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WHONNOCK NEWS

FALL 2014

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I hope during our spectacular summer weather you were able to enjoy our lovely countryside. Whonnock is a wonderful place to live. It was nice to see some of you at our last meeting in September.

I attended the Open House on September 25th to see what the Parks Board has in store for Whonnock Lake Park. We have a small area but the ideas on paper were interesting and the board have tried to cover all ages and activities. If you have concerns regarding the park plan, please contact Bruce McLeod at Parks & Rec. He is head of planning.

"One Book Whonnock" has chosen a very funny book this time. I thoroughly enjoyed reading "The Best Laid Plans" by Terry Fallis - very appropriate for our coming election in 2015. Be sure to check it out.

Springtime brought out our Easter Bunny a.k.a Rick Hammer. Over 500 kids had a great time hunting for eggs. Shelley Popadiuk along with volunteers were kept hopping. Many thanks to the following for their generous support; Walmart, Target, Coopers and The District of Maple Ridge.

At our AGM in May the following slate was confirmed for the elected positions:

President: Sandra Rossington

Vice President & Treasurer: Jacqlyn Remple

Secretary: Helmi Braches

Noreen Woods will be our bookkeeper.

We are looking forward to the November 11th Remembrance Day service - we had wonderful attendance last year. Please join in with your neighbors & friends to honour those who have done so much for our country.

There will be a New Years dance again this year since last years was such a success. As always, volunteers are needed!

The WCA meets on the third Thursday of each month. We'd love to see you there and would appreciate your support.

Sandra Rossington

WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

Attention all graduating students, the Whonnock Community Association offers an annual \$1,000 Bursary to any interested grade 12 students who reside or have been a past resident of Whonnock. The criteria we look at are threefold.

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

Please check with your school counselor for more information. Good Luck to all applicants!

If you have an interest in serving on this committee please call Noreen Woods at 604-462-8557. The time commitment is minimal and the satisfaction is great, knowing you are helping a student on their road to future success.

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK 2014-2015

You are invited to join your neighbours in reading and discussing this year's One Book Whonnock selection.

The book is *Best-Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis. It is funny and serious and thought-provoking. The author describes it as "his love letter to democracy". See what you think!

Already, 37 people have signed up to read the book! Please let us know you are out there reading it by emailing webmaster@whonnock.ca or call Jean at 604-462-7341.

We will have a gathering to discuss the book in early 2015 and another activity related to the book. Stay tuned by watching the website - www.whonnock.ca or google 'One Book Whonnock'.

DATES TO REMEMBER

3RD THURSDAY OF MONTH WCA Meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH – Remembrance Day Ceremony at Whonnock Lake Centre

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH – Whonnock Weavers & Spinners Show and Sale at Whonnock Lake Centre.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31ST - New Years Eve Dance

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's Web site at <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.

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: <<http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/Foundation.htm>>

Current Byrnes Bursary recipients are: Nich Johansen, Megan Rogers, Shannon Wright, Heather Middlemass, Andrew Franklyn, and Ian Wright.



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 address is

www.ceramicsjunichi.com



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Web site: <www.musicinme.musicteachershelper.com>

WHONNOCK YOUTH DROP-IN

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

Mondays from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Whonnock Elementary Gym. No sessions December 22 and 29.

For more information, contact Brian Patel at 604-467-7448 or Megan MacMillan at 604-467-7497.



MONTESSORI CORNER

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

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

WHONNOCK VOLLEYBALL

Adult Volleyball at Whonnock Elementary, Wednesdays from 8 until 9 in the gymnasium.

All skill levels welcome.

Now a WCA sponsored, Parks and Leisure program. For more information or to register go to <www.recreg4u.ca>





www.whonnock.ca

THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Community Hall has hosted weddings, birthdays and meetings throughout the spring and summer months. The bookings continue to be steady with members of a local Tai Chi club renting the hall year round. Since the hall now has a deep well and a larger pressure tank, we are able to allow for rentals throughout the hot, dry summer. We are currently looking to replace the very old, but reliable commercial stove for one that is more energy efficient. We will be fund raising and saving money from our hall rentals because it is an expensive and necessary capital expense.

Many of our rentals are from repeat customers and through word of mouth. The size, setting and reasonable cost draw customers from near and far.

The tennis court in the park received a much needed facelift this summer with power washing and repainting the lines on the court. It is much appreciated.

The Giant Pumpkin growing contest is in its 5th year and will culminate with anticipation at the end of October.

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

RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 96th Avenue, Maple Ridge, B.C., V2W 1L3

Phone: 604-462-9739 / ruskinhall@yahoo.ca

www.whonnock.ca/ruskin/

Thanks to our many volunteers, we now have new front stairs and landing. Come and check them out at our hall meeting, second Tuesday of each month at 7:30.

Our next projects are a new furnace, purchased but not yet installed and new side stairs.

Yoga classes are again being taught by Kim Rondquist Wednesday nights at 7:30, for information call Kim at 462-4284.

The hall is available for rental at a nightly or hourly rate. Call Shannon at 462-7642 or the hall 462-9739 for more information.

WHONNOCK SCOUTS/CUBS/BEAVERS

WHO? 1st Whonnock Scouts

Group Commissioners are Rhonda Leigh and Clark Rutledge | rhondas_roost@yahoo.ca | 604-462-4142

Beavers age 5-7 Cubs age 8-10 Scouts age 11-14

Ventures age 14-20

WHERE? Whonnock Lodge, 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road

Group Registrar Marcia Mahoney

marciamahoney@msn.com | 604-476-0953 or 778-554-3425

WHEN? Tuesday nights

Beavers 6:30-7:30 Cubs 6:30-8:00 Scouts 6:30-8:00

Ventures meet on their own time

Our first bottle drive of the year is on October 25, 2014 at the Blanchard's barn 26839 Ferguson Ave from 9:00-3:00. To arrange drop off or pick up people can call Marcia Mahoney at 604-476-0953 or 778-554-3425. The next Bottle drives are January 10, 2015, February 28, 2015 and April 11, 2015 – location yet to be determined.

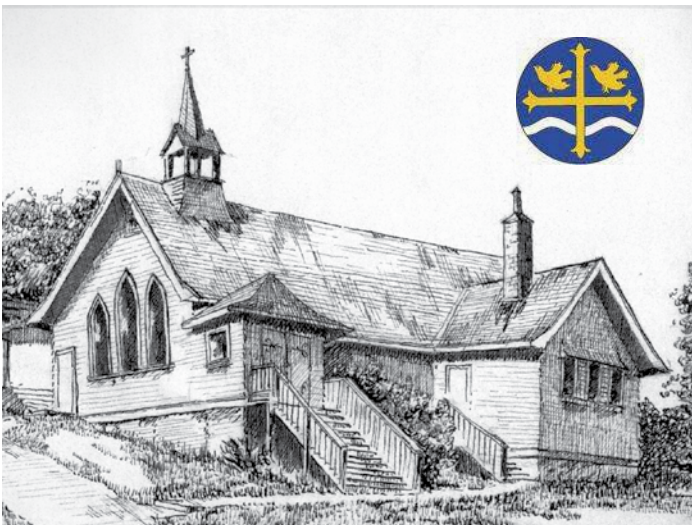
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THORNHILL ARTISAN FAIR

The 2nd annual Thornhill Artisan Fair dates are December 6th & 7th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the the von Hardenberg Candle Studio 9730 Spilsbury Street, Maple Ridge.

Come and meet this year's 11 talented artisans who will be presenting their unique handcrafted creations for that special gift.

For further information, please view www.thornhillartisanfair.com.



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

Please feel free to join us for our Sunday Service in our Heritage Church in a lovely rural setting. Service is held from 10:00am to 11:30am every Sunday morning. You are encouraged and welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship afterwards held in our modern Church Hall that has all the facilities you'd expect!

We have a Sunday School and a nursery running each week for those with children. The congregation and our enthusiastic members make sure that all our seasonal events go with a real bang.

Priest in Charge: Rev. Dr. E.J. (Ted) Celiz.....604-568-6449
 Bishop's Warden: Bob MacMillan.....604-826-3519
 Peoples Warden: Thomas Kerr.....604-462-9797
 Hall and Church Rental information 604-462-7933

THE DEATH OF BUD HJORLEIFSON

Bud Hjorleifson, long-time pillar of the Anglican Church in Whonnock, died suddenly on September 18. His services to the church will be greatly missed. His hard work keeping the church grounds beautiful was enjoyed by anyone driving on 272nd.

A retired detective who believed in rehabilitation of those he once apprehended, he was a dedicated civilian escort for prisoners on outings to the church to help prepare them to reintegrate into the community once released.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY SUNDAYS

Seeking volunteers to serve as a prisoner escort for a weekly outing from 9 AM to 1 PM to the Anglican Church in Whonnock from a Mission prison. Training provided; security check required; driver's licence needed.

These outings prepare carefully screened prisoners near the end of their sentence for reintegration into society by providing positive interaction with a supportive community of people. For further information, call: Deborah 604-814-3457.



WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

At Wildwood Fellowship Church people matter to God and they matter to us!

If you're looking for a place to belong where you can learn about and live out a relevant faith, then we invite you to experience the community of Wildwood Fellowship Church.

We are a family-oriented, non-denominational community church. We believe you will find us to be a small church with a big heart. Our desire is that those who attend will grow in their understanding of their Creator, discovering His incredible love for them and the plans He has for their lives.

Our Worship services start at 10:30am on Sunday mornings followed by a coffee time to give you an opportunity to get to know and fellowship with others who would love to come alongside you in your faith journey. We are located at 10810 - 272nd St in Whonnock.

For more info on Events, Ministries, and Special Services... please call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-287-6963 or check out our website at www.wildwoodfellowship.com



WHONNOCK T.O.P.S. 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Brita at 604 462-9863 for more information.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre Parking lot.



RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK NEWS

The Ridge Canoe Kayak Club and Canoe Kayak BC would like to thank all our partners for helping to make the BC Championships/ Pacific Cup Regatta at Whonnock Lake this September 27th & 28th such a big success. There were 200+ athletes representing 14 clubs from across BC, the US and Alberta who attended our local event and enjoyed great racing all weekend in Maple Ridge at Pacific Cup!

RCKC Initially begun as an Olympic racing club in 1982. With the ongoing support of the Whonnock Community Association, the community as a whole, and Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure, our volunteers and staff have always strived to encourage youth and adults to participate in sports, enjoy the park and surroundings. To teach and share the value of this oasis we have in a developing community so that we all have a place we call our home away from home.

The forgiving water and the beautiful weather brought out lots of cheers, smiles and laughter as well as some great races.

Too many people contributed to single out any one individually... so I would like to take this moment to thank all the volunteers over the years who helped contribute to this record setting attendance event with a record number of clubs as well! Our special thanks to Calgary, Bellingham, Seattle and Gig Harbour.

With the redevelopment of Whonnock Lake, RCKC is looking forward to its partnership with Maple Ridge Parks and towards its community partners to help ensure our ongoing success into the future.

For program information please contact us at www.rckc.com.

Kevin Priebe



WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a wonderful spring and summer dyeing, felting, making baskets, as well as weaving and spinning. During the summer we had a couple of days where members met to dye and do surface design on fabric. We demonstrated at Haney Farmer's Market on both July 5th and September

13th, as well as at Country Fest at the Albion Fairgrounds on July 26th & 27th. Recently, we had a basketry workshop at the Whonnock Lake Centre with instructor Joan Carrigan from Salt Spring Island where we explored using natural materials. We will be demonstrating at Valley Fair Mall on November 8th and 9th. Please drop by to visit. In the new year we will be hosting spin-in Tuesday Lobby Nights at The ACT on January 13, February 10 & March 10, 2015 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

We are now busy preparing for our 34th annual Open House exhibit and sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 30 from 11 AM to 4 PM. We hope to see many of you there.

Our meetings are held at the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. 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.whonnockweaversandspinnners.org.



WESTCOAST SHOTOKAN KARATE

Kids and Family karate classes at Whonnock Lake Centre
Mondays and Wednesdays

Tiny Tigers: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Regular/Family: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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January 9 – 25:	<i>Glass Menagerie</i> by Tennessee Williams
February 6 – 28:	<i>39 Steps</i> by Patrick Barlow
April 17 – May 3:	<i>Educating Rita</i> by Willy Russell
June 5 – 28:	<i>Beauty & the Beast</i> (Musical) by Linda Woolverton
August 14 – 30:	<i>I Ought to be in the Pictures</i> by Neil Simon
October 1 – 31:	<i>Wait Until Dark</i> by Frederick Knott
December 4 – 20:	<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> (Musical) by Ferguson and Greer

Season tickets on sale now.
Visit <theatreinthecountry.com> or call 604-259-9737.

PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

Programs at Whonnock Lake Centre

For more info, dates or to register by phone: 604 465-2470
For online registration go to www.recreg4u.ca.

YOGA FOR PAIN & ANXIETY AGE: 16Y+

For those who suffer from chronic pain, anxiety and stress- or those who want to learn how to achieve balance between mind-body-emotions and create more inner peace within.

Thursday, October 16 to November 13 - 9:30 to 10:30 am
Barcode 193124

Thursday, November 20 – December 18 - 9:30 to 10:30 am
Barcode 193125

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS AGE: 3Y - 5Y

Thursday December 11 6:30 to 8:00 pm Barcode 194254

Children get in the spirit of the holidays by creating cards, making ornaments, decorating cookies, listening to stories and singing songs.



Klaus & Betty von Hardenberg
Phone/Fax: 604.462.9244
Email: info@vonhardenbergcandles.com
9730 Spilsbury Street
Maple Ridge, BC Canada V2W 1K7

IRON MOUNTAIN MOVEMENT

BEGINNER PILATES BY THE LAKE | BARCODE: 192950

Pilates workouts focus on developing strength through the core of the body – the back, abdomen and hips. Build a foundation to continue working the rest of the body concentrating not only on strength but also flexibility, coordination and posture while soaking in the gorgeous scenery of Whonnock Lake. Own mat required.

PILATES BY THE LAKE – INTERMEDIATE | BARCODE: 192951

Designed for those with a strong Pilates base to further improve posture, increase lung capacity, and sculpt strong, lean muscles. Work on your body and mind, soaking in the serenity of Whonnock Lake. Own mat required.

To register visit www.recreg4u.ca or call 604-465-2470

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THE PUZZLING NAMES OF OUR STREAMS AND CREEKS

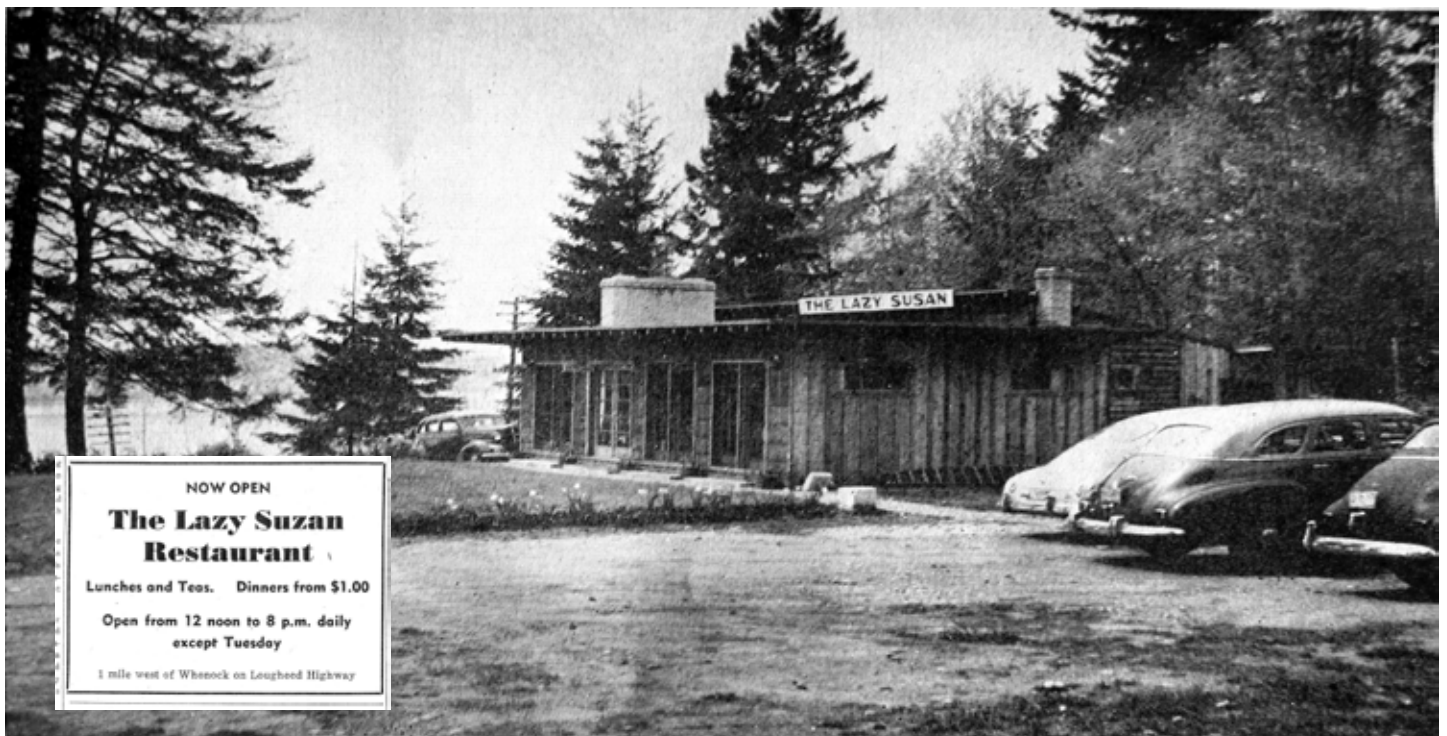
Do you happen to know why or after whom the following creeks were named? Please call Fred at 604 462 8942 if you have one or more answers.

1. Henery (Hendry? Henry?) Brook
2. Ritche (Ritchie?) Brook
3. Chuck Creek
4. Norris Creek
5. Vincent Creek
6. McCormack Creek
7. Bellamy Creek
8. Zz Brook
9. Brynes (Byrnes?) Brook
10. Davies Brook
11. Chadsey Creek
12. Hall Creek

THE LAZY SUSAN RESTAURANT

Many thanks to Margaret Norman, Edwin Landale, Dan Fisk, Ron Knaack, Pierce Carlson, Nancy Webster and Dudley Brooks for taking the trouble helping, or sharing what they remembered about this short-lived landmark.

Mrs. Elsie Meldrum happened to have a copy of a long-forgotten illustrated trade magazine called *Restaurant & Caterer* of August 1953 that provided much of the missing information about the restaurant and its owners, Sam and Catherine Stirk. More in the *Maple Ridge News* of July 22nd.



The Lazy Susan restaurant at Spilsbury Street in 1953. Photo courtesy Mrs. Elsie Meldrum

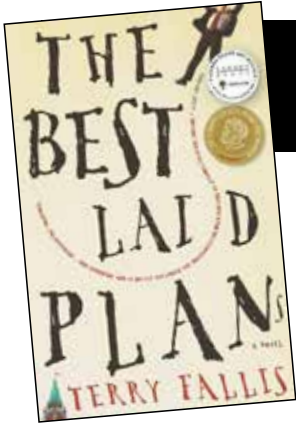
“One Book Whonnock”

Open to those who live, work, go to school or go to church in Whonnock, Ruskin or Thornhill

2015 Selection

The Best Laid Plans by Terry Fallis

Irreverent Humour • Political Satire • Thought-Provoking



**Have a good read
and build community in our neighbourhood!**

It's time to become a reflective, discerning citizen and gear up for the federal election scheduled for October 19, 2015. Start by having some fun as you read this book, then come together and discuss it with your neighbours!

Terry Fallis says this novel is “my love letter to democracy ... intended to illuminate a different path we might take in how we practise politics in this country...”.

We'll meet in early 2015 to discuss the book with your neighbours.

As you read this book, think about:

- Why does politics in this country happen as it does?
- What is your role as an individual citizen?
- Did the author succeed in “illuminating a different path” for politics in Canada?
- Gather stories about your family's political involvements and experiences you've had as a voter.

Check out: onebookwhonnock.blogspot.ca
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www.whonnock.ca



This book is available at *Fraser Valley Regional Library*, new and used book stores and as an eBook.

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