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Whonnock News



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President's Report

The most difficult task for me as president is putting pen to paper and writing something interesting and worthy of your attention. The "First Lady" and I have been living in Whonnock since 1989 and have raised our three children enjoying all this community has to offer. Schools, both elementary and high, created lots of fond memories with sports games, acting performances, field trips, and many other opportunities to spend time with our children and their friends.

Now that our last has graduated, we are looking for new experiences and activities to occupy our time. The ACT in Maple Ridge has lots of great entertainment. Our own Whonnock Lake Centre offers exercise classes, and many other groups and clubs are active in this community. Maybe I'll check out our Volunteer Fire Department—you can stay in shape and help out others in difficult situations while doing it!

The snow and cold temperatures of late December and January were a little unexpected. The Fraser River froze over, and we lost the use of the Albion Ferry for almost two weeks. As cold as it was though, I must admit I enjoyed the look of our community covered in snow and the crisp, clear views of our local mountains. If this weather starts to happen on a regular basis, we may have to start a WSC (Whonnock Snowmobile Club)!

Our Association has reluctantly decided to not hold Whonnock Lake Day this September. The enthusiasm needed to put on this event doesn't seem to exist at this time. With a year off to reflect, the hope is to put on a great celebration in 2010.

As always we meet at our regular time at 7:30 pm. at the Whonnock Lake Centre every second Thursday of the month. Please stop in at one of our meetings, enjoy a cup of coffee, and discover what we are about.

Brad Jennings, President



Shirley Blatter

Travor and Meghan on Whonnock Lake where many residents had a chance to show off their skating skills this winter. Writes Shirley in her report on page 3: "It has surely been a winter wonderland at Whonnock Lake this year. The snow-covered trees and mountains make it a picturesque view."

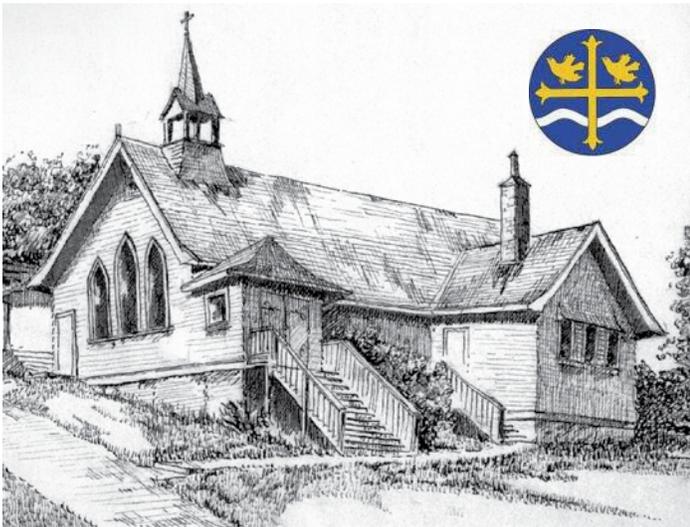


Simone Ponne/The News

Gerald and Nadine Andrews in front of their heritage house: the "Whiting House." They were recently distinguished by the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission with an honourable mention in the Heritage Building Conservation category.

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THE WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETS ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 7:30 PM, AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE



Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit

Our new and totally up-to-date web site is
<http://www.holyspiritanglican.ca/>

PLANT AND BAKE SALE:

May, 9th 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. ACW ladies group are hosting their annual Plant and bake sale.

Lunch available. Come and mingle with our Parish and Whonnock community! A great opportunity for last minute Mother's day gifts!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

April 9, Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM. — Holy Communion

April 10, Good Friday, 10:00 AM — Devotional and meditation service

April 12, Easter Sunday, 10:00 AM — Holy Eucharist with Easter egg hunt for the children.

Music Pups

REGISTER NOW for the spring session.
 Music & Movement Class for Tots (birth – age 5)
 April 1st – June 3rd Wednesdays 10:00–10:45 AM & 11:15 AM–12 noon at Whonnock Lake Centre
 Registration deadline: March 18th

MUSIC PUPS is an innovative early childhood program that provides parents/caregiver the opportunity to participate with their child in a musically rich environment in class and at home, helping little ones to achieve independent music accuracy in pitch and rhythm. I also teach private piano lessons locally.

Phone Eleanor Tracey at 604-462-0610 to register or go online to check out the program at www.themusicclass.com – use the class locator (E. Maple Ridge/Mission).



Old Age Pensioners – Branch 103

Branch #103 Whonnock Ruskin B.C.O.A.P.O. disbanded as of December 31, 2008. It was a difficult decision to make but our membership was ten and with the Seniors' Centre in Maple Ridge we felt it best. We lost Ailsar Henderson before Christmas and she had been an active member of our group. Although the branch no longer exists our members will continue to work for Seniors. The Whonnock Community Association is to be commended for all of the activities that are sponsored on a yearly basis. Margaret Norman,

Whonnock United Church

The Whonnock United Church at 27091 River Road meets Sundays at 11:00 AM for a joyful hour of music and worship followed by coffee and fellowship in our church hall. We are a small but warm and outreaching congregation, strong in our faith and genuine in our worship. We welcome all to come, visit and enjoy our service.

Wildwood Fellowship Church

Sunday Service 10:30 AM.
 10810 – 272nd Street

People matter to God and they matter to us! If you're looking to find a place to belong and a place where you can fit in, serve and be served, then we invite you to experience the community of Wildwood Fellowship Church.



WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? People often come to church hoping to find answers to life, to find support, acceptance and love, to develop positive friendships. We define "fellowship" as "the oneness of spirit that comes when two friends are on the same side of a struggle."

WHO ARE WE? We are a family-oriented, nondenominational community church. We believe you will find us to be a small church with a big heart. Our ministry is geared towards communicating Jesus Christ as the answer to meeting our deepest longings.

What do we offer? Opportunities to get to know your Creator and Designer:

- ✦ Kid's Zone – "Journey with Jesus" (ages 3-12) during Sunday services
- ✦ Youth Group – every Friday at the church 7:30 – 9:00 PM (ages 13-18)
- ✦ Guys and dads hockey nights – alternate Saturdays
- ✦ Men's breakfast – every third Saturday 8:00 AM
- ✦ Refreshing mix of contemporary and traditional worship to suit young and old alike

MORE INFO?

Please call Pastor Arnold or Eleanor Tracey at 604-462-0610 or check out our Web site at www.wildwoodfellowship.com

Whonnock Lake Centre Events

29 March — Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

12 April — Easter Egg Hunt

26 April — Rhododendron Society Show & Sale

12 May — BC Election Day



WWW.WHONNOCK.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 – 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 Lake Centre Report

It has surely been a winter wonderland at Whonnock Lake this year. The snow-covered trees and mountains make it a picturesque view. Many residents have been showing off their skating skills on the frozen lake.

The Whonnock Lake Centre has seen many improvements in its décor this winter. The interior has been freshly painted and upgraded. It's hard to believe that the building is over 20 years old.

There have been a couple of new classes added to our venue:
THE MUSIC PUPS CLASS: Wednesdays 10:00 AM– 10:45 AM and 11:15 AM–12:00 noon. Contact: Eleanor Tracey, 604-462-0610

YOGA & FITNESS: Wednesdays 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM.
Contact: Jaimee Stokes, 604-377-2660

The Centre will be a voting station for Election BC on May 12, 2009. Don't forget to vote.

Shirley and Jordy Blatter

Whonnock Bursary

The Whonnock Community Association offers an annual \$1,000.00 Bursary to any interested grade 12 students who resides or has been a past resident of Whonnock.

We are currently looking for some members to serve on this committee as the standing members are too close to the current group of graduates. This is a very small commitment time-wise and gives a lot of satisfaction to the volunteers, knowing you are helping a young person get started on further education. If interested please call Noreen Woods at 604-462-8557.

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 counsellor for more information.

Good Luck to all applicants!

Whonnock Community Association

EASTER EGG HUNT

A Whonnock Tradition!



*Sunday 12 April
Starts 1:00 PM sharp !*

HTTP://WHONNOCKIAN.BLOGSPOT.COM



Ruskin Hall

The Ruskin Community Hall, established in 1922, is located at the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue in Maple Ridge. The hall is available for rental for weddings, anniversaries, family reunions, etc. Our seating

capacity is 85. The basic rental rate is \$300, plus damage deposit. For more rental information please contact Shannon at 462-7642.

Whonnock Weavers & Spinners



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners continue to meet in the preschool room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. We had a very busy fall and were very happy to see many of you at our 28th Annual Open House in November. Now

we are turning our attention to learning new things. We will be having a spinning workshop in March, with Rebecca Fisher, one of our members, teaching us new and different spinning techniques.

Then in early July, we will once again have Jane Stafford of Salt Spring Island giving us a weaving workshop. This one will concentrate on lace weaves, and is the third in a series we have been enjoying with Jane. We are also in the early planning stages for "Fabulous Fibres" on July 25 and 26, 2009, part of the former Maple Ridge Fair, now known as Country Fest. Look for us either in Planet Ice or the curling rink, with weavers, spinners, felters and activities for kids of all ages.

We always welcome new members. If you are interested in the fibre arts and wish to join us, simply come to a meeting, or phone Marie at 462-9059.

Guys and Gals Volleyball

Wednesday nights at Whonnock Elementary all adults are welcome to come out for a drop-in Volleyball game 7:30 – 9:00. Some fun and fitness and best of all its free. <http://whonnockvolleyball.blogspot.com/>

Whonnock T.O.P.S. Local 4522

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY welcomes all new members to come see what we are all about. We are a non-profit support group that meets every Tuesday. Time 6:45 to 7:00 PM weigh-in, 7:00 to 8:00 PM meeting at the Wildwood Fellowship Church. So be positive and come. We offer guidance and lots of laughs. Call Lori at 604-463-7355 or Jo-Ann at 604-463-1622 for more information.

The Whonnock Foundation

The Whonnock Foundation was established in September 1994 to assist, encourage, and promote the well being of the residents of the area between 256th Street and the Stave Lake and Stave River basin.

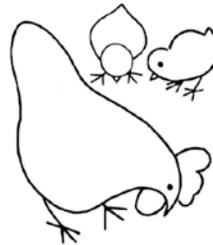
The Whonnock Foundation continues with its BYRNES BURSARY program granting amounts of up to \$2,000 for each four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post secondary establishment, with a proven record of good performance. We are looking for new and eager candidates for this program. For terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary visit: <<http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/Foundation.htm>> or phone 604.462.8942.

Westcoast Shotokan Karate School



GREAT FOR KIDS, TEENS OR ADULTS. Whether you are 5 or 65...come out and try a complimentary class of traditional Japanese karate taught by Sensei Andrew Johnson, 5th Degree Black Belt & Chief Instructor.

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 pm. until 6 pm. at Whonnock Lake Centre. For more information call Sensei Johnson at 604-612-3995 or e-mail : andrewjohnson306@gmail.com



Whonnock Wee Ones Play Group

For newborns to preschoolers. Open play-time, crafts, songs, circle time and lots of fun. Drop in, 8:30 to 11:30 AM, Tuesdays at Whonnock Lake Centre. \$2.00 per session.

Whonnock Walkers



Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Maureen at 604-467-5772 for more information. Location: Whonnock Lake Centre Parking lot.



Yoga & Fitness

Wednesdays 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM at Whonnock Lake Centre. Contact: Jaimee Stokes, 604-377-2660.

1st Whonnock Scouting Group



Remember when Scouts...did good deeds, helped friends and neighbours, shared stories around the campfire and just enjoyed being kids? Well they still do! And they do it in more exciting wonderful ways than ever before. Come join us on TUESDAY EVENINGS 6:30 at the Scouts Canada Whonnock Lodge at 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road.

Beavers, ages 5 to 7; Cubs, ages 8 to 10; Scouts, ages 11 to 14; and Venturers, ages 14 to 17 year, learn skills, plan adventures, and get down to the real business of being kids: having fun.

For 100 years, Scouts Canada has been Canada's number one youth organization. We are well known for our safe, fun, and adventurous programs, where fun is the common denominator, blended with friendship and outdoor fun. Our programs are provided by a network of caring people who enjoy the rewards of knowing the positive influence they have on young people.

Contact: Michael Paulmann 604-462-0953.



Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club

Keith Kelleway of the Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club has been named as B.C.'s male paddler of the year and received the Premier's athletic award at the ceremony on Thursday in Vancouver.

The Thomas Haney Secondary senior was recently named to the Canadian junior team, and spent the summer competing in events as far flung as Bochum, Germany, and Moscow, where he and his K-4 crew won a bronze medal in the 200-metre knock-out.

"Those larger international competitions were challenging and exciting," said Kelleway, "I really enjoyed the travel to new venues, with different food and language challenges. But all of the athletes there loved competing."

At the Western Canada Summer Games, Kelleway brought home 10 medals from the 10 events he was entered. He will be representing Team B.C. at the Canada Games in Prince Edward Island in August, as well as the Canadian National Championships in Sherbrooke, Quebec, in early September.

Kayak & Canoe - Community Youth Racing

Age: 9 – 13 years

The Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club is pleased to offer an introductory canoe and kayak program for boys and girls. Over the six week lesson period, trained coaches will teach participants the basics of paddling technique both in kayak and canoe, boat handling and basic water safety skills. Equipment will vary from recreational boats in the beginning of the program, to Olympic racing boats at the end. Participants will have an opportunity to race on Saturday June 20th in a fun regatta. Fee includes instruction, all equipment and insurance. Participants attend two sessions per week.

Location: Whonnock Lake Park

M,W May 11-Jun 17 6:00-7:30pm \$80/12 #126558

Tu,Th May 12-Jun 18 6:00-7:30pm \$80/12 #126559

Register online at www.recreg4u.ca or call 604-465-2470

News from Whonnock Elementary

Whonnock Elementary School started another great school year with two new additions. Mrs. Gwyneth Dixon-Warren began in September as our new Principal and in October we welcomed Mrs. Stephanie Dand as acting Principal for Mrs. Dixon-Warren's maternity leave. Whonnock Elementary also welcomed students who transferred in from Stave Falls and quickly became a vibrant part of our school. Friends were quickly made!



Whonnock put on a very successful Halloween carnival. Thank you to those in our community who came out and supported the school carnival! Spring is around the corner and the PAC has planned a family movie night and we are also bringing back the Sports Swap for May. Please watch for more info on this great way to exchange sporting equipment and raise money that supports our students and programs. Maple Ridge School District has put together a fantastic new Web site, so please check it out at www.sd42.ca and follow the link to our school's Web page.

Whonnock Elementary school is proud to be a part of such a great and supportive community! Happy Spring!

Kellie Marquet, PAC President

Drop-In Open Gym

Come check out our open gym and play sports such as basketball, volleyball, and floor hockey. Open Friday and Saturday evenings.

Location: Whonnock Elementary School

Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM. Ages: 10 to 14. COST: FREE!!!

Adults Learn To Kayak: Introduction

Age: 19 years and up

Learn basics of kayaking stroke and efficient paddling technique. Experience various types of recreational kayaks. Learn basics of water safety. This course will help develop excellent foundations for recreational kayaking, kayak tours and expeditions, as well as it is a great activity to build fitness without the need for running. Fee includes instruction, all equipment and insurance.

Taught by the Ridge Meadows Canoe and Kayak Club, certified coaches. Starts in May.

Register online at www.recreg4u.ca or call 604-465-2470.



Rhododendron Garden Notes



These notes are read by residents of Whonnock, but they are written by one having a more suburban lifestyle. As I visit the rhododendron garden I observe the comings and goings which convince me of the advantages of living in Whonnock. There is the walking club, the day care, the beautiful hall, the lake and the paddling club. At home you

tend your acres, and spend a lot of time doing it no doubt. It must be a very full life even if you are retired.

What is it that gives spice to life - perhaps a new enthusiasm and meeting new people? If you are looking for a new venture, I have a suggestion. Join the Rhododendron Club which meets monthly in Maple Ridge. In the last year we have had one lady resident of Whonnock join the club, and apart from attending the regular meetings she has enjoyed a day's outing to the Sunshine coast, and has participated in the Christmas Dinner and Party and a splendid summer barbecue.

At our meetings you are immersed in a gentle learning experience which embraces many aspects of gardening not solely related to rhododendrons. You can see and touch the many beautiful plants and plant forms that are brought in as they mature throughout the year. Without really trying you will find yourself acquiring new plants and new knowledge and your enthusiasm will grow.

With only twenty or thirty members attending a regular meeting, a newcomer will soon feel at home. There is always time to get advice from one of our truly expert gardeners. Our breaks are always special times when we can chat and enjoy home-made cookies. Our annual sale and flower show at Whonnock is an event which brings people together in achieving a most worthy objective, that of promoting our club and helping our finances.

After attending one or two of our meetings please consider becoming a member. A membership costs \$40 per year and includes membership of the American Rhododendron Society, the world-wide parent body. You will receive the quarterly journal of the ARS, a publication in full colour with many interesting articles.

If after joining, your inclination is to learn more and more about gardening and rhododendrons in particular, there will be opportunities to attend workshops, visit specialty gardens and to read some of the books in our library. Maybe you will bring your knowledge and enthusiasm back to our own garden at Whonnock and make it even more special.

Club meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month, September to May, except for holidays. We meet at St. Andrew's Heritage Hall, 22279 - 116th Ave., Maple Ridge, which is just off the west end of the Haney By-Pass. Please call Scot for more information at 604-464-7979.

Whonnock Well Monitoring Group

The Whonnock Well Monitoring Group was established in June 2007.

The members participate in two activities over a 3 year period.

THE FIRST ACTIVITY is having their well water tested twice a year in May and October.

The members have the option of the full test (mineral and bacterial / health) or just the bacterial / health. About 1 to 2 weeks before the test date, members pick up a test kit from Yukiko Tanaka. The kit is provided free of charge from the water testing lab Bodycote. On the morning of the test date, members bring their water sample to the Whonnock Lake Centre hall parking lot.

Yukiko Tanaka and Tilde Castiello check the form and method of payment and then place the water sample in a chilled cooler. Bodycote picks up the coolers by 8:30 AM. Within a week, the test results are sent to the member and also to Yukiko. The results are added to the spreadsheet.

THE SECOND ACTIVITY is taking well depth measurements on the first of every month.

A core group of six members have been taking depth measurements since July 2007. These measurements are e-mailed to Norman Billesberger who adds them into the spreadsheet.

Both these activities are planned to continue until the end of 2010, with the next water test date being Thursday May 21, 2009.

Contact Yukiko Tanaka for information: 604.462.8675 <yukikomtanaka@shaw.ca>.



Iron Mountain Pilates and Movement Ltd. | Whonnock Programs

PILATES BY THE LAKE — BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATE

Information: Arts and Recreation spring program or visit Parks and Leisure on the municipal Web site <mapleridge.ca>
To register for any of the above programs, please call 604-465-2470 or register on-line at www.recreg4u.ca