



Whonnock Community Association

# WHONNOCK NEWS

*Fall 2022*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the Fall 2022 edition of our *Whonnock News*.

We are happy all is back to normal for the Whonnock Community Association.

Upcoming we will be hosting two all candidates meetings, see all the information in this newsletter.

We will also host the Great Pumpkin Contest organized and run by our own Pascale Shaw. She is still looking for volunteers to help with the event.

In November we will have again our annual Remembrance Day ceremony outside at Whonnock Lake Centre by the commemorative plaques.

We have our monthly meetings, open to all, on the third Thursday of the month at Whonnock Lake Centre. Over the last few years we have seen new faces at our meetings but the more the merrier.

Please come out and attend a meeting, we would love some feedback, and to hear some new ideas for events, community get-togethers, issues of community concern and of course just to meet some of our neighbours.

Happy Fall to all.

*Brad Jennings*



## BECOME A MEMBER!

Membership in the Whonnock Community Association is free.

Registration forms are at the post office and can also be downloaded from our website [whonnock.ca](http://whonnock.ca). Click Whonnock Community Association and select "membership."

If that does not work for you, contact secretary Helmi Braches at 604-462-8942 and let her have your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address (if applicable). Or send an e-mail to [webmaster@whonnock.ca](mailto:webmaster@whonnock.ca)

## DAYS 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

### **All Candidates Meetings**

Tuesday, October 11 & Thursday October 13, 6:30 pm, Whonnock Lake Centre

### **BooHooVille Carnival**

Thursday, October 24th, 5:30 – 8:30 pm, Whonnock Elementary.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

(by invitation) Sunday, October 30th

### **Whonnock Handmade Market**

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

### **Remembrance Day Service**

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

### **One Book Whonnock Gathering**

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

### **Whonnock Weavers Annual Exhibit and Sale**

Sunday, November 27th, 10 – 4 pm, Whonnock Lake Centre



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## THE WCA BURSARY

Congratulations to the 2022 WCA bursary recipient, Andrew Black.

Andrew will continue at the University of British Columbia, Kelowna campus, in the faculty of Science. Good luck on your post-secondary education journey.

Andrew Black is a most impressive young person and we are sure he will do well at university and beyond.

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:

- (1) You must have lived in the Whonnock area for at least two years.
- (2) We look at a student's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university.
- (3) We assess financial need.
- (4) We look for a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause.

Good luck to all applicants.

## BYRNES BURSARY

The 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 bursary program and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary go to [whonnock.ca](http://whonnock.ca), click Whonnock Community Association and select "bursaries".

This year Byrnes Bursaries were granted to: Noa Carriere, Kirsten Funk, Kieran Kelly, Annika Meekel, Callie Phelps, Caitlyn Schuetz, Jared Schuetz, and Ian Wright.

## 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 GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST

The 5th annual Whonnock Giant Pumpkin Contest is Sunday October 23rd 1:00 p.m. at Whonnock Lake. This is a FREE fun event.

Do not worry if you did not grow a pumpkin as we also have the largest zucchini and most unusual "other" gourd contest too.

Come and guess the weight of the pumpkins, taste the fabulous baking by Whonnocks very own Cakes By Jada, have your photo taken in our photo booth, enjoyed some coffee or hot chocolate and mingle.

Please consider donating your time or prizes for this fun community event.

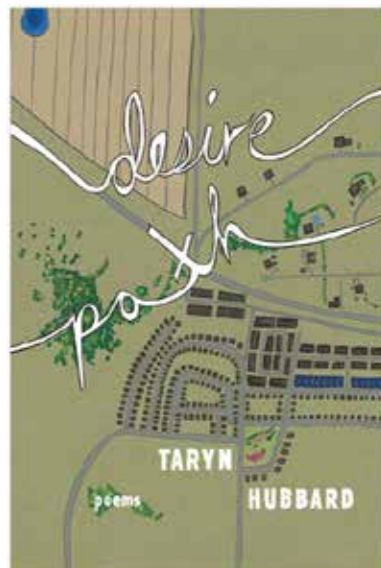
Email [whonnockgiantpumpkincontest@gmail.com](mailto:whonnockgiantpumpkincontest@gmail.com)

## ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

For a book for everyone to read we chose something different this time: *Desire Path*, a poetry collection by Maple Ridge author Taryn Hubbard.

Taryn has graciously agreed to join our meeting when we get together to discuss the book, so we have a date already: Thursday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Anglican Church hall.

If you would like to join us, or if you have questions about One Book Whonnock, please contact Helmi at [braches@shaw.ca](mailto:braches@shaw.ca) or 604-462-8942.





## PARK, RECREATION & CULTURE PROGRAMS IN WHONNOCK

Details, dates, costs and times of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are published in the *Maple Ridge PRC Guide*, spring program guide 2022.

### SPORTS, GAMES, FITNESS AND FUN FOR YOUTH

Age: 8 -16 Y

Looking for ways to be active, have fun and learn how to play sports better? Join 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.

Instructor: RCKC

Location: Whonnock Elementary

### HATHA YOGA

Age: 16 Y and up

This alignment-oriented class emphasizes posture and breath. It uses poses and stretches in combination with the breath that will develop and increase flexibility and relaxation. An excellent way to calm the mind and connect with your body.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre



## WHONNOCK WALKERS

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



## ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE.

Sponsored by the Thornhill Community Association and the Whonnock Community Association.

Tuesday October 11 - School Trustees/Mayor 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Thursday October 13 - Council 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Doors open at 6 pm.

Come and hear the ideas from the many candidates standing for election to public office in Maple Ridge.

The meetings will be held inside, and we recommend you wear a mask at a gathering of this size. There will be tents outside the windows of the hall, to accommodate those who do not wish to go inside, as well as potential overflow. Sound from the meeting inside will be broadcast in the tents.

We plan to have live stream video feed to Face Book for both meetings. To watch join Election 2022:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1996919473685028>.

We ask for your participation in advance - to develop questions to pose to the candidates. We hope to make an effective question period by combining questions on similar topics.

During the meeting, questions will be drawn randomly to pose to candidates. Please send your question(s) no later than the day before the meeting to: Jean Davidson.  
[jeandavidson@shaw.ca](mailto:jeandavidson@shaw.ca) Phone: 604-462-7341.

Thanks to the City of Maple Ridge, School District 42 and many volunteers and interested parties for helping make this happen.

We hope to see you at the meetings.

## WHONNOCK TOPS LOCAL #4522

TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps members to improve their health and well-being. In-person meetings will resume soon. 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.





## 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 96th Avenue. Hall meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The hall is available for rental at hourly or nightly rates for small events, classes, or meetings. For rental information contact our Booking Agent by phone at 604-462-9739 or bookings@ruskinhall.com, or www.ruskinhall.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are every Monday evening from 7:30 to 8:30. For information contact Dave at 604-462-7616.

Check out our website < ruskinhall.com > for upcoming events.



## WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS GUILD

Our Guild continues to be a strong gathering of interested artisans with over 30 members who gather twice a month to share skills and inspiration. We like to laugh and honour the age old skills of many fibre crafts - weaving, spinning, basketry, knitting and more....

Our guild was delighted to be able to have our Annual Exhibit & Sale last year! We knew it would be difficult to hold it at our usual venue, the Whonnock Lake Centre, so we held it at St. John the Divine Church hall. This year we will be holding our sale back at the Whonnock Lake Centre We're quite excited to be back at that beautiful venue. The date is November 27th from 10 am - 4 pm.

We enjoyed a fun and challenging workshop this past spring - a weaving round robin on 12 different looms with a different project on each. A great learning and experiential opportunity for those who attended.

We took a very active part in Maple Ridge Country Fest! We had active participation displays so that folks could learn about fleece preparation, spinning, and weaving! There were many visitors who took part in these and we hope some will continue to do more 'making' with fibre!

During the summer break we also had fun days. We gathered to dye fleece and had some wonderful results! Later in the summer we gathered again to mix and card various fibres together to create original blends.

We always welcome new members so if you are interested in the fibre arts and wish to join us, simply contact us. We have spinners, weavers, basket makers, felters, knitters, and more! We meet twice a month and have a break for the summer. If you would like more information, please phone Marie at 604-462-9059 .

Our website is at www.wwsG.ca and we can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.

<https://www.facebook.com/WhonnockWeaversandSpinnersGuild>

<https://www.instagram.com/whonnockweaversandspinners/>

The Whonnock Weavers & Spinners Guild members hope that you all have a wonderful fall and joyous Christmas season.





Grant Hill aquifer boundaries

## THORNHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Thornhill Hall bookings have been picking up since the Province lifted some of the restrictions regarding COVID 19, that made various events cumbersome and in some cases were not possible until now. The limit to the number of people who can attend an event at the Hall is only dependent on the Hall's fire regulated capacity which is 100.

For Hall bookings, call Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869.

In the past two years, our larger community was asked to provide input into some upgrades to the playground facilities and changes to the Frisbee Golf Course. Changes were also made to the perimeter fencing and updating signage.

Parks and Recreation included the community through on-site meetings and surveys both online and through the mail.

New fencing replaces the dated chain link and the new playground is designed to blend into the natural environment.

Changes to the Frisbee Golf Course were to eliminate dangerous throw areas and will become more respectful to the broad community users of the park such as walkers and equestrian traffic.

We appreciate how Parks made a genuine effort to listen and apply the requested changes that reflect the Neighbourhood wishes.

We encourage you to continue to support this little gem, The Thornhill Community Hall.

## TAPS THORNHILL AQUIFER PROTECTION STUDY (SINCE 2016)

The spring never felt more wet and cold in my memory. So on one hand we felt grateful that our wells were full and the worry about water loss had diminished until the hot, dry summer came upon us from July onward. Many farmers suffered on both ends with late crops, insects, flooding, drought, increasing prices for fertilizer, fuel, shortage of labour, food costs and loss of revenue. On rural lands where it is possible to grow some of our own food it is important that we have a continual supply of clean water.

Climate change is upon us.

Our deep well measurements have remained consistent and that has been a relief to the well owners. Our next measurement is in December. The tree canopy in the watershed is paramount to maintaining our water levels. The City's goal to develop the Watershed into Light Industrial continues to be troublesome and we are making every effort to change their plans through education and our vote.

We wish you all good health as we enter the fall and winter months. We recommend that you continue to closely monitor your well and keep consistent records.

*Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg  
on behalf of TAPS*



### 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.

His Web site is <ceramicsjunichi.com>



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## RIDGE CANOE KAYAK CLUB



The Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club had another busy and successful season! It started with our high performance athletes having the opportunity to attend a three-week spring training camp in Portugal in April. It was definitely a highlight and an amazing experience for these athletes.

Our Junior and Senior high performance athletes, had a very successful competitive season, both locally and nationally. In May, RCKC hosted our Season Opening Regatta at Whonnock, bringing together over 100 paddlers from around the province, to kick off our competitive season.

Also in May, one of our senior athletes competed in the first National Team Trials held in Halifax, and three athletes competed in June, in the second National Team Trials, in Montreal. Cassidy MacPherson performed well, making A Finals in all her races. Brian Malfesi won the K1 1000m to earn a spot on the Senior European World Cup Tour and the World Championships Team.

In July, several of our Junior Athletes represented our region in the BC Summer Games, held in Prince George. We are very proud of Tyler Billing, Tyler Geisler, Ethan Hennig, Adia Irvine-Roberts and Xander Moulard for their performances and the sportsmanship they displayed.

In August, three of our senior athletes, Cassidy MacPherson, Bryant Kelleway and Landon Drain traveled to Welland, Ontario with Team BC, to compete in the Canada Summer Games. Cassidy came away with a K2 Bronze medal and two K1 Silver medals. Bryant and Landon placed 4th in the K4 and made multiple A finals.

Nine of our athletes qualified for the Canadian National Championships, which took place in August at Shawinigan Lake in Quebec. Abigail Donaldson, Cassidy, Brian and Bryant all won medals and all of our nine of our athletes made A Finals!

Our competitive season ended in early September where we co-hosted the Fort - Ridge Fall Classic Regatta with the Fort Canoe Kayak Club at Whonnock Lake. This was the largest regatta in recent memory in BC, hosting over 200 athletes from BC, Saskatchewan, Yukon and Washington State.

RCKC also offers many recreational programs for our community. This year, we were able to run a full slate of one-day school camps for about 1000 students from Maple Ridge, Mission, Pitt Meadows and Coquitlam. We also were able to offer our normal week-long summer programs in conjunction with the Maple Ridge Recreation Department and hosted camps for both Scouts and Girl Guides.

The Junior Development, High Performance and Masters programs are all being offered for the Fall and Winter season. Registration is now open! Please contact our head coach headcoach@rckc.ca for information on how to register.

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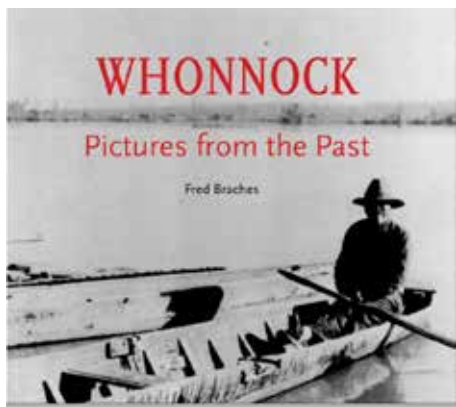
27123 River Road in Whonnock  
 Visit our website <holyspiritanglican.ca>  
 Church - phone: 604-462-7933  
 Email: holyspiritanglican@gmail.com

### REMEMBRANCE DAY BELL-RINGING FOR PEACE:

November 11 – Help ring our church bells at sunset (4:33 pm) 104 times as a plea for peace. Please contact Jean Davidson 604-462-7341 if you have stories to tell about an ancestor or your own experience of suffering through war and/or striving for peace. Watch for flyers in the neighbourhood with more details.

### DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION:

Saturday December 3 - Centennial Celebration Dinner & Silent Auction, 5:30 for 6:00 pm dinner; Thai cuisine. \$35.00 per person. Entertainment by professional harpist. Tickets: Deborah 604-785-0379 or Mimi 778-242-2210, or email Holy-SpiritAnglican.Whonnock@gmail.com.



Work in progress and nearing completion. In lieu of a history calendar, a book by Fred Braches with hundreds of images of people and places.



*Truth and Reconciliation – Jean Davidson and the Reverend Miranda Sutherland and the lines full of tiny orange sweaters*

### "215" GATHERINGS:

You may have seen the tiny orange sweaters displayed on the church lawn on Orange Shirt Day September 30. The "215" group meets monthly to learn about First Nations' issues. You are welcome to join us. Contact the church 604-462-7933 for more information



### CHRISTMAS EVENTS: EVERYONE WELCOME.

**SOCK TREE:** The neighbourhood is invited to hang socks and other warm winter wear outside the church during December. Items are given to agencies who can distribute them.

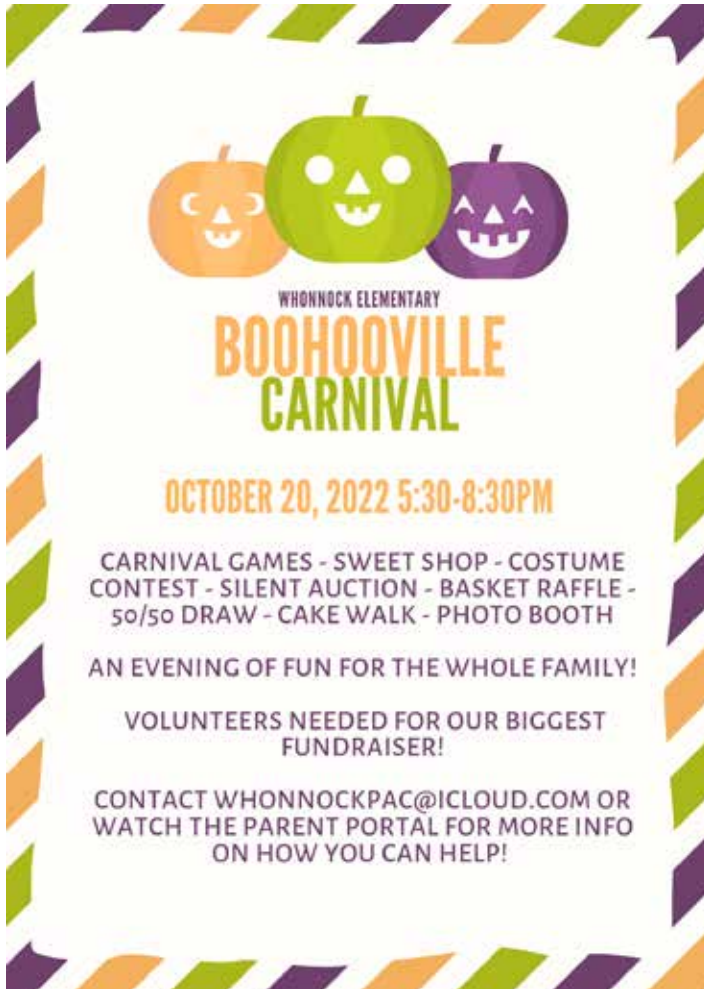
**BLUE CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE** - Sunday, December 11 - 7 pm - A service of reflection for those experiencing the pain of the loss of loved ones that this time of year can bring.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND AFTERNOON CHURCH SERVICE** – Sunday December 18 - 3 pm – Sharing of food after the service. Small gift giving (bring a generic gift, pick one out of the bag to take home).

**CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE** - Saturday, December 24 – 6:30 pm – Gathering to sing a variety of Christmas songs 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Carol Service

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** - Sunday December 25 9:30 am





WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY  
**BOOHOOVILLE  
CARNIVAL**

**OCTOBER 20, 2022 5:30-8:30PM**

CARNIVAL GAMES - SWEET SHOP - COSTUME  
CONTEST - SILENT AUCTION - BASKET RAFFLE -  
50/50 DRAW - CAKE WALK - PHOTO BOOTH

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FUNDRAISER!

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WATCH THE PARENT PORTAL FOR MORE INFO  
ON HOW YOU CAN HELP!



## CAMP WHONNOCK

Camp Whonnock is fully open.

The camp is booked most weekends till close to Christmas and then again most weekends through next spring and summer.

We are still looking for volunteers so we can continue to keep the camp open.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Paul Doyle at pauldoyle@shaw.ca

Ph# 604 607 4894

## FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS

1st Whonnock Scouts are looking to re-start our group in January 2023.

We are currently searching for adult volunteers to help us run the group. If interested, you can email <1stwhonnockscoutgroup@gmail.com>.

Youth can be added to our wait list (ages 5-18) by registering at the Scouts Canada website [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca)



**10th Annual**

*Whonnock Handmade  
Winter Market*

**Sunday November 13th**

**10-3**

## Whonnock Handmade Winter Market

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH 10-3

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