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# Whonnock News

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## President's Report

As I am writing this report, the sun is shining and it is the start of a beautiful September in Whonnock as we say goodbye to our long time Manager Caretakers at Whonnock Lake Centre. I would like to take this space to sincerely thank Eit and Jo-Ann Bakker and their children, Liana and Nick for the last 10 years of service to this community. They came as new hall managers and are leaving as truly good friends. I know they do not want any fuss, but they have gone above and beyond their duties so many times and in so many ways we will miss them tremendously. I wish them much good luck and happiness in the next stage of their lives.

As we say good bye to the Bakkers I would like to welcome the new hall managers, Jorde and Shirley Blatter. We hope their stay here in Whonnock is long and happy. Please stop by and give them a warm welcome to Whonnock.

Although life and people are busy, there are many ways small ways to contribute to your community. Volunteers are needed to do Bingo (3 hours once a year!), Adopt a Block (help keep a portion of your neighbourhood clean a couple of hours a month), and the Community Association is always happy to see new volunteers to help with a variety of things.

This summer has been much better with regards to burglaries and theft, but keeping an eye out for your neighbors, being interested in who comes and goes, attending public meetings, community events are all things which help keep our community safe and enjoyable for everyone.

To all of the Community, take a moment to enjoy all that the area has to offer. There is Whonnock Lake and Centre, the extensive horse trails, local smoked fish, excellent late blackberries, the sometimes seen, sometimes heard wild creatures as well as our local farm animals of many types. There are running groups, walking groups, fitness classes, scouts, guides, canoe and kayaking, and an excellent Halloween Carnival from the local Elementary school. Whonnock Lake Day is coming up on September 24th so please remember to pray to the weather gods for a good day and come join us for lots of fun, food and friendship. Check out this newsletter or our Website, Whonnock.ca for information on these things and much more. Enjoy!

Noreen Woods, President, Whonnock Community Association

THE WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GETS TOGETHER ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7:30 P.M., AT WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. NO OBLIGATIONS.

## Fun for the whole family Whonnock Lake Day Sunday 24 September 2006

ALL DAY:

- RCKC REGATTA
- DRAGON BOAT RIDES
- "BOUNCY CASTLE" – USC EDUCATION SAVINGS PLAN
- WHONNOCK WEAVERS
- 4H RABBIT CLUB
- KARATE DEMO
- WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP APPLE JUICE AND PIES
- PETTING ZOO
- CRAFT TABLES
- RAFFLE

- PANCAKE BREAKFAST (RCKC) 8:30 – 10:00
- LIVE MUSIC BY DEWBERRY COUNTRY 11:00 – 3:00
- LUNCH CONCESSION (OAP) FROM 11:00
- CART AND PONY RIDES FROM 10:00
- NORDEN THE MAGICIAN 11:00 – 12:00
- STAVE FALLS SCOTTISH DANCERS 2:30 – 3:15

TABLE RENTAL (\$10.00): CALL SUE 604 462 7519  
DISPLAYS: CALL TERESA 604 462 7288

IDEA: RENT A TABLE FOR YOUR GARAGE SALE ITEMS!



## Byrnes Road

All is well that ends well. On 13 June Mayor and Council agreed to change the name of 269th Street at River Road to Byrnes Road in honour of the Byrnes family who came to Whonnock in 1919 and Brian and Isabel Byrnes in particular. Hurrah! Thanks are due to Director Jane Pickering and her staff of the Planning department and to Mayor Gordon Robson and Councillors Judy Dueck and Craig Speirs who were particularly supportive. Also a thank you to the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission for their efforts.

## Whonnock Community Association Bursary – \$1000

Congratulation to the 2006 Whonnock Community Association Bursary recipient, Ms. Megan Sjogren, who will be continuing her education at UCFV and hopes to become an Elementary School Teacher. Best of luck, Megan.

Our bursary is awarded every June in accordance with District graduation schedules and policy. So for all you grade 12 students residing in the Whonnock area and going on to post-secondary education, inquire with your school counsellors for more information and to get an application package. 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. Good luck to all applicants.

## The Lodge by the Lake

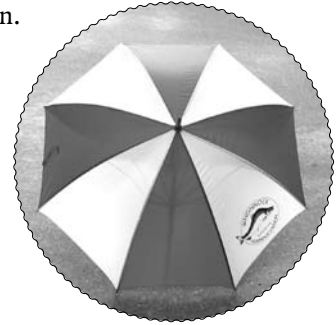
The drawing to the right is Architect Frank Sleigh's 1970s concept of Whonnock Lake Centre: "A peeled log structure sympathetic to its natural setting in lake-side woodland." A log cabin style building is what stayed on the executive's mind for a long time. Whonnock residents responded enthusiastically to a request to donate trees for the construction of their hall. Read more about these and other stories of the gestation of Whonnock Lake Centre in the latest illustrated *Whonnock Notes*: "A Dream Come True" that will be for sale for the first time on Whonnock Lake Day.

Also on Whonnock Lake Day a plaque will be unveiled honouring those who contributed to the realization of that dream.

## Something for all Whonnockians

Our "unusual" weather will return soon. To keep you dry the Whonnock Community Association has in stock a small number of charming Whonnock Umbrellas in brilliant Canadian red and white, decorated with the famous Whonnock logo.

The umbrellas are for sale at McFly's (Sue's) and at Whonnock Lake Centre. Keep dry for \$20!



## The Whonnock Foundation

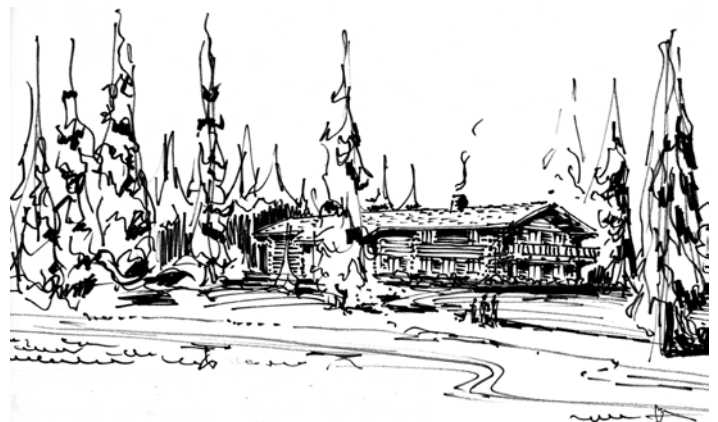
The Whonnock Foundation is pleased to announce that they granted a Byrnes Bursary to Liana Bakker, who is enrolled in a massage therapy program at New Westminster. There were many applicants for the Byrnes Bursary but the Directors were particularly impressed with the efforts Liana is putting in reaching her career goal, financing her studies with student loans and taxing part-time employment. She consistently holds a more than satisfactory academic standing. This first bursary for \$2,000 is for a four-month term starting in September. It may be repeated for each following term until Liana finishes the program. For more on the Byrnes Bursary log on to [www.whonnock.ca](http://www.whonnock.ca) or e-mail <[foundation@whonnock.bc.ca](mailto:foundation@whonnock.bc.ca)>.

## Community Policing & Speed Watch

For information on Community Policing, Speed Watch, Block Watch or any other programs available through the RCMP Volunteer services, go to the Ridge Meadows RCMP detachment home page and click on the Volunteering icon. Their Web site is <[www.rcmp.grc.gc.ca/bc/lmd/ridgemeanows/contents.html](http://www.rcmp.grc.gc.ca/bc/lmd/ridgemeanows/contents.html)>

## Adopt-A-Block

Thanks to all of those who continue to volunteer to help keep our community clean and tidy. We have lost a couple of volunteers in the last while, so if anybody is interested please give me, Jean Ruttan a call at 604-462-7794. I will provide you with a grabber and instructions on disposal of your garbage.



## Whonnock Lake Centre Report

September already! It's hard to believe. A stellar summer we had. Lots of happy brides, lots of happy kids and lots of family fun due to the fabulous weather and of course the great location.

A big thank you goes to the student leaders who provided the little ones with hours of fun. They were a great bunch of kids.

Also thank you to RCKC summer programs, coaches and regular coaches who worked hard all summer with their own programs and who helped ease the minds of brides by rearranging their schedules to accommodate them. A huge thank you!

As a lot of you know this will be my last managers report. We are moving on, starting a new chapter in our lives. It's been a wonderful experience living here, watching our family grow as well as watching all of yours. We will miss it tremendously at times and although it is only a ten minute drive it will not be quite the same.

We'd like to thank the Whonnock Community Association of 1997 for giving us the chance. A special thank you to Mr. Allan Springman, for his guidance, wisdom and understanding, which sometimes I did not fully appreciate. Phil Johnson, a man no woman should be without! (Maybe not all the time!) Debbie Smith for the monthly get-togethers and keeping us on track. Mel for stepping up to the plate, for being a great listener and friend. Norm, for the computer lessons and understanding—maybe one day it will sink in. Fred and Helmi for the history lessons, laughter, kindness and drive. Maggie and family for being great neighbours and for always being there. Derrien and Marge for keeping me company. Noreen Woods for her kindness understanding and fairness to all.

There are so many people to thank. You have a great community and a great community association which makes this a better place to live. Sometimes you may think nothing is being done, but there is a lot of dedication here (have you checked out the Web page!) They are a great bunch of people and they can't do it alone so get involved in some way and be a part, big or small, of your community.

Also a big thank you to the new caretakers, Shirley and Jorde Blatter for applying for the job! They have been training throughout the summer and are anxious to get started. I know they will do a great job. The support of the WCA, the community at large and a phone call to us will keep them going for years to come.

Good Luck! We will miss Whonnock.

Jo-Ann, Eit, Liana, Nick, and Baxter Bakker.

## Happenings at Whonnock Lake Centre

**Public Information Meeting** (re water/aquifer) – October TBA

**Whonnock Elementary School Halloween Carnival** – TBA

**Whonnock Country Craft Fair** – Saturday, November 18

**Whonnock Weavers Art Show and Sale** – Sunday, November 26

**New Years Eve Dinner & Dance** – Coordinator needed.

## Ruskin – Upcoming Fall Events:

Flea Market/Book sale - Saturday, October 21 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Call Louise at 604-462-7642

Pub Night at the Shake and Shingle – Saturday, November 18th. Burger and a Beer - \$10.00. Call Louise at 604-462-7642 or 604-462-7596.

Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 – 11:00 am.

Yoga with Kim – restarting end of Sept 7:30 on Wednesday evenings. (Call 604-462-4284)



## Wildwood Fellowship Church

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

Our KIDS CLUB will be meeting bi-weekly on Fridays 6:30 – 8:30 PM for crafts, games, activities and occasional outings. This is for any children Kindergarten up to Grade 4. The first activity will be held October 6th at 6 PM at every kids favourite back yard (McDougall's Fun Farm - 27538 112th Ave.) It will be a potluck BBQ for the whole family - bring salads or desserts, hamburgers/hot dogs will be provided.

The COMMUNITY JR. YOUTH GROUP is open to anyone in Grades 5–8. We meet twice a month, usually Sunday evenings 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Games and activity are a big part of the fun we've been having together as well as some "God-talk" times to help kids discover some incredibly wonderful things about God and His plan for their lives, etc.

Watch the Whonnock school newsletter for up-coming events or sign up to be on our e-mail contact list. Most events are local - come when you are able.

Our Kick-Off will be Sunday, October 8th with a Fear Factor Night at the Dowco Gym, please don't come dressed in your finest, you may regret it. Laughter and groaning guaranteed, this event is not for the faint-of-heart! Calling ahead to register is helpful but not absolutely necessary.

On Sunday, October 22nd we will plan a trip to the Chilliwack Corn Maze. Call for more details. Registration will be required so we can plan enough drivers/rides.

Please call Pastor Arnold or Eleanor Tracey at 604-462-0610 for more information on the church or any of our programs.



## Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club News

RCKC is excited to be hosting the upcoming BC Bantam/Masters Sprint Canoe/Kayak Championships during the weekend of September 23/24 at Whonnock Lake. Competitors from B.C., Alberta and Washington State will battle for first place. On the same weekend on Sunday, RCKC will be offering visitors to Whonnock Lake Day a chance to paddle in a dragon boat. The cost is \$5 per person to cover insurance costs. Pick up a paddle and join a group of 20 paddlers to experience a safe, enjoyable water sport.

For more information about these events or the Ridge Canoe and Kayak Club visit our Web site <rckc.ca> which can also be linked through <whonnock.ca>.

Virginia Kuran, Commodore

## Whonnock T.O.P.S. Local 4522

Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a non-profit weight-loss support group that meets every Tuesday at the Wildwood Fellowship Church in Whonnock. We offer guidance, support and plenty of laughs. Come see what we are all about. Time 6:45 – 7:00 P.M. weigh-in; 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. meeting. Call Lori at 604-463-7355 or Jo-Ann at 604-462-1511 for more information.

## Whonnock Youth Outreach

In partnership with the Whonnock Community Association. A component of the Youth Outreach Initiative, Whonnock Youth Outreach hosts activities within the Whonnock area. The Youth have been working hard with the area residents, volunteers, parents, and the Community Association to develop social and recreational opportunities. For more information call: 604-467-7354. (Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm September – June).

## Old Age Pensioners – Branch 103

Meetings are on 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.

## Whonnock United Church

The Whonnock United Church at 27091 River Road meets Sundays at 11:00 a.m. for a joyful hour of music and worship followed by coffee and fellowship in our church hall. We are a small but warm outreaching congregation, strong in our faith and genuine in our worship. We welcome all to come visit and enjoy our service. For more information call Jean Ruttan at 604-462-7794.

## Whonnock Elementary PAC

The school year has begun and it's going to be a great one. We are pleased to welcome our new Principal, Mr. Alan Millar, four new staff members and 48 new students to Whonnock Elementary. There are now 232 students attending our school.

Thank you to all who participated in our Art Auction hosted at Whonnock Lake Centre in May. The evening was a great success and a whole lot of fun. Special thanks to Jo-Ann Baker, Whonnock Lake Centre, Brenda Pelletier, Kellie Marquet, the staff and parents involved in making this fund-raiser a huge success. An extra special thank you to all the students who created the amazing art, which managed to raise an outstanding \$3,600.

The popular and fun Halloween Carnival will be back this year. The date has not yet been set, but it is expected to be towards the end of October. Please watch for future school newsletters, school notices and the sign at the pump house for more details.

The first PAC meeting will be held directly after the Open House on Thursday, September 21 in the library. All staff, parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Rhonda Knowles, PAC Secretary



## 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. We provide a wide range of opportunities for social interaction, exploration, and problem solving through unstructured play. 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 Wee Ones Play Group

Drop in for parents and preschoolers 3 and under. Fun and games from 9:00 am to 11:00-ish, Tuesday mornings. Cost is \$2.00 per session. Call Sandra at 604-463-5347 for more information.

## Guys and Gals Volleyball

Wednesday nights at Whonnock Elementary all adults are welcome to come out for a drop in Volleyball game 7:45 – 9:00-ish. Some fun and fitness and best of all it's free.



## 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 Rhododendron Garden

In time for the plant sale on April 30, Maureen the gardener did another wonderful job of weeding and raking and tidying of the beds and paths. We are much in debt to the Whonnock Community Association for providing Maureen's services. When visiting, it is well worthwhile to look at the gardens around the Community Hall. In these areas Maureen has selected plants and developed the gardens to a high standard of grace and charm. They are one reason for the popularity of the Centre as a wedding venue.

About 20 members of the Peace Arch chapter visited the garden on Saturday April 29th. Earlier they had been shown round the Hemminger's garden. The rain did not dampen their spirits and they enjoyed their bagged lunches in the Hall before being shown round our garden by John and Scot. They had fun naming the rhododendrons as they went, but one red flowered specimen with indumentum in the old garden defied identification. Considerable interest was shown in the irrigation system and it was obvious that in White Rock a lot of time could be spent with hosepipe in hand.

Five senior ladies from Mary's church in Port Coquitlam visited the garden on May 12th. Their visit was rounded out by looking in at the old-established Post Office in Whonnock followed by lunch at Bruce's Market.

Our nematodes arrived from England via a local supplier and were applied on May 6th to our plants badly affected by Vine Weevil. The directions for applying the *nematodes* recommended making a suspension of the small tray of organisms in 400 liters of water. At first this seemed a problem, but we managed quite well with a 50-gallon rainwater barrel, filled twice and well stirred. We applied by watering can, one can to each plant and we were finished in about two hours. Now we have 50 million infective juvenile *nematodes* at work in our garden, hopefully finding and killing the grubs of the vine weevil.

The garden has a sign now, a joint project of several Club members. The message is simple; it states that this is a "Rhododendron Garden" and it includes an emblem of a yellow rhododendron flower truss.

We thank Janet Waterhouse for the emblem design and the painting of the flower on the low relief carving by Scot. Art Pruffer did a wonderful job of transforming a very ordinary slab of laminated wood to a pleasing shape, completing the incised lettering and finishing the piece with stain and clear varnish. Others had input, by making suggestions on the sign shape, colours and siting.

Scot Henney - Chair



The FVRS meets on the fourth Monday of the month, 7:30 P.M. at St. Andrews Heritage Church, 22279 - 116th Avenue (off Haney Bypass), Maple Ridge.

## Westcoast Shotokan Karate School

Shotokan Karate Classes for children teens and families are going on now at Whonnock Lake Centre. Come join the Whonnock community in learning and training Shotokan Martial Arts with 4th degree black belt chief instructor Sensei Andrew Johnson and other senior instructors.



Everyone is welcome from 4-year-olds to grandparents. Benefits include increased cardiovascular health, flexibility, core strength, discipline, character building, body control and self awareness.

Mondays	5:30 – 6:30 pm	all ages and levels
Wednesdays	5:00 – 6:00 pm	all ages and levels
	5:45 – 6:20 pm	Purple to Black (Sparring)

For registration and information call Sensei Andrew Johnson at 604-936-0434 or visit our Web site at <westcoastshotokankarate.piczo.com

## 100 Years of Scouting

Come join us and bring your friends! There is plenty of room in our new home at the Whonnock Lodge, 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road. We have nature trails at our doorstep, fire pits for campfires, a program for all ages, fun and adventure around every corner. We will house all 3 age groups - Beavers ages 5 – 7, Cubs ages 8 – 10, Scouts ages 11 – 15, and Leaders of all ages, on one night to make it easier for the whole family. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. For more information contact Adrianna Knox at 604-462-7262.



## Guides and Pathfinders

Guides and Pathfinders meet at Whonnock Lake Centre, Tuesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. For more information call Heidi at 604-462-7193 or see <whonnock.ca>

## Whonnock Weavers & Spinners

The Whonnock Weavers & Spinners continue to meet in the pre-school room of the Whonnock Lake Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

We always welcome new members. As well as weaving, our members spin, knit, felt, needle felt and make baskets, so we are really a varied group. 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.





Register by phone at 604-465-2470  
or online at [www.recreg4u.ca](http://www.recreg4u.ca)

**FITNESS - STRENGTH & STRETCH ON THE BALL** Age: 16Y+  
Come have some fun while using the stability ball to tone, sculpt and strengthen the entire body. This class combines serious stretching along with strength movements. All levels are welcome.

Instructor: Heart and Soul Fitness  
Location: Whonnock Lake Centre  
12 Sessions: .....Fee: \$72  
Wednesday .....09:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
#89928 .....September 20 – December 6

**PILATES BY THE LAKE - BEGINNER** Age: 16Y+  
Strengthen, lengthen and tone your way to a stronger core, increased balance, flexibility and better posture.

Instructor: Iron Mountain Pilates  
Location: Whonnock Lake Centre  
10 Sessions: .....Fee: \$60  
M .....06:50 PM – 07:50 PM  
#88822 .....September 18 – December 4

**PILATES BY THE LAKE - INTERMEDIATE** Age: 16Y+  
Strengthen, lengthen and tone your way to a stronger core, increased balance, flexibility and better posture. Small balls and resistance bands may be used for some exercises and will be provided when needed. This class is for participants who have completed the beginner level or have a strong Pilates background. Own mat required.

Instructor: Iron Mountain Pilates  
Location: Whonnock Lake Centre  
10 Sessions: .....Fee: \$60  
Monday .....08:00 PM – 09:00 PM  
#88823 .....September 18 - December 4



Register by phone at 604-465-2470  
or online at [www.recreg4u.ca](http://www.recreg4u.ca)

**DRAWING & SKETCHING** Age: 8Y - 12Y  
This class teaches various drawing techniques while using kids' most popular subject matter. Art appreciation is developed as we discover artists of the past, explore cultural styles and learn about the cool stuff contemporary artists do now...all in our sketchbooks!

Instructor: Lisa Goldney  
Location: Whonnock Lake Centre  
8 Sessions: .....Fee: \$60  
Tuesday .....03:30 PM – 05:00 PM  
#88324 ..... September 26 – November 21



## Ruskin Community Hall Information

The Ruskin Hall is located just on the corner (literally) of 96th Avenue and 284th Street. It is available for rent as well as being home to various local groups for their meetings, workshops, markets, etc. The Ruskin Community Hall Association meets here at the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M., Please come out if you're interested. For more information call Louise at 462-9091.

The Hall is available for anniversaries, weddings, family reunions, meetings, etc., for a basic weekend rate of \$250. The Hall seats 84 for a banquet or 114 for a theatre setting. The kitchen is available for \$50.00. The kitchen has two stoves, a fridge, microwave and a 100-cup coffee urn. Plates and cutlery are available for an additional \$75.00. All rentals require a damage deposit and a janitor fee. The Hall is also leased out on an hourly basis. Call bookings agent, Shannon at 604 462- 7642 for more information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Call Louise at 604-462-7642 or 604-462-7596

- FLEA MARKET/BOOK SALE - October 21st.
- PUB NIGHT AT THE SHAKE AND SHINGLE – November 18th.
- BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, December 16th.

## Yoga with Kim at Ruskin Hall

There are many types of physical exercise, but the Yogic system of asanas, a Sanskrit word meaning steady pose, is the most complete, benefiting far more than just the physical body. The asanas emphasize deep breathing, relaxed movements and mental concentration.

Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Call Kim Rondquist for more information at 604-462-4284.

