



WHONNOCK NEWS

Spring 2018



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring appears to come more quickly every year, there are buds on the trees, yet snow on the ground.

This January I turned 60 and welcome the changes that life may now send my way. Hopefully that means a more relaxed and easier pace which would give me more time to enjoy Whonnock and help the Whonnock Community Association contribute to our little eastern Maple Ridge community.

I enjoy the social aspect of the organizations I belong to and hope for more time now, for the charitable side of things. Some of the things our dedicated volunteers have been working on this year include, updates and revisions of our constitution and bylaws as required by the new Societies Act (fun fun fun!), a new brochure telling people all about WCA (available at the post office), and petitioning the city of Maple Ridge to address the problems of ditches and parking while dropping off kids on 112th at the school.

My granddaughters, Angelina and Gabriella, keep me on my toes and help keep me honest; I am so happy they get to experience growing up in Whonnock, and give me a good reason to give back to our community.

Brad Jennings

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Presented by the Whonnock Community Association with generous support by the City of Maple Ridge.

As usual our Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 1st, at Whonnock Lake Centre.

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.

THORNHILL PLANT SWAP

26007 98th Avenue – April 8, 2018

10:00-12:30

NO sales or early birds.

- Bring plants, bulbs, gardening books, cook books, garden tools
- Don't have any? Bring treats to share.

Contact: Joan Duncan 604-462-8778 or joanduncan7@aol.com



ONE BOOK WHONNOCK



There's still time to join this year's reading project. The chosen book is Chris Hadfield's *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth*, available at the library and in bookstores.

Here's what one reader says: "I wouldn't have chosen the book for myself, but now that I've read it I think it should be required reading for everyone!"

Participation is FREE, as is attendance by registered readers at the theme-based party at which we will discuss the book. This is also a great opportunity to meet other Whonnock residents. Date for the party: Thursday, May 3, 2018, at the Anglican Church hall.

To sign up send an e-mail to books@whonnock.ca or phone Helmi at 604-462-8942. Just leave a message. This project is sponsored by the Whonnock Community Association.

WHONNOCK LAKE BEACH PARTY

You are invited to picnic with your neighbours at Whonnock Lake on Thursday July 19 from 6 pm. Bring lawn chairs and your supper (or buy it there). Look for us near the gazebo. Chat with neighbours and enjoy the beautiful surroundings which are right at our doorstep. For information, call Jean at 604-462-7341.

MARGARET NORMAN 1930 – 2017



Margaret Norman, a beloved primary school teacher in Maple Ridge for over 35 years, taught at the Thornhill school (she preferred to write Thorn Hill in two words) for ten of those years.

After retirement Margaret was a leading light at Maple Ridge Senior Centre and the Old Age Pensioners Organization of the Whonnock United Church. Margaret was a faithful member of the Whonnock Community Association.

Her enthusiasm and community spirit were an inspiration for all who had the pleasure of knowing her. The photo shows Margaret holding a framed photo of Whonnock Lake Centre presented to her in 2006 in recognition for her many years of volunteering.

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 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY



The Whonnock Community Association awards a deserving student an annual bursary of \$1000.

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.
 - Secondly we assess financial need.
 - Thirdly we look for a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy causes
- 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 a student on their road to future success.

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Web site: <lakesidepre-school.com>

E-mail: <lakesidepre-school@hotmail.com>

MONTESORI 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.



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

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 Brita at 604 462-9863 for more information.

FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS

Interested in outdoor adventures? If you are between grades 3-12, Scouts in Whonnock is looking for you to join them on hiking trips, camping trips, weekly meetings and earning badges!

Please contact Jocelyn at jmcintosh42@gmail.com or 604-802 7862 for more program information.

RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

Information about RCKC and the club's programs visit website rckc.ca.

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 or Pascale at spshaw@telus.net

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MAPLE RIDGE PARKS & LEISURE PROGRAMS:

Details of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are published in the *Parks Recreation & Culture Guide*, Spring 2018. Pick up a printed copy of the program guide at City Hall.

For a digital version of the guide and registration : mapleridge.ca/1484/Registration

Yoga Basics – 16Y and up

This program provides an introduction to the building blocks of a yoga practice. A 'must do' course to ensure a safe yoga practice.

Hatha Yoga Age – 16Y and up

This intermediate yoga class will provide active stretching, balancing, and sequences with a gentle flow. Beginners are recommended to take Yoga Basics prior to registering in this course.

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.

Day Camp – Whonnock Adventures Age – 5Y - 12Y

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 our locations by walking.

Sports, Games, Fitness and Fun for Youth – Age: 9Y - 16Y

Join the Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club Coaches in this fun learn-to-move- fitness training program for youth.

Guided Meditation – Age 19Y and up

The guided meditation Coach creates a journey through the spoken word while relaxing music is played in the background.

Pilates – Age 16Y and up

Improve posture and balance while you stretch your body, develop abdominals and increase overall fitness.

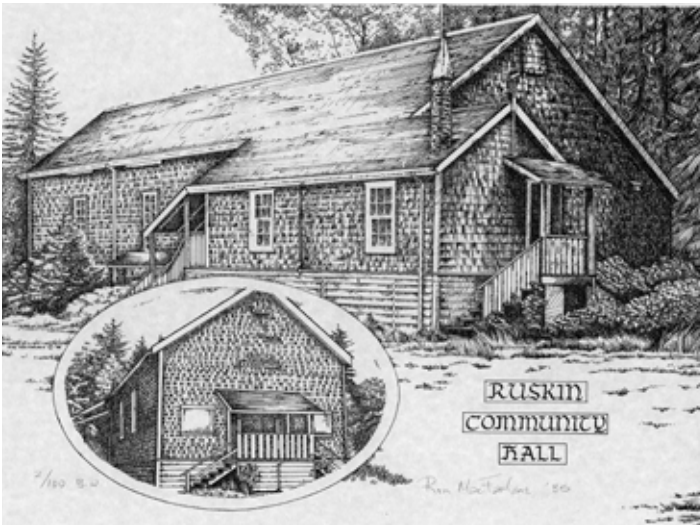
Intermediate Pilates by the Lake – Age 16Y and up

Designed for those with a strong pilates base, to further improve posture, increase lung capacity, and sculpt strong lean muscles.

Volleyball - Whonnock – Age 16Y and up

Be active by enjoying a social game of Volleyball in partnership with the Whonnock Community Association.





RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 96th Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC, V2W 1L3
 Phone: 604-462-9739 / ruskinhall@yahoo.ca
www.whonnock.ca/ruskin/Hall2.htm

The Ruskin Community 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 (excluding July and August) at 7:30. Everyone is welcome!

The hall is available for rental at reasonable rates, either hourly or nightly. For more information call the hall at 604-462-9739 or go to our Facebook page - Ruskin Community Hall - and leave a message.

Kim Rondquist continues to teach Hatha Flow Yoga classes on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. The classes are open to all levels. For more information on registration or drop-in sessions contact Kim at 604-462-4284.

For notice of upcoming events at the hall email ruskinhall@yahoo.ca and ask to be put on our email list or check out our Facebook page.



THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Hall continues to generate more interest and so the bookings have been steady.

The movie industry had also shown interest in booking the Hall and Parking Area this past year and is already booking into this year.

We had a major renovation of our floor joists. The most critical area was completed in the Fall and we will do the final renovations in the spring as our bookings allow us to budget. We thank our helpers Jay & Ata for their expertise and generosity.

We will once again hold the Annual Plant Swap on April 8/18 in the Thornhill Hall parking lot.

Please bring plants, gardening books, good tools or some goodies to share for the plant swap.

Joan Duncan will once again coordinate all the activities. Contact her @ 604-462-8778.

We are anticipating a new monitoring well to be drilled by the Ministry. It will remotely record water levels daily and will be available online for everyone to view. We are expecting the drilling to happen in February. We are very fortunate that the Ministry chose our aquifer amongst the many choices they have in our Province.

This little hall continues to be supported by communities throughout the lower mainland. For bookings and inquiries contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @ 604-476-7794.



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The Thornhill Community Association would like to thank Joan Duncan (our Thornhill Angel) for making beautiful, affordable earrings and pendants to raise money towards the renovations of the hall.

THE 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 37th Annual Open House last November. We will be back again on the last Sunday of November in 2018, so mark November 25th on your calendar.



In January of this year, one of our members shared with a number of us the technique of making a Double Walled Cherokee basket. It is an amazing technique that yields a basket with a double wall with many design possibilities.

This spring we are looking forward to two more basket-making workshops with an amazing instructor from Salt Spring Island and later in the spring another spinning workshop.

This year, once again, we will participate in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour which will be held on May 12th and 13th. We will be located in Maple Ridge in the same building as the Vicuna Art Studio at 11491 Kingston Street. More information on the event can be found at <artstudio-tour.ca>

In the fall, we are planning an exhibition at the Maple Ridge Art Gallery at The ACT. More information will be posted on our new Facebook page as it becomes available.

We hosted a spin-in on Tuesday, February 13th at The ACT. 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 to join us to see what hand spinning is all about or just come and visit to see what our guild is all about. You would be most welcome. Bring your knitting or another project and sit and visit.

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 new website can be found at <wwsg.ca>. On Facebook: WhonnockWeaversandSpinnersGuild.

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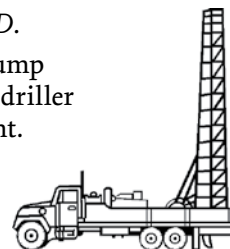


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JUNICHI TANAKA, born in Japan, established a ceramics studio at Whonnock in 1998.

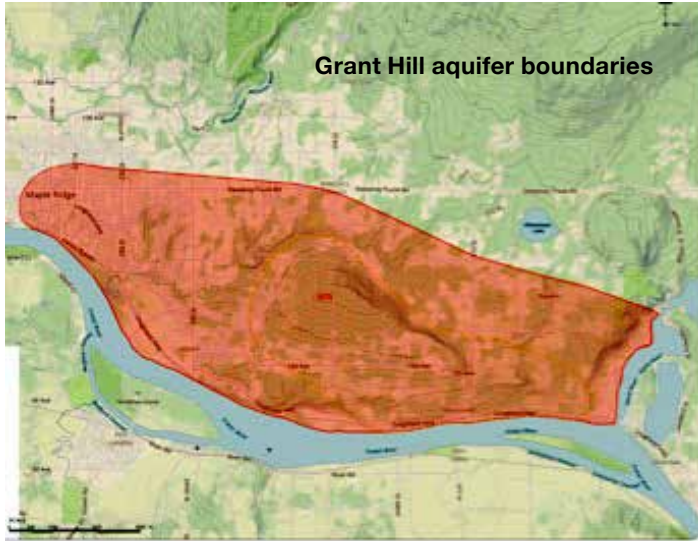
His work has been widely accepted all over Canada.

Ceramics is not his only passion. He has climbed major mountains and he is a poet.

His Web site address is

<www.ceramicsjunichi.com>

THORNHILL AQUIFER PROTECTION STUDY



TAPS is starting its 13th year of testing wells. Klaus & I have felt the dedication of the residents on the program since the beginning. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource

(MFLNR) said we are the only monitoring group that has sustained such longevity and we were commended for that. We record well depths quarterly and test for chemical analysis and potability in June.

You do not need to be a part of a formal water monitoring group to monitor your well. Keeping records is the best information you have when you notice and report changes to your water levels.

The deep wells are being affected by the drought and every homeowner needs to be diligent regarding conservation. There are a number of residents who share a deep well and this is particularly concerning as new residents move onto the aquifer. Many new residents have never been reliant on well water. Longer periods of drought make it particularly challenging.

Please be a thoughtful neighbour and manage your well successfully, in particular when you share a well. Conserve water, install low flush toilets, no irrigation, no washing cars or driveways, short showers. Purchase a cistern and fill it with city water during dry times. If you are sharing a well it may be helpful to measure consumption with a water meter. Do not cut trees unnecessarily and understand that deep wells take a much longer time to recharge.

Tantalus continues to distress our community with issues such as light pollution (surrounding residents have lost their night sky), deep concerns regarding water consumption and monitoring, property value impacts, the loud generator noise that has never been stopped and recently, the ongoing exhaust of the noxious smell of Marijuana.

Residents are impacted and frustrated hoping that Health Canada will put an end to these exhaust fumes. Meanwhile, the surrounding residents have lost their quality of life. It is important to continue to notify all levels of government as these issues arise. Tantalus has purported to be sustainable, employing green technology, but the quantity of water required by each plant continues to be of great concern to residents. The greatest concern over time is the dewatering of our aquifer.

The New Tree Bylaw was passed successfully and the new Soil Bylaw has received first reading.

Council unanimously passed a staff recommendation that the MFLNR be supported in drilling a new, remotely monitored observation well at a Council meeting on January 30th. We look forward to a new drilled monitoring well in Thornhill Park toward the end of February. Remote monitoring will in time give us more information regarding our aquifer. This is a very important request that we have been granted.

If you have any concerns about your well contact us by e-mail: <tapsmapleridge@gmail.com>.

Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg

COFFEE MAKER FINDS A HOME

A gathering last November provided an opportunity for neighbours to meet and chat, and place offers on a Keurig coffee maker -- the prize at last year's volunteer dinner. The winner of the coffee maker, Jean Davidson, does not drink coffee and she decided to raffle the machine for the benefit of the Whonnock Community Association. New neighbour John submitted the winning offer -- all the money he had in his wallet. How is that for generosity? John took the coffee maker to VGH where his construction crew is remodeling the ORs! Thanks once again to Starbucks at Valley Fair Mall for this generous donation which has enriched our coffers twice and strengthened our neighbourliness.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sunday, April 1st – WCA Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Starts 11 am, Whonnock Lake Centre
- Sunday, April 8th – Annual Thornhill Plant Swap, 10:00 – 12:30, Thornhill Hall (26007 98th Avenue)
- Sunday, April 29th – WCA Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Whonnock Lake Centre. By invitation.
- Thursday, May 3rd – One Book Whonnock gathering – Anglican Church Hall.
- Saturday, May 5th – Whonnock Elementary Handmade Market. 10:00 – 3:00 pm,
- Thursday, May 17th – AGM Whonnock Community Association, Whonnock Lake Centre. Starts 7:30 pm.
- Thursday, July 19th – Whonnock Lake Beach Party, Starts at 6 pm.

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, non-denominational 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 (Sunday School up to age 12 during the service)

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

Ignite - Community monthly Worship nights for all ages - check out Ignite Maple Ridge on Facebook

Other special events - check out our Web site <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 - 6:30 pm (except during Spring Break) 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) 287-696



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock

Holy Spirit Anglican Church (the brown church on your left as you start up the hill on 272nd) invites you to worship with them any Sunday at 10 am. You are encouraged and welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship afterwards in the adjoining hall.

We are a congregation that worships and learns together, encouraging each other to grow in love and faith. We have a very busy spring planned beginning with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13th, Palm Sunday (March 25) then Easter Sunday Service on April 1st, Mother's Day May 13th and Father's Day June 17th.

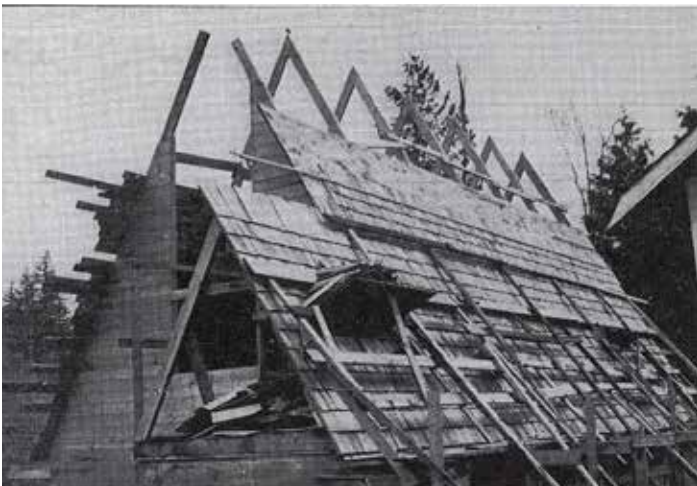
Mark on your calendar for the fall - a special service with those who serve our community on September 23, Thanksgiving on October 7 (come and help decorate our historic sanctuary October 6) and the Blessing of Pets on October 14.

If you would like to help with a spring clean up of our beautiful grounds, there will be a workbee on Saturday May 5. Plan to get some neighbours together and come to our pub night on Saturday, October 27.

We note with sadness the death of long-time member Dorina Hjordliefson. She was involved in many aspects of service in the life of the parish and community. She and her husband Bud were instrumental in developing the 'Garden of Memories' where ashes may be interred on the church property.

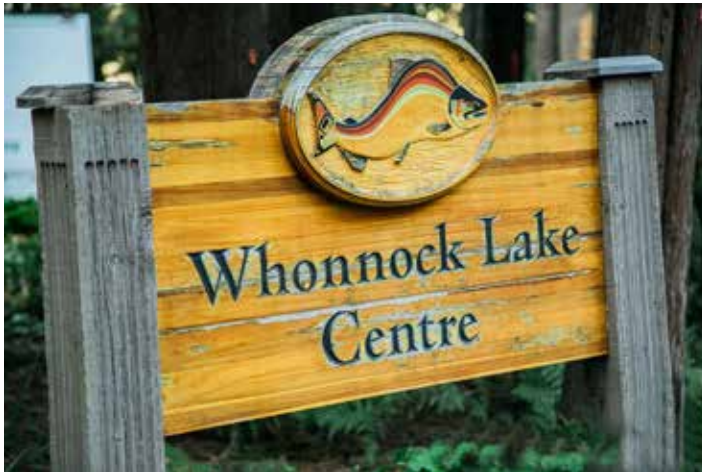
Watch our signboard in front of the church for coming events and inspirational quotes.

Church and Hall Rental Information: 604-462-7933



Volunteers building the church (1966)





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>

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

E-mail: <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> Phone: (604)462-7012.

<scoutdocs.ca/Camps/Camps.php?camp=whonnock>



HAVE AN IDEA FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Neighbourhood Small Grant Program is a unique initiative to help build community and strengthen connections right where people live. These grants help put great ideas into action. Applications accepted for:

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- Environmental Protection (ie. stream clean up)

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