



# WHONNOCK NEWS

Fall 2019

## FROM THE WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

September is the start of another year for the Whonnock Community Association. Along with this newsletter coming out twice a year, in the fall and the spring, we continue on with the work of the association.

One of our current projects is the preparations for the Remembrance Day ceremony at Whonnock Lake Centre. This is a community-based event for which the attendance has been growing every year. Come and join us to remember those who fought for our freedom and all who died in wars.

On an ongoing basis we support the Ridge, Canoe and Kayak Club, 1st Whonnock Scouts, One Book Whonnock, the Whonnock Weavers and Spinners, and our neighbouring communities of Ruskin and Thornhill.

We also work with TAPS and lobby the City regarding water issues in our communities.

Do visit our website <whonnock.ca> with links to many local sites. Have a look at the history section!

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is our way to thank the many volunteers who donate their time and effort to our community, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt – the first one was held in 1981 – is enjoyed by all, kids and adults alike.

We encourage anyone to come to a meeting to see what we are all about, and we always welcome new people and especially new ideas. Happy Fall to everyone.

## WHONNOCK WINTER WONDERLAND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

1 - 7 PM

WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE



Come enjoy this holiday experience in our beautiful Whonnock community hall.

- Visit with Santa Claus
- Decorate cookies or make a holiday craft
- warm up with a hot chocolate, coffee, or tea
- Get your picture taken in our Winter wonderland photo booth
- Enjoy a live instrument ensemble, jazz singer, and pentatonix Style Quartet
- Sing Christmas Carols together
- At the end of the evening, take part in a candlelit sing-a-long of "silent night"

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WCA Monthly Meetings

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

### Ruskin Hall Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm at Ruskin Hall

### One Book Whonnock Gathering

Thursday, October 24, at 7:30 pm. Hall of the Anglican Church

### 'BooHooVille' Halloween Carnival

Thursday, October 24th, 5 - 8 pm, Whonnock Elementary.

### Whonnock Elementary Winter Handmade Market

Sunday, November 3rd, 10 - 3 pm, Whonnock Elementary

### Remembrance Day Service

November 11th, 2018, starts at 10:45 sharp, Whonnock Lake Centre

### Whonnock Weavers Annual Exhibit and Sale

Sunday, November 24th, 10 - 4 pm, Whonnock Lake Centre

### Thornhill Artisan Fair

December 7th & 8th, 10 - 4 pm, 9730 Spilsbury Street, Maple Ridge.

### Whonnock Winter Wonderland Family Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14th, 1 - 7 pm, Whonnock Lake Centre

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

After 25 years Sue Schulze has stepped down as Postmaster of the Whonnock Post Office. Fortunately we don't have to say good-bye to Sue, as she will still be running the feed store and will be in and out of the Post Office. Taking over from Sue, for the moment as Acting Postmaster, is Michele Hall, who has been helping out for several months. We wish Michele all the best in her work, and we wish Sue a happy time with her horses!

## WHONNOCK PUMP HOUSE SIGN

Some wizard managed to revive our pump house sign and it is active again.

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

## WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Whonnock Community Association 2019 \$1,000 bursary recipient is Noelle Fowle. Noelle is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree at Simon Fraser University and we wish her the best of luck in her post-secondary journey. Congratulations Noelle.

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.

## WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY

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

OCTOBER 24, 2019

5 -8 PM



NOVEMBER 3RD 2019,

10 AM - 3 PM

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE DONATION FOR THE FOOD BANK.

## 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-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: <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.



## RIDGE CANOE & KAYAK CLUB (RCKC)



Fall is here and we are now moving into our winter session.

We had a great spring and summer of paddling with participation in our School and Community programs of 1222 people, Summer Camps 56, and 41 in Parks and Rec programs.

RCKC had 12 club athletes attend Nationals in Regina in August bringing home 5 medals.

We also had two of our athletes represent Canada in International events, Brian Malfesi and Cassidy Macpherson.

After many hours of work, we also completed our new course in September, the "Laura Rosenthal Race Course at Whonnock Lake" which was used at our largest Regatta: the Pacific Cup. We had 219 athletes compete on September 7th and 8th at Whonnock Lake from all over BC, with clubs from Alberta, the U.S, and the Yukon attending as well. Looking forward to another great year of paddling in 2020!

Darren K

## 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 [1stwhonnockscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:1stwhonnockscoutgroup@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".

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](mailto:tapdimer@gmail.com)> or Pascale at <[spshaw@telus.net](mailto:spshaw@telus.net)>.

## 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 2019*. 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.

### 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. A 'must do' course to ensure a safe yoga practice.

### Yoga – Morning Flow Yoga

Start your day off on the right path. 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

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.

### 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.





This summer and spring were not as hot and dry as we had experienced in past summers and this resulted in most shallow well owners not having to haul water as much this past season. TAPS members are still involved in the water monitoring program, and through earned respect we are often referred to as a legitimate and only community-initiated program providing a valuable service through the collection of well data for our aquifer-dependent community while educating other communities who are not groundwater dependent.

There were three significant community-driven concerns in which Council and Staff were involved.

1. Tantalus had applied for and received a permit to expand their facility. After Council explored stopping the expansion, they were unable to legally stop Tantalus from expanding. This is very disturbing.
2. An application for a large soil deposit on ALR land raised concerns regarding the import of contaminated materials and invasive species which could impact surrounding well owners. Other concerns centred around heavy truck traffic, safety, lack of community consultation and the quality and volume of fill requested. Council denied the application unanimously.
3. An application for a Micro-cultivating Marijuana Facility on the Whonnock Aquifer was requiring a Variance from Council before they could proceed. They requested a 30-metre variance. The overwhelming concern by residents was the stress that this facility could have on well owners. Other community concerns regarding the lack of odour control and lighting impacts were also highlighted by the community. Once this facility received its building permit, they could expand without anyone being able to stop them. Council recognized the impacts resulting from Tantalus and denied the variance unanimously.

Well owners on the Grant Hill and Whonnock Aquifers are already dealing with the impacts due to climate change and lack of regulation and enforcement regarding the water usage by Tantalus Labs. MFLNRO failed to adequately monitor and require Tantalus to provide records in their first year.

TAPS has acted as a voice for the concerns of our community well owners at all times. The last two significant events could have had a very different outcome if individuals did not write letters, attend meetings and speak to or meet with our Councillors and Mayor. TAPS felt heartened by everyone who got involved to support the values and work that TAPS has been involved in since 2006. We recognize

and appreciate the change in language and support by our Council.

Council passed a resolution to put a Moratorium on all Marijuana Grow Facilities until they have a handle on what they can regulate and prohibit. They do not support any future Marijuana facilities on groundwater. This is a significant change from 2013. They want these facilities on City water, metered and paying for their water use. They are also very concerned with waste water and composting on groundwater dependent lands. Our everyday actions affecting land use such as applying cosmetic pesticides, disposing of any petroleum products, antifreeze or harmful chemicals agents on the ground impacts groundwater.

#### *Upcoming initiatives from Council:*

The Environmental Advisory Committee of which TAPS has representation is undergoing changes through the direction of Council. At this point, it appears that Council wants to eliminate representation from all community environmental groups and replace it with one representative for all the groups. The direction and focus is changing. We may no longer be representing our community within this committee.

Council has directed staff to remove the present Aquifer Map from the OCP. The City requested and received an updated aquifer map at significant cost to the Province and at no cost to the City. It would be considered a housekeeping item to replace the old map. Council is not updating the present map, but instead intending to remove the present aquifer map from the OCP. There will no longer be a visual map of our Aquifers, but will be replaced with a link to the Provincial Map. TAPS is questioning the direction and rationale behind this action taken by Council. The outcome is yet to be determined. If this happens, then a Public hearing will be required and the community will have an opportunity to give input. You may also give input at anytime.

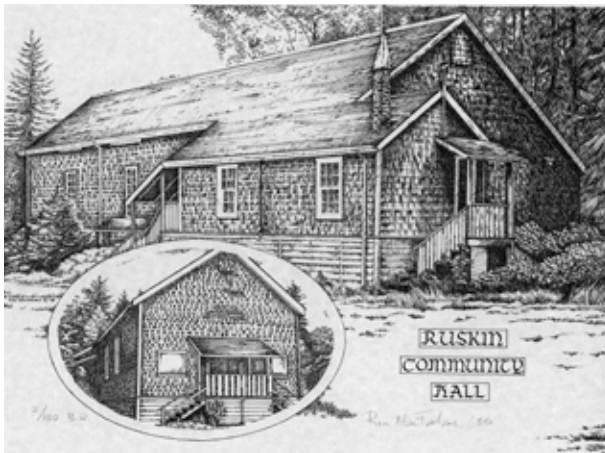
Every community member who became involved, experienced the value and importance of their voice. Thanks to all of you who took part in and worked toward our common goal of protecting our drinking water source, the Grant Hill and Whonnock Aquifers. We hope you will continue to be vigilant and do not hesitate to express your concerns.

TAPS always expresses its concerns to Council and Staff when we feel our Aquifers are in jeopardy.

#### *Hope for the future:*

On September 24th, TAPS was contacted by the Environmental School in Maple Ridge to give a workshop for their Grade 3-9 students and to walk through the Grant Hill Aquifer Watershed. It was a wonderful experience to learn about this special outdoor school and to teach the eager students. They learned about the purpose of TAPS and their teacher later told us that the students came away understanding the importance of protecting the aquifer and the difference one or two individuals can make in a community.

Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg



## 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.

## THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

For more information about Thornhill Community Hall please visit our website, www.thornhillhall.ca

To call for inquiries or bookings, please contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @604-476-7794.

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DECEMBER 7TH & 8TH.  
9730 SPILSBURY STREET

## WHONNOCK TOPS LOCAL #4522

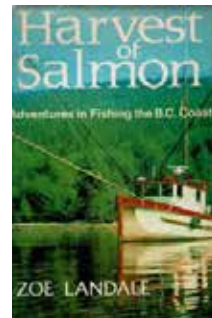
TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps members to improve their health and well-being. We meet at the Wildwood Fellowship Church Mondays at 6:30 pm. Come and visit with us - we have fun and successful weight loss. Phone Carolyn , 604-462-1213, or Lori Button, 604-463-7355, for more info.

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 Britta at 604 462-9863 for more information.



## ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

The current reading project is *Harvest of Salmon: Adventures in Fishing the BC Coast* by Zoe Landale.

This book is the fascinating story of a young couple trying life as commercial fishermen in the early 1970s.

Edwin Landale, at that time Zoe’s husband, still lives here in Whonnock and will join us at our gathering, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, at 7:30 pm at the hall of the Anglican Church.

For more information please contact Helmi Braches (604-462-8942) or email books@whonnock.ca.

Whonnock & Ruskin  
Looking Back

This new book by Fred Braches, filled with stories from the past of our communities, is for sale at the Whonnock post office and Black Bond Books at Valley Fair Mall.



## 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* 10:30 am (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 website: [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 - 6:30 pm (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

Rev Miranda Sutherland has been appointed minister at Holy Spirit Anglican Church. She will be living in the neighbourhood. You are welcome to come any Sunday at 10 am for worship service followed by refreshments. You can reach Rev Miranda at 604-462-7933.

Holy Spirit Anglican Church is the brown church on the left as you go uphill from the post office onto 272nd.

Coming Up:

**101 BELLS FOR PEACE - AT THE CHURCH**

Monday, November 11 starting at 4:34 pm (sunset)

Last year, the centennial of the end of World War I, neighbours rang our bell 100 times as a plea for peace. We will mark Remembrance Day this year with 101 bell ringings. Come at 4 pm for tea in the Anglican Church hall. We will depart in quiet reflection at the end of the event (approximately 25 minutes). If you can't come, please listen at this time and see if you can hear them in your part of the neighbourhood.

**SANNE AND FRIENDS AT THE CHURCH**

Watch for the date to be announced.

The talented young musician at the church and three friends from the Abbotsford Youth Symphony will perform a Christmas concert at the Anglican Church. Admission will be by donation to raise funds for their travel to perform at a music festival in Scotland in July 2020. We invite all in the neighbourhood to attend, and to bring a pair of socks or mitts for our mitten tree which will provide warm winter wear to needy folks. This event is co-sponsored by the Whonnock Community Association.

Church and Hall Rental Information: 604-462-7933



## WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a wonderful spring and summer weaving, spinning, knitting, dyeing, felting, rug hooking, and making baskets. In the spring we held two felting workshops and a spinning workshop.

Last spring we joined the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour and demonstrated at Vicuna Art Studios in Maple Ridge. We also demonstrated at Country Fest at the Albion Fairgrounds on July 27th&28th and at the Maple Ridge Library on September 28th as part of Culture Days.

We are now busy preparing for our 39th annual Open House exhibit and sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 24 from 10 AM to 4 PM. We hope to see many of you there.

In the New Year we will be hosting spin-in Tuesday Lobby Nights at The ACT on the second Tuesdays of the month from January to June, 2020 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Our meetings are held at the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM except when we will be at the ACT for Lobby Nights in the New Year. We usually try to have a short business meeting followed by a program.

We invite visitors and potential members to join us for a meeting. There is always lively discussion and often wonderful programs with opportunities to learn.

Occasionally our meetings are moved to members' homes for special events so if you are interested in joining us,

please contact Marie at 604-462-9059 for an update on meeting location. Our website can be found at [www.wws.ca](http://www.wws.ca) and we can also be found on Facebook and Instagram at [www.facebook.com/WhonnockWeaverandSpinnersGuild](https://www.facebook.com/WhonnockWeaverandSpinnersGuild) and <https://www.instagram.com/whonnockweaversandspinners/>.



## DRIFTWOOD BAY GALLERY

27170 108th Avenue

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Contact: Marcel Merks.

Phone: 604-362-2112

Web site: <[driftwoodbay.com](http://driftwoodbay.com)>



**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.

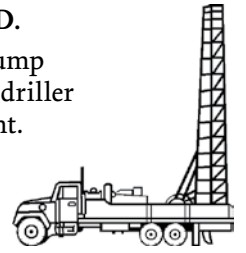
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## CREATIVE KIDS LEARNING CENTER

(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 Babiarz, Creative Kids Learning Centers  
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604-560-5002 (office)

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*Handweaving, Handspinning & Handknitting*

# Whonnock Weavers & Spinners Guild

39th Juried Exhibit & Sale  
Sunday November 24, 2019  
10 am to 4 pm

Whonnock Lake Centre  
at Whonnock Lake Park, Maple Ridge

*Basketry, Felting & Guest Artists*

[www.wwskg.ca](http://www.wwskg.ca)



Maple Ridge Environmental School students learn about the Grant Hill Aquifer & TAPS