



WHONNOCK NEWS

Fall 2016

Join us on 11 November, Remembrance Day, at 10:30 at Whonnock Lake Centre.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's nice to be back after a wonderful summer. Fall is approaching quickly – be sure to enjoy all the colours while the sun is still shining!

Our WCA meetings start in September – Please feel free to join us, the 3rd Thursday of the month. Time: 7:30 pm. If you have any concerns and would like time to speak, phone me (604-462-9985) and I'll put you on our agenda.

The numbers were down at our Easter Egg Hunt compared to the throngs we had last year but the kids had fun thanks to Shelley Popadiuk, husband Rob and the famous Bunny, Rick Hammer. Thanks to all the volunteers & for the donations that make this event so successful.

The volunteers of Whonnock activities are many and very dedicated so we take pleasure in recognizing them each year at our Volunteer Dinner in April. The Committee, Noreen Woods, Brad Jennings and Sandra Rossington organized a great time, Shirley Kinney treated us royally with a beautiful buffet. Volunteers of the year are Sylvie and Mitch Jensen who did an awesome job with the Tantalus Lab concerns. We also recognized Jean Davidson for all her organizing with One Book Whonnock.

Noreen Woods organized a successful raffle as a fundraiser for the WCA. This was a solution to the low funds we work with. \$1300.00 was raised as a result of Noreen's hard work.

The WCA has had three new concerns this spring. Thanks to Pascale Shaw for raising awareness of the cancellation of school buses. We sent a letter to the school board supporting her concerns. Nice to hear the buses have been restored.

Phil Johnson was aware of problems regarding parking along both sides of 212th while parents are dropping off and picking up their children at Whonnock Elementary School. He suggested that ditches be filled in after culverts are installed, so parents could be parked well off the street. Crosswalks added to this location were also his suggestion. A letter was sent to Council with copies to the Principal & the PAC president.



Another letter was sent to Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure regarding the cleaning of the hall. A reply has been received and some concerns were addressed.

Phil Johnson and I attended the Whonnock Lake Opening in June. The Park is looking wonderful and there is more work to come to finish it all off.

There will be an Artistic installation (see above) in the fall that will provide a wonderful place to meet friends or family and for the children to explore.

At the AGM in May, the following were elected by acclamation:

PRESIDENT: SANDRA ROSSINGTON.

VICE PRESIDENT: PHIL JOHNSON.

TREASURER: MARY BLACKSTOCK.

SECRETARY: HELMI BRACHES.

We are very grateful for Mary stepping in as treasurer to give Noreen Woods a well deserved break. Thanks Noreen, for the many years of excellent service to the WCA.

We will look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities. Read more about these wonderful events, in the following pages of this fall issue of the *Whonnock Newsletter*.

Sandra Rossington

The Whonnock Community Association meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30 PM, at Whonnock Lake Centre

DATES TO REMEMBER

Remembrance Day

Friday, November 11th. Ceremony starts at 10:30. Whonnock Lake Centre

Whonnock Weavers and Spinners

Sunday, November 27th 11:00 – 4:00.
Whonnock Lake Centre

New Years Eve Dance

Saturday, December 31st.
Whonnock Lake Centre

Thornhill Artisan Fair

Saturday & Sunday December 3rd and 4th – 10:00 – 4:00.
9730 Spilsbury Street



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.

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Web site: <<http://www.lakesidepre-school.com>>

E-mail: <lakesidepre-school@hotmail.com>

WHONNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BURSARY

The Whonnock Community Association awards a deserving student an annual bursary of \$1000.

For those students interested in our Bursary and who qualify by having lived in the Whonnock area for at least 2 years, please see below for our criteria.

- 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 during the fall semester for more information.

If you have an interest in serving on this committee please call Noreen Woods at 604-462-8557. The time commitment is minimal and the satisfaction is great, knowing you are helping a student on their road to future success.

WHONNOCK FOUNDATION BYRNES BURSARY

The Whonnock Foundation's Byrnes Bursary program grants amounts of up to \$2,000 per four-month period to students from east Maple Ridge enrolled in a college, university, trade school or other post-secondary establishment with a proven record of good performance in post-secondary education.

Apply at any time. No deadline.

For more about the Whonnock Foundation and the terms of reference of the Byrnes Bursary visit: <<http://whonnock.ca/whonnock/Foundation.htm>>

WHONNOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



For information about Whonnock Elementary and upcoming events please visit the school's Web site at <whonnock-school.sd42.ca>.

MONTESSORI CORNER

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

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

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Website: www.musicinme.musicteachershelter.com





WHONNOCK TOPS LOCAL #4522

TOPS is a nonprofit organization that helps members to improve their health and well-being. We meet at the Wildwood Fellowship Church Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Come and visit with us - we have fun and successful weight loss. Phone Carolyn , 604-462-1213, or Lori Button, 604-463-7355, for more info.

For information on other chapters in Maple Ridge phone Thelma at 604-467-5601.

WHONNOCK WALKERS

Join us Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:15 for a friendly, one-hour walk. Call Brita at 604 462-9863 for more information.

Location: Whonnock Lake Centre Parking lot.



HELLO BODY!



HELLO BODY! combines nutrition, yoga, and dance to increase your energy and improve your health, so you can *Love The Way You Feel*

There are a variety of yoga & dance classes open to the Whonnock community for \$10 drop-in fee or \$8 with a punch card. Join us on this journey together full of peace, harmony, and celebration. We celebrate you, each other, and this life that is given to us.

Classes are held at the North Fraser Event Centre at 272nd Street and 100th Avenue. For more information visit our Web site <hellobody.ca> and give us a call at (778) 833-0532.

FIRST WHONNOCK SCOUTS



Come join the fun at the Whonnock Lodge, 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road. Tuesday evenings. For more information contact Michael Paulmann at 604 462-0953.

RIDGE CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

RCKC is a flat-water sprint paddling club based at Whonnock Lake. It consists of athletes of all levels residing in Maple Ridge, Mission, Pitt Meadows and the surrounding areas.

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



PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES PROGRAMS IN WHONNOCK

For dates, cost, times and to register
<www.recreg4u.ca or call 604-465-2470

ADULT VOLLEYBALL (Age 16Y and up) at Whonnock Elementary, Wednesdays from 8 until 9 in the gymnasium. All skill levels welcome. Enjoy a social game of volleyball.

YOGA - HATHA YOGA: 16Y and up. This intermediate yoga class will provide active stretching, balancing and sequences with a gentle flow, this class will leave you feeling balanced, gently stretched and at peace. Beginners are recommended to take Yoga Basics prior to registering in this course. Location: Whonnock Lake Centre, Wed. 7 - 8 pm.

PILATES BY THE LAKE

Intermediate - 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 Centre. Mon. 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Own mat required.

Pilates - Pilates Stretch - Using the Foam Roller Age: 16Y and up Strengthen and stretch while you gently rock and roll your way to muscle relaxation and stress relief. Improve body alignment, flexibility and balance with this relaxing Pilates practice using a foam roller. It is gentle on the joints, so there is little worry of overstretching the body. Join us for this relaxing hour and reconnect with yourself. Own mat and foam roller required. Instructor: Fitness Edge Location: Whonnock Lake Centre Mondays 6:15 PM-7:15 PM

Sports, Games, Fitness and Fun for Youth Age: 9Y - 16Y

Looking for ways to be active, have fun and learn how to play sports better? Join the **RIDGE CANOE & KAYAK CLUB** Coaches in this fun learn-to-move-fitness training program for youth. You will experience a variety of active games and movement skills to develop coordination, balance, strength, flexibility and endurance. Open to all abilities. Instructor: Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club. Location: Whonnock Elementary Tuesday Thursday, 5:00 PM-6:30

WHONNOCK DROP-IN GYM Age: 13Y - 18Y A FREE Drop-In recreation session for those wanting to hang with their friends and be active. No sessions September 26, October 10. The last day before Winter break is Monday December 12. Location: Whonnock Elementary Monday 7:00 PM-9:00 PM



RUSKIN COMMUNITY HALL

28395 96th Avenue, Maple Ridge, B.C., V2W 1L3

Phone: 604-462-9739 / ruskinhall@yahoo.ca

www.whonnock.ca/ruskin/hall.htm

The Ruskin Hall can be found on the corner of 284th Street and 96th Avenue. Hall meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30. Everyone is welcome.

The hall is available for rental at reasonable nightly or hourly rates. For rental information contact our booking agent Shannon at 604-462-7642 or call the hall at 604-462-9739 and leave a message.

Kim Rondquist continues to teach Hatha Flow Yoga classes Wednesday night at 7:30. She teaches to all levels so everyone is welcome. For information contact Kim at 604-462-4284.

The Ruskin Hall has been hosting community potlucks twice yearly. The food and company are excellent. If you want to join us check out our website for dates and times.



THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL

The Thornhill Hall has been booked steadily throughout the spring and summer months, with almost steady bookings for the fall.

This well-loved hall shows signs of needed attention from time to time which includes some not so pleasant and difficult investigations under the building. Fran, Al and Don took on that messy job and cleared the clogged drainage. Thank you.

In April, the Community Hall hosted a Meet and Greet with Mayor Read, all of Council and the new CAO, Ted Swabey. (photo above) Margaret Norman, a long time resident and well loved teacher, shared some historical notes of great interest to the community and we were privileged that she agreed to speak. Council and our community learned more about Thornhill. We thank all of you for coming and visiting with our Council; the hall was more than full & boisterous with conversation. It was the first time a Council has agreed to come and meet a community in its own special setting. We would like to thank Council for taking the 'leap of faith.' It was a beginning.

For bookings of weddings, memorials, birthdays and other special events contact Fran Norman @ 604-462-7869 or Shirley Kinney @ 604-476-7794. This is one of the remaining community halls in a beautiful treed park with a rural feel.

WHONNOCK & RUSKIN HISTORY



The first Whonnock and Ruskin history calendar appeared in 2005. Also this year Fred Braches is working on a calendar that should be ready by November 1st.

In October two new issues of *Whonnock Notes* will also be for sale through Sue and Teresa:

No. 22, "In Memory of Those who Fell" is a collection of documents relating to the men who lost their lives during the First World War. The names of these men are shown on a plaque at Whonnock Lake Centre.

No. 23, "Letters from Mahonia Ranche" presents a unique view of the hardships of pioneer-life of siblings, Murdoch, Hannah Kirby, from letters they wrote to their sister Agnes in England. These three siblings later moved to Whonnock where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Thornhill Artisan Fair

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www.thornhillartisanfair.com

www.vonhardenbergcandles.com

WHONNOCK WEAVERS AND SPINNERS



The Whonnock Weavers and Spinners spent a wonderful spring and summer weaving, spinning, knitting, dyeing, felting, rug hooking and making baskets. We demonstrated at both the Haney Farmer's Market on July 2nd and Country Fest at the Albion Fairgrounds on July 23rd & 24th. We

will be at the Maple Ridge Library on October 1st as part of Culture Days. In the New Year we will be hosting spin-in Tuesday Lobby Nights at The ACT on the second Tuesdays of the month from January to June, 2017 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

We are now busy preparing for our 36th annual Open House exhibit and sale at the Whonnock Lake Centre on Sunday, November 27 from 11 AM to 4 PM. We hope to see many of you there.

Our meetings are held at the Whonnock Lake Centre on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM except when we will be at the ACT for Lobby Nights in the New Year. We usually try to have a short business meeting followed by a program. We invite visitors and potential members to join us for a meeting. There is always lively discussion and often wonderful programs with opportunities to learn. Occasionally our meetings are moved to members' homes for special events so if you are interested in joining us, please contact Marie at 604-462-9059 for an update on meeting location. Our website can be found at www.whonnockweaversandspinnners.org.



CAST AND CREW YOUTH THEATRE SOCIETY

Cast and Crew Youth Theatre Society had a great first season in Whonnock last year.

We are offering classes at North Fraser Centre again this year.

We currently offer two Musical Theatre classes that run from September to mid-May and three 4-week Drama workshops in October and November.

We are also working on plans for camps at Spring Break and in the summer.

Watch for our student's musical theatre productions in late February and early March.

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

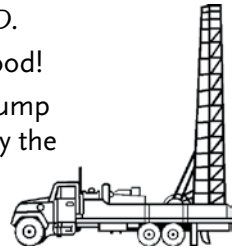
Cast and Crew is a non-profit group primarily run by volunteers. Let us know if you have any questions or would like to get involved.

Email us at info@castandcrewtheatre.ca. Visit our web site for the most current information: castandcrewtheatre.ca.

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

His work has been widely accepted all over Canada.

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

His Web site address is

www.ceramicsjunichi.com

<http://whonnockian.blogspot.com>



The Holy Spirit parish with the Bishop of New Westminster.

HOLY SPIRIT ANGLICAN CHURCH

27123 River Road in Whonnock

Holy Spirit Anglican Church identifies itself as an inclusive and inquiring church community. We welcome anyone to come for study, worship or fellowship. Worship is at 10 am Sundays, followed by refreshments.

This fall, a study group will explore how our parish identifies with the values of progressive Christianity; this will be in the church hall Sundays at 9 am.

There will be a pub night fundraiser on Friday, September 30; contact Tom Kerr for tickets 604-462-9797.

The Bishop of New Westminster visited our historic church property in June; prior to that, the building interiors were scrubbed and painted.

We welcome you to come and see, neighbours are welcome any time at coffee hour in the church hall Sundays at 11:15 am even if you prefer not to come to worship.

We want to connect with our community. The Christmas Eve service will be at 7 pm and the Christmas Day service at 10 am.

We are at 27123 River Road - the brown church on your left as you go up the hill on 272nd. Please watch our signboard in front of the church for other events.

Our new priest is The Rev. Gordon Shields. If you have questions or pastoral needs, please call him at 604-476-1024.

HOLY SPIRIT HALL

The Holy Spirit Hall, 27123 River Road in Whonnock, is available to clubs, groups, etc. for special occasions and weekly meetings.

Contact our message centre at 604-462-7933 for Church and Hall rental information.



WILDWOOD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am (10810 272nd St.)

WHAT IS YOUR HEART LONGING FOR? People often come to church hoping to find answers to life, to find support in times of crisis, 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."

YOU ARE WELCOME! People matter to God and they matter to us! We believe you will find us to be a small church with a big heart where "people know your name and people are glad you came." If you're looking to find a place to belong where you can learn about and live out a relevant faith, then we invite you to experience the community of Wildwood Fellowship Church. We are a family-oriented, nondenominational community church. We want to come alongside you in your faith journey, knowing that ultimately Jesus Christ is the One who can truly satisfy the inner longings of your heart.

For more information on kids events, ministries, or special services visit our website at www.wildwoodfellowship.com, call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-287-6963, or just drop in and visit us some Sunday morning.

INTERESTED IN A4G DROP-IN BABIES & TOTS PLAYTIME? Call Eleanor Tracey at 604-287-6963 for details. This "3 Generations" playtime will be for parents and/or grandparents to enjoy together with their little ones and will start towards the end of October.

For more information on kids club, other ministries and special services visit our website at www.wildwoodfellowship.com, call Pastor Arnold Tracey at 604-287-6963, or just drop in and visit us on a Sunday morning.



TAPS - THORNHILL AQUIFER PROTECTION STUDY

In April, TAPS (Thornhill Aquifer Protection) held a very successful fundraising dance at the Thornhill Hall to raise money for a special instrument for measuring wells. The Ultrasonic Water Level Meter is a self-contained, battery operated, digital meter that uses sound waves to measure drilled well water levels. It also measures temperature and data logs water levels. We are currently using a manual, battery operated measuring tape that has at times gotten stuck in the wires of the deep wells. This new instrument will eliminate that concern and provide fast, accurate measurements anywhere and can be mounted on the well to data log a well's performance.

Through the generous donations of many businesses and individuals from the wider community of Maple Ridge, we exceeded what we needed to raise and we thank all of you for your support. The fantastic local group EARTH TONES made the evening full of great danceable music. Think about them for your next event.

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TANTALUS LABS's first brackish, artesian drilled well was decommissioned on April 20, 2016. We were all relieved.

They have now applied for their Commercial Water License with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. The new well appears to have been constructed properly and the water appears to be of normal quality similar to other wells on the same aquifer. Tantalus Labs stated that ideally 100% of their irrigation needs will come from rain water capture and the well will be used as a backup.

The Ministry is asking residents within a 500 metre radius of their second well to provide information regarding their wells. This will help the Ministry better understand the possible impacts that could influence the parameters of the licence.

We were thrilled to see the community response to the Ministry because of the overwhelming concerns around the loss of water quantity. The community feels that Tantalus's new Commercial Water Licence should include monitoring by the Ministry.

Many residents feel Tantalus should not be licensed at all until a comprehensive groundwater management study can determine this aquifer's capabilities and limitations.

We suggest you email the Ministry of Forest, Land and Natural Resources: <Mike.Simpson@gov.b.c.ca> or write c/o Mike Simpson, 2nd Floor, 10428 - 153rd Street, Surrey, B.C. V3R 1E1, before the end of September. Also if you have further questions or concerns and are not within the 500 metre area, but are dependent on the aquifer.

In the letter from the Ministry, the first three paragraphs under "Context of Proposal," which includes, "*there are no widespread water scarcity concerns & the potential of signifi-*

cant impact to the aquifer in general from the application is expected to be low", pump test results from the spring etc. is the information from ACTIVE EARTH (Tantalus' consultants).

They are Active Earth's own assessments of the area aquifer and their projected requirements for the facility, NOT the Ministry's.

Active Earth's assessment of our aquifer indicates that they have insufficient information from area residents regarding seasonal water shortages and that many residents haul water or have water delivered during that time. Active Earth's statements are not based on any hydrologic groundwater management studies of our aquifer nor does it demonstrate any knowledge of the water concerns here on the Grant Hill Aquifer.

The City has upgraded two kiosks and the Whonnock Well to help area residents in times of water shortages. Our City is keenly aware that there are seasonal water issues which the residents manage, but how the impact of this facility's water requirements are going to be managed has not been disclosed. The current response from the City of sending area residents to haul water from the kiosks is not acceptable.

Active Earth has never disclosed

- the number of plants they intend to grow,
- the additional water requirements for their permitted facility of 100,000 sq.ft. with the current footprint being approx. 40,000 sq.ft,
- how they intend to irrigate with rainwater collection during our dry season,
- how the well will only be used for back up.

The (1) inconsistent information of the actual pump size vs. the reported pump size, (2) the unsubstantiated claims regarding the aquifer, (3) the inconsistent information provided in their report and the incomplete pump test results and conclusions by Active Earth are troubling for our communities and need to be fully and satisfactorily addressed. A fair decision can only be determined once all the facts are fully disclosed to our communities.

The Ministry arranged a meeting with representatives from Whonnock and Thornhill. It was respectful and our concerns and questions were met with a genuine desire on the part of the Ministry to make the best decision with the help of area residents. There is very little data collected on this aquifer, so any information about your well or your water use and water shortages will be very beneficial. They need good, factual information.

This is our final opportunity to have input before Tantalus applies for their Production Licence with Health Canada.

If you have any questions regarding your well please email <taps@mapleridge.ca>.

Betty & Klaus von Hardenberg





WHONNOCK LAKE CENTRE

Whonnock Lake Centre has the capacity to hold 160 people. The centre features a large hall with kitchen, multipurpose room and two meeting rooms in a beautiful park setting.

For information visit: <<http://www.whonnock.ca/whonnock/LakeCentre.htm>>

For availability and bookings call Maple Ridge Parks and Leisure Services 604 465 2499 Ext. 1.

E-mail: <facilitybookings@mapleridge.ca>



CAMP WHONNOCK

27660 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge B.C. V2W 1Y9

The Camp includes a main lodge, seven cabins, fire circle and shelter, wooded tent sites with fire-pit, trails.

The main lodge includes a hall with fireplace, industrial kitchen, and a covered deck that runs the length of the building. There are several indoor folding tables and chairs (accommodates ~150 people), as well as outdoor tables and chairs on the covered deck.

For information and bookings contact Andrew Watson

E-mail: <awatson@scouts.ca> Phone: (604)462-7012.

<<https://3rascouts.com/camp-whonnock/>>



AFTER THE TRANSFER of the operation of Whonnock Lake Centre to the Municipality the Whonnock Community Association became dependent on other income to fulfill its mandate.

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

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