



# WHONNOCK NEWS

Spring 2019

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you get this newsletter, the worst of the winter must surely be over. We have had our share of winter storms, accompanied by power outages and damage, and I hope that everyone in Whonnock has managed to stay safe.

After the Christmas break our regular meetings started again in January, and we are preparing for another year of serving the Whonnock community with our programs and projects. On the agenda are a neighbourhood coffee party at the Anglican Church on April 6, the traditional Easter Egg Hunt on April 21, the Volunteer Dinner on April 28 (by invitation), the One Book Whonnock get-together on May 23, and another concert at the Anglican Church in late May or early June (date t.b.a.). For more information on these events see inside these pages, or watch for announcements on the Whonnock website (whonnock.ca), or, if you are a signed-up WCA member, receive any information by e-mail as it unfolds.

But we do not only offer programs for the community. Perhaps more importantly, the WCA liaises with the City and other groups, and serves as a platform for addressing issues and concerns of general interest to the citizens of Whonnock. If you want to find out more, we invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings, which take place on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Whonnock Lake centre, January to May and September to November. All residents of Whonnock are welcome to attend these meetings, but only signed-up members have voting rights. Membership in the WCA is free.

So as spring will hopefully arrive soon, we look forward to another season of WCA work, and to a summer that will let us enjoy Whonnock and the beautiful environment we call home.

*Brad Jennings*



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Presented by the Whonnock Community Association with generous support by the City of Maple Ridge.

As usual our Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 21st, at Whonnock Lake Centre.

The hunt will start at 11:00 sharp, rain or shine!

The Easter Bunny is looking for volunteers to do some very rewarding assignments for the event. If you are willing to hop along please call Shelley at 604-462-1881.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WCA Monthly Meetings

Third Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm at Whonnock Lake Centre

### Thornhill Annual Plant Swap

Saturday, April 6th. 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the parking lot of Thornhill Hall

### Whonnock Neighbourhood Coffee Party

Saturday, April 6th. 10:00 am until noon at the Anglican Church hall.

### WCA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21st, 11:00 am Whonnock Lake

### WCA Volunteer Dinner (by invitation)

Sunday, April 28th, Whonnock Lake Centre

### Whonnock Elementary Spring Handmade Market

May 5th, 2019. 10:00 – 3:00, Whonnock Elementary

### WCA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 16th, 7:30 pm at Whonnock Lake Centre

### One Book Whonnock Gathering

May 23rd, 7:30 pm at the Anglican Church Hall

## WHONNOCK PUMP HOUSE SIGN

The WCA would like to thank all the people who volunteered to run the pump house sign after the call out in the last newsletter. Unfortunately the sign has stopped working.

The sign is outdated technology and the company we bought the sign from has gone out of business.

## WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Whonnock Community Association offers a \$1,000 bursary to a deserving graduating student.

To apply for the Whonnock Community Association bursary, please check with your school counsellor during the fall semester.

For those students interested in applying for our bursary we have the following criteria:

To qualify you have to have lived in the Whonnock area for at least 2 years.

- First, we look at a student's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university.
- Second, we assess financial need.
- Third, we look for a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause.

## WHONNOCK FOUNDATION BYRNES BURSARY

The Whonnock Foundation's Byrnes Bursary program grants amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary establishment with a proven record of good performance in post-secondary education.

For more about the Whonnock Foundation and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary visit: <whonnock.ca> and select Whonnock Foundation.

Apply at any time. No deadline.



Thanks to the bequest of Brian and Isabel Byrnes more than a hundred "Byrnes Bursaries" have been granted to post-graduate students in Whonnock and Ruskin..



## WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SPRING HANDMADE MARKET

Nearly 50 Handmade Vendors,

Big Red's Poutine Food Truck, Face Painting + more!

May 5, 2019, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, 27471 112th Ave

## WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's Web site: <whonnockschool.sd42.ca>.

## LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL

Located on beautiful Whonnock Lake in the Whonnock Lake Centre, this bright, well-equipped preschool offers a variety of experiences for 3-to-5-year-olds.

Our aim is to provide each child with exciting and stimulating experiences in a warm and relaxed atmosphere.



For ongoing registration phone Mrs. Kilsby at 604-462-0026 to reserve your child's space in one of our programs.

Web site: <lakesidepreschool.com>

E-mail: <lakesidepreschool@hotmail.com>

## MONTESSORI CORNER

The Montessori Corner is a private educational organization. We offer preschool and daycare programs in two different locations, Websters Corners and Whonnock.

For more information visit <montessoricorner.ca>, E-mail <info@montessoricorner.ca>, or call Ms. Debora Vieira at 604-462-1400.

## WHONNOCK TOPS LOCAL #4522

TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps members to improve their health and well-being. We meet at the Wildwood Fellowship Church Mondays at 6:30 pm. Come and visit with us - we have fun and successful weight loss. Phone Carolyn , 604-462-1213, or Lori Button, 604-463-7355, for more info.

For information on other chapters in Maple Ridge phone Thelma at 604-467-5601.

## WHONNOCK WALKERS



Join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at Whonnock Lake Centre parking lot at 9:15 for a friendly one-hour walk. Call Brita at 604 462-9863 for more information.

## FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS

Interested in outdoor adventures? If you are between grades 3 and 12, Scouts in Whonnock is looking for you to join them on hiking trips, camping trips, weekly meetings and earning badges!

If you have any bottles for pick-up please text Jocelyn at 604-802-7862. Happy scouting!

Please contact Jocelyn at <jmcintosh42@gmail.com> or 604-802 7862 for more program information.



## THE OTTER LLAMA 4-H CLUB



We have added poultry and Cloverbuds!

The 4-H motto is to "learn to do by going".

Come and learn about animals, meet new people, go to fairs and become a more confident young person all while having fun. We meet in

Maple Ridge.

Cloverbuds (junior 4-H) ages 6-8 (as of January 1st) 4-H ages 9-19 (as of January 1st). For more information contact Al <tapdimer@gmail.com> or Pascale at <spshaw@telus.net>.



## RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

Information about RCKC and the club's programs visit Website <rckc.ca>.

## MAPLE RIDGE PARKS & LEISURE

Details, dates, costs and times of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are published in the Parks Recreation & Culture Guide, Fall/Winter 2018. Pick up a printed copy of the program guide at City Hall or for a digital version go to Maple Ridge Parks Recreation & Culture website and click on the program guide.

### Yoga Basics – Age 16 and up

Learn the building blocks and fundamentals of yoga practice. Learn Yogic breathing, class etiquette, and classic poses that promote alignment, strength and flexibility. You will learn to release tension through meditation and relaxation techniques. A 'must do' course to ensure a safe yoga practice.

### Hatha Yoga – Age 16 and up

Relax your mind, increase energy and reduce stress. You will be guided into each pose to safely strengthen tone, align and stabilize the body. Breathing techniques and mediation are also integrated.

### Yoga – Morning Yoga

Wake up your body, settle your mind and find your breath in this Yoga class for all levels. Enjoy a flowing practice designed to help you find foundational strength, freedom of movement, and a connection to your breath.

### Whonnock Drop-in Gym – Age 10 to 14

A FREE drop-in recreation session for those wanting to hang out with their friends and be active.

### Sports, Games, Fitness and Fun for Youth – Age 9 to 16

Looking for ways to be active, have fun and learn how to play sports better? Join the Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club Coaches in this fun learn-to-move- fitness training program for youth.

You will experience a variety of active games and movement skills to develop coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and endurance. Open to all abilities.

### Learn to Fish – Age 6 to 16

Join the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC for one two-hour session and learn the basics of freshwater fishing. Topics include hatchery roles, fish identification, proper fish handling, tackle, rod rigging, casting and an hour of hands-on fishing. Rapala rods are provided, programs run rain or shine, must pre-register. By Donation. Location: Whonnock Lake.

### Guided Meditation – Age 19 and up

Use imagery, focused attention, mindfulness, and the practice of deep breathing to transition the body from a state of stress to one of relaxation, promoting better health and well being. Beginners are welcome.

### Pilates by the Lake – Age 16 and up

Exercising on the Pilates mat is a challenging but safe method to sculpt your entire body and to feel increased agility in your everyday movements. Work to balance all muscle groups' strength and flexibility, with an emphasis on challenging the core muscles with each movement.

### Volleyball at Whonnock – Age 16 and up

Serve, set, rally! Enjoy digging, hitting and blocking while playing a social, yet competitive game of volleyball. In partnership with the Whonnock Community Association.





The months just flew by this Fall & Winter, although we are just starting to experience our winter snowfall. Even as it is nasty for a short time on our roadways, we are comforted by the fact that this snow will help to create a snowpack. Snow and rain both help us recharge our aquifer and is welcome for the coming year.

TAPS is entering into its 13<sup>th</sup> year as a community well monitoring group and if our annual meeting was any measure, we would say that we are going to be together for a while longer. We remember Mike Simpson from the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations remarking that we are the longest running community driven Well Monitoring group in B.C. It is a testament to the commitment of all the members.

This November, we saw the installation of a second deep well monitoring site by the Ministry on 276<sup>th</sup> Street just off Bell. This well will also calculate daily water levels that will be remotely sent to the Ministry. The measurements will then be accessible to the public. Having two deep monitoring wells on our aquifer will help us collect valuable data of water levels through the seasons and over time. We are grateful.

Two concerning items have come to our attention regarding our aquifer. It appears that Tantalus was putting feelers out about expanding their facility. This is, of course, very concerning for all. Through the efforts of residents near Tantalus, we received a note from Mayor Mike Morden that Tantalus has withdrawn their application. We remain vigilant.

The second concern is that a resident on 277<sup>th</sup> off 104<sup>th</sup> applied for a variance, so he could micro-cultivate in his existing barn. It was denied. The next step is for him to apply to Council for a Development Variance Permit. How and when our local government will decide to move forward with this application will depend on our Council's direction on the legalization of Cannabis. It appears to be a long process. We will continue to monitor the application.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Environmental Advisory Committee, Klaus & I presented some background information on TAPS and Rod Stott gave a presentation of his upcoming report requesting Council to give 1<sup>st</sup> reading to update the Natural Features Map which would now include the Grant Hill Aquifer. It is considered to be a housekeeping item that is guided by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operation's most recent mapping of our aquifer boundaries.

This includes areas that have already been developed and the remaining vulnerable portion that supply drinking water to groundwater dependent residents. The EAC unanimously endorsed it to be forwarded to Council. Judy Dueck and Ryan Svendsen are the new Council representatives on the Environmental Advisory Committee for the next 4 years.

Let us hope that we continue to have precipitation to fill our aquifer to help sustain us over the long, dry summer months that seem to be becoming the norm. For all residents, keep an eye on your well, take measurements for your records and be careful not to waste or contaminate our groundwater resource.

All the best in the coming year,

*Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg*  
Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study

## THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Community Hall has received steady rentals all fall and winter. Many family events took place and the bookings for the early spring and summer are continuing to come in. Our website seems to have attracted much more interest coupled with the fact that the Hall rental rates are very reasonable.

The anticipated, Annual Plant Swap is set for April 6<sup>th</sup>, an event that is so well supported by residents within and outside our community. It is a great social and gardening exchange event put on by Joan Duncan. Contact 604-462-8778.

The Hall is known for providing a lovely space for both family and Community events.

For bookings and specific inquiries, contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @ 604-476-7794.

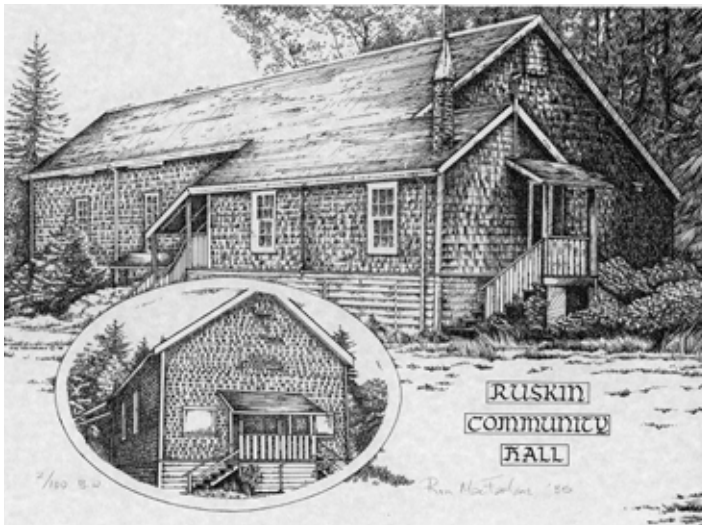
We wish you all an early spring and warmth soon.

## THORNHILL PLANT SWAP

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Thornhill Plant Swap will tentatively take place on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> rain or shine from 10 am until 12:30 pm in the parking lot of Thornhill Hall located at 26007 98<sup>th</sup> Ave Maple Ridge.



Everyone is invited to bring plants, bulbs, garden tools, books, etc. Everything is free, nothing for sale. If you don't have any plants to exchange, please bring some cookies or other treats to share. Refreshments are free. Swap starts at 10 am. No early birds please. For more information please call Joan at 604 462 8778.



## RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 96th Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC, V2W 1L3  
 Phone or text 604-462-9739  
 Email – general, <ruskinhall@yahoo.ca >  
 Facebook: <Ruskin Community Hall>  
 Website: <www.ruskinhall.com >

The Ruskin Hall is located at the corner of 284th Street and 96 Avenue. Hall meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00. Everyone is welcome.

The hall is available for rental at hourly or nightly rates. For rental information contact our Booking Agent at 462-9739, bookings@ruskinhall.com, or www.ruskinhall.com.

Kim Rondquist continues to offer Hatha Flow Yoga classes on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00. Classes are for all levels and everyone is welcome. For information contact Kim at 462-4284.

New is “Fitness with Lori” on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00. For more information email Lori at loribillings@shaw.ca.

Ruskin Hall hosts a “Crafting Hangout” the first Thursday of each month at 7:30. Bring a craft from home or try something new. Meet and mingle with your crafty neighbours.



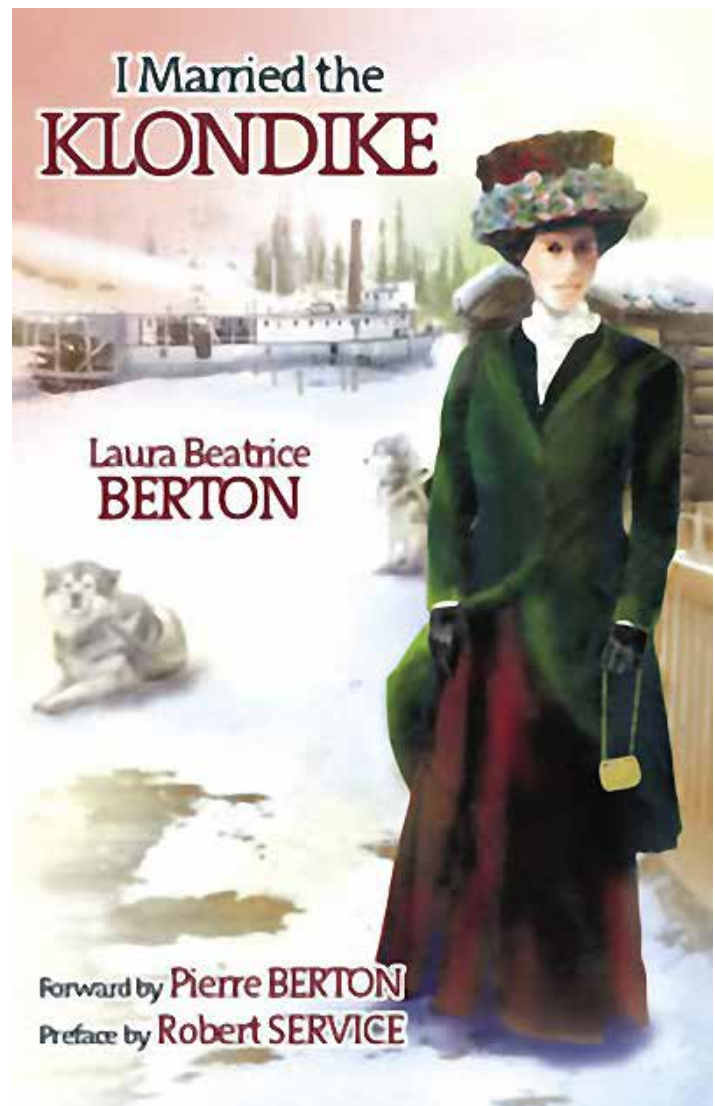
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This will be a fun read for everyone. New or second-hand copies of the book are available from bookstores or the Internet. KOBO and KINDLE editions are also available. We have ordered a few second-hand copies that are available on loan.

You know how it works: everyone reads the book in their own time, and then we get together to discuss it in a relaxed setting.

The date for the get-together? Thursday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. at the hall of the Anglican Church.

To sign up or for any questions, or to reserve a copy of the book, please contact Helmi Braches at 604 462 8942 or e-mail <books@whonnock.ca>





## WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Services are held at 10:30 am (10810 272nd St.)

In our world dominated by chaos and uncertainty, Jesus Christ remains the unchanging source of truth and peace. Part of our Church's purpose statement reads, "Our purpose is to know Christ and to make Him known. We make Christ known through caring acts, caring attitudes, and a care-filled message." If you're looking for a place to belong where you can discover and live out a relevant faith, then we invite you to experience the community of Wildwood Fellowship Church. We are a family-oriented, nondenominational Church. Our coffee times after the service give you opportunity to get to know others who would love to come alongside you in your faith journey.

You are welcome to join us for *Sunday Services* (Sunday School up to age 12 during the service)

*Ignite* - Community monthly Worship nights for all ages - check out Ignite Maple Ridge on Facebook

Other special events - check out our Web site: [wildwoodfellowship.com](http://wildwoodfellowship.com)

*Are you a single parent struggling to make ends meet?*

Or perhaps a family going through a tight spot financially? We would love to give you some free Cobb's bread - you can pick it up at the church on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6:30pm (except during school breaks) If you are unable to stop by, give us a call and we'll try to arrange to bring it to you.

More info: call Pastor Arnold Tracey (604) 287-6963



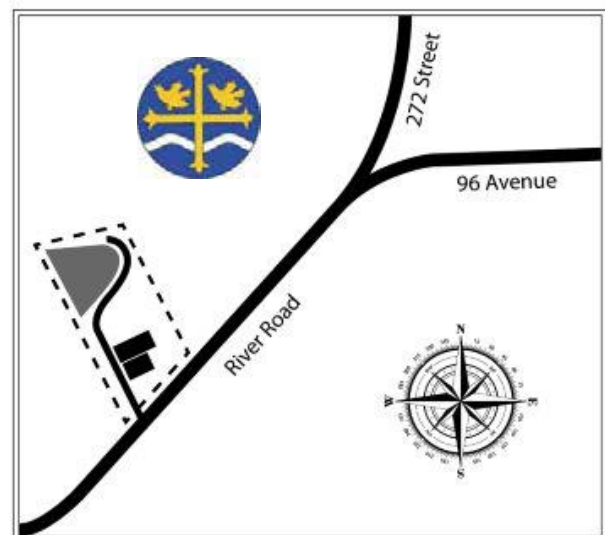
## HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock

Holy Spirit Anglican Church (the brown church on your left as you start up the hill on 272nd) invites you to worship with them any Sunday at 10 am. You are encouraged and welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship afterwards in the adjoining hall.

Watch for news of a concert at the Anglican Church by the talented young musician there, and three of her colleagues from the Abbotsford Youth Symphony Orchestra. They are awaiting dates for music exams and the date will be set after that. Last fall's concert was well-attended and well-received. Check the church signboard, the Whonnock website and a poster at the post office for a date later in the spring."

Church and Hall Rental Information: 604-462-7933



## WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners had a very busy fall and winter and were very happy to see many of you at our 38th Annual Open House last November. We will be back again on the last Sunday of November in 2019, so

mark November 24th on your calendar.

This spring we are looking forward to a couple of different workshops. The first one will be a felting workshop with an instructor from Salt Spring Island and later in the spring another three-day spinning workshop.

Once again this year, we will participate in the Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour which will be held on May 11th & 12th. We will be located in Maple Ridge in the same building as the Vicuna Art Studio at 11491 Kingston Street. More information on the event can be found at [www.artstudiotour.ca](http://www.artstudiotour.ca).

We hosted spin-ins on Tuesday, January 8th and February 12th at The ACT. We will continue to hold the spin-ins on the second Tuesday of the month until June. We are either in the lobby or the Art Gallery from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Please do stop by to join us to see what handspinning is all about or just come and visit to see what our guild is all about. You would be most welcome. Bring your knitting or another project and sit and visit.

This year our meetings are being held at the Whonnock Lake Centre on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. There is usually a short business meeting followed by a program.



We always welcome new members so if you are interested in the fibre arts and wish to join us, simply come to a meeting. If you would like more information, please phone Marie at 604-462-9059 .

Our website can be found at [www.wws.ca](http://www.wws.ca) and you can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/WhonnockWeaversandSpinnersGuild](http://www.facebook.com/WhonnockWeaversandSpinnersGuild).

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## DRIFTWOOD BAY GALLERY

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Phone: 604-362-2112

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**JUNICHI TANAKA**, born in Japan, established a ceramics studio at Whonnock in 1998.

His work has been widely accepted all over Canada.

Ceramics is not his only passion. He has climbed major mountains and he is a poet.

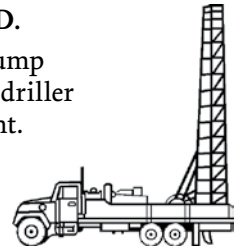
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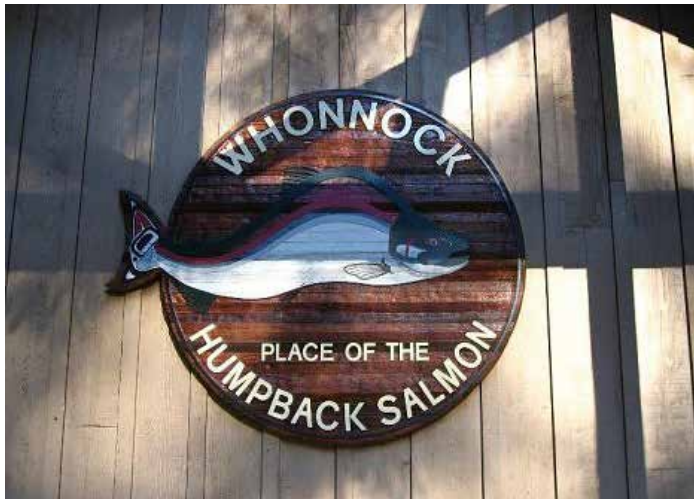
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## WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

Whonnock Lake Centre has the capacity to hold 160 people. The centre features a large hall with kitchen, multipurpose room and two meeting rooms in a beautiful park setting.

For information visit: <[whonnock.ca/whonnock/LakeCentre.htm](http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/LakeCentre.htm)>

For availability and bookings call Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture, 604 467 7357.

E-mail: <[facilitybookings@mapleridge.ca](mailto:facilitybookings@mapleridge.ca)>



## CAMP WHONNOCK

27660 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge B.C. V2W 1Y9

The Camp includes a main lodge, seven cabins, fire circle and shelter, wooded tent sites with fire-pit, trails.

The main lodge includes a hall with fireplace, industrial kitchen, and a covered deck that runs the length of the building. There are several indoor folding tables and chairs (accommodates ~150 people), as well as outdoor tables and chairs on the covered deck.

For information and bookings contact Andrew Watson  
E-mail: <[awatson@scouts.ca](mailto:awatson@scouts.ca)> Phone: (604)462-7012.

## Whonnock Neighbourhood Coffee Party

**Who is Invited?** Those who seek to build community in the greater Whonnock area.

**Where is it?** At the Anglican Church Hall (the brown church on the left as you start uphill on 272nd St. Parking behind the hall).

**When is it?** On Saturday, April 6, 2019, 10 a.m. to noon.

### Come and chat with your neighbours!

Have a stroll around the church property, especially the part behind the church, on the uphill side of the driveway (approx. 0.6 acres).

Make some suggestions as to what the church could do with this property (map on reverse) that would benefit the entire neighbourhood.

The church is anxious to hear the suggestions of its neighbours as to how this land could best be used—and all schemes and dreams will be given serious consideration.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan adequately!



**Hope to see you there!**

Please RSVP to Sandra Rossington: [sdr\\_nst@shaw.ca](mailto:sdr_nst@shaw.ca)

or

Jean Davidson: 604-462-7341

Endorsed by the Whonnock Community Association and Holy Spirit Anglican Church

## CREATIVE KIDS LEARNING CENTER

(OLD WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY)

Looking for a space to hold your private party, coffee get together, birthday party, or kids birthday party? Please contact Carley at [maplewoods@creativekidspreschool.ca](mailto:maplewoods@creativekidspreschool.ca) or call 604-560-5002 to find out more information about room availability, pricing and to view the spaces available at our Maple Woods Community Center. Monthly, weekly and one off rentals all welcome!"

Carley Babiartz, Creative Kids Learning Centers

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