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# The Kingfisher

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## The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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**www.kingfishercommunity.com is live!!**



**Hello Everyone & Happy Autumn to all,**

The weather has turned here in our beautiful valley. The chill is in the air and the leaves on the trees have begun their transition from green to yellow...I have to say this time of year is my favorite, and I so enjoy the crisp mornings and the scenes of Nature preparing herself to be covered under a blanket of snow. I always get a feeling of nostalgia turning the heaters on in the house for the first time and just love getting the cozy socks and sweaters out.

Some recent changes have happened on our Board of Directors, and we would like to thank Michelle Huntington for her position as Treasurer and the time and effort she has put in over the years to make sure that role was being carried out successfully. We wish you the best Michelle, and look forward to seeing you at community functions in the future! The board would like to now welcome Sandra Scott as our new Treasurer, and we look forward to working with you as part of our community and as a new volunteer on our Board of Directors.

In event news, our community Corn Roast was a big hit with almost 80 in attendance. Our thanks go out to Nikki Schalin and her family for providing 100 cobs of their delicious corn for this event, and DJ Kato for providing the awesome music!

We are looking forward to the Harvest Dinner coming up on October 21st – this is a potluck style event and if you would like to help out, please message us on our Facebook page or email Rhea at the email listed below.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

Thanks again everyone,  
Rhea  
kingfisherpromos@gmail.com



**Harvest**  
DINNER & POTLUCK

**Needing approximately 8 volunteers to cook a roast!!**

Please reach out to Rhea  
Tel: 250-838-7721  
Email: kingfisherpromos@gmail.com



**Saturday,  
October 21st**

**5:00pm  
Kingfisher Hall**

**BEEF ROAST  
PROVIDED!**

# Harvest

## DINNER & POTLUCK



Kingfisher  
Country  
Quilters



Fund Raising Raffle.  
\$2 per ticket



Thanks to everyone that attended the 3rd Annual Kingfisher Pickleball Tournament on Sept 9. Twelve teams competed under sunny skies for bragging rights and prizes.

A big thanks to our generous sponsors; Mabel Lake Golf Course, Ashton Creek Store, Small Axe, Mabel Lake Resort, Rivermouth Marina, Pickleball Depot, and many more local companies and friends of Kingfisher pickleball who provided donations for the event!

## Monthly Newsletter



Free, delivered to community mail addresses.  
If you don't receive your copy please let us know.

## Not receiving your emailed newsletter?

Some members are not receiving their emailed newsletter. This is particularly true for those who pay their membership by e-transfer. The reason for this is simple – we must have your email address in order to send it.

So, when you pay by e-transfer, you need to send your email address to George Jameson at [G67george@gmail.com](mailto:G67george@gmail.com).

If you have paid your membership by other means and are not getting your emailed version, please send your email to George at the above email address.

... alternatively you can find copies at the Kingfisher Hall entrance; or, go online: [www.kingfishercommunity.com](http://www.kingfishercommunity.com)

## Thank you to Michele and Suzanne

Thank you to Michele Huntington for her 4 years of service to the community as the Kingfisher Treasurer. Michele has retired from the Directors group. We appreciate all that you contributed at the Directors' table and as you maintained our books and completed many behind the scenes tasks on behalf of the community.

Also a big thank you to Suzanne Clark who has also retired from the Directors. Suzanne was one of 2 Membership Directors. Sherry Saunby will continue in her role as the membership Director.



**WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS**

## REPORTING PROBLEMS ON MABEL LAKE RD.

**STEP 1** Call AIM 1-866-222-4204\* or fill out a service request on [aim-roads.ca](http://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.



## Fuel Load Reduction/Emergency Preparedness

October 2023

Submitted by Herb Latchko

Cooler temperatures and recent rain has greatly reduced the threat of fires in our area.

At the time of this writing, campfire bans are still in effect. Campfires are considered **Category 1 Fires**, which are defined to be any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide. **Category 2 Open Fires** are 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles (each no larger than 2 metres high and 3 metres wide) and stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares. **Category 3 Open Fires** are any fire larger than 2 metres high and 3 metres wide; 3 or more concurrently burning piles each no larger than 2 metres high and 3 metres wide; 1 or more burning windrows; and or stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares. When allowed, Category 2 Open Fires do not require any registration, but Category 3 Fires do. Go to **OpenBurningBC** for more information. (<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d288bc667b24528a5c1e3b4c0373d07>) Before burning, check out the **Venting Index**: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d288bc667b24528a5c1e3b4c0373d07...> It's worth noting that before burning attempts to compost or taking material to a facility (Armstrong) should be made.

Premier David Eby has issued a statement regarding the launch of an expert task force on wildfires, drought, heat, floods and other emergencies affecting the province. I have cut and pasted some of it below:

*“Based on feedback we have already received, the expert task force on emergencies will provide advice to increase local volunteer recruitment, to further collaborate with communities and First Nations, to incorporate municipal firefighting and other emergency forces, to deploy enhanced technology, and to provide constant support to those on the front lines. The task force will also provide ways to address the need for more accessible support for evacuees, with specific attention to timely access to short-term financial supports and accommodation...It was also clear to me that we could be doing a better job of leveraging local knowledge and expertise when it comes to preventing and fighting wildfires.” ... Hopefully this Task Force will encourage cooperation and safely improve fire fighting efforts.*

Please consider helping with the taking down and storing one of the Community Fire Barrels near you. Also, it would be helpful if someone wants to help with the taking down and setting out the Community Fire Barrels.



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. Choose notifications for many locations including home, work, school, cottage, family and friends locations and more. Change your locations and other personalized options in Settings, after the fact.

In addition to using Alertable, the RDNO will continue to post all emergency notifications on their website and Facebook page, and through news releases and local media outlets, keeping the public informed during emergency events.



# KINGFISHER Interpretive Centre

## CELEBRATE SALMON

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society would like to invite the public for a salmon celebration open house on Saturday October 7 from 11 - 3 at the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre (2550 Enderby Mabel Lake Rd).

Join us in welcoming the salmon back home. We will have some salmon experts on site who would be pleased to answer your "fishy" questions. Learn about salmon through a dissection, maybe see some fish in the river and enjoy some other informative displays, presentations and activities for all ages.

Please call us at 250-838-0004 if you would like more information or if you are interested in volunteering.



## DROP IN PICKLEBALL



**PICKLEBALL**  
CLUB

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

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

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 9-11AM**



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# KARATE

**KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL**

**TRAINING TIMES:**

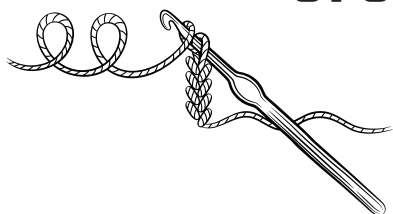
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
7 - 8:30 pm	8:30 - 10 am

**Class suitable for ages 12+**

# Mabel Lake-Kingfisher Community Resource Centre



## Crochet Workshop – Everyone Welcome! Wednesday, October 11 • 10am



We are going to make a Cowl first and have chosen an easy pattern.

### SUPPLYS NEEDED:

- 2 balls of 3oz. each worsted weight yarn
- crochet hook: size 5mm (H/8)

**\$5 Charge: covers the cost of pattern, tea & coffee**

We would like to get your input regarding crochet and other projects you would like to learn, but we are planning to start with this...come for coffee... bring the project or pattern you are working on, or would like to work on.



## 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: 10:00am - 4:00pm**

Coffee/Tea provided, bring your own lunch

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**

**250-838-7128**

**[lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)**

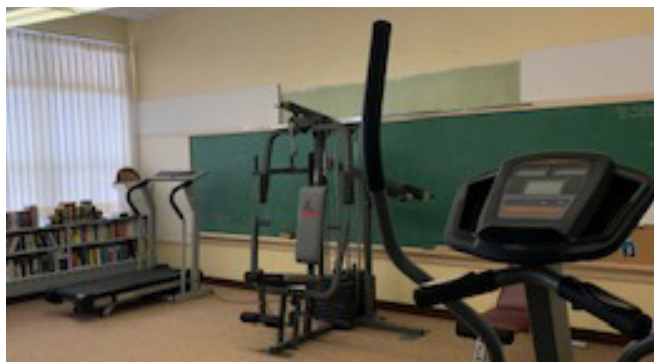
## LIBRARY NEWS

**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**

**Circuit Exercise Equipment Now Available.  
For times contact Suzanne.**



## COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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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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To submit a post to the Facebook page: [kingfisherpromos@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisherpromos@gmail.com)  
Hall booking and entertainment: [KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com](mailto:KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com)

### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Secretary: Laura Jameson ..... 250-838-6379  
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Maintenance & Supplies: Greg Clark ..... 250-838-0292  
Kowyn Hibbert ..... 250-938-6025

### Kingfisher School Contact Information

School: Suzanne Clark ..... 250-838-6248  
Librarian & Memberships: Sherry Saunby ..... 250-838-5660  
Kingfisher Country Quilters: Lisa Miner..... 250-838-7128  
[lisamarie313ca@gmail.com](mailto:lisamarie313ca@gmail.com)

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#### Contact Sherry Saunby

T: 250-838-5660 | Email: [sjsaunby@telus.net](mailto:sjsaunby@telus.net)

#### MAIL: Sherry Saunby

90 Lusk Lake Road E, Enderby, V0E 1V5  
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OR

#### E-TRANSFER: [kingfisher3337@gmail.com](mailto: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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