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# WHONNOCK NEWS

Spring 2020

#### HOMEGROWN AND HOMEMADE

The board and volunteers of the Whonnock Community Association have had a nice break over the Christmas holidays and wish everyone a healthy, happy 2020.

We usually talk about what's going on with the Association WCA here but you can get most of that information from the rest of the newsletter, so I thought I would veer off and talk about a trend I have happily noticed out here in eastern Maple Ridge. The trend for home grown, homemade and local has definitely returned to this area!

My husband, Doug, who grew up here in Whonnock and whose family has been here since the forties often tells me stories of the area and people. His mom was a true prairie girl who grew everything and made everything from scratch. He was lucky enough to grow up with homemade soap, root beer, ice cream, and much more.

What is so interesting is to see how many of those skills and products are now back and available in Whonnock and the surrounding area. It's not just fresh eggs anymore, but fresh veggies, local meat, local flowers, local fruit, homemade jams and jellies, local candles, soaps, and crafts of all sorts.

We are so lucky to have this thriving, organic produce and creative artisan community here in eastern Maple Ridge. Send us your information and, space permitting, we are happy to include it in our newsletter.

Happy local shopping everyone.

Noreen Woods

#### P.S.

There are some things that are the same but of course much has changed as the years and people have come and gone. If you have stories of the area and times gone by we would love to hear them.

We are so lucky to have our own local historian, archivist and author, Fred Braches, who has already recorded so much of our local history.

For more information check out <whonnock.ca> and click on the link for Whonnock and Ruskin history.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Whonnock Community Association - Meetings

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

#### Whonnock Neighbourhood Coffee Party

Anglican Church Hall – 27123 River Road Saturday, February 29, 10:00 am to noon.

## Whonnock Community Association - Easter Egg Hunt

Whonnock Lake: Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am.

#### Whonnock Community Association - Volunteer Dinner

Whonnock Lake Centre: Sunday, April 19. By invitation.

#### Thornhill Annual Plant Swap

Thornhill Hall: Sunday, April 26, starts at 10:00 am sharp.

#### Whonnock Elementary Spring Handmade Market

27471 112th Avenue

Sunday May 3, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

#### Whonnock Community Association - AGM

Annual General Meeting

Whonnock Lake Centre: Thursday, May 21, 7:30 pm.

#### 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 12, 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.



#### WCA MEMBERSHIP

We encourage you to come to one of our monthly meetings to learn what we are doing and to voice your wishes or concerns. Membership is free. Registration forms are at the post office.



#### WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Whonnock Community Association offers a \$1,000 bursary to a deserving graduating student 2019. 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 two years.
- \* We look at a student's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university.
  - \* We assess financial need.
- \* We look for a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause.

#### WCA PUMP HOUSE SIGN

Call 604 462 8942 if you'd like to see an event posted on the sign. Leave a message if you get the answering machine and your call will be returned pronto.

#### WHONNOCK.CA

Recently we refreshed our website whonnock.ca with new links to many local community sites. Make sure your site is there and have a look at the history section.

# 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.

In 2019 the Foundation granted a total of \$ 30,000 dollars to ten students.

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.



#### WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY

For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's website: whonnock-school.sd42.ca

Sunday May 3, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Whonnock Elementary Spring Handmade Market. 27471 112th Avenue

#### LAKESIDE PRE-SCHOOL



Located on beautiful Whonnock Lake in the Whonnock Lake Centre, this bright, well-equipped pre-school offers a variety of experiences for 3-to-5year-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: <lakesidepre-school.com>

E-mail: <lakesidepre-school@hotmail.com> Facebook: <@whonnocklakesidepreschool>

#### 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.

www.whonnock.ca

### RIDGE CANOE & KAYAK CLUB (RCKC)



The Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club is getting ready for the upcoming paddling season!

We have a busy year planned with our regattas at Whonnock Lake.

We only missed a few weeks of pad-

dling when the lake froze over and are looking forward to some warmer weather as our Spring and School programs start to get going soon.

We are hosting the Slawko Fedechko season opener May 2nd and 3rd, and are proud to be hosting the BC Summer Games from July 23 to July 26.

Our Ridge Invitational is on August 1 and the Pacific Cup will take place September 12th and 13th.

The planned dock and clubhouse renovation is projected to start some time after the completion of the BC Summer Games.

Looking forward to another great paddling season! Please visit us at RCKC.ca

#### FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS



The 1st Whonnock Scouts has grown. We now have five sections open, from Beavers to Rovers, ages 5 to 25.

If you are interested in joining our group, please check out the Scouts Canada website, Scouts.ca or email me at 1stwh-

onnockscoutgroup@gmail.com. We have room for youth in our sections and we are always happy to have more volunteers to help out.

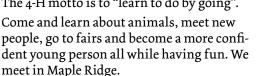
We meet Tuesdays at Camp Whonnock, starting at 6:30 pm. As a community based program, we are looking for service projects to help in our local community. Please contact me if you have any ideas for how we could help the Whonnock Community.

Happy Scouting!

Jenise Paton, Group Commissioner, 1st Whonnock Scouts

#### THE OTTER LLAMA 4-H CLUB

We have added poultry and Cloverbuds! The 4-H motto is to "learn to do by going".





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>.



## PRC programs at Whonnock

Details, dates, costs and times of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are

published in the Maple Ridge Parks Recreation & Culture Guide, Fall/Winter 2019.

#### Hatha Yoga Age - 16Y and up

This alignment oriented class will emphasize posture and breath while entering, holding and leaving the posture. It uses postures (asanas) and stretches in combination with the breath while holding the poses to develop flexibility and relaxation. An excellent way to calm the mind and reduce stress.

#### Yoga Fundamentals - 16Y and up

Learn the building blocks and fundamentals of a 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.

#### Yoga - Morning Flow 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 10Y - 14Y

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 9Y - 16Y

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.

#### Pilates - Pilates by the Lake - Age 16Y and up

A play on traditional pilates, this class will work the entire body from head to toe. Strengthen, lengthen and tone your way to a stronger core, increased balance, flexibility and better posture. Pilates will sculpt your way to a new body. Grab your mat and join us.

#### Volleyball - Whonnock - Age 16Y and up

Be active by enjoying a social game of Volleyball in partnership with the Whonnock Community Association.

#### Learn to Fish

Join the Freshwaters Fisheries Society of BC for a two-hour session to 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. This program runs rain or shine! Must preregister. By Donation.



TAPS has just completed their 14th year collecting well data for minerals, turbidity and bacterial health from the participating owners of both deep and shallow wells throughout Thornhill on the Grant Hill Aquifer. We continue to support well owners throughout rural Maple Ridge when water concerns arise whether it results from their own delivery system or events surrounding their properties.

TAPS had been represented at the City's Environmental Advisory Committee which consisted of all the Environmental Groups that have provided valuable work through the protection, awareness and proactive measures that create an avenue for anyone interested becoming involved in their community. TAPS was unsuccessful in completing its goal of having the Grant Hill Aquifer placed on the Natural Features Map. Late in 2019, Council made the decision to change the makeup of all Advisory committees, but I will speak to our own. The Environmental Advisory Committee no longer has representative voices from the Environmental Groups throughout Maple Ridge. Representatives of the Environmental Group now include a Senior, Youth, Development Community, 2 Environmental Professionals, Council Liaison (Judy Dueck) & Rod Stott (City Staff from Environmental Dept.)

Council made a commitment to our community during the 2006 OCP review to update the aquifer map when they received an update from the Ministry. The update was provided in the summer of 2018. The present Council made a decision to remove the aquifer map from the OCP in 2019. The Grant Hill Aquifer Map is scheduled to go to Council for a vote to remove it from the OCP in October 2020.

This will trigger a public hearing. TAPS has concerns about the justification behind the removal of the only map of our aquifer in the OCP. Our Council requested the Ministry to update the aquifer at no cost to the City. The Ministry provided the map at a considerable cost and Council refused to update the map and intends to remove the map in its entirety citing the costs incurred for staff time, whenever the Ministry makes changes. The Ministry has only updated this map once, since the 1980's because it is an expensive undertaking. The updated map will be on the Municipal website. TAPS encourages all residents on the Grant Hill Aquifer to express their concerns if a Public Hearing takes place.

A notice of intent has been recently received by the City from a resident who lives on 277th off 104th that he has received approval from Health Canada to grow hemp in hoop houses on his property. Last year, the same owner was denied a variance where he wanted to grow Marijuana as a micro cultivator

in his barn. Water usage, odours, lights and safety remain real issues for surrounding residents. Oversight has not been determined. The City is currently seeking advice from their solicitors and working on legislation around growing marijuana and will require further study regarding hemp. It is potentially precedent setting.

More extreme weather events appear to be a normal part of our global climate change. Therefore, we encourage all well owners to be cognizant of and note any changes within their property as well as activities in their neighbourhoods that could negatively affect water levels and contribute to contamination. As the spring and summer approach, we encourage everyone to exercise water conservation measures early, even as it feels like it may never stop raining now. The rain is welcomed as nature's slow filtration will fill our aquifer through the dry season.

We wish you all a good water season this coming year.

TAPS (Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study)

Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg

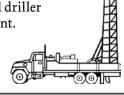


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#### Thornhill Community Hall

It's a great little community Hall.

The Thornhill Hall has had many bookings this past Fall and is filling up quickly through the Spring and Summer months. Many weddings and small family events are perfect for this venue.

The Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest was a great success with a full day of participation. The biggest pumpkin this year was grown by Christian & Elaine coming in at 223 pounds.

Visit our website at www.thornhillhall.ca for further information.

Bookings with Fran @ 604-462-7869.



#### THORNHILL PLANT SWAP

The 8th annual Thornhill Plant Swap will be held Sunday April 26th, 2020, rain or shine, from 10 am until 12:30 pm in the parking lot of Thornhill Hall located at 26007 98th Ave Maple Ridge.

Everyone is invited to bring plants, bulbs, garden tools, gardening books and related items. Everything is free. Nothing for sale. If you don't have any plants to contribute, please bring some cookies or other treats to share. Refreshments are free.

The 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.

"Fitness with Lori" on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30. 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.

#### WHONNOCK WALKERS

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

#### 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.

#### FROM RAYNE BEVERIDGE

I just want to thank everyone who came out to the Whonnock Winter Wonderland. The event was a huge success with over 350 people coming to the event!

We also want to thank our amazing group of volunteers and our sponsors K&W Glass Innovations, Save-On Foods, Odeum Society, Value Village, Yorkshire Fencing, and Hottie's Food Emporium.

We are a deeply grateful that we got to be a part of bringing joy and friendship to the children and families in our community this holiday season. It was without doubt worth every minute.

#### **LEARN TO SING!!**

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**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 or the left as you start uphill on 272nd St. Parking behind the hall).

When is it? On Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10 a.m. to noon.

## Come and chat with your neighbours

The distinctive and historic church building at Holy Spiri will turn 100 in 2021. We plan a year of celebration leading up to this milestone and we would like the neighbourhood to be involved.

Think of possible **centennial projects** we could do together to celebrate while benefiting others—100 blood donations, 100 bibles verses read, 100 trees planted, 100 organ donor cards signed, etc. etc. **Bring your ideas!** 

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

#### Hope to see you there!



Please RSVP to the Rev. Miranda: 604-860-5258

Jean Davidson: 604-462-7341

#### Wildwood FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Wildwood fellowship church welcomes you Sunday Services are held at 10:30am (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)

SPRING BREAK CAMP This FREE EVENT will take place Tuesday March 24th from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Children kindergarten to grade 3 are invited to a day of FUN GAMES, ARTS and CRAFTS and a MOVIE! A hotdog lunch and snacks will also be provided!

To register, just email your child's name, age, any allergies that we need to be aware of and parent information to: jlicj2001@gmail.com

Questions? Call Eleanor (778)929-3630 or Corina (604)722-4065 Thank you and hope to SEE YOU THERE

Other special events - check out our Web site: 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 3:00 – 6:15pm (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



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

His work has been widely accepted all over

Ceramics is not his only passion. He has climbed major mountains and he is a poet. His Web site is <ceramicsjunichi.com>

#### 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 39th Annual Open House last November. We will be back again on the last Sunday of November in 2020,

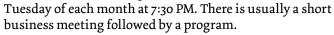
so mark November 29th on your calendar.

This spring we are looking forward to three different workshops. The first one will be a cedar basket making workshop; the second workshop is a weaving round robin and the third is a knitting workshop.

We hosted spin-ins on Tuesday, January 14th and February 11th 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 spring our meetings are being held at the hall of historic St. John the Divine Anglican Church in Maple Ridge at 21299 River Road. Our meetings are on the 4th



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 a www.wwsg.ca and you can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook. com/WhonnockWeaversandSpinnersGuild.



#### MUSIC IN ME! STUDIO

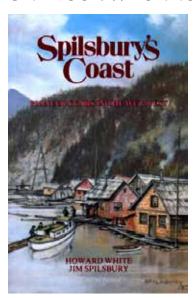
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Website: <musicinme.musicteachershelper.com>

#### ONE BOOK WHONNOCK



Spilsbury's Coast: Pioneer Years in the Wet West is our next reading project with One Book Whonnock.
"The stuff from which folklore is woven" (Canadian Geographic) and "a thoroughly entertaining book" (Vancouver Sun).
This book by Howard

This book by Howard White and Jim Spilsbury promises to be a hit with our group. For joining please contact Helmi (604-462-8942 or books@whonnock.ca).

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#### HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock



In 1921 the Anglican parish built this new church to replace St. Paul's and gave it the name St. John the Evangelist. In January 2008 the church again received a new name: Holy Spirit Anglican Church. A church hall was built in the 1930s, which was replaced by Cameron Hall in 1985.

HERITAGE RESOURCES OF MAPLE RIDGE 2018 Donald Luxton and Associates Inc.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH's distinctive brown building at 27123 River Road has been a presence in Whonnock for 99 years. We will celebrate its centennial with music, speakers, displays and a revitalization project from May 2020 to May 2021. We invite neighbours to join us.

We will also be undertaking a review of options for the future to determine if we can keep the church open into the next century, or if we end well.

We would not take lightly a decision to close the church, but the deaths of several key leaders means our resources are depleting fast.

With a new priest, Rev. Miranda Sutherland, and renewed energies, we are working to reverse this.

We invite you to become 'A Friend of Holy Spirit' to encourage our revitalization with your prayers, ideas, donations, stories about the church, and your presence.

The parish has much going for it; we invite you to check out the website www.holyspiritanglican.ca

Church - phone: 604-462-7933 Email: holyspiritanglican@gmail.com



#### THE PARISH OF WHONNOCK

The parish has much going for it:

- \* Church Service & Music Program: We gather every Sunday at 10:00 am for Worship and Sunday School. Our talented young musician brings music to life and the tunes will linger in your head well after she is finished.
- \* Outreach Support: (1) Anita's Place members took food to serve weekly dinners and relate to residents there; (2) Active contributor to the Primates World Relief Development Fund
- \* Prison Ministry: caring for two prisoners, a continuation of a very long-standing commitment
- \* Hall Support to the Community: The hall is often used for community events.
- \* Heritage Building: We work hard on the church property to enhance the beauty of the heritage building and its surroundings
- \* Interfaith Acceptance: a role, very meaningful to us, in welcoming all faiths into Whonnock.
- \* Christmas Hampers: Annual significant contribution of hampers for families in need
- \* Belfry: The church bell invites the community to come to our Church Service every Sunday. We've been told that the ringing of the church bell on Sunday brings joy to many. The community fills the church on Remembrance Day, as we toll the bell as a plea for peace.



In 1891 the Anglican settlers in Whonnock built their first church: St. Paul's. Whonnock started as an outstation of Mission but in 1912 Whonnock became a separate parish with a resident parson. In 1913 the Percy family donated the bell that is still ringing at the present church and a belfry was added to the church as shown in the photo. St. Paul's served the congregation until the construction of today's church building in 1921. The old church building has been converted for the use as a private residence at 10184 272nd Street.