Santa
 - Graduation Bursary
 - New Baby Welcome Fund
- In addition to activities at the Community Hall, the Kingfisher School also offers a variety of activities including a library.

Responsibilities of a KCS Director

Becoming a Kingfisher Community Society Director

Kingfisher Community Society (KCS) Directors either volunteer or are nominated at the AGM. If there are more interested members than positions available, an election will be held.

To become a KCS Director, you must be a member of the Kingfisher Community Society (you can renew your previous year's membership at the 2023 AGM).

The specific positions are decided by the Board at the first Directors meeting following the AGM.

Responsibilities of a Kingfisher Community Society Director

The KCS Directors meet monthly, for one to two hours. They have collective responsibility for hall operations including events, usage, maintenance, administration of contracts, administration of specific funds, and meeting legal requirements.

In addition to the collective responsibilities, each Director holds a position in the organization such as Entertainment, Maintenance, Chairperson, etc. Each of these positions has a position description and notes and instructions for the role.

The Board is governed by the "Bylaws of the Kingfisher Community Society" (May 2017). Operations follow the Kingfisher Community Society Policy Booklet. This year we will be updating the policy booklet and the instructions for all roles.

For more information, contact any KCS Director.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

We are so happy to welcome Kingfisher's newest member, baby Summer!

Vanessa and Scott, and big sister Thea were the proud recipients of not only a new, adorable family member, but also the Kingfisher Community Baby fund!

If you live in the Kingfisher area and have a new little one, all you need to do is reach out to one of our Directors and they'll help you with the application for receiving this sweet benefit.

Congratulations to Vanessa, Scott & Thea from all of us at the Kingfisher Community Society!



SKYNEWS

Five planets are potentially visible for our night sky viewing 'IF' we could get some clear skies. However, for enthusiasts, I have a possibility! If you are interested in attending a night sky eyes only or binocular viewing at a moment's notice, then send me your phone number or email. I will set up a contact list. Be prepared to bring warm clothing, water proof blankets, etc. And when would this be? The limiting distraction is the time around full Moon. Avoiding this, my guess would be between March 12 to 26th or April 16 to 24th. May is possible too.

When you can, keep watching Venus ascending northerly during sunset. With binoculars you can see Venus in daylight before sunset close to the area you see it at sunset. Make sense? Look for Mars too. It's receding from Earth's orbit but is still the reddish non blinking object over head past sunset. It's in Taurus. Good viewing.

Here's my phone/email. Brian: 250 838 7060 / balussin@telus.net

KARATE



**KINGFISHER
COMMUNITY
HALL**

**WEDNESDAY
7 - 8:30 pm**

**SATURDAY
8:30 - 10 am**

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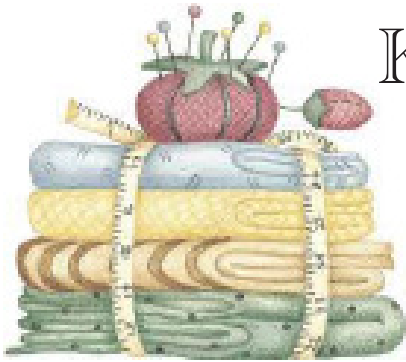
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DROP IN PICKLEBALL



**PICKLEBALL
CLUB**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9 - 11am!**



Kingfisher Country Quilters

**Would like to welcome all quilters
and crafters
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every Wednesday
to work on either a charity project
or your own project.**

10:00am - 4:00pm

Coffee/Tea provided, bring your
own lunch

For more information contact:

Lisa Miner

250-838-7128

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LIBRARY NEWS

**Please remember that the library is still
open every Wednesday
11:00am until 1:00pm**

We also have a great selection of jigsaw puzzles, board
games and DVDs for those fall and winter days. Hope
to see you soon at the library. Please do not drop off old
cookbooks, magazines, text & DIY books.

Submitted by Sherry Saunby

**KCS Memberships available
for purchase**

HALL EVENTS "101"

There will be NO
mushrooming in March. Sorry.

But look for star news further on.

AND

Mushrooming will happen soon ...

Rock ID will happen ...

More food demos/classes to come ...

Other events to come ...
keep watching.

Call Jacky if you have ideas,
or questions.

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**Allysa Hopkins,
Regional Director**

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As we move further into 2023, there are several updates and developments that I would like to share with you.

The Baxter Bridge Replacement project is progressing with only one permit that still needs to be approved. Depending on the timeline of securing that permit, the Ministry of Transportation anticipates that construction will begin this year and be completed in 2025.

The RDNO is participating in the first ever North Okanagan Housing Design Competition! Housing affordability and supply is a significant challenge for our region, so we wanted to try a creative approach to add more units to our region. We're calling on architects, designers, and students to submit secondary dwelling designs. The objective of the competition is to reduce barriers for homeowners to add a secondary dwelling on their property by generating pre-approved building plans available for purchase at a low cost. Applicants can win up to \$5,000 and all winners will receive an additional \$1,000 royalty each time their plan is purchased. The winning building plans will be available for purchase later this year. Find more details at rdno.ca/designcompetition.

We held an information session about the Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail at the Mara Hall to share the current plans for construction and anticipated timing, address concerns like parking, agricultural crossings and trail use, and get feedback from the community. The meeting was well attended and facilitated a productive discussion between staff and the community.

The Grindrod Water (GRW) Generator Project has been started and is fully funded from Electoral Area "F" Community Works Funding. The project includes the installation of a standby generator for the Water Treatment Plant and upgrades to the electrical works at this facility. Interior Health changed their policy which has resulted in GRW having to issue a Boil Water Notice every time there is a power outage longer than several minutes. The generator will help prevent pressure loss during power outages and reduce the number of Boil Water Notices issued to the community. There is a long delivery time on the generator, so we estimate it will be installed in spring of 2024.

GRW is around 25 years old and has had multiple failures on the valves and piping within the pump station, therefore the infrastructure needs replacing. If there is a serious failure on this infrastructure, the community will not have drinking water until an emergency repair is completed, and due to material and equipment delivery delays, a permanent fix may take considerable time. This work is being completed proactively to avoid a situation like that. This project is underway and fully funded from Electoral Area "F" Community Works Funding.

The Mabel Lake Sewer (MLS) generator project has started with installation planned before the end of 2023, if there are no delays. We will be installing a standby generator for the MLS lift station, building a kiosk to house the electrical equipment and upgrading the electrical panel as to current standards. It is also fully funded from Electoral Area "F" Community Works Funding (CWF).

I look forward to continuing to serve our community in the months and years ahead.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Free to members. Limit of 50 words - no graphics.
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BABY WELCOME FUND

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
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE JANUARY 2023



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

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

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

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Kingfisher Library: Wednesday

11am - 1pm

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