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WHONNOCK NEWS

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EASTER EGG HUNT

As usual our Easter Egg Hunt will start at 1:00 PM sharp on Easter Sunday, March 31st!

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.



SQUARE DANCE AT THORNHILL HALL

Come join us for a Square Dance on March 16th. Call Betty at 604-462-9244 for more information.

AN ARRESTING EXPERIENCE



Cathy Ace's murder-mystery *The Corpse with the Silver Tongue* inspired the One Book Whonnock participants to plan an outing to the Vancouver Police Museum on Saturday

March 23 in the afternoon.

All in the neighbourhood are invited! Details to follow so it is very important to let Jean Davidson know you want to go a.s.a.p. (604-462-7341)

FROM THE ASHES ... 90 YEARS AGO



The first Ruskin Hall (the old one-room school building, dragged across the road) went up in flames in 1922.

Ruskin Hall Community Association will celebrate the 90th birthday of the present Ruskin Hall on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Come out and join the fun.

RCKC OPEN HOUSE

Mark May 16 on your calendar when RCKC will have their open house. Come to Whonnock Lake and paddle one of their recreational (non-tippy) canoes or kayaks for FREE.



CHANGING THE GUARD

There is a big change coming to the Whonnock Lake Centre. After 25 years to the date, on July 1st, 2013, the Whonnock Community Association will be turning over management of the Whonnock Lake Centre to the District of Maple Ridge.

For the last couple of years, due to a declining volunteer base and the more business-like nature of managing the centre, the responsibility for this job has fallen to a couple of long-standing volunteers, who are not willing to shoulder the work and the worry any more.

That said, it has been our privilege to serve the community and to offer local groups and programs, dances, regatta banquets, workshops, sales, public meetings of all kinds the use of the hall and we hope to see that continue just under different management. The Whonnock Community Association will continue on as an association with our many ongoing commitments to the community with new energy and focus. We will continue to meet at the hall once a month and hold special events and meetings.

Information on booking and rentals for the hall should now be directed to the District of Maple Ridge through their booking clerk.

For more details on this transition please come to a WCA meeting held on the third Thursdays of the month.

As always, everyone is welcome.



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The Whonnock Community Association meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM, at Whonnock Lake Centre

WHONNOCK BURSARY

Whonnock Bursary – Graduation is fast approaching!

We encourage all grade 12 students who reside or have been a resident of Whonnock to apply to the Whonnock Community Association for this \$1,000.00 bursary.

To select the recipient of this bursary, we look at an applicant's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university. We also look at a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause. Finally we assess financial need.

Please check with your school counselor for more information and/or an application form. Good luck to all applicants.



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.

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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

MONTESSORI CORNER

The Montessori Corner is a private educational organization dedicated to providing quality education with high academic standards in a warm loving environment. 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 YOUTH OUTREACH

A component of Maple Ridge's Youth Outreach Initiative, Whonnock Youth Outreach hosts activities with the area residents, volunteers, parents and the Community Association to develop social and recreational opportunities.

Monday: 7:00 - 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Brian Patel at 604-467-7448 or Megan MacMillan at 604-467-7497.

WHONNOCK DROP-IN

Age: 10-13 yrs

A FREE teen session for those wanting to hang out with their friends and be active. No sessions on March 18, March 25, April 1, & May 20. Program ends June 24.

Location: Whonnock Elementary

Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm

Call 604-467-7354 for more information.

MUSIC IN ME! STUDIO

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS



- Classical Certification (with Royal Conservatory)
- Recreational music (chording, playing by ear)
- Worship styles (improvise, play in a band)
- Contemporary styles (Pop, Jazz & Blues)

Eleanor Tracey. Phone: 604-287-6963

www.musicinme.musicteachershelter.com

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>

Present Byrnes Bursary recipients are: Alyssa Peletier, Megan Rogers, Michelle Vandermoor, Jordan Timmer, and Andrew Franklyn.



www.whonnock.ca

THORNHILL HALL

The Thornhill Hall in cooperation with the Parks and Leisure Services had some of the Frisbee Golf stations moved and adjusted to keep the frisbees off the roof and avoiding damage to the gutters and drainpipes at the hall. We then had brand new, sturdy gutters put on and they look great. We continue to rent the hall steadily. Last year was a good rental year for the hall and we look forward to a good year as the hall rentals are beginning to fill again. Hall rental rates remain at \$300.

We are looking toward refinishing the hall floors this season as we earn money from rentals and fund-raising events. Thornhill Hall is one of the remaining small rental halls available for our community. Its reputation as a great dance hall will be tested with our Square Dance on March 16th.

This year, Nina Morrey passed away and we miss her kindness and commitment toward the care of our hall. Our best wishes and thoughts are always with Don, our chairman. For further information regarding hall rentals contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @ 604-462-7792.

THORNHILL SCHOOL REMEMBERED

The latest issue of *Whonnock Notes*, "Mrs. Norman's Album," shows Margaret Norman's collection of photographs of school classes of Thornhill school taken from 1959 to 1969. Ask Sue or Teresa at the post office to show you a copy.



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 Maple Ridge, BC Canada V2W 1K7

RUSKIN HALL

The Ruskin Hall is situated at the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue in picturesque Ruskin. Community meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome.

The hall is available for rental at nightly or hourly rates. For rental information contact our booking agent Shannon at 604-462-7642.

RUSKIN HALL BIRTHDAY PARTY – Saturday, May 4, 2013. Come out and join the fun.



WHONNOCK WALKERS

Contact: Maureen 604 467-5772

Meeting Location: Whonnock Lake Centre
 Day/Time: Monday, Wednesday Friday at 9:15 am.

WHONNOCK VOLLEYBALL

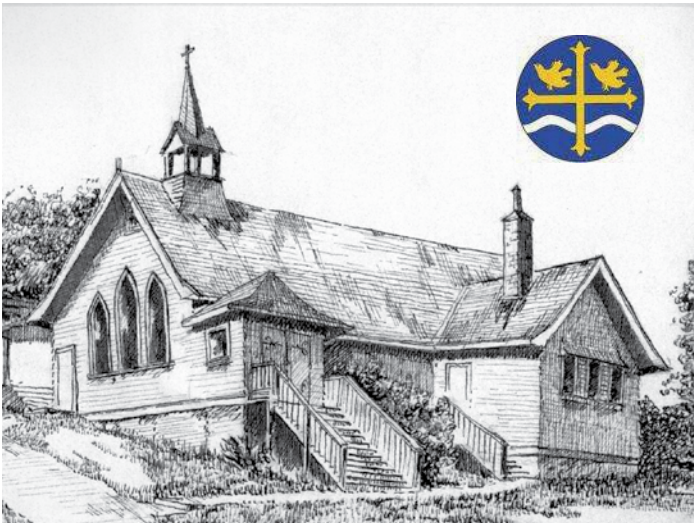
This is a social drop-in volleyball evening for adults and it is sponsored by the Whonnock Community Association.

Donations are gratefully accepted and will go to the association. Depending on time, we play 3 games or more. Players of all skills are welcome.

Location: Whonnock Elementary Gym
 Wednesday, 7:30 - 9:00 PM.



http://whonnockian.blogspot.com



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

2012 was a terrific year for our Anglican Parish -

- A huge garage sale generated over \$2000
- Through generous donations we reroofed our hall and finished paying for our well.
- We assembled five Christmas hampers for some neighbours in Whonnock
- We sent malaria nets and livestock to people in Africa
- We supported the rehabilitation of prison inmates from the Mission institution.

This year we look forward to -

- March 31st, Easter Sunday Service
- A Sunday trip to Christ Church Cathedral
- The possible establishment of a regular Sunday School
- A regular Thrift sale in our hall

And as usual we have our Pub Night and summer picnic and Annual Pet Blessing

Watch our sign for dates

God Bless

CornerStone NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

Come in and relax. You don't need a jacket or a tie or even dress shoes.

At CornerStone Neighbourhood Church we just want you to be you.

9975 272 Street

Phone: 604.462.1161



WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

Wildwood Fellowship Church is a non-denominational, community church for all ages. We have youth, teens, young adults, middle-aged and seniors attending.

Are we perfect? Do we have all the answers? ... No. But we do know that God loves us and desires that we grow in grace and in our knowledge of Him.

We do care and we welcome you to come, visit and get to know us. It doesn't matter if you are old, young, single, married or divorced, with or without children, you will find that you will be accepted at Wildwood Fellowship Church.

Come and join us as we grow and learn together. We know that ultimately Jesus Christ is the One who can truly satisfy the inner longings of our hearts.

For more info on events, ministries, and special services please call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-287-6963,

Check out our website at www.wildwoodfellowship.com or just drop in and visit us some Sunday morning.



WHONNOCK T.O.P.S. LOCAL # 4522

TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps children from age 7 to 18 and adults 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 Sandra at 604-462-9985.



RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

This year will mark the 32nd year of operation for Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club and it promises to be just as busy as any of the previous ones.

Although you might think with the arrival of winter ice on Whonnock Lake and months of spring rain the club would go into hibernation until the warming month of May signals a time to head out on the water again, nothing could be further from the truth.

From the youngest to the oldest, athletes are given the opportunity to train year round, and many take advantage of it. For the high performance athletes who have set their sights on national championships, the regimen of 6 days per week training may change a bit, but it doesn't end when the weather turns cold and wet.

For the volunteers who are involved in the day-to-day operation of the club, winter and spring is a good time to sit back and take a good look at where we have come from, where we might be able to go, and what we want to do in the coming year.

The fact that RCKC has been successful for 32 years is due in large measure to the support we have received from the community and there is a feeling within the club that a bit of payback is in order. To that end, a special meeting was called in February so that Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club members could get together for a brainstorming session to come up with ideas for things we could possibly build, do or create that would benefit the community.

It occurred to us that the good citizens of Whonnock might also have some ideas on ways RCKC could better serve them. How about you? Is there something you would like to see us do?.....Tell us about it! Go to our website (www.rckc.ca) or call me at 604 826-4051 . We'll look forward to hearing from you.

You might also want to mark May 16 on your calendar; that's when we'll have our annual open (boat)house, a day when you can come to Whonnock Lake and paddle one of our recreational (non-tippy) canoes or kayaks for FREE. Life jackets and instruction will be provided, all ages are welcome and we'll be sure to have a paddle with your name on it.

Tom Brent, RCKC Director

HANDY PHONE NUMBERS

Whonnock Lake Centre	604 462 8212
Whonnock Post Office	604 462 7519
Whonnock Elementary	604 462 4612

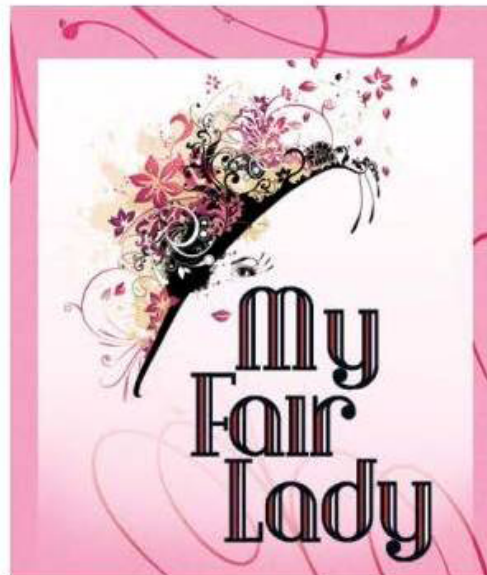
www.whonnock.ca

VOLUNTEER DINNER POSTPONED

In view of the transition in management of Whonnock Lake Centre the annual Volunteer Dinner of the Whonnock Community Association will be postponed to the fall.



PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR NEXT SHOW



JUNE 13

To

JULY 20

Just you wait Henry Higgins – Just You Wait!

One of the most beloved musicals of all time comes to the stage right here in Whonnock at the North Fraser Event Center 272nd and 100th

A huge thanks to all our new friends and neighbours in Whonnock who supported our first show: Charley's Aunt. Your support made it a great success.

<http://whonnockian.blogspot.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 32nd Annual Open House in November. We will be back again on the last Sunday of November in 2013, so mark November 24th on your calendar.

Last fall, several of our members got together and created a new basket-making group. We are also now looking forward to a couple of spring workshops: a weaving workshop in March with Robyn Spady and a knitting workshop in late April and early May.

We now have a new website, created by one of our members and can be found at www.whonnockweaversandspinnners.org. We will be adding to the content as time allows.

Our meetings are held in the preschool room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. We usually try to have a short business meeting followed by a program. We frequently also meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, but these meetings may be at member's homes.

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.



Jean Davidson, heart and soul of One Book Whonnock, and author Cathy Ace raise a Mediterranean-filled glass on a very rainy night.

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

On February 28th, twenty-seven people waded through the rains to meet their neighbours and talk about this year's One Book Whonnock book *The Corpse with the Silver Tongue*, a murder mystery in the sunny Riviera. It was a lively evening with the presence of the author, Cathy Ace, herself a neighbourhood resident.

All in the neighbourhood are invited to an outing to the Vancouver Police Museum on Saturday March 23 in the afternoon; details to follow so it is very important to let Jean know you want to go a.s.a.p. (604-462-7341)

The next book for One Book Whonnock is being selected and will be announced shortly. Watch www.whonnock.ca and click on "News and Events" for information coming soon.

We always welcome suggestions for books to be considered for a future One Book Whonnock. Talk to Jean at the above phone number.



IRON MOUNTAIN MOVEMENT AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

If you don't climb the mountain, you can't see the view.

- "Pilates By The Lake" at Whonnock Lake Centre on Monday evenings.
- Small group sessions at private Studio in Whonnock (morning and evening sessions),
- Outdoor programs.

For more information visit the Web site: www.ironmountainmovement.com. Or call Keri Cawthorne at 604 462 1059.



STRENGTH & STRETCH ON THE BALL

... with Pauline Vandermoor (BCRPA Registered Personal Trainer and Advanced Fitness Leader)

Enjoy a fun, moderate level class with modifications offered for those wishing a less-intense workout.

Please bring your own ball, mat and light weights.

Tuesdays 7 - 8:00 pm

Whonnock Lake Centre

\$7.00 Drop-in fee (4 session passes available for \$25)



Ruskin, 1942-1943. If you can identify any person on these snapshots, please let Fred know at 604-462-8942.



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

READY TO DE-STRESS?

Then join us for weekly Yoga practice each and every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm at Whonnock Lake Centre. Enjoy a mild practice that is sure to lengthen your muscles, quiet your mind and inspire you to connect with your body.



Drop-in, \$10 or \$8 with two (2) non-perishable food item donations

Seniors (65+), only \$5

To preregister or for more information, please e-mail us at jaimee@jaimeestokes.ca



WHONNOCK JKA KARATE WESTCOAST SHOTOKAN KARATE ASSOCIATION



Kids and Family karate classes

Mondays and Wednesdays

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

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

Advance Training: 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Starting off with Tiny Tigers for the little ones for ages 4 years old to 10 years old. This class is specifically designed to help children with the necessary skills needed to protect themselves and gain discipline and confidence through their growing-up years and entire lives.

Sensei Gary Johnson brings over 45 years of martial art experience to the Whonnock community.

A great affordable way to gain flexibility, get in shape, increase your confidence and protect yourself.

Come try a free drop-in class any time!!

Whonnock Community Association

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Application for Membership

The objectives of the Whonnock Community Association are to promote community spirit, to operate the community hall, and to promote and assist charitable, athletic, recreational, and community endeavours of the District.

To become a member of the WCA, please fill out this form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mailing address (if different): _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Type:

Individual \$1 _____ Family \$2 _____

Non-profit \$15 _____ Corporate \$25 _____

\$_____ enclosed.

Members and residents of Whonnock are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings, held every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Whonnock Lake Centre.

For further information please contact Helmi Braches at 604.462.8942, or braches@shaw.ca

Please drop off your completed application at Whonnock Lake Centre, or mail it to the above address, or bring it to one of our meetings.