

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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**YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS**



Community Engagement Session:

Kingfisher School & Property

Wednesday, June 17th
4:30 - 6:30 PM



Kingfisher Community Hall
3337 Enderby,
Mabel Lake Rd.



LONG TERM PLANNING FOR KINGFISHER SCHOOL

A community engagement process for planning for the Kingfisher School begins in June. This process will inform decisions about the future of the school as the purchase of the school will be completed in late 2027.

The Kingfisher School was built in 1953 and remained open until 2000. In 2006 the School Board decided to sell the building and property. This began considerable activity including community advocacy, involvement of provincial and local elected representatives, RDNO and the School Board. Negotiations resulted in a referendum of the Kingfisher/Mabel Lake taxpayers to purchase the school through taxation. The referendum, in late 2007, was overwhelmingly supported.

Since then, the school has been used by a variety of groups including quilters, fitness enthusiasts and as a library. The school has also been used for art classes, historical presentations and meetings. In 2025, over 1000 people visited the school. Current uses include yoga classes, use of the gym and addictions recovery group meetings.

In late 2025, the Regional District (RDNO) began discussions with the KCS Directors to plan the public engagement process. RDNO contracted with Community Futures of the North Okanagan (CFNO) to conduct the community engagement. The building will also be evaluated to identify structural issues and upgrading needs.

The June 17th community engagement session, will be an interactive "workshop-style" session to gather input regarding the community's priorities for the School. The priorities and themes identified in the session will help form the questions for the survey that will be administered through July & August. Karen Savill, from Community Futures will also be at the Farmers Markets on July 22, 29 and August 5.

Bring your ideas on June 17, 4:30 to 6:30, at the Hall.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUTURE OF KINGFISHER SCHOOL

June 17
4:30 - 6:30 pm

FATHERS' DAY BURGERS AND BEER

June 21 • 1 pm



FARMERS MARKET

June 24 - August 26

Every Wednesday
10 am - noon

Contact Sherry Saunby
sjsaunby@telus.net

JUMBLE DANCE

Saturday, July 4
8:00 - 12:30 am



STRAWBERRY TEA

Sunday, July 12
1:00 - 3:00pm



DANCE-JULY JIVE

July 24

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!



*Thank you
Sydney*

**WE ♥ OUR
VOLUNTEERS**



*Thank you so much
to Sydney Graham
for being part of the
Directors for the past
6 years.*

Sydney was the
Entertainment Director
and also managed the
hall bookings. In addition
to those responsibilities,
Sydney was a key
organizer of the Mothers
Day breakfast, the
Jumble Dance and the
Harvest Dinner.

As the Entertainment Director. Sydney worked with other
Directors to ensure the other community events were
organized and supported.

Sydney has stepped down from the Directors but remains the
local contact for this year's Jumble Dance.

Your work and dedication made a difference Sydney!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY



Jumble Dance – July 4

Contact Sydney Graham at 250-574-5725
or by email at amoreesthetics2@gmail.com

Opportunities include set up, working at the bar,
clearing tables, monitoring back door, helping
with food, clean up in kitchen and at end of
dance.

Strawberry Tea – July 12 –

Sunday, 1 – 3 pm

Contact: any Director

Opportunities include set up, decorating, kitchen
help, serving, clearing tables, baking cakes for
cake walk, helping with cake walk, clean up.

Sunday June 21, at 1:00pm

HAPPY

Father's
DAY

BURGER
& BEER

50/50,
Don't miss out!!

Music,
Prize Draws,
Open Mic, and fun!!



Burger &
Beer
\$20



Hotdog
& Water
\$10

Kingfisher Community Hall
3337 Mabel Lake RD, Enderby

How to use buddhist practices and principles
to heal the suffering of addiction

RECOVERY DHARMA



Weekly meeting
Tuesday's
6:30-8pm

at
the kingfisher school

There is a path to end suffering,
we commit to cultivating that path

FIRE EQUIPMENT DISPLAY

June 6,
10:00am
Golf Course
Parking Lot (east side)



FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT:

Sandra Scott
treasurersls@gmail.com

The auction,
held May 17, was a
huge success and thank
you to everyone involved.
Colin (our auctioneer) was
not included with
the chair!



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CAMP



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URL www.mackenziecamp.ca email maccamp@shaw.ca






WOMENS WELLNESS FOREST ESCAPE

Transcending Self Mind, Body & Spirit

- ✦ Opening Ceremony
- ✦ Gentle Yoga Flow
- ✦ Breath work & Meditation
- ✦ Forest Bathing with
- ✦ Crystal Sound Healing Journey
- ✦ Tea, Snacks & Sharing Circle



June 13
10am-2pm

28 Dease Rd Kingfisher

Energy Exchange \$60

✦ (250)308-5381 ✦

Etransfer to Hold your spot
natasha@soulalchemycrystalsound.ca

Rae Mary Lumby Yoga

JOIN US FOR THE 69TH KINGFISHER JUMBLE DANCE. GENDER-BENDING COSTUMES, LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, FOOD AND COMMUNITY.

Live music by the Steve Brockley band, based in the Kootenays. Expect a night of twangy roots music with shades of JJ Cale and Bob Dylan—honest songs, great playing, and plenty of groove to keep the dance floor moving. See stevebrockley.com for more information.

This dance began in the 1950s fifties when smoking was allowed in the hall, but drinking was banned. With the men drinking in the parking lot, the women found themselves without dance partners. So, the women decided to be the men for night, the men dressed as women and so the Jumble Dance was born.

While most community dances have fallen away, the Jumble Dance has persisted—always with great costumes, live band, prizes, food and lots of laughter.

Doors open at 8:00, music starts at 8:30.
Costume parade about 10:30, food at 11:00
More dancing until 12:30 AM

TICKETS: \$30. At the door, Tony Os in Enderby or by Etransfer to Kingfisher3337@gmail.com (please include your name and "Jumble Dance" in the message)

Looking for volunteers to help our hard working team. Contact Sydney Graham at 1 250 574 5725 or by email at amoreesthetics2@gmail.com

There's a good chance the long-time organizers will be letting go of this event after this year. So...let's show up and celebrate the fun and community we have shared over the years.



RDNO Directors Board meeting minutes of March 18th 2026. Looking through the March 18th minutes, I discovered that the Area F Director is going to use \$1500 per month for a Facebook page. The funding comes from the Director's discretionary fund for this pilot program. The money will be used for a period from April to July and is apparently to help improve communications, in her area.

Why, such a high cost when most people do facebook pages for free, was not explained in the minutes. It could be the funds are for hiring someone to put the content in the FB page.
Submitted by: Denis Delisle

KARATE

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL



Here are the Kingfisher Karate students who all tested successfully for their new belts. The grading was held on April 15.

Classes continue - Monday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's at the Community Hall.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Shihan Terry at 250-540-9028
or email at kingfisherdojo@gmail.com

KINGFISHER JUMBLE DANCE

SATURDAY, JULY 4.

LIVE BAND, DANCING,
COSTUMES & PRIZES

WITH
STEVE
BROCKLEY
& BAND



- KINGFISHER HALL
- 3337 ENDERBY MABEL LAKE RD
- DOORS AT 8:00 PM
- TICKETS AT TONY'S



MORE INFO AT:
[FACEBOOK.COM/KINGFISHERJUMBLE](https://www.facebook.com/KINGFISHERJUMBLE)

PLEASE NOTE

The Kingfisher Hall and Kingfisher School facilities are both available to rent for family birthdays, weddings, parties, workshops, or ongoing sessions. - Subject to availability -

Inquiries: Joan; turnerr1@telus.net
or Laurie; lauriebaines96@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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



North Mabel Lake buy/sell/free

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Wednesday - Sunday • 8am - 2pm

ALL DAY BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Homemade jams, syrups, ice cream • Fresh baking
Iced coffees • Smoothies • Lattes • Fresh in season fruits

**OPENING
DAY**
July 1st



Dance • July 4 | Car Show • July 25
Dance • August 1
Baxter Music Festival August 7-8



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY RATES: \$30
SINGLE: \$20

Contact Sherry Saunby
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

To get on the Directors' Meeting Agenda: chairpersonkingfisher@gmail.com

To submit a post to the Facebook page: turnerr1@telus.net

Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chairperson: Laura Jamesonchairpersonkingfisher@gmail.com

..... Phone: 250-838-6379

Treasurer & School: Sandra Scott..... treasurersls@gmail.com

Secretary / Hall Bookings / Entertainment: Laurie Baines.....

.....lauriebaines96@gmail.com

Memberships & School: Sherry Saunby sjsaunby@telus.net

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Maintenance Director: Colin Cogswell..... ccogswell83@gmail.com

Director / Social Media / Entertainment: Joan Turner.....turnerr1@telus.net

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Kingfisher School Contact Information

School & Gym Manager: Henry Peter..... henrypetersis@gmail.com

Librarian & Memberships: Sherry Saunby sjsaunby@telus.net

Open Summer Only: Wednesday 10am - Noon

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

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.



KINGFISHER
Interpretive Centre

SWIM INTO SUMMER WITH SALMON!

How is it already June? Summer is just around the corner, school is winding down, and exciting things are happening at the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre!

For our salmon, June is a season of big changes. After spending the past nine months nurturing tiny salmon from eggs to energetic fry, we're getting ready for one of our favourite days of the year — the Salmon Fry Release! At the end of June, these little fish will begin their incredible journey into the wild waters of the Shuswap River. It is

always a mix of excitement, pride, and just a little sadness as we say goodbye and wish them luck on their long adventure.

We invite everyone to join us for this special event on Sunday, June 28th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This free family event is a chance to get hands-on with local salmon, learn about their amazing lifecycle, and celebrate the start of summer outdoors.

Meanwhile, the Centre is buzzing with activity as school field trip season hits full swing! This year, we will welcome students from 30 schools, with an estimated 1,500 participants taking part in immersive salmon and ecology programs. From discovering stream insects to learning about watersheds and salmon survival, these outdoor experiences spark curiosity,

inspire stewardship, and create memories that last long after the bus ride home.

The summer fun doesn't stop there! **Mark your calendars for our annual Learn to Fish event on Sunday, July 19th, and the return of "The Bug Guy" on Sunday, July 26th and Shuswap Birds of Prey on August 22.** More details for these events and others can be found on our website and social media pages.

Want to be part of the fun? We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring these family-friendly events and programs to life. Join the incredible team that helps connect our community to salmon, nature, and outdoor discovery.

Here's to a summer full of salmon, sunshine, and muddy boots!