

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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Laurie and Joan

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

My name is Laurie Baines and I live at Mabel Lake! Having been raised in the BC Kootenays and spending many years in Vancouver and Calgary, it has been wonderful to return to the North Okanagan and beautiful British Columbia. I feel incredibly fortunate to live and work around the Golf Course, surrounded by such a stunning place I am proud to call home.

Life stays busy managing accommodations for the Golf Course, getting out on the greens, and taking advantage of the many opportunities to stay active in the area. In addition to sitting on the KCS Board, golfing, and playing cards together, my good friend Joan and I deliver The Good Food Boxes in Enderby once a month.

My name is Joan Turner and I have lived in this area for the past 49 years.

I have been retired now for 5 years, after working as a Financial Services Representative with TD Bank for 39 years.

I am a volunteer for the Good Food Box in Enderby and have been doing this for the past 3 years.

Spring, Summer and Fall I love to golf and my winters are spent crocheting all different and challenging projects.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



April 11 • Hall Clean up, everyone welcome

May 10 • Mothers Day Breakfast

June 21 • Fathers Day event

July 1 - Sept 2 • Farmers Market • 10 am to noon

July 4 • Jumble Dance

July 12 • Sunday, Strawberry Tea

July 25 • Dance-July Jive



Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Please reach out to any one of the Directors (contact info on back page) and we will find the perfect role for you!

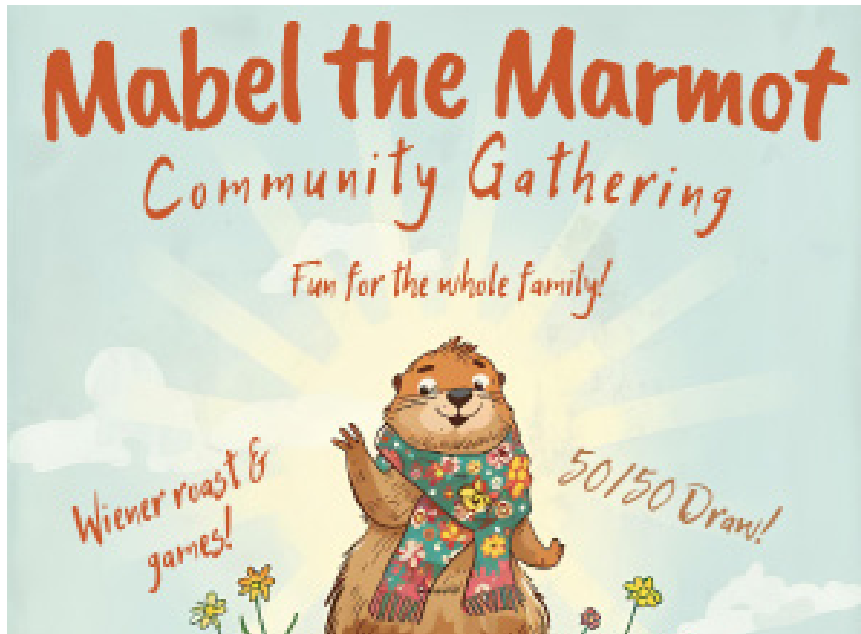
MABEL THE MARMOT



The Marmot wiener roast was a huge success in spite of the rain.

Forty-five people including twenty kids came out to roast wieners and marshmallows and see if Mabel would come out of her burrow and see her shadow.

Murray even wrote Mabel a special song to coax her out. A big thank-you to everyone that helped, Murray for his always great music, Laura for helping the kids fish for prizes in the gopher hole, Patty Murray and Lyn Rosman for the popcorn, Laurie Baines and Joan Turner for the 50/50 and kitchen, Sandra Scott and Greg Kraschuk for the fire, Bob Petryk for helping Sandra get the firewood and Don Redfern for the fire pits. A special thank-you to Tom Osterberg who won the 50/50 and donated it back to the hall. I'm sorry if I missed anyone. Next year I will order better weather. Sherry Saunby



HAT TALES by SHERRY SAUNBY

\$20.00 each at the library during the summer or they can be ordered by email at sjsaunby@telus.net or by phone at 250-838-5660.

Hat Tales had its humble beginnings in a little school on the prairies. We had many young parents in our school. To create bonding with parent and child we encouraged them to have their babies right beside them. To promote verbal skills and early literacy we got them to read to their babies. I made them red and white striped "reading hats" for the parents and the babies and gave them what was often their first book to keep. This was a huge success and Hat Tales has spread from there.

Most of the hats have their own story, hence the name Hat Tales. I can custom make hats for any occasion, special birthdays etc.



KINGFISHER SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The Kingfisher Youth Scholarship is available to Kingfisher high school graduates. To qualify, the student must be a Kingfisher resident, living from 1730 Mabel Lake Road (Welcome to Kingfisher sign) to Mabel Lake. The scholarship may be used for any post secondary education course.

Applications are available from Laura Jameson 250-838-6379 or at AL Fortune school. **Deadline for applications is May 12th.**

A REMINDER - CHANGES TO NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION COMING IN MAY

A reminder that this edition is the last newsletter that will be mailed to residents.



You can receive an emailed newsletter each month by renewing your Kingfisher membership (see back page for info).

Printed newsletters will be available at the Hall and Ashton Creek Store.



KCS NEWSLETTER
We welcome any suggestions, public notice announcements, community events, ect

Email Robin at: editorkingfisher@gmail.com



KINGFISHER Interpretive Centre

Email: kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com

Spring for Salmon

Did you know that Chinook Salmon are also known as “Spring Salmon”? This is a British Columbian nickname that comes from their early return to rivers and streams; where they begin their spawning migration - sometimes appearing as early as late spring. Have you ever noticed the Shuswap River smelling “fishy” in mid-June?

This year’s warmer winter water, has sped up the development of our Chinook salmon. Some are almost ready for feeding! This is incredibly early for them and it will be interesting to see how this impacts their growth in the months ahead.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer fish feeder, please reach out to the Centre at 250-838-0004, for more information. We anticipate weekend feedings will start in mid – late April.

By the end of April, we will begin welcoming local school children to the Centre. These students have been salmon stewards throughout most of the school year caring for their own eggs. Their salmon experience culminates on-site with the release of their fry back to the wild. For many, it is a truly memorable, even life-changing, moment.

To enhance these programs, we are in the process of hiring co-op University students engaged in Environmental Science Programs. As a result, there may be a mature student looking for a four-month accommodation in Kingfisher. If anyone has a room available and willing to rent it to a mature student, reach out and we would be happy to connect you.

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society is also looking to hire a maintenance contractor. This position is seasonal in nature with a fluctuating schedule. Please see official job posting for more details.

Stay tuned for the upcoming public salmon fry release date!!

Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EVERYONE WELCOME

Friday April 17, 2026

7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30)

Splatsin Centre

Community Room

5767 Old Vernon Rd, Enderby

Join us in extending a warm welcome to our special guest, Torrie Bell (nee Nicholas), who will be sharing insights from her graduate research on Smallmouth Bass predation of juvenile Chinook salmon.

“FISHING FOR ANSWERS”

Refreshments to follow



THE FISHER KING
BREATHWORK JOURNEY
Sunday April 19

In a castle by the river,
receive a grail of breath.
Wounds can heal.
The answer was always there,
Just ask...

Guided by
PETER ALLEN

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL
3337 ENDERBY MABEL LAKE RD, BC.
info and tickets: skzabot@gmail.com.

**SPRING HALL
CLEANUP**

April 11th @ 10 a.m.

Hot dogs & coffee
provided!

PHOTO CORNER



Eagle sighting by the Kingfisher Community Hall ... Barry Philpott



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ON APRIL THE 18th • 1:30pm
There will be a celebration of life for
Allen Clark, at the Kingfisher Hall.

We would be happy if you shared a fun story about Allen and stayed for a little snack afterwards. Thank you.



In Loving Memory of
Allen Stuart
Clark

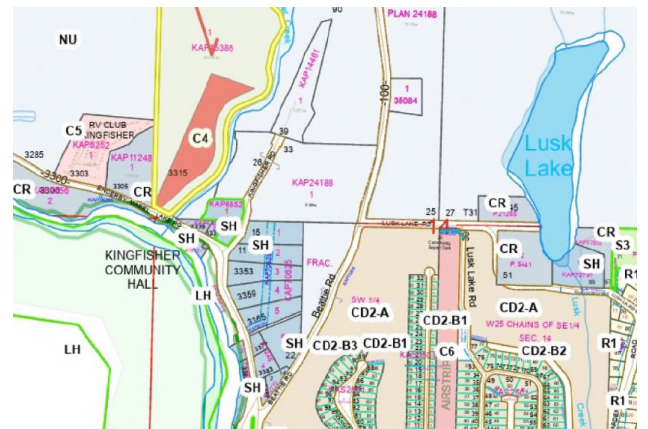


Submitted by: Lori Heins

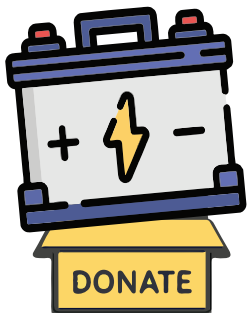
Kingfisher Zoning / OCP application change.

An amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP) land use designation and zoning of the property located at 3315 Enderby Mabel Lake Road, Electoral Area "F". The applicant has applied to amend the OCP land use designation of a portion of the subject property from Non-Urban to Commercial and to amend the zoning from Non-Urban (N.U) and Service Commercial (C.4) to Recreation Commercial (C.5). If approved, the applicant proposes to develop a 127 site campground.

The site plan indicates that the development would include 127 recreational vehicle camping sites, a recreation centre, and a storage compound for trailers, boats, and vehicles. The development would be accessed from Enderby Mabel Lake Road and is proposed to be serviced by an on-site septic system and an on-site well.



A L FORTUNE SECONDARY MECHANICS CLASS
FUND RAISER



Instead of dropping off your used / dead batteries to the landfill ... donate them to the A L Fortune Mechanics Class.

Money raised by the battery drive will help students go to Provincial Skills Canada competition for autobody.

Four students are going. Last year we competed at nationals in Regina and won gold. If we win Provincials this year we will be headed to Toronto to try and do it again...

CONTACT

jinkster@sd83.bc.ca for more information

or SIMPLY DROP OFF AT MABEL LAKE FARMS



A crowd of ninety people of all ages gathered at the Hall on March 21 for a musical fundraiser.

The event featured fifteen musicians young and old who shared their talents (including a whistling solo from one of the kids.)

Attendees browsed the toonie auction items and enjoyed desserts following the performances.

A total of twenty items were auctioned with the guitar, a kids treasure box and a bird bath being the most popular. The most difficult part of the event was deciding which dessert to chose.

Big thanks to the organizers, musicians, those who donated auction items, event workers: set up, door, kitchen, auction, clean up, the dessert bakers- over fifty volunteer contributors in total!

A big thanks to the Karate club for their donation of \$100.

We raised \$1400 in total, exceeding our target. The funds will be used to upgrade the hall's sound system to enhance the continued enjoyment of music at the Hall.

A colorful poster for a Farmers Market. At the top is the Kingfisher Community Society logo, which is a circular emblem with a bird in the center and the text 'KINGFISHER COMMUNITY SOCIETY' around the perimeter. Below the logo, the text reads 'FARMERS MARKET' in large, bold, black letters. Underneath that, it says 'WEDNESDAYS 10 TO 12' and 'JUNE 24 - AUG 26' in bold black letters. The location is listed as 'Community Hall'. At the bottom, it says 'New Vendors welcome' and 'Contact marniniles@telus.net with Kingfisher in the subject line'. The background is decorated with various colorful flowers and a sun.

An advertisement for 'Kingfisher's Local RV Specialists'. The top part of the ad features the text 'Kingfisher's Local RV Specialists' in a teal font, followed by 'We come to you!' and the phone number '778-308-4119'. Below the text is a photograph of a man wearing a grey hoodie and a grey baseball cap with the 'OKGN' logo. He is kneeling and working on the engine compartment of a white RV, using a red multimeter. At the bottom of the ad is the 'OKGN property and rv maintenance' logo, which includes a house icon and the text 'OKGN property and rv maintenance'.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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



North Mabel Lake buy/sell/free

RECIPE REQUEST

At our wonderful Kingfisher potlucks I so much enjoy sampling all the different cooking. At the Christmas Santa dinner there was one dish that intrigued me besides tasting amazing. And I would love to have the recipe or to at least know what was in it if the person who made it is reading this newsletter. It was a casserole. With squash? cabbage? And spicy but not hot spicy just really flavourful. Thank you in advance!

Brenda Bolton Heywood
telephone (Canada) (+1) 250 838 2193



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PLEASE NOTE

Pay per person per visit Policy-Kingfisher Hall and School

Effective April 1, 2026, a \$2.00 per person, per visit user fee is in effect for all adult groups

Each group has an appointed contact person. Please ensure you have paid your toonie per visit! Here are our current contact people

Pickleball-Daylne Kearney

Thursday Dance group-Brenda Haywood

Kingfisher School-Lisa Miner

These contact people will be responsible for:

- Collecting the \$2.00 per visit fee from participants
- Keeping a record of total visits and fees collected
- Submitting the total monthly payment, along with the visit count, to the Kingfisher Hall representative once per month

It is the sincere hope of the Board of Directors that all participants follow the new guidelines, for the benefit of all.

If the above process is not followed, the activity will be reviewed by the Board of Directors, and appropriate action taken, if required.

This change is being implemented to ensure fairness and to assist with the ongoing upkeep and operational costs of the hall. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we put this new system in place.

The Kingfisher Community Hall Board of Directors

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To submit a post to the Facebook page: kingfisherpromos@gmail.com
Hall booking and entertainment: KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com

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NEWSLETTER PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to George Jameson
E: g67george@gmail.com
KCS Members Only

Paid ads be limited to 1/4 page, Word Document only
KCS members only
Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100) or 6 months or less (\$50)
Payment required **prior** to ad placement. Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society.

Payment Options

E-transfer: kingfisher3337@gmail.com
Include name and what it is for in comment box.

Cheques can be mailed to Sherry Saunby
74 Lusk Lake Rd, Enderby V4Y 4L4

Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society. Include what it is for in the memo line.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Sherry Saunby

T: 250-838-5660 | Email: sjsaunby@telus.net

MAIL: Sherry Saunby

74 Lusk Lake Road East, Enderby, V4Y 4L4
(Make Cheques out to Kingfisher Community Society)

OR

E-TRANSFER: kingfisher3337@gmail.com

IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address

OR

Kingfisher Library: Wednesday (SUMMER ONLY)
10am - Noon

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Email photos and news items to Robin:
editorkingfisher@gmail.com
Or call, 250-574-3572

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.