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# WHONNOCK NEWS

FALL 2013



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The start of the fall season is special because your WCA executive gets back together again after the summer break.

It's especially great this year as we can cross many things off our agenda that have been weighing on us for many years. The Maple Ridge District has taken over the running of the hall and wedding bookings. Essentially, volunteers have been running the business of Whonnock Lake Centre rather than having the time and energy to look after community activities.

I would like to thank all the people in our community who have worked on the executive for so many years as well as the ones that have come out to help with our various activities. It just doesn't work unless we do have your support. A huge "thank you" to all of you who have been such wonderful support for us.

I must also give a special mention to Phil Johnson and Bud Popadiuk for being there at the hall's inception, construction and the maintenance of it all this time. We are indebted to you!

We have set the dates for some of next years activities and are looking forward to your participation at these events. We will be supporting a New Years Dinner & Dance this year. If you have any ideas or time to be involved in this please let us know.

Your new executive for 2013/2014 is:

President - Sandra Rossington - 604-462-9985

Vice President - Jacqlyn Rempel

Secretary - Helmi Braches

Treasurer - Noreen Woods

We have monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month and would be delighted to have you attend. It would be a pleasure meeting the people of our community.

*Sandra Rossington*



HALOWEEN 2012: TWO SCARY LADIES AT THE POST OFFICE.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, **October 5**, 2:00 pm. Fred Braches talks about George Godwin's novel *THE ETERNAL FOREST* at the Maple Ridge library.

Tuesday, **October 8**, 7:30 pm. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Ruskin Community Hall Association.

Thursday, **October 17**, 7:30 pm. WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meets at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Sunday, **October 27**. GIANT PUMPKIN GROWING CONTEST CULMINATION, Thornhill Hall .

**October 26, 27, 30, and 31**. Four scary nights: CARNEVIL at Ruskin Hall.

Sunday, **November 24**, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS open house and sales at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Saturday, **December 14** from 9:00 to 11:00 am. BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, Ruskin Hall.

Tuesday, **December 31**, NEW YEARS DINNER AND DANCE at Whonnock Lake Centre

## WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

We are very pleased to announce the 2013 Bursary Recipient is Cassidy Baker, a graduate from Garibaldi Secondary School. Congratulations Cassidy, and we wish you luck as you pursue your post-secondary education.

We encourage all grade 12 students who reside or have been a resident of Whonnock to apply to the Community Association for this \$1,000 bursary.

To qualify for this bursary, we look at an applicant's marks that must show a commitment to furthering their education at college, trade school or university. We also look at a student's history of volunteering either in the community, the school or other worthy cause. Finally we assess financial need, and of course we have the residency requirement.

Please check with your school counselor for more information and or an application form. Good luck to all applicants.

## WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's Web site at [whonnockschool.sd42.ca](http://whonnockschool.sd42.ca).

## MUSIC IN ME! STUDIO



### PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS

- Classical Certification (with Royal Conservatory)
- Recreational music (chording, playing by ear)
- Worship styles (improvise, play in a band)
- Contemporary styles (Pop, Jazz & Blues)

Eleanor Tracey. Phone: 604-287-6963  
[www.musicinme.musicteachershelter.com](http://www.musicinme.musicteachershelter.com)

## 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: <http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/Foundation.htm>

Recent Byrnes Bursary recipients are: Alyssa Pelletier, Megan Rogers, Michelle Vandermoor, Jordan Timmer, Andrew Franklyn, and Ian Wright.

## 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.

## WHONNOCK DROP-IN

Age: 10-13 yrs

A FREE teen session for those wanting to hang out with their friends and be active. No Sessions Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 23 and 30. Location: Whonnock Elementary

Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm

Call 604-467-7354 for more information.

## WHONNOCK YOUTH OUTREACH

A component of Maple Ridge's Youth Outreach Initiative, Whonnock Youth Outreach hosts activities with the area residents, volunteers, parents and the Community Association to develop social and recreational opportunities.

Monday: 7:00 - 9:00 pm. For more information, contact Brian Patel at 604-467-7448 or Megan MacMillan at 604-467-7497.



## WHONNOCK WALKERS

Contact: Maureen 604 467-5772

Meeting Location: Whonnock Lake Centre

Day/Time: Monday, Wednesday Friday at 9:15 am.

## WHONNOCK VOLLEYBALL

This is a social drop-in volleyball evening for adults and it is sponsored by the Whonnock Community Association.

Donations are gratefully accepted and will go towards the rent of the facility. Depending on time, we play three games or more. Players of all skills are welcome.

Location: Whonnock Elementary Gym

Wednesday, 7:30 - 9:00 PM.





## THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Community Hall continues to enjoy consistent rentals all spring and summer. For information regarding hall rentals contact Fran Norman at 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney at 604-476-7794.

It has been wonderful that our new well has given us an opportunity to rent to large groups for special occasions with no concerns over water shortages. The quality and quantity of our deep well has provided us with some of the best well water in our District, we are told.

On September 5th, TAPS (Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study) hosted an evening called WOW (Well Owners Workshop) with support and personnel from the Ministry of Environment, B.C. Groundwater Association, a Hydrogeologist, an Environmental Planner, Fraser Health, Exova (a water testing company). This was an important meeting as our community and others are dependent on our aquifer (Grant Hill Aquifer) for their clean drinking water.

Joan Duncan, a resident from Thornhill, has almost single-handedly raised \$550 towards refinishing our hall floor. We continue to raise money as the floor gets a lot of good use and is in need of care. We are grateful for Joan's efforts and would appreciate any donations to be made to the Thornhill Community Hall for that goal to be achieved.

October 27th is our annual Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest culmination, which is a wonderful family event.

It was a wonderful warm summer and the gardens are flourishing.



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## RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

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Phone: 604-462-9739 | [ruskinhall@yahoo.ca](mailto:ruskinhall@yahoo.ca)  
<http://www.whonnock.ca/ruskin/>

The Ruskin Hall is situated at the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue in Maple Ridge. Community meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30. Our Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, October 8. Everyone is welcome.

The hall is available for rental at nightly or hourly rates. For rental information contact our booking agent Shannon at 604-462-7642.

Hatha Flow Yoga classes are again being offered by Kim Rondquist on Wednesday nights at 7:30. Hatha Flow Yoga uses breathing to bring fluidity and flow to stretches and poses. Everyone is welcome; drop-in rates are available. For more information contact Kim at 604-462-4284.

Carnevil will be returning to the Ruskin Hall for four scary nights in October (Sat. 26, Sun. 27, Wed. 30, Thurs. 31). Admission is \$3 from 6:00 to 7:00, and \$5 from 7:00 to 10:00. Lights will be kept on until 7 o'clock, then beware. Children are encouraged to come early.

Our Breakfast with Santa will be Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 to 11:00. Santa has agreed to visit us from 9:30 to 10:30. Remember to bring your camera.



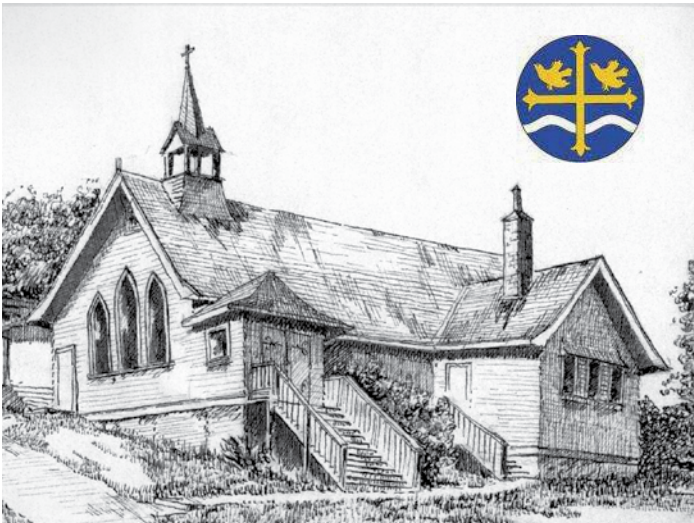
**JUNICHI TANAKA**, born in Japan, established a ceramics studio at Whonnock in 1998.

His work has been widely accepted all over Canada.

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

His Web site address is [www.ceramicsjunichi.com](http://www.ceramicsjunichi.com)

http://whonnockian.blogspot.com



### HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

Do you find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty, in the questions rather than in the answers? Do you have religious interests and longings but question the beliefs and dogmas you associate with Christianity? Are you concerned about claims that Christianity is the “only way”? We welcome all those who enjoy the journey of discovery that is life.

Please feel free to join us for our Sunday Service in our Heritage Church in a lovely rural setting. Service is held from 10:00am to 11:30am every Sunday morning. You are encouraged and welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship afterwards held in our modern Church Hall that has all the facilities you'd expect!

We have a Sunday School and a nursery running each week for those with children. The congregation and our enthusiastic members make sure that all our seasonal events go with a real bang.

- Priest in Charge: Rev. Dr. E.J. (Ted) Celiz.....604-568-6449
- Bishop's Warden: Bob MacMillan.....604-826-3519
- Peoples Warden: Thomas Kerr.....604-462-9797
- Associate Bishop's Warden: Wynnae Sel don.....604-240-0421
- Hall and Church Rental information ..... 604-462-7933

## CornerStone

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

Come in and relax. You don't need a jacket or a tie or even dress shoes.

At CornerStone Neighbourhood Church we just want you to be you.

9975 272 Street  
 Phone: 604.462.1161

www.whonnock.ca



### WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am (10810 - 272nd St.) Wildwood Fellowship Church is a non-denominational, community church for all ages. We have youth, teens, young adults, middle aged and seniors attending. Are we perfect? Do we have all the answers? ... no. But we do know that God loves us and desires that we grow in grace and in our knowledge of Him.

We do care and we welcome you to come, visit and get to know us. It doesn't matter if you are old, young, single, married or divorced, with or without children, you will find that you will be accepted at Wildwood Fellowship Church. Come and join us as we grow and learn together. We know that ultimately Jesus Christ is the One who can truly satisfy the inner longings of our hearts.

For more information on events ministries and special services please call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-287-6963, Check out our website at [www.wildwoodfellowship.com](http://www.wildwoodfellowship.com) or just drop in and visit us some Sunday morning.

- You are welcome to join us for our:
- THANKSGIVING DINNER - Sunday, October 20th at 5 pm
- CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - December 24th at 7 pm



### WHONNOCK T.O.P.S. 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 6:45 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



## RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

Wasn't that a summer?!!!

While Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club cannot attribute our success of the last few months solely to the excellent weather, it certainly wasn't a hindrance and many members took advantage of the sun and warmth to train hard and improve their level of skill and fitness. They were rewarded with fine performances at regional regattas as well as ones farther afield.

This was a Canada Summer Games year and Brian Malfesi paddled his kayak to gold in the Junior 1000-meter race in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Two weeks later, the National Championships were held in Montreal and, once again, medals were won as well as many young athletes finishing in the top 10, something that bodes well for their future success.

The canoe/kayak paddling sport is HUGE in Eastern Canada and it speaks well for our club when we can compete on the national stage and make our mark.

By the time this newsletter goes to press our last big event of the year, the Pacific Cup Regatta, will be over and athletes will be turning their thoughts to winter training. Ridge Canoe and Kayak isn't just training and competition however, we're into fun and fitness too.

For many years, RCKC has had a school and group program that offers an enjoyable day of basic canoe, kayak and water safety instruction for a very modest fee. Due to labour issues in 2012, enrollment in the school program was poor. This year has been quite the opposite, with more than 600 participants by the end of summer and more groups booked for the fall.

We also have an active Masters (adult) group that paddles a few times each week.

Whether young or old, we are always looking for more members.....why don't you join us?

*Tom Brent*

## WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a wonderful spring and summer dyeing, felting, making baskets, as well as weaving and spinning. We have had two workshops with renowned teachers, Robyn Spady and Anita Luvera Mayer, as well as a knitting workshop last spring.

We demonstrated at Haney House on July 1st, the Country Fest at the Albion Fairground on July 27th & 28th and at the Haney Farmer's Market on August 17th.

We will be hosting spin-in Tuesday nights at The ACT on January 14, February 11 & March 11, 2014 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

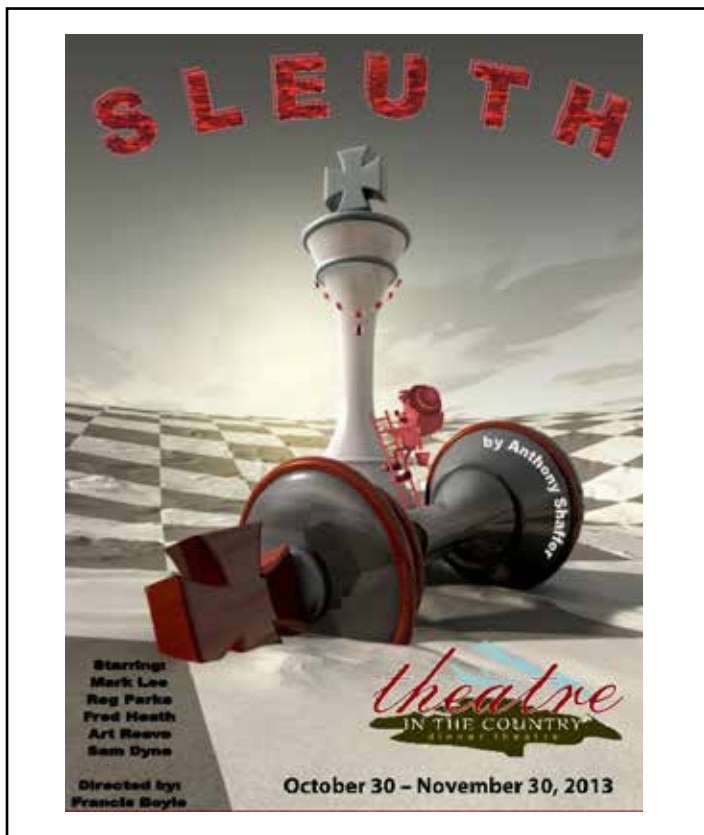
We are now busy preparing for our 33rd annual Open House exhibit and sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 24 from 11 AM to 4 PM. We hope to see many of you there.

Our Web site is at [www.whonnockweaversandspinners.org](http://www.whonnockweaversandspinners.org). We will be adding to the content as time allows.

Our meetings are held in the preschool room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. There is a short business meeting followed by a program. We also meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, but these meetings could possibly be at the Whonnock Lake Centre or at members' home. We would like to invite visitors and potential members to join us for a meeting. There is always lively discussion, comradeship, and wonderful programs with opportunities to learn. For more information on upcoming meetings, please contact Marie at 604-462-9059.



THIS YEAR FOR THE 33RD TIME WHONNOCK WEAVER'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE EXHIBIT AND SALE .



THEATRE IN THE COUNTRY is very excited for its upcoming production of the classic thriller *SLEUTH*, a play that the *London Times* called, “the most fiendishly clever thriller ever written for the stage. It’s a battle of wits where every line is a move on a chess board. Opens on Halloween Night with a dessert preview on October 30th.

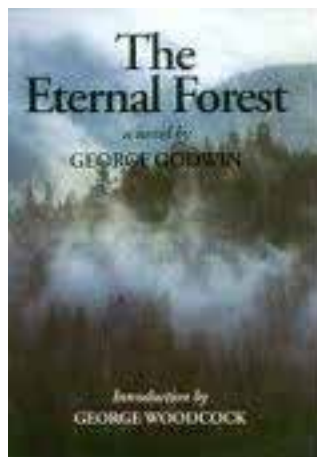
We are also thrilled to announce four great shows for its upcoming season starting in January with the hilarious British farce, *NOISES OFF*. At Easter we will present a drama called *THE LOWER ROOM*, which tells the story of Christ’s death through the lives of the women who knew him. Our big Spring musical is the crowd favourite *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* which will run throughout June and into July. Our Fall mystery play is Agatha’s Christie’s most famous production: *THE MOUSETRAP*.

On top of that we will be offering a summer teen musical theatre intensive for young people 13-19 that will culminate in a spectacular production of *LES MISERABLES*. Watch our website for upcoming “*IMPROV DESSERT NIGHTS*” that will be scattered throughout the year.

We are proud to be a part of the community of Whonnock and welcome all of new neighbours to come and see any or all of our shows.

Furthermore, if you are interested in volunteering with Theatre in the Country in the areas of ushering, hosting or back stage with costumes or set building then we offer some nice complimentary ticket packages to those who choose to be a part of the magic in that way. Email Reg Parks, Art Director, at <reg@theatreinthecountry.com> for more info.

## ONE BOOK WHONNOCK



The selection for this year’s reading is the book *THE ETERNAL FOREST*, a semi-autobiographical novel by George Godwin reflecting on the years before the First World War when the author and his wife lived in Whonnock, or as he called it: Ferguson’s Landing. Up to this moment 28 people are registered as readers for the book.

Fred Braches will discuss the book and its author at the Maple Ridge library on Saturday, December 5, at 2:00 pm. The

talk is open to anyone interested.

Call Jean at 604-462-8942 if you are interested to join in the reading of the book or send an e-mail to [webmaster@whonnock.ca](mailto:webmaster@whonnock.ca).

In January, on a date and place to be confirmed, the readers will meet their neighbours to talk about their impressions of *The Eternal Forest*. Judging by this year’s event, it promises to be a lively evening. Date and place will be announced on the Web site: [onebookwhonnock.blogspot.ca](http://onebookwhonnock.blogspot.ca)



## WHONNOCK JKA KARATE WESTCOAST SHOTOKAN KARATE ASSOCIATION

Kids and Family karate classes

Mondays and Wednesdays

Tiny Tigers: 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Regular/Family: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Advance Training: 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Starting off with Tiny Tigers for the little ones for ages 4 to 10 years old. This class is specifically designed to help children with the necessary skills needed to protect themselves and gain discipline and confidence through their growing-up years and entire lives.

Sensei Gary Johnson brings over 45 years of martial art experience to the Whonnock community.

A great affordable way to gain flexibility, get in shape, increase your confidence and protect yourself.

Come try a free drop-in class any time!!

## MONTESSORI CORNER

The Montessori Corner is a private educational organization. We offer preschool and kindergarten programs in two different locations, Websters Corners and Thornhill.

For more information visit <<http://montessoricorner.ca/>>, e-mail <[info@montessoricorner.ca](mailto:info@montessoricorner.ca)>, or call Ms. Debora Vieira at 604-462-1400.

## PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

### PROGRAMS AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

For more info, dates or to register by phone, call 604 465-2470 or for online registration go to [www.recreg4u.ca](http://www.recreg4u.ca).

Yoga – Burn & Firm Yoga Fusion  
Hatha Yoga  
Yoga for Pain & Anxiety  
DanceFit – Zumba  
Sit & Fit Seniors Wellness Class  
Babysitter Training, Age 11 – 17  
Daycamp for Pro D Day  
Santa's Little Helpers, Age 3 – 5  
Edible Science, Age 6 – 12  
Nature Explorers, Age 6 – 12



## IRON MOUNTAIN MOVEMENT

**BEGINNER – PILATES BY THE LAKE:** Monday September 23-December 9/13, 6:50-7:50 pm (no session October 14 and November 11)

**INTERMEDIATE – PILATES BY THE LAKE:** Monday September 23 – December 9, 8:00-9:00 PM (no session October 14 and November 11)

*Designed for those with a strong Pilates base to further improve posture, increase lung capacity, and sculpt strong, lean muscles. Work on your body and mind, soaking in the serenity of Whonnock Lake. Own mat required.*

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre | Fee: \$56.70/9 sessions

Barcode #183067 | Instructor: Iron Mountain Movement

To register visit [www.recreg4u.ca](http://www.recreg4u.ca) or call 604-465-2470 or for more info visit <http://www.ironmountainmovement.com>

## LOOKING BACK



This advertisement in the *Gazette* of June 6th, 1951 is all that is reported about the restaurant in the newspapers.

The Lazy Susan restaurant seems to have been in a Panabode house on east side of Spilsbury Road.

The \$1.00 price for a dinner will make us smile but it was considered at that time to be an expensive restaurant.

If you know more about the restaurant – know who owned it, have a menu, or a photo to show or just to share a memory, please give Fred a call at 604-462-8942.

Fred is also looking for a picture of the Thornhill School building (when it was still a school). No, the museum does not have one and neither does SD 42.



WHONNOCK & RUSKIN HISTORICAL CALENDAR 2013

Again a Whonnock and Ruskin Calendar is in production. This will be the tenth year.

You can find pictures of previous calendars on the Web site. Go to <[whonnock.ca](http://whonnock.ca)> select “History and Heritage” and click on “Calendar Pictures.”

Please look for old pictures of Whonnock and Ruskin – people and places – that you think would be nice to show in this year’s calendar. If you think you found something that would be just great for the 2014 calendar call 604 462 8942 and leave a message.

The new calendar will be available at the post office early November.



**Whonnock Community Association**

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**Application for Membership**

Everyone living in Whonnock is a member of the Whonnock Community Association but only those registered as a member for at least two months have voting rights at meetings of the Association.

Membership is free. Please complete this membership application and submit it for registration. After registration we will check once a year by phone or e-mail to confirm your registration as a member. Call Helmi at 604-462-8942 or attend a monthly meeting for more information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type** (please circle one):

Individual (one vote at meetings)

Family (two adults plus children under 18; two votes per household at meetings)

Corporate (society or corporation; one vote at meetings)

Members and residents of Whonnock are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings, held every third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Whonnock Lake Centre.

Please mail the completed form to the above address, or bring it to one of our meetings.