

Whonnock News



Spring 2004

Happy Valentine's Day!

President's Note

Fellow residents! It's January, 2004, and I was not able to achieve half the ambitious projects I had planned for last year. The years are moving much too quickly and I can barely find time to enjoy the reasons why we live here in the country.

When we moved here in 1990 it was because land was reasonably priced and we wanted more of a relaxed life style for our family. We have since met wonderful people and have enjoyed this community in all its flavours.

I hope you neighbours that are reading this newsletter have also found groups and people of interest. If you have ideas or proposals for any community sponsored events please attend one of our meetings and bring your new thoughts to us so we can support you and possibly help them become reality.

The Whonnock Community Association is here for the people of Whonnock and we need you to be involved to sustain its future. A warm thank you to all of you who make things happen in our community.

Yours truly, Brad Jennings, President.

Whonnock Lake Centre

Happy 2004! It's going to take a bit of practice to get that right. During this slow stretch I'm gearing up for the busy season ahead. It helps a lot to see smiling faces as they book the centre.

The New Year's party was a great success as fun was had by all. Cosmic catering did an outstanding job with the food as usual. A special thank you goes to Special Moments party rentals for the decorations, which always add a special touch.

We wouldn't have had a New Year's party if it weren't for Sue Schulze (and Quinn) who kindly again took time out of their busy schedules to organize and to Maureen and Simon Newton, without whose help it would have been a dry New Year!

A special thank you goes also to Maureen Stanfield (our gardener) for the creative touches with the hanging baskets and gardens over the holiday season. It gave the centre some pizzazz and many compliments.

The WCA has quite a few thanks to give out to volunteers since the last newsletter, starting with Kim and Ian Lashbrook who took on the huge task of getting Whonnock Lake Day together. It was just great! Each new organizer adds their own spin to things and a wonderful time was had by all. Even the weather cooperated.

Thank you also goes out to Adrianna and Glen Knox for putting on the Pancake Breakfast for the WCA. They also had a bevy of helpers and donations from Mission Safeway and Maple Ridge Save-On.

The Craft Fair was a big success thanks again to Lori Ryan.

The WCA is always looking for volunteers to help with special events; volunteers make a community special. So if you have some free time to help out, you want to organize an existing event, host a new one, help out Maureen in the Rhodo garden or whatever, please give me a call and we'll gladly accept whatever time you can offer.

Speaking of volunteers, the Annual Whonnock Community Association Volunteer appreciation dinner is Sunday, March 28, 2004. If there are special people in the community please let us know. Thank you goes a long way.

Jo-Ann, Whonnock Lake Centre Manager

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Submissions Welcome!

The Whonnock Community Association produces this newsletter twice a year around the end of January and in September. All submissions, editing, layout, and production is completely done by volunteers. The cost of printing and mailing is paid by the Whonnock Community Association. If you would like to see something in the newsletter or want to send in a submission please feel free to contact Noreen Woods at 604 462 8557 or leave a message at Whonnock Lake Centre, 604 462 8212. We try to be informative, and interesting with a non-biased approach to community events, programs, and groups. We are not a political statement or opinion piece. With that in mind we would like to welcome inquiries and questions about any submissions. Thank you for your support.

Whonnock Elementary School PAC

Our spring raffle of 2003 was a huge success. With the generous donations of those listed below and our diligent student sellers we managed to raise an outstanding total of \$1883.67. The funds raised will support future school activities as well as purchase much needed supplies for the school. Thank you again to the following for your charitable donations.

A & W; Bagel Street Cafe; Canadian Tire; China Kitchen; Custom Coaster & Tiles; Dairy Queen; Dino's; Favorite Finds; First Touch Soccer; Frogstone Grill; Gecko Nurseries; Gourmet Hideaway; Harris Road Cinemas; Knight & Day Restaurant; Little Ceasars; Lordco Parts Ltd; Maple Ridge Leisure Centre; Marks Work Wearhouse; Marquet, R and K; McFli Feed Store; Montgomery, J and B; Panago Pizza; Pioneer Wood Working; Photo Express; Red Robin Restaurant; Revs, The Bowling Center; Robitronics Family Video; Rogers Video; Save On Foods; Science World; Sports Traders; Swiss Chalet Chicken & Ribs; Teach N Toys; Texas Fried Chicken; Tim Hortons; Triple Tree Nursery; Vancouver Symphony; Websters Corner Feed; Westgate Flower Garden; White Spot Restaurant

Our fall fundraiser, the ever popular "Halloween Carnival" was a fun time and raised \$3000.00 for the school. This yearly event would not be so successful without the dedicated work of Gail Nelson, the Witches, Warlock and the parent, teacher and student volunteers. Thank you to all whom supported this ghoulish night of fun

The November Scholastic Book Fair raised \$975 towards the purchase new books for the school library.

P.A.C. funds so far this school year have supported various school supplies, including writing and math workbooks, sports equipment and classroom supplies.

Books...Books...Books ... At parents' and students' request this spring's fund-raiser is back. The "Used Book Sale" will be held April 22nd. Please watch the school's monthly newsletter for more details and if you have any books to donate, please contact the school at 604 462 7612.

P.A.C. meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Rhonda Knowles, Secretary, Parent Advisory Council

The Whonnock Foundation

Many people feel a connection to the community they live in, Whonnock is no different. The Whonnock Foundation is a non-profit organization, which through donations and bequests, uses those funds to benefit the communities of Whonnock, Ruskin and Stave Falls. It is a way to give something back to the community.

Due to the generosity of the late Mr. Brian Byrnes the foundation has received the two heritage homes and adjacent properties. This is a wonderful gift and a fine memorial to Mr. & Mrs. Brian and Isabel Byrnes, who cared so much about this community, its heritage and history.

If you would like to know more about the Whonnock Foundation please call Allan Springman at 604 462 8114.

Bingo and the Whonnock Community Association

A Bingo license is one way in which the Whonnock Community Association earns money to maintain, upgrade and run the Whonnock Lake Centre and offer this venue free of charge to user groups throughout the year. This license involves the association providing a volunteer once a month, on a Saturday afternoon, for three hours at the Bingo hall on 224th. We can always use more volunteers and the job is very easy, so if you have some spare time give Allan a call at 604 462 8114. A big thank you to all the volunteers who make this happen and to coordinator Allan Springman.

The Whonnock Community Association Bursary

The WCA offers a \$1,000 bursary to grade 12 students going on to post secondary education and who currently reside or have resided in the Whonnock area. One of the requirements looked at before rewarding the bursary is a student's commitment to the community, school, or other worthy causes through volunteerism. More information is available through the high school counsellors.

Register as a member of the Whonnock Community Association

The general consensus of the Whonnock Community Association is that anyone living in Whonnock belongs to the association. However, we do need your name & address & "toonie," to validate the organization and to advise you of ongoing events. Ideally we really would like to see more input from our community so please call Jean at 604 462 7794, stop in and see Jo-Ann & Eit at the hall, or attend a monthly meeting for more information or to sign up.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Every 3rd Thursday	WCA general meeting, 7:30 at Whonnock Lake Centre
Sunday, March 28	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Sunday, April 11	WCA Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 25	Rhodo Show & Sale
Thursday May 20	WCA Annual General Meeting

Community Policing

East Maple Ridge Community Policing committee (D Zone) runs independently with a community liaison officer in attendance. With help from the community the committee identifies problems and issues, then works towards resolving them. One example would be vandalism at the schools and parks. Drop in to see what it is all about, every 4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of Albion Hall.

Adopt a Block

Thank you to everyone for your continued dedication to keeping our streets free of litter. If you are interested in cleaning up an area, please let us know and we will provide a free "grabber", litter bag and safety vest to assist in your efforts. The task involves cleaning up at your convenience, preferably once a month, and litter can be disposed of at the dumpster beside Maggie's concession at Whonnock Lake. Just let us know so that we can coordinate each area. Call Jean at 604 462 7794.

Speed Watch

D Zone speed watch covers the area from 228th Street east to Ruskin, a very big area for a very few volunteers. The police receive many complaints about different problem areas such as speeding along 272nd. Sometimes drivers do not even realize they are speeding. We hope to act as a deterrent and help people think about traffic safety. If you have concerns and have approximately four hours a month to volunteer please contact the local police or phone 604 462 9097 for more information. Training is provided.

Lakeside Preschool

Located in the Whonnock Lake Centre at beautiful Whonnock Lake, this bright, well-equipped facility offers quality programming for three- to five-year-olds. Registration for September starts February 1, 2004. For ongoing registration for September registration phone Mrs. Kilsby to reserve your child's space in one of our programs at 604 462 0026.

Little Green Apple Preschool

Little Green Apple Preschool is accepting ongoing registrations for morning classes. Our Preschool offers many years teaching experience and a warm and nurturing environment within which we can promote numerous learning experiences for three- and four-year olds. Please call Jean or Winnie at 604 462 7663 for more information.



Ruskin Hall Information

Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Rental of the hall is available for anniversaries, weddings, family reunions, etc., for a basic weekend rate of \$250. Call the booking agent, Shannon at 604 462 7642, for more information.

We are currently raising funds for a new washroom and a wheelchair ramp. Vivian Biero, of Biero Enterprises has drawn plans, free of charge, for our renovation. Our target goal is \$15,000 and we have so far raised \$4,500. Fundraisers coming up are an *Antique Appraisal* and a *Dinner Theatre*. Definite dates to be announced.

The Ruskin Hall also has ongoing *Yoga classes*, Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Drop in and pro-rates are available.

For more information on any of these events or programs please call Louise at 604 462 9091.

Wildwood Fellowship

Wildwood Fellowship Church is a family oriented, non-denominational church that believes that all people matter to God. We welcome you to join us for our Sunday Worship services at 10:30 a.m. Our desire is that those who attend leave with practical help from God's Word to meet the challenges you face in your daily life and then be encouraged as you fellowship and get acquainted over a cup of coffee following the service. Our Super Church program runs during the service for children up to age 12.

We'd also like to invite you to a couple of events:

LADIES' NIGHT OUT at the church on Monday, Feb. 16th at 7 p.m. This is for all ladies but will be of special interest to ladies who find themselves living on their own. Margaret Wilson will be our guest speaker sharing her story of being on her own but never alone. Refreshments will be served. Invite a friend, she'll be glad you did!

JUST FOR KIDS FUN NIGHT on Sunday, February 29th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Another great night of singing, stories, crafts, games, activities and food is being planned! Children ages 3-8 will stay at the church the entire time. Ages 9-12 will go to the the Dowco gym for more "wacky and bizarre games" after our dinner. Please contact us ahead of time so we know how many to expect for dinner, etc.

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND will be held at Camp Luther (Hatzic Lake, Mission) on March 26th-28th (Friday evening till Sunday afternoon) Accommodations and meals are provided. Our guest speaker is Bob Peters from Calgary, Alberta. Activities are being planned for all ages but there will also be some time for R & R (Rest & Relaxation). This is a great opportunity to get away and just focus on your family and friendships alike.

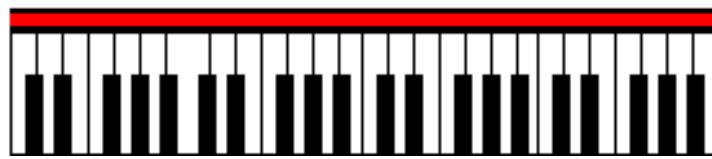
For more information on the church or these events, call Pastor Arnold or Eleanor Tracey at 604 462 0610.

Whonnock Weavers & Spinners



The Whonnock Weavers & Spinners continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the pre-school room of the Whonnock Lake Centre. We would like to thank the community for the excellent response to our "Show and Sale" in November, and we are already working on items for next year's sale. This spring we will be having some interesting programs put on by our members. As well, several of the Whonnock Weavers and Spinners will be teaching workshops at Fibre Fest International in Abbotsford in April.

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 604 462 9059.



Music Lessons

Piano & keyboard lessons for children and beginner adults.
 - variety of piano and keyboarding programs.
 - Creative teaching and motivational techniques.
 - taught locally by Eleanor Tracey.
 - call 604 462 0610 for lesson fees and schedule info.

Guides and Pathfinders

GIRL GUIDES (age 9-12) and **PATHFINDERS** (age 12-15) hold weekly meetings at Whonnock Lake Centre.

For information on **GUIDES**, call Helen Englund at 604 462 1006. For information on **PATHFINDERS**, call Kim Pierce at 604 467 8843.



No Cubs & Scouts in Whonnock?

In the past the Whonnock Cubs and Scouts have done a great job of fundraising and purchasing many supplies for their groups. This equipment is currently in storage waiting for the next cubs or scouts to enjoy, but we may lose all these supplies to an amalgamated Maple Ridge Mission group and see it leave Whonnock. Anyone interested in starting up a Whonnock Cubs for September, 2004 please contact Adrianna Knox at 604 462 7262.

Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club

RCKC offers many programs including a nationally ranked racing team, recreational club, canoe trips, summer canoe kid's camp, drop-in sessions and more. For more information call Paul Lovatt at 604-462-9106.

Adult Drop In Paddle

Commences May 11, 2004.

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays / Sundays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00

Basic Paddling For Adults

Age: 19 plus.

Learn basic paddling techniques in canoe and kayak as well as boat safety and more. No experience necessary.

Location: Whonnock Lake. One session: \$89.00

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. May 15th-program code #47400; June 5th-program code #47401

2004 Masters Kayaking Program

Are you over the age of 25 and looking for a new sport? Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club offers a beginner to intermediate kayak program held at Whonnock Lake and catering to those who enjoy an active lifestyle. RCKC provides trained coaches to teach proper paddling technique while strength, endurance and flexibility are improved. Contact Paul Lovatt 604-462-9106 for more information or visit www.rckc.ca



Arts Council

Tole Painting #48100

Decorative painting on wood is enjoying great popularity right now. It's easy to learn and you can achieve amazing results without any special artistic ability.

The project for this program will be a whimsical garden plaque. Materials for one sample project will be supplied. All you bring is two brushes—sizes will be printed on your receipt.

Instructor: Brenda Pelletier, B. Ed.

Location Whonnock Lake Centre, Thursdays 7:00–9:00 p.m.

4 Sessions: \$58.00, February 5–26th.

Info on other classes, please contact Brenda Pelletier at 604 462 1042

Lotions, Locks & Lips #48151

Age: 13 years plus

Improve the look and feel of your skin and hair naturally! Providing skin with pure nourishment is inner and outer beauty. In this hands-on class, create your own body care products by using nature's botanicals. Take home an Amazing Body Lotion, Natural Shampoo, Leave in Hair Therapy (Chamomile n' Rosemary) and a Mocha Mint Lip Fix. Plus: recipes on hair rinses and deep conditioners. All supplies included in course fee.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre.

1 session, \$43.00, Sunday, February 29th, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Old Age Pensioners Branch 103 – Whonnock

Meetings are the last Monday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Whonnock United Church. Call Margaret Norman, 604 462 7591 for more information

For the Well-being of Whonnock and Ruskin



Whonnock Archives

1986—*Brian and Isabel Byrnes standing in front of the home where they lived since 1942. The 1999 awarding of a Heritage Plaque to the Byrnes home was a public recognition of its heritage value and the care they took to keep it in its original state. In May of last year the Byrnes properties were given Heritage Designation and are now under government protection against undesired amendments.*

On 22 September 2003, Brian Byrnes, resident of Whonnock since 1919, passed away, following his wife Isabel, who had died six years before him.

Brian and Isabel live on in the hearts and minds of so many who found time to enter their cozy house and share a coffee and an enriching talk with them. Visits to the turtles, frogs and fish are remembered by youngsters, many of whom returned as parents to show their children that paradise is where we make it.

The Byrnes reference library went to the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives, where it will be made accessible to everyone as Brian would have liked it. Brian also enriched the museum with his extensive anthropological artifact collection—a jewel in the crown of the planned new museum. The Whonnock Community Association inherited the eclectic documentary legacy of Brian and Isabel Byrnes. The Byrnes documents will be part of the Whonnock Archives—stored at the Mission Community Archives—accessible to anyone interested in Whonnock and Whonnockians. Brian bequeathed his two homes and the lands around it and his life savings to the Whonnock Foundation “for the purpose of promoting well-being in the community of Whonnock and Ruskin.”

“It Was a Wonderful Life,” the latest in the series *Whonnock Notes* contains the text of published articles about Brian and Isabel Byrnes and a selection of notes and handwritten copies of letters written mostly by Brian. As all the other *Whonnock Notes* it is available at the Whonnock Post Office courtesy Sue Schulze. The price is \$5.00.



The following programs with a barcode are offered in partnership with Maple Ridge Parks & Leisure Services. Please call 604 467 7322 or 604 465 2452 to register for programs with a barcode. For all others, call corresponding phone number for more information.

Adults

Guys and Gals Volleyball

A social drop-in volleyball evening for adults.

Best of all, it's free!!!

Location: Whonnock Elementary School Gymnasium
Wednesdays: 7:45–9:00 p.m.

Whonnock Walkers

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Maureen at 604 462 7940 for more information.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre parking lot.

Whonnock T.O.P.S. No. 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 offers guidance and lots of laughs. We meet every Tuesday at 6:45–8:00 p.m. at the Wildwood Fellowship Church. So come out and start off the New Year on a positive approach. Call Lori at 604 472 7378 or Diana at 604 462 7385.

Pilates by the Lake

Strengthen, lengthen and tone your way to a stronger core and back, increased balance, flexibility and better posture. This class is suitable for all fitness levels and goals. Own mat is required. For more information, contact the Leisure Centre 604 467 7322 or visit www.mapleridge.org or register online at www.recreg4u.ca.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre

10 Sessions: \$60.00, January 7th–March 10th.

Wednesday, 9:00–10:00 a.m., Program code #47112

12 Sessions: \$72.00, March 24th–June 9th.

Wednesday, 9:00–10:00 a.m. Program code #47113

Children

Baseball Tiny T Ball—Level 1. Barcode #46201

Age: 3–5 yrs.

Children will be introduced to the basics of T Ball (softball) and will be taught skills through fun games and drills. Please bring a ball glove.

Location: Whonnock Elementary.

6 Sessions: \$24.00, Tuesdays: 5:00–6:00 p.m.,

April 6–May 11.

Soccer—Preschool Level 1. Barcode #46113

Age: 3–5 yrs.

Designed to introduce children to the basics of soccer, skills are introduced through games, obstacles and a mini-soccer match at the end. Emphasis is on fun, co-operation and participation.

Location: Whonnock Elementary.

6 sessions: \$24.00, Tuesdays: 6:00–7:00 p.m., January 20–February 24.

Baby Sitter Training. Barcode # 46101

Age 11–17 years.

This course comes highly recommended and is often expected from potential clients. At the completion of this course you will have the skills and knowledge to provide safe and secure care as a certified baby sitter. Please note: participants must be 11 years old or have their birthday during the program and before the exam date.

Location: Whonnock Elementary

5 sessions: \$40.00, Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m., January 20–February 17.

Community Youth Racing Program. Barcode # 47356

Age 7–13 years.

Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club is pleased to offer an introductory racing program for boys and girls aged 7–13 years. Learn basics of canoe & kayak and safety practices of this sport. Choose 2 weekly practice times each 1 ½ hours long. Program ends with a fun regatta on June 19th.

Location: Whonnock Lake.

Cost: \$89.00, Monday–Friday, 4:00–7:30 p.m., May 10–June 18.

Whonnock Wee One Play Group

For newborns to pre-schoolers. Open playtime, crafts, songs, circle time and lots of fun. For more information or to register call Jen at 604 462 9984.

\$2.00 per session.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre

Time: Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Westcoast Shotokan Karate

Karate for all ages from 4 years to adult. Come out and try a free class. Call Bill Railian at 604 8412597 for more information.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre

Monday 6:00–6:45, 6:45–7:15 p.m.—Self-training.

Drop in Gyms

Ages 13–18 years. Come and check out our open gym and play sports such as basketball, volleyball and floor hockey.

Cost: \$2.00

Location: Whonnock Elementary Gym

Mondays, 6:30–9:00 p.m.