



WHONNOCK NEWS

Fall 2017

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our fall 2017 Newsletter. Enjoy the updates and information that our contributors have provided and if your interest is peaked, please get involved with any of the many groups in our area.

This fall has started with our September meeting. Current issues include a safer sidewalk and parking in front of Whonnock Elementary school and along 112th avenue, the next phase of Whonnock Lake improvements, a New Years Dance (anyone interested to take charge?), and supporting our amazing Canoe & Kayak Club.

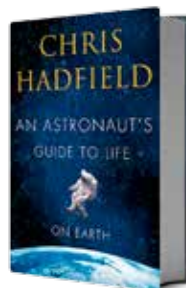
If you have concerns or ideas for our community please bring them to one of our meetings which occur every 3rd Thursday at Whonnock Lake Centre.

On a personal note, I would also like to put a huge 'Thank You' out to the BC Wildfire Service which worked tirelessly on behalf of all British Columbians and I know many Whonnockians who still have recreational properties because of their amazing efforts.

Brad Jennings

ONE BOOK WHONNOCK

This year's community reading project is bound to attract a lot of interest: **An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth** by Chris Hadfield. Written with humour, humility and profound optimism about the future of space exploration, this isn't just the inspiring story of one man's journey to the International Space Station. It's an opportunity to step into his space-boots and learn to think like an astronaut – and figure out how to make your own dreams, whatever they are, come true.



As before, once everyone interested has read the book, we will come together and discuss it at a themed party, which will likely take place in late spring next year.

To sign up please send a message to books@whonnock.ca or call Helmi Braches at 604-462-8942.

Handweaving, Handspinning & Handknitting

Whonnock Weavers & Spinners Guild

37th Annual Exhibit & Sale

Sunday November 26, 2017
10 am to 4 pm

Whonnock Lake Centre
at Whonnock Lake Park, Maple Ridge

Basketry, Felting & Guest Artists

website: www.wws.ca or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WhonnockWeaversandSpinnersGuild

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY

WINTER

HANDMADE MARKET

Sunday
November 5th
10AM-3PM

27471
112TH AVE.

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY

Winter Wonderland
HANDMADE Market
Sunday November 5, 2017
10am - 3pm
27471 112th Avenue

Featuring 50 Handmade Vendors, Hunger Management Food Truck, & Face Painting!

Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank



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

WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The 2017 recipient of the Whonnock Community Association bursary was Samantha Hall of Garibaldi Secondary School. We congratulate Samantha on all her hard work and wish her the very best in her post-secondary studies.

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

Those students who have lived in the Whonnock area for at least two years may apply.

Following are our other criteria:

We look at the student's marks which must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university.

1. We assess financial need.
2. 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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND DANCE

For anyone interested.

Whonnock Community Association would sponsor a local group wishing to use our beautiful Whonnock Lake Centre on New Year's Eve for a fund-raiser or other type of event for their group.

WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE



There are two Facebook pages in the Whonnock area: "Whonnock neighbours" and "Whonnock/Thornhill neighbours."

The Whonnock Community Association has a Web site and a blog, but perhaps we should also have a Facebook page.

Is there an eager Whonnockian out there who would like to manage a Facebook page for the Whonnock Community Association?

We would love to hear from you.



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>

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.

SUPPORT THE WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

After the transfer of the operation of Whonnock Lake Centre to the Municipality the Whonnock Community Association became dependent on other income to fulfil its mandate.

The Whonnock Community Association would like to continue to serve our community by, for instance, producing this newsletter, maintaining a Web site, arranging events such as the yearly Easter Egg Hunt, the Volunteer Dinner, granting bursaries to promising students, and supporting initiatives such as One Book Whonnock.

You can help us achieving these goals by making a donation. Any amount is welcome! Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for amounts from \$15.

Want to support our projects? Call Mary at 604 462 8572.





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 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Brita at 604 462-9863 for more information.

Whonnock Lake Centre parking lot.



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

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

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.

Wish to support the Byrnes Bursary program? Google "Brian and Isabel Byrnes Fund" and follow the link to the Vancouver Foundation Web site.

Quick and easy. Any amount is welcome!



Details of the following programs held at Whonnock venues are published in the *Parks Recreation & Culture Guide*, Fall 2017. Pick up a printed copy of the program guide at City Hall or read or download a copy of the guide from <mapleridge.ca/parksandrec>

For registration enquiries e-mail <registration@mapleridge.ca>

Volleyball - 16Y and up.

Enjoy a social game of volleyball on Wednesday evenings at Whonnock Elementary School.

Yoga Basics - 16Y and up.

This program provides an introduction to the building blocks of a yoga practice. Monday evenings at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Hatha Yoga - 16Y and up.

This intermediate yoga class will provide active stretching, balancing, and sequences with a gentle flow. Wednesday evenings at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Whonnock Drop-In Gym - 10Y - 14Y

A FREE drop-in recreation session for those wanting to hang out with their friends and be active. Monday evenings. Note that the venue changed from Whonnock Elementary to Thomas Haney Action Park

Sports, Games, Fitness and Fun - 9Y - 16Y

Join the Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club coaches in this fun learn-to-move fitness training program for youth. Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Whonnock Elementary.

Guided Meditation - 19Y and up.

The guided meditation Coach creates a journey through the spoken word while relaxing music is played in the background. Beginners are welcome. Thursday Evenings at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Pilates (intermediate) - 16Y and up.

For those with a strong Pilates base. Monday evenings at Whonnock Lake.

THE OTTER LLAMA 4-H CLUB



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>.



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 at 7:30. All are welcome.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY HANDMADE MARKET
 Sunday, November 5th. 10:00 – 3:00 pm, Whonnock Elementary School

REMEMBRANCE DAY
 Saturday, November 11th. Ceremony starts at 10:45 at Whonnock Lake Centre

WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE
 Sunday, November 26th 10:00 – 4:00 pm, Whonnock Lake Centre



THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

This past spring and summer have been very dry on the hill, but because we now have a good, productive well, we have been able to rent the hall for various events throughout the dry times.

We continue to rent the hall for weddings, birthdays and family events. The bookings for the fall into the New Year are very good. Thank you for supporting our Hall.

The Association will be working on some improvements to the Hall floor this fall with the help of a very capable contractor. Volunteers are the key to the continual operation and maintenance of our Hall. We now have a renewed five year contract with the City.

It is a perfect little country community hall that holds 100 people at a very reasonable price.

Keep an eye out for our new website.

For rental information contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @ 604-476-7794.

THORNHILL ANGELS "Donation" – Makes a great gift!
 The Thornhill Community Association is raising money through sales of Angel & Wreath earrings and pendant. The proceeds of the sales go directly toward renovations of our much-loved Hall.

They are \$20.00 per pair or \$30.00 for two pairs. Please contact Joan Duncan (artisan) @ 604-462-8778 or e-mail <joanduncan7@aol.com> Cash or cheques payable to the Thornhill Community Association.

Thank you for all your continued support from the Thornhill Community Association.



WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS

The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a wonderful spring and summer weaving, spinning, knitting, dyeing, felting, rug hooking and making baskets. In the spring we held a silk spinning workshop and just recently had a workshop that helped newer weavers advance their skills.



Last spring we joined the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Art Studio Tour and demonstrated along with rug hookers at the Lion's Den Hall at 12479 Harris Road, Pitt Meadows.

We also demonstrated at Country Fest at the Albion Fairgrounds on July 29th & 30th. At this event and in honour of Canada's 150th birthday we worked on a "Sheep to Scarf" demonstration where we had a team of spinners and a weaver demonstrating how to create scarves from hand-spun yarn that was spun directly from shorn sheep's fleece. We also used the same yarn to create two hand-knit as well as two crochet scarves. We will be demonstrating at the Maple Ridge Library on September 30th as part of Culture Days.

We are now busy preparing for our 37th annual Open House exhibit and sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 26 from 10 AM to 4 PM. We decided to open an hour earlier this year. We hope to see many of you there.

In the New Year we will be hosting spin-in Tuesday Lobby Nights at The ACT on the second Tuesdays of the month from February to June, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Our meetings are held at the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM except when we will be at the ACT for Lobby Nights in the New Year. 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 <wwsg.ca> and at www.facebook.com/WhonnockWeaversandSpinnersGuild.

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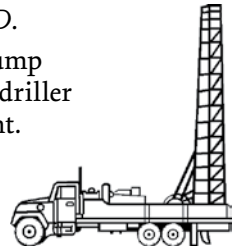


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JUNICHI TANAKA, born in Japan, established a ceramics studio at Whonnock in 1998.

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>

http://whonnockian.blogspot.com

TAPS (THORNHILL AQUIFER PROTECTION STUDY)

REPORT SEPTEMBER 2017



We have experienced one of the driest summers on record this year and with that came concerns over well-water shortages. Many of us had to conserve and limit usage to keep our wells functioning. Still many, including ourselves, hauled water from the Jackson Kiosk. There were some glitches to the computer at Jackson this summer and maintenance took weeks, so many of us had to take the long drive to the Kiosk in Webster's Corner on

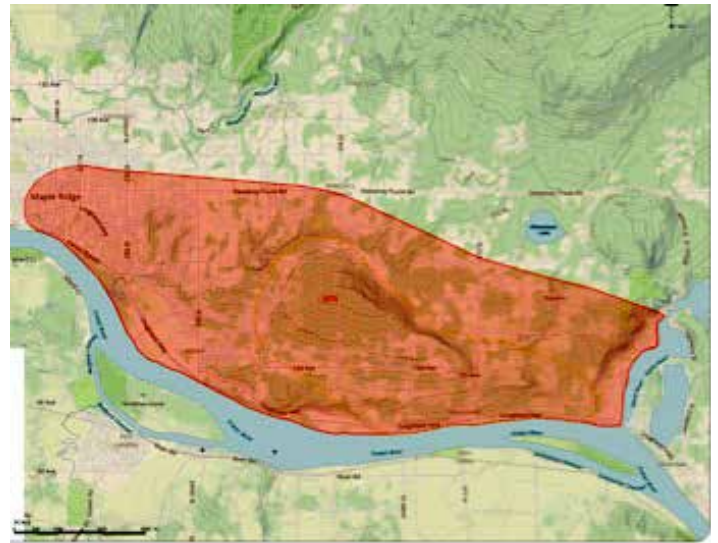
Lily Drive (Kanaka Business Park).

Tantalus Labs received their Production Licence from Health Canada in May. This was discouraging news for residents of Thornhill, Whonnock and Ruskin. It was not completely unexpected, but it was confirmed that all levels of government, especially our local government of 2013, was remiss by issuing a business license to this facility. It seems clear that Tantalus's water requirements were beyond the capabilities of the aquifer and will likely impact all wells on Grant Hill over time. This is evidenced by the Ministry giving Tantalus a Conditional Water Licence. The City knew this groundwater resource was vulnerable and could barely support the needs of the residents. The reality is that no level of government has enough scientific data to support this decision, meanwhile, everyone is just hoping there will be no impact. This is not how good ethical, scientific, and political decisions should be made.

The Ministry recently addressed community concerns and questions regarding the installation of monitoring equipment and the lack of monitoring of water usage. They have assured us that the water has been coming from their cisterns that was collected during the winter. The question remains as to why the installation of the monitoring equipment was not mandatory and monitored upon granting Tantalus the Conditional Licence. There is no way of knowing how much water has been pumped from the well between last November 2016 and September 2017. As with all governmental decisions, it is only as good as their ability to enforce and their due diligence. We continue to remain in contact with all levels of government as concerns arise.

It cannot be stated strongly enough that residents keep Well records on a seasonal basis, if not monthly. Data is your most important ally, since no one has comprehensive data to make good decisions. As a community we need to be vigilant and help each other.

TAPS met with our local MLA Bob D'Eith in August. Bob told us that the information the Province was using regarding Grant Hill came from the TAPS website: <tapsmapleridge.ca>



Grant Hill aquifer boundaries

He assured Klaus and me that he would like to have a groundwater assessment done on the Grant Hill Aquifer. What that means and how that is executed is still a process to undertake.

Then we walked with him through a section of the watershed, so he could feel and see its vulnerability, value and beauty.

We were contacted by the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations to help them find a suitable location for monitoring both a shallow and deep well remotely on Grant Hill. We suggested some possible locations which would not be on private property and expect to hear back later this Fall.

The City said that the Whonnock Well on 272nd will need extensive upgrades in the very near future. This will require the City to approve a capital expenditure that has been requested by the Operations Department. Repairs could take place within 1-5 years depending on demand. Users of this well could help by letting the City know about the importance of this well to the community. Departments such as Waterworks in Operations can better understand and feel supported by the community when capital expenditures are requested.

We continue to work with residents close to the Tantalus site in Whonnock regarding any activities that are of concern or require attention. It is important to remain vigilant and to continue to seek answers from appropriate agencies.

Please forward any relevant questions, information or concerns to tapsmapleridge@gmail.com.

Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg

On behalf of TAPS



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 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 <wildwoodfellowship.com>

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



www.whonnock.ca



HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock

Please feel free to join us for our Sunday Service in our Heritage Church in a lovely rural setting. Service is held from 10:00 am to 11:30 am every Sunday morning.

We welcome people from all backgrounds. You are encouraged and welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship afterwards held in the adjoining hall.

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

Whonnock Community Association – Membership Application

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Type (please check one):

Individual Family Corporate (society or corporation)

Membership is free. Please fill in the form and mail to:

Whonnock Community Association, P.O. Box 134, Whonnock BC V2W 1V9
or send an e-mail to <webmaster@whonnock.ca>

http://whonnockian.blogspot.com



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.

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CAST AND CREW

YOUTH THEATRE SOCIETY

We are just starting our third year at North Fraser Centre which is the old Whonnock Elementary School. We continue to offer our two musical theatre classes on Fridays that run from September to mid-May. Watch for our students' musical theatre productions in late February and early March.

NEW CLASS - Introduction to Musical Theatre for ages 5+. Thursdays 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm October 5 - November 23 (8 weeks).

If you are interested in a class not offered, please let us know and if there is enough interest, we will do our best to put it on.

Cast and Crew is a non-profit group primarily run by volunteers. Let us know if you have any questions or would like to get involved. Email us at info@castandcrewtheatre.ca. Visit our web site for the most current information: www.castandcrewtheatre.ca.