

North Westside Communities Association

serving the residents of the North
Westside since 1975



As we ease into fall, it's a perfect time to appreciate the strong sense of community we share along Westside Road. Whether you've spent the last few months soaking up the lake, exploring the trails, or just savoring the quiet beauty of our surroundings, this newsletter is here to keep you informed about the latest updates and events in our corner of the Okanagan. Let's embrace the season ahead and continue making memories together!

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Monthly News:



Where to Vote:

Killiney Beach Community Hall
[516 Udell Rd](#)

Date & Time:

Saturday, October 19th, 2020
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Which Electoral District Do We Live In?

West Kelowna – Peachland

Who Are the Candidates?

- Stephen Johnston – Independent
- Macklin McCall – Conservative Party
- Krystal Smith – BC NDP

Message from the Candidates

With new electoral boundaries and no incumbent candidate, the 2024 BC Provincial Election presents tremendous opportunity for the residents of the North Westside. We are very happy to share a short statement from the candidates within our district.

Stephen Johnston – Unaffiliated



My name is Stephen Johnston, and I'm excited to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your MLA candidate for West Kelowna-Peachland! As a lifelong Westsider, I have deep roots in our community—my parents still live in the same home in Rose Valley where I was raised. After graduating from Mount Boucherie Secondary, I married my high school sweetheart, Leah, and we've been blessed to raise our two wonderful children right here in West Kelowna.

Over the past six years, I have had the privilege of serving as both a West Kelowna City Councillor and a Director with the RDCO, earning top votes in the last two elections. I am recognized as a trusted leader with a strong record of integrity and a deep commitment to the people and communities I serve. As a lifelong resident of the Westside, I have spent decades building meaningful relationships across the riding and region.

In West Kelowna–Peachland, securing a second power line is critical for ensuring the safety and resilience of our communities. The region faces inadequate infrastructure and is in dire need of investment, especially in our road networks. This includes upgrades to Highway 97 interchanges, overpasses, and intersections, improvements to the Westbank Town Centre couplet, and substantial repairs to Westside Road—one of the most dangerous roads in Canada. From crack filling to repaving and addressing hazardous sections, these roads require urgent attention and funding.

The North Westside is currently undergoing a governance study and deserves greater focus, as it is often overlooked within the riding. Many residents receive services from the RDNO while paying taxes to the RDCO, a mismatch that impacts services like healthcare—residents contribute to the Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District, yet most rely on Vernon's hospital, which is closer and more accessible.

We must also address the long, unsafe commutes children from the North Westside endure, spending hours on dangerous roads just to get to school. It is essential to consider whether adjusting the regional district boundaries to better align with service areas would serve our communities more effectively. The completion of the governance study will provide much-needed clarity on this issue.

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Krystal Smith - BC NDP



I was born, raised and educated in the Okanagan. It's where my friends and family are, so the area is very dear to me.

I've always worked to help improve people's lives. One of the most important issues in West Kelowna-Peachland is the cost of housing. Everyone deserves a safe place to live. The BC NDP plan is bringing housing prices down in the lower mainland and it *will* make a difference here too.

We're building homes and strengthening services to tackle homelessness and prevent people from losing their homes in the first place. Today thousands of people have a home with supports, because the BC NDP created 6,000 supportive homes since 2017. Over 2,700 more on the way.

More than 650 new treatment beds opened across BC and we're building new treatment facilities across the province.

We're acting to fight crime and keep people safe by attacking root causes and it's making a difference. We've hired over 250 police officers and launched new *specialized teams* to go after gangs, guns and drugs.

BC's economy is one of the strongest in the country. We are helping small businesses. The last few years have been challenging, and we are delivering supports. i.e. we doubled the exemption threshold for the Employer Health Tax - a big break for small- and medium-sized business and now 90% of businesses pay no EHT.

And we're taking better care of this place we love, building a clean economy with good-paying, local jobs. CleanBC is one of the most ambitious climate plans on the continent.

I am very concerned that if John Rustad and the Conservatives are elected, they will undo all the progress that the BC NDP has made. That is why I am running. I want to give people an option other than John Rustad.

Connect & Learn More:

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Macklin McCall - Conservative Party



I am proud to be running as the Conservative Party candidate for the West Kelowna Peachland riding because I believe in serving our community with integrity, dedication, and common-sense solutions. After 19 years with the RCMP, I've seen firsthand the struggles our riding faces. Growing up on a family farm in OK Falls, I learned the values of hard work and community spirit that continue to guide me today.

Over the last four years under the BCNDP, it's clear that many of the issues we face today are political, and we need leaders who stand up for everyday people. My experience has solidified my commitment to advocating for practical solutions that truly make a difference.

As your representative, my top priorities will focus on addressing the unique issues affecting our riding. Affordability is a pressing concern for many families, and I will work tirelessly to find solutions that ease financial burdens. We need stable, affordable housing options that allow our community to thrive.

Healthcare is another critical priority. Many residents are struggling to access timely and quality medical care, and I will advocate for improvements in our healthcare system to ensure that everyone receives the support they need.

Public safety is also paramount. I believe every resident deserves to feel secure in their neighborhood, which requires effective policing and proactive measures to address crime. I will advocate for enhanced resources to ensure our communities are safe and resilient.

Additionally, the limited infrastructure in our area, such as the reliance on a single hydro line and the need for improvements on Westside Road, poses significant challenges. I am committed to advocating for the necessary investments to improve our transportation and energy security.

I've dedicated my career to serving others, and I believe government is there to serve the people, not the other way around. I've resigned from my job to focus entirely on serving our riding. I promise to work diligently for you in Victoria. Together, we can create a brighter future for West Kelowna Peachland. Thank you for your support.

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Joke of the Month:

Why did the skeleton stay home from the Halloween party? Because he had no body to go with.

Bonus: What's a ghost's favorite dessert? Ice scream!

Upcoming Events:

October 5 – Fall Hippy Market: Killiney Beach Community Hall

We are pleased to share that Katharina Van Zant, a local renowned fashion designer, has donated a special, one of a kind dress for a raffle for our kids events (Santa Meet and Greet and the Easter Egg Hunt). Tickets will go on sale at the market on Saturday, Oct 5th and the draw will be made at the end of the night at the SoundLAB event on Oct 18th. Kat has been a super contributor to our NW community and has found her own unique way to help our kids. Please stop by and purchase a ticket and support our kids and her efforts to better our community.

Mark your calendar for October 5th and head to Killiney Beach Community Hall for our fabulous Arts and Crafts Hippy Market! Discover a treasure trove of handmade goods, unique crafts, and eclectic vendor stalls. Whether you're shopping for one-of-a-kind gifts or just browsing for fun, this market has something for everyone. Get ready for a day of creativity and community spirit!

For more details, [check out our website.](#)



Bulky Item Collection

When: Wednesday, October 9 – Wednesday, October 16

Where: North Westside Road Transfer Station

Cost: \$20 per truckload

Accepted Items:

- Appliances (fridges/freezers free)
- Scrap metal
- Lawn mowers & motorized parts
- Household & lawn furniture

Not Accepted: Hazardous waste, electronics, computers

Payment: Cash or cheque only

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Sunday: 8 AM – 12 PM

Saturday: 8 AM – 4 PM

Contact: Regional Waste Reduction Office

Phone: 250-469-6250

Email: recycle@rdco.com



October 18 - SoundLAB - Hall of Blues with Yanti and the SoCo Blues Band

This is a fundraiser for the Santa Meet and Greet with all profits, donations and 50/50 draw going towards our Santa Meet and Greet event. Some of you may remember Yanti and the SoCo Blues band from our Music in the Park in 2023, where guests were entertained for two hours with fun upbeat Blues in Yanti's original flare and energy.

Tickets on sale at the Fall Harvest Market on Oct 5th and you can reserve a ticket(s) or table by emailing eventsnwca@gmail.com.

Fundraiser for kids and great live music on the North Westside ...a great opportunity to connect with friends and dance the night away. We and our kids appreciate your support as you make and create memories on the North Westside.

See you at the hall.

Hall OF BLUES
Cash Bar 19+ yrs

KILLINEY BEACH HALL
...a tradition of making memories!

Yanti & The SoCo Blues Crew
Bob Johnson - Mel Zachary - Frank Artés - Red Rose

Presented by:
SOUND LAB
NWCA

The Lady Sings the Blues

FRIDAY OCT 18

7-9:30PM
Doors open 6PM

Tickets \$20
Table for 6 \$100

Tickets available by emailing eventsNWCA@gmail.com
or at the door



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

October 20 - NWCA Annual General Meeting

Time: 11:30 AM (Membership sales begin at 11:00 AM)

Location: Killiney Beach Community Hall

516 Udell Road

All North Westside Community Association members from Westshore Estates to La Casa Resort are encouraged to attend and make your voice heard through your vote. Memberships will be available for purchase prior to the meeting.

This year, a **remote video feed** will be available for those who prefer to watch from home. For more details about the AGM, including the 2024 financial statements and a recap of the past year's activities, please click here: <https://www.nwcaonline.ca>

An AGM update will be sent out on October 4th, and signs will be posted throughout the community.

Current Ballot

Executive (1-Year Term):

President – Joshua Galloway

Vice President – Mat O'Flynn

Treasurer – Connie Rauch

Secretary – Christina Seitz

Directors (2-Year Term):

Parks Director – Brian Arquilla

News Director – Theresa White

Community Hall Director – Vacant

Maintenance Director – Vacant

Sports Director – Vacant

Directors continuing their second year:

Events Director – Wendy Waters

Library Director – Andrea Kveton

Community Participation Director – Sheila Brown

If you're interested in joining the NWCA Board for 2025 and would like to be considered for the ballot, please contact us at CommunicationNWCA@gmail.com for more information.

Community:

Wolfpack Soccer and Baseball

Calling all kids to come out and join in some great WOLFPACK FUN!

We are meeting up at Westshore Park every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm with our fall season windup on October 23, 2024.

We'll alternate between soccer (on even dates) and baseball (on all dates) but hotdogs on the BBQ will happen every time (compliments of La Casa Market)!

Parents - Looking to join the coaching team or wanting to work the BBQ?

Please contact Andrea at librarynwca@gmail.com.

North Westside Quilters and Crafters

Calling all makers! The North Westside Quilters and Crafters are stitching together creativity and community. Whether you're an experienced quilter or just getting started with your first project, this is the perfect space to share ideas, learn new techniques, and enjoy a friendly chat. From quilting to knitting, crafting to crocheting, we welcome all forms of creative expression. Join us and bring your latest work-in-progress—we can't wait to see what you're creating!



Starting
Sept 5th



Come join Parents & Playtime!

Fun and engaging activities for local littles (newborn and up) and a chance for young families to meet up with other local families

every Thursday - 9 am to noon

Activities include: at the Community Hall

- Storytime and singing
- Arts and crafts
- Indoor and Outdoor play
- lego time

514 Udell Road

**Come Play,
Learn, and Grow
Together!**



For more info contact:

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YOGA WITH AMANDA



Every Thursday - 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Killiney Beach Community Hall - 514 Udell Rd

\$10 fee per class

Contact Amanda at amanda_pegg@icloud.com to
reserve your spot

Women's Wellness Support

This coming meeting we have local Artist and Art Therapist - [Christina Willis](#) - providing an Art Therapy experience for all who come out to Women's Wellness. In order to make sure that we have the right amount of art supplies - please indicate either by your comment to this post or by contacting Andrea at librarynwca@gmail.com - that you will be attending.

WOMEN'S
Wellness Support

Meetups - Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30 pm
at the North Westside Community Library

October 3 - Art Therapy with Christina Willis
October 17 - Sharing the T.E.A. from 'Taming Crazy'

A COMMUNITY OF WOMEN SUPPORTING EACH OTHER
THROUGH LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS.
A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GATHER TO SHARE EXPERIENCES
AND LEARN NEW SKILLS.

Contact Andrea at librarynwca@gmail.com for more info.

When women support each other, incredible things happen!

Last Month's Highlights:

Music in the Park: Duane Marchand's MLS Band

What a spectacular evening of country and bluegrass music under string lights in the summer air. Residents enjoyed great music while Hippie Market vendors hosted delicious ice cream, homemade baked goods, unique art, and quirky fun items.

Huge thanks to our incredible sponsors—Grahame Mechanical Plumbing and Gas, Chamberlain Property Group, Killiney Beach Builders, Mountain Pacific Environmental Consultants, and N.W.S Landscapes. Your support keeps live music rocking on the North Westside!



Seasonal Tip:

Fireplace Safety: As temperatures drop, it's a great time to clean your chimneys and check fire alarms before lighting the first fires of the season.

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