
The Kingfisher



The Community's Newsletter

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www.kingfishercommunity.com is live!!



Howdy folks,

October has come and gone so quickly it seems. We wrapped up the month with our Harvest Dinner, which was a great time – our thanks to all the volunteers for helping out and to everyone that brought such delicious dishes to share!

November weather brings the outdoor activities inside the warmth of the hall...Karate with Sensei Terry is going strong and the Pickleballers are keeping the energy moving too. Sunday family Ball Hockey will be back in action soon as well, so make sure to check out the Facebook page for updates on all of those fun community activities.

As for winter prep, the pipes have all been blown out and outdoor items stashed away for the colder months ahead. Looking forward to the Holiday season, our annual Christmas Concert is in the planning stages – Santa is looking for his helpers! Will share more on that once we have more details.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is also an important time for everyone to take a moment to reflect and honor those who came before us, and endured so much. I'll sign off with this quote from Dave Stewart, a great Canadian writer, musician and filmmaker...

“When I wear my Poppy, I’m remembering everyone effected by war, across races, genders, ideologies and borders. I’m remembering the tragedy of war, all wars. I wear it in the hope that wars will be a thing of the past.”

Stay cozy Kingfisher,
Rhea



Parents with children 10 and under planning to attend the Kingfisher Christmas, please email Ursula (ulussin@gmail.com) with the name and age of the kids so Santa can get a gift ready for them.

Also anyone wanting to do a performance can do the same.



The annual Harvest Dinner & Potluck was another great community get-together ...

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate community - about 60 - 65 participants. And thank you for those that volunteered and helped out during the event: Kelly & Tessa and Jessie and her son who cooked up the yummy roasts, Kato who brought Yorkies and horseradish, shout out to Marilyn Anions for her yummy pear pies, and Khan who organized the cleanup crew :)

Lots of Great Food !!

The Kingfisher Country Quilters offered up two raffle draws: won by Sheena Currie and Herb Latchko.

Mabel Lake-Kingfisher Community Resource Centre

LIBRARY NEWS

Library hours are 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM every Wednesday.

Due to the generosity of our community the library is overflowing with books so we have come to the painful decision that we can no longer accept any book donations.

KCS Memberships available for purchase

Arts, Craft and Gift Fair



November 25th 2023

10am - 3pm

Unique Handmade/HOMEMADE Gifts

Photography/Canvas prints, Preserves, Jewelry
Crocheted items, Amigurumi, Handcrafted Knives,
Baking, Home Decor, Christmas Crafts, Chocolate,
Stained glass, Homemade Pasta, Wood products,
Vinyl products, and so much more. Concession

at Riverside Community Hall 3784 Trinity Valley Rd.

PROPOSED MOSQUITO SPRAYING FROM KINGFISHER TO MARA. THE PROPOSED BYLAW INVOLVES MOSQUITO SPRAYING FROM APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2029. IT ALSO WILL BE A COST INVOLVING PAYMENT THROUGH OUR TAXES.

Comment / Information submitted by: Denis Delisle

I recognize that not everyone has the time or the inclination to go to the RDNO website and find out what is going on. It is not necessarily an easy site to access or travel through to get information. However; there are things that are happening that will affect Area "F" residents and as time permits, I hope to offer the information in a more simplistic way so people can understand what is going on.

There is an application from Area "F" to provide mosquito control for the properties along Shuswap River, from Kingfisher to Mara. A consultant has been engaged to create a plan for mosquito larvae growth control (through biological controls), a report should be coming out at some point in the future. The timeline for the proposed bylaw would start in April of 2024 and extend to march 2029. The amount requested every year for the new service would be \$289,000, or \$0.17 per \$1,000 of taxable land and improvements, whichever is greater. The average residential assessment was approximately \$591,000 in 2023, the maximum tax requisition, tax impact would be about \$99.95 per year, starting in 2024. It may not be that high but it cannot go any higher than that amount without going back to the taxpayers

Next steps are that the bylaw needs to receive statutory approval by the Province and be approved by the taxpayers of Area "F" through a Alternate Approval Process.

The Alternate Approval Process is a system, where rather than having to go out and vote for or against a new bylaw (as in a referendum), the onus is put upon the residents to fill out a "Elector Response Form". Citizens would have to get the form from the RDNO. The forms are available from the Regional District office for pick up or they can be faxed, mailed, or e-mailed to an elector. Conversely, if less than 10% respond the bylaw would be passed.

Comment submitted by: Marilyn Anions

Depending on the chemical used, as well as if aerial or truck-based spraying, I still think this to be a terrible idea. Plus the process seems to be 'stacked', as one needs to provide their comments via an Alternate Approval Process by contacting RDNO for a form to fill out! I think people need to be aware of this!

Affecting one lifeform affects other lifeforms in biological systems! Let alone the Shuswap River hosts 5 salmonid species. Rainbow Trout spawn in the spring when this type of spraying would occur, affecting their food source. The spraying would affect all insect forms which are food sources, not just mosquitos.

Response by RDNO representative:

The RDNO is in the process of establishing a mosquito control service for Electoral Area "F"; however, before the service can be established, the approval of the electors must be received. An alternative approval process (AAP) will be undertaken later this fall.

Before the AAP can begin, the Board of Directors must:

- establish the deadline for receiving elector response forms,
- approve the elector response form, and
- make a fair determination of the total number of electors to which the AAP applies.

It is anticipated that a report outlining the above requirements will be on the November 15, 2023 Board of Directors agenda. After which, notification in accordance with the Community Charter is required, and the AAP timeframe can begin.

Information regarding the Pest Management Plan for this initiative can be found on our website: <https://www.rdno.ca/our-communities/mosquito-control>



It's easy to get alerts! The Alertable app is free and can be downloaded from your mobile phone, tablet, computer, or smart speaker. Notifications are fast, reliable and easy to see and hear. Personalize notifications by type and severity.

REPORTING PROBLEMS ON MABEL LAKE RD.

STEP 1 Call AIM 1-866-222-4204* or fill out a service request on aim-roads.ca
 *Staff takes calls during business hours, 7-3:30pm. If they're on another call or if it's after business hours your call is forwarded to a Call Centre and gets dealt with in order received. AIM is under contract to follow up and reply.
If there is no resolution, only THEN go to STEP 2.



STEP 2 If no resolution:
 Call Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Reception 1-250-712-3660
 (Reception for both Okanagan/Shuswap and South Okanagan)

** It's important that you've first tried with AIM and had no resolution.* The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Road Area Manager (RAM) oversees AIM and deals with specific, unresolved complaints. If you call the Road Area Manager first you will be bounced back to AIM to start there. Reception will give you our Road Area Manager's contact phone number. Best to go through the reception at 1-250-712-3660 to avoid problems like a change in RAM phone number or possibility our RAM is away from the office.

DROP IN PICKLEBALL



Play will continue on the outdoor courts until the weather no longer cooperates.

Late fall and winter games will be played in the Hall.

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KARATE

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL

TRAINING TIMES:

WEDNESDAY SATURDAY
7 - 8:30 pm 8:30 - 10 am

Class suitable for ages 12+

Mabel Lake-Kingfisher Community Resource Centre



Kingfisher
Country
Quilters

Would like to welcome all quilters and crafters to join us to work on either a charity project or your own project.

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Coffee/Tea provided, bring your own lunch



Left to Right: Suzanne Clark (not quite finished baby blanket), Kathy Pospisil (fidget lap quilt), Lisa Miner (fidget lap quilt), Betty Gubler (workshop classes - crochet bag & cowl), Debbie Massie (not quite finished donation quilt).



Lisa Miner (left) making quilt donations to a local women's shelter. First donation since before Covid.



This donation was to Mount Ida Mews seniors home in Salmon Arm. 6 quilts plus 2 fidget quilts were donated. The other ladies in the picture are Adrienne, Recreation Coordinator and Cindy.

We make a variety of quilting/ sewing items that we donate to local charities like:
SAFE House * Park View Place * Kingfisher Hall

We also make baby quilts for all the new Kingfisher babies!

For more information contact:
Lisa Miner

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Kingfisher School

Lee Email: lwdallman28@gmail.com

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BABY WELCOME FUND

A fund operated by the
Kingfisher Community Society.

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.

MABEL LAKE

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Closed for the Season.
See you in 2024!

Very Berry Cafe • Farm Fresh Goods
Bed & Breakfast

• Venue Hosting
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To get on the Directors' Meeting Agenda: kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com
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Hall booking and entertainment: KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com

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OR

E-TRANSFER: kingfisher3337@gmail.com

IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address

OR

Kingfisher Library: Wednesday

11am - 1pm



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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.

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