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Month

YAHK KINGSGATE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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A Note from our YKRS Board President

Hip Hip Hooray! Finally, we can see an end to the lockdown in the next short while, although we do not have a definite date we anticipate that with a few restrictions we will be able to open in June. During this time, we have done a cleaning and disinfecting so when we are given the all clear we will be able to reopen quickly. The library and garbage drop off are open with social distancing protocols.

I hope everyone fared well through this extra-ordinary situation and we look forward to normal activities resuming soon. If you have any questions, please contact any board member for clarification. We are looking forward to a great and new normal summer. We encourage everyone to stay informed and follow the provincial guidelines for reopening our province. Keep safe and well,

Dave St Germain, President, YKRS Board www.yahkkingsgate.com

BC Centre for Disease Control Information & Health Guidelines: <http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/>



Contributor Fire Chief Tom Hollis

We are extremely excited that we have resumed training and practices after having a very long break. This will be under the Covid-19 guidelines.

Fire Regulations

Just an update on the fire situation. At the time this newsletter is out there are no Fires allowed other than a small campfire only!

A campfire is an open fire that burns piled material no larger than 0.5 m (19.69") in height and 0.5 m (19.69") in width and is used by any person for recreational purpose, or by a First Nation for a ceremonial purpose.

Please find further information on the following website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>

A poster explaining the different categories of open burning is available online:

www.gov.bc.ca/openfireregs

A map of the affected areas is available online:

<http://ow.ly/8uct30qvSv2>

Biannual checks:

Check your Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Smoke Detectors. Change the batteries as recommended. Also check the dates on your Fire Extinguishers.

The Yahk Kingsgate Fire Department is always welcoming to new members. Call Fire Chief Tom Hollis 424-5579 or Deputy Chief Bill Whitehouse 424-5583. Training is down at the Fire Hall Wednesdays at 6 pm.

INVASIVE Species

Contributor Krista Bunskoek

It's that wonderful time of year again. Wild flowers are sprouting, Saskatoon bushes are blossoming, and new growth abounds. Unfortunately, new growth also means the start of invasive species and other weeds.

Invasive plant species are a big problem. They can spread rapidly and take over large areas of native growth. The BC government says "invasive species are recognized globally as the second greatest threat to biodiversity after direct habitat loss due to humans."

In our area of pristine nature, there are many invaders. According to the Field Guide to Noxious Weeds and Other Invasive Plants of British Columbia (which can be found at www.bcinvases.ca) here's just a few plants to watch for around here:

- Knotweed
- Common Tansy
- Hawkweed, Orange
- Oxeye Daisy

What can you do?

I'd suggest talking with your neighbours, especially those who've been here a while. There is a lot of local knowledge, all you have to do is ask.

Also, check out these websites. They have information on how to identify invasive species and what you can do to get rid of them:

Invasive Species Council of BC www.bcinvases.ca
Report a Weed www.reportaweedbc.ca
BC Government, Invasive Species

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/invasive-species/management/plants

East Kootenay Invasive Species Council www.ekisc.com
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society www.ckiss.ca

GARDENING WITH KIDS

Contributor Faye McConnell

Hello Everyone! We hope that you are all staying safe during this tough time. Having the kids home can be a great bonding time, they can still learn, and have fun in the process! 🌻

Spring is upon us so let's plant some seeds indoors!

#You don't need to buy any fancy containers to do this, there are many things around the house you can use: toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls (cut in to 3), egg cartons (non styrofoam), old yogurt or similar container (poke some holes in the bottom and use the lid as a base), old Kurig (or similar) containers (poke holes in bottom), egg shells, newspaper made in to pots, the list is endless-use your imagination

#Next thing you need is Seed Starting Mix this can be purchased at nurseries, garden centres, etc or you can make your own! I will post websites at the end with recipes to make your own. The key is that you Do Not use regular potting mix that contains fertilizer! This too can be done cheaply as you only need a few ingredients to make this! And I bet your friends/family/neighbors will have at least one of the ingredients they will gladly share to help you make your mix!

#Now you and your kids can pick out what seeds they would like to start! Best seeds to start with for kids are larger seeds as they can handle those better (depending on your child's age) Pumpkin, Sunflower, Cucumber, Tomato, Peppers, Peas, Beans, Corn, Marigolds (no root vegetable seeds as they do not do well in transplanting)

#Label making time: use popsicle sticks, plastic cutlery, rocks, wooden clothes pins, old tin can lids, wine corks, etc etc. So many options - use your imagination. Have the kids use markers or paint, this is a great way for them to practice their spelling!!

#A Spray bottle if you have one is a great tool to have, but not completely necessary, no need to spend money if you don't want.

#Some old clear plastic pop bottles are handy as well to make 'domes' for each container! Just cut them 4-6 inches up from the bottom all the way around and voila you have a 'dome'

Well, I think I managed to put together the list of items needed to get you all started. As I don't have a ton of room to give you all the instructions to do this, I will now post websites you can look at to help out.

🌻 www.buggyandbuddy.com (this site has a free printable journal page for the kids to keep track of growth each day)

🌻 www.hellowonderful.com (12 fun plant & seed learning activities for kids)

🌻 www.thespruce.com (7 fun container garden projects kids will love)

🌻 www.motherearthnews.com (make your own seed starting mix)

🌻 www.balconygardenweb.com (5 best homemade seed starter recipes)

May you have a Wonderful time planting and learning with your children! Don't forget to add a dose of Love to each plant pot during this time and may you all stay healthy and happy ❤️

Other Contacts

Report a Forest Fire:	1 800 663-5555	or: *5555 (Cell)
Fire Bans/Restrictions:	1 888 797-1717	bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca
Creston Conservation Officer:	James Barber:	877 952-7277
RDCK Area B Director:	Tanya Wall:	250 428-1993
Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA):	Hon. Michelle Mungall:	1-877-388-4498
Member of Parliament (MP):	Rob Morrison:	250-417-2250

Please be Kind



Editor's Note

If you would like to contribute, give feedback or even be part of this committee, please contact editor: Penny A.P. Anderson (250) 254-9393.

The newsletters are on our website: www.yahkkingsgate.com

Interested in being the editor... call me!



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Hall Services Schedule:

8790 Railway Ave Yahk BC
(practicing social distancing until further notice!)

Library Hours:

Monday	6 pm – 8 pm
Wednesday	1 pm – 3 pm
Saturday	9 am – 11 am

Garbage drop off available:

Wednesday	11 am – 1 pm
Saturday	11 am – 1 pm

- (\$2.50 per household size garbage bag)
- Recycling bins are available daily.

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