



# WHONNOCK NEWS

Spring 2017

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Will this winter go down as the worst winter? It will in my books, although I guess some of you have been in Whonnock much longer than I. We had a winter wonderland - as long as we didn't need to get out of our driveways!

Our November Remembrance Day ceremony was wonderful thanks again to Tom Brent and Phil Johnson. We had a pleasant addition - three students from Whonnock Elementary: Allora Martin, Anjali Rutledge and James Launder read their poems, and joined Tom in the reading of 'In Flanders Fields' which was very nice.

RCKC's New Years Dance had to be cancelled due to snow - all day on the 31st. They put on that dance to raise money for their excellent program. Check out their website for dates of the Regattas they have at the Lake. It's great excitement for a picnic at Whonnock Lake.

One Book Whonnock has begun again now under the direction of Helmi Braches.

Many thanks to Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg, Mitch & Sylvie Jensen and Tom McLennan for continuing to work with the government concerning the Tantalus Lab situation.

The WCA banquet for the Volunteers will be held on April 23, 2017. Look for your letter in the mail and respond ASAP. We really love doing this as a thank you for those people that make our activities tick!

Shelley Popaduik will be organizing the famous Whonnock Easter Egg Hunt. There may be a big white rabbit making an appearance too. We look forward to seeing you Easter Sunday.

Fred Braches does a superb job maintaining our Website <Whonnock.ca>.



Maple Ridge Museum and Archives

A real Whonnock winter. Mrs Emma Showler standing on the frozen Fraser River in 1920. Note Crescent Island in the background. Emma Showler was the wife of shopkeeper Fred Showler. In 1921 they bought the store next to the post office, where since 1992 Sue Schulze runs McFli's Feed Store.

Our elected officers are:

President: Sandra Rossington  
Vice President: Phil Johnson  
Treasurer: Mary Blackstock  
Secretary: Helmi Braches

Join us at our meetings, the third Thursday of the month. Bring your concerns and great ideas! We look forward to meeting you.

Be sure to check all the pages in this newsletter so you can get involved in all Whonnockian activities.

*Sandra Rossington*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16th, Whonnock Lake Centre

### Thornhill Annual Plant Swap

Sunday, April 23, Thornhill Hall

### WCA Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, April 23, Whonnock Lake Centre

### WCA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 18, Whonnock Lake Centre

The **Whonnock Community Association** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 at Whonnock Lake Centre.

## WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Whonnock Community Association awards a deserving student an annual bursary of \$1,000.

For those students interested in our Bursary and who qualify by having lived in the Whonnock area for at least two years.

Following are our other criteria:

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

Please check with your school counsellor during the fall semester for more information.

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 students on their road to future success.

## 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.



## LAKESIDE PRESCHOOL

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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>

## WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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

## 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 <http://montessoricorner.ca/>, E-mail <info@montessoricorner.ca>, or call Ms. Debora Vieira at 604-462-1400.

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or E-mail <eleanor.tracey@shaw.ca>

Website: <musicinme.musicteachershelper.com>





## 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 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.



## HELLO BODY!

Join us for gentle yoga on Thursday evenings. The class is suited for all ages and all levels, even beginners. Each yoga pose is gentle and we move at a slow pace. Love The Way You Feel!



For details please visit <hellobody.ca>

## FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS

Come join the fun at the Whonnock Lodge, 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road.

1st Whonnock Scouts Group is looking for Beaver Scouters volunteers on Tuesday evenings. For more information on this or registration please contact Jocelyn at <jmcintosh42@gmail.com> or cell 604-802-7862.



## RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

At RCKC we are keeping busy while waiting for Whonnock Lake to thaw out! Our Junior, Competitive group, and Masters have been weight training and working out in the clubhouse while looking forward to warmer weather and an opportunity to get back on the water. We are also running a gym program through Parks and Rec. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Whonnock Elementary. Some of our athletes will be heading to San Diego during spring break for a training camp and two of our senior athletes have gone to Florida for training. Our first regatta of the year is coming up, the Slawko Fedechko will be on May 6 and 7th. Looking forward to getting back on the water!

Information about our club and programs is available on our website <rckc.ca>.



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Generously supported by the City of Maple Ridge.



As usual our Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, March 27th, at Whonnock Lake Centre.

HOWEVER!

This year 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.

## PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE PROGRAMS IN WHONNOCK

For dates, cost, times and to register  
<www.recreg4u.ca or call 604-465-2470

**DAYCAMP** - Whonnock Adventures (Age 5Y - 12Y) March 13 - 17, 2017 A week of fun in the great outdoors. We will spend the week playing games, making crafts, and exploring the community of Whonnock. Please note we will get to all of our locations by walking. Monday - Friday; 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Preschool, Whonnock Lake Centre.

**ADULT VOLLEYBALL** (Age 16Y and up) at Whonnock Elementary, Wednesdays from 8 until 9 in the gymnasium. All skill levels welcome. Enjoy a social game of volleyball.

*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. Instructor: Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club Location: Whonnock Elementary. Tuesday Thursday, 5:00 PM-6:30

**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. No sessions March 13 or 20th. Location: Whonnock Elementary Monday 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

**NOTE: The Summer Arts and Recreation Guide should soon be available with more new programs.**



## RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 96th Avenue, Maple Ridge, B.C., V2W 1L3  
 Phone: 604-462-9739 / <ruskinhall@yahoo.ca>  
 <whonnock.ca/ruskin/hall.htm>

The Ruskin Hall is located at the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue, less than a mile from Lougheed Highway. Hall meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. They are usually short and sweet. Everyone is welcome.

Thanks to our fund-raising efforts and our hall rentals we have been able to install a more efficient furnace. It was certainly needed during our cold spells.

The hall is available for rental at a reasonable rate either hourly or nightly.

For rental information contact our Booking Agent Shannon at 604-462-7642 or call the hall at 604-462-9739 and leave a message.

Kim Rondquist continues to teach Hathaway Flow Yoga classes Wednesday nights at 7:30. Her classes are for all levels and everyone is welcome. For information contact Kim at 604-462-4284.

We will be hosting a Potluck Dinner / Silent Auction in the Spring. Checkout our website for more information.

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS AT  
 THE 5th ANNUAL THORNHILL PLANT 'SWAP'

Sunday, April 23, 2017

10:00 – 12:30

Thornhill Hall Parking Lot  
 26007 – 98th Avenue

Bring Plants to SWAP for FREE  
 No Plants? Bring cookies to share!  
 NO SALES. NO EARLY BIRDS!

Contact Joan Duncan 604-462-8778



Thornhill's 2016 Pumpkin Regata at Whonnock Lake

## THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Community Hall had steady rentals through the fall and winter months for community events and family celebrations.

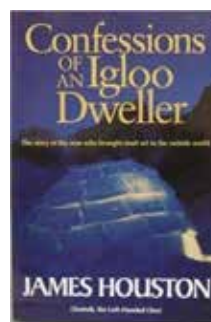
The movie industry has been filming in Thornhill and has rented our hall and park throughout the winter.

The City has worked with our Association to complete some work needing attention as we share the hall facilities with them. We are currently drafting a new lease agreement.

The list of renovations will be addressed as the weather improves. We ask all users of the park to keep it free of litter and help by placing it in the receptacles provided. Please help to keep this unique forested park, beautiful.

For bookings of weddings, memorials, birthdays and other special events contact Fran Norman @ 694-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @ 604-476-7794.

## ONE BOOK WHONNOCK



There's still time to sign up for this year's book project, *Confessions of an Igloo Dweller: The story of the man who brought Inuit art to the outside world*, by James Houston.

Here's what one Whonnockian says: "I've only read about 30 pages – what a fascinating read!"

Houston lived in the Canadian Arctic from 1948 to 1962 and in this book tells about his own experiences as well as the

Inuit people among whom he lived.

The book is out of print but can be bought online or borrowed from the book committee.

The gathering to discuss the reading and to have a themed party is being planned for early May 2017 (no date yet).

If you want to sign up and read the book, please contact Helmi Braches 604-462-8942 or E-mail <braches@shaw.ca>.



2016 Whonnock Weavers Annual Open House

## 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 36th Annual Open House last November. We will be back again on the last Sunday of November in 2017, so mark November 26th on your calendar.

This spring we are looking forward to a silk spinning workshop with plans to possibly have another weaving and a basket workshop as well.

We have joined the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour which will be held on May 13th & 14th. We will be located in Pitt Meadows along with rug hookers at the Lion's Den Hall at 12479 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows. More information on the event can be found at [www.artstudiotour.ca](http://www.artstudiotour.ca)

This summer we will be at Country Fest on July 29th and 30th at the Albion Fairgrounds. In honour of Canada's 150th birthday we will be doing a "Sheep to Scarf" demonstration and will have a team of spinners and a weaver demonstrating how to create a scarf from fleece shorn from a sheep.

We have been hosting spin-ins on Tuesday nights at The ACT on January 10 and February 14. 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 and join us to see what 'handspinning' is all about. We also welcome you if you just would like to come and knit or work on a project.

This year our meetings are being held at the Whonnock Lake Centre on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. There is usually a short business meeting followed by a program.

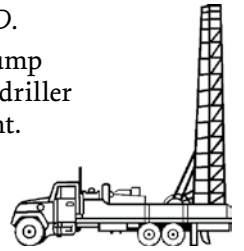
We always welcome new members so if you are interested in the fibre arts and wish to join us, simply come to a meeting. If you would like more information, please phone Marie at 604-462-9059. Our website can be found at [www.whonnockweaversandspinners.org](http://www.whonnockweaversandspinners.org) and you can also follow us on Facebook.

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**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](http://www.ceramicsjunichi.com)>

http://whonnockian.blogspot.com

## THORNHILL AQUIFER PROTECTION STUDY 2017

The Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study (TAPS) is entering its 12th year, with a majority of original members still taking part in data collection and water testing.

Ronnie Knaack, a longtime resident of Thornhill, who dug many of the shallow wells in Thornhill, Whonnock and Ruskin, passed away in November. He was a caring member of TAPS. We miss him and will remember all his contributions to our communities. Ronnie will also be remembered for his dedication to preserve the treasured old growth forest on his property that he feared would be removed.

This fall and winter has been overshadowed by the outcome of Tantalus (Labs) Pharmaceuticals's CONDITIONAL Water License issued by the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources.

To be clear, regardless of how the water licence has been framed in the media, the basic terms of the Conditional Water Licence remain and are open to enhanced scrutiny.

We would like to address the Dec. 1/2016 Tantalus website (tantaluslabs.com populace) statements:

1. "First Water Licence under new Water Sustainability Act .... committed to effective groundwater resource management." Tantalus has been issued a "Conditional Water Licence" monitored by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Water Managers, Mike Simpson (Hydrogeologist) and Ross Kreye (Section Head).

The total amount approved is 5200 cubic metres (5,200,000 litres) annually, they had applied for 10,000 cubic metres.

A flow restriction device must be installed to limit maximum instantaneous flow to 18.93 litres per minute between May 1st and October 31st and 37.85 litres per minute between Nov. 1st and April 30th for 3 years.

A water level measuring device must be installed. Hourly water level readings must be recorded and submitted annually for the minimum three years.

All data must be provided upon request. If there are any adverse affects on the aquifer, Tantalus may be required to undergo further assessments and restrictions or the water may be prohibited. The Ministry is managing their groundwater use. It is all about compliance.

2. "SunLab (Tantalus) maintains access to an Artesian well as a possible supplement for domestic and irrigation water." SunLab (Tantalus) Does Not have access to an artesian well as their original artesian well was decommissioned by the Ministry in April 2016, UNLESS Tantalus has access to an artesian well that the Ministry is unaware of. Their current well produces 10 gal. per minute. If Tantalus proposes to or is using any other well that is not registered with the Ministry, they are required to apply for another water licence.

3. David Kneale, Tantalus Lab's hydrogeologist, stated, "We anticipate No Impacts on surrounding wells or the aquifer itself."

The Ministry required David Kneale to retract this statement and issue a revised report because they have not, in fact, been able to prove it. Their pump test was not conducted on similar, appropriate wells in the neighbourhood. The pump test was irrelevant in proving no impact on the aquifer they share with the community.



4. "The granting of this water licence is a step forward in the interest of conservancy and transparency ....."

Tantalus built their commercial facility on a vulnerable bedrock aquifer of low productivity. It is surrounded by residents who depend on this water for domestic use.

Having not been honest with the neighbouring community as to the nature of this business from the onset and having then applied for 10,000 cubic metres annually does not demonstrate conservancy nor transparency. The innovative rain water recapture system is yet to be proven.

This is what we have learned:

1. Tantalus needs sufficient water to grow a consistent, reliable product for Health Canada.
2. Tantalus will now be applying for a Production Licence.
3. The Conditional Water Licence was approved only because of the collective and ongoing efforts of all three communities. The Water Licence may have been approved with very few or no conditions attached had we not raised awareness with the Ministry.
4. The Grant Hill Aquifer's capabilities and limitations are not understood. There has been no groundwater management study conducted.
5. The Grant Hill Aquifer is still not on the Natural Features Map at the City even though the Ministry has updated the boundaries. Ask the City to update their map as soon as possible to help avoid the problems we have had with the location of Tantalus.
6. The Ministry tried to be very cautious with this application. They need to remain vigilant.
7. Community members must be diligent in measuring their wells. Report inconsistencies and impacts to the Ministry immediately.
8. Help your neighbour with their well concerns.
9. There should be no light nor noise pollution above allowable levels. Report to City.
10. \* The boundaries of the Grant Hill Aquifer were updated in late 2015. This aquifer is considered to have low productivity and low-moderate vulnerability. Lowen Hydrology, who was hired by the Ministry to update the mapping, stated that Tantalus's well is highly mineralized, therefore it can impact surrounding wells. They suggest surrounding residents test their water for conductivity, measuring dissolved solids. Perhaps, test your wells once or twice a year and be alerted if the dissolved solids are increasing.

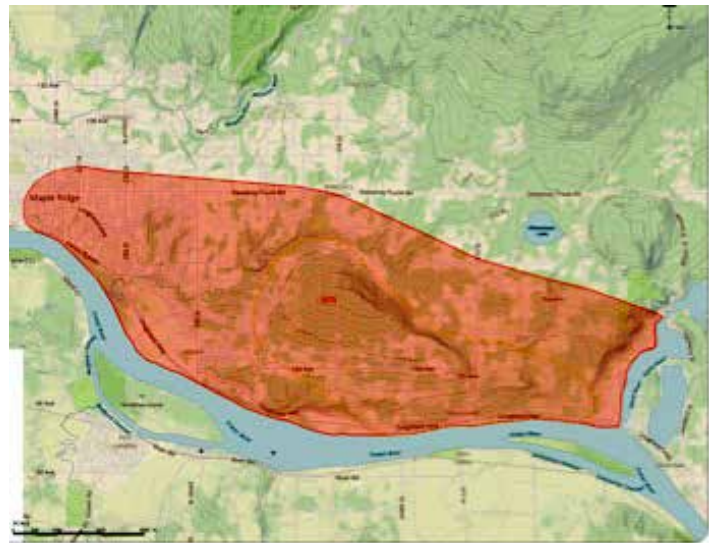
Those residents who get their water from York Creek can anticipate changes to water quantity because the recharge into the creek and surrounding landscape has changed.

Keep a record on your well depths.

11. Tantalus Labs is in the wrong place. Too much money, time and effort has been spent by every level of government and the community to mitigate the impacts this facility has already had and will continue to have. The impacts are not just about groundwater.

12. For the next election, choose an MLA who will ask for amendments to the placement of Industrial Medical Marijuana Facilities on farmland not serviced by City Water in Maple Ridge and someone who will fight to protect our groundwater – The Grant Hill Aquifer.

*Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg on behalf of Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study*



Grant Hill Aquifer Boundaries

## WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

In our world dominated by chaos and uncertainty, Jesus remains the unchanging source of truth and peace. We believe the God who designed and created the universe is not silent, and has a design and purpose for each one of us. We believe He hears and



answers our prayers, reaching down and touching our lives with His love, forgiveness and grace. Through His Word, the Bible, God gives us His blueprint for life, giving us direction and confidence as we seek Him and follow His ways.

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, nondenominational Church. Our coffee times after the service give you opportunity to get to know others who would love to come along side you in your faith journey.

You are welcome to join us for:

Sunday Services (Sunday School for prekindergarten during the service)

Junior Youth Group (Grades 4-8) held alternate Thursdays, 7 – 8:30pm

Ignite – Community monthly Worship nights for all ages – check out Ignite Maple Ridge on facebook

Other special events – check out our Web site <wildwood-fellowship.com>

More info: call Pastor Arnold Tracey (604) 287-696

## HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock

Holy Spirit Anglican Church in Whonnock (the brown church on the left as you start uphill on 272 street) welcomes the neighbourhood to our events marking the beginning of Lent and the celebration of Easter.

Tuesday February 28 - Shrove Tuesday - pancake supper from 5 pm, followed by distribution of ashes and Holy Communion at 7 pm.

Sunday April 16 - Celebration of Easter worship service at 10 am.

Everyone is welcome.





## WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

Whonnock Lake Centre has the capacity to hold 160 people. The centre features a large hall with kitchen, multipurpose room and two meeting rooms in a beautiful park setting.

For information visit: <[whonnock.ca/whonnock/LakeCentre.htm](http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/LakeCentre.htm)>

For availability and bookings call Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture, 604 467 7357.

E-mail: <[facilitybookings@mapleridge.ca](mailto:facilitybookings@mapleridge.ca)>



## CAMP WHONNOCK

27660 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge B.C. V2W 1Y9

The Camp includes a main lodge, seven cabins, fire circle and shelter, wooded tent sites with fire-pit, trails.

The main lodge includes a hall with fireplace, industrial kitchen, and a covered deck that runs the length of the building. There are several indoor folding tables and chairs (accommodates ~150 people), as well as outdoor tables and chairs on the covered deck.

For information and bookings contact Andrew Watson  
E-mail: <[awatson@scouts.ca](mailto:awatson@scouts.ca)> Phone: (604)462-7012.

<[scoutdocs.ca/Camps/Camps.php?camp=whonnock](http://scoutdocs.ca/Camps/Camps.php?camp=whonnock)>

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