



President's Spring 2018 Newsletter

April 24, 2018

The good news this year is we're prepared for a flood. Snow pack has been about 150% of normal, but with a late melt. It's only this week when temperatures are forecast to be above normal. There has been localized flooding in Oliver and Osoyoos, but we're still waiting for all the snow in the local mountains to melt. Hopefully it will be slow and steady, but we'll need to wait and see. The ice on the lake is also starting to melt quickly – even had some kayakers out the other day.

Upcoming 2018 Spring/Summer Events:

- **Hayes Creek Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, May 6 and June 3 – 10:00am-noon – Fire Hall - \$10**
- **Osprey Ratepayer's Annual GM & Election of Officers - Saturday, May 19 - 10:00am – Hayes Creek Fire Community Hall**
- **Osprey Snowwheelers Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers - Saturday, May 19 – 10:45am – Hayes Creek Fire Community Hall (immediately following the Ratepayers meeting)**
- **Hayes Creek Fire Garage Sale - Every Saturday and Sunday from May 19 to July 29 - 10:00am to 2:00pm at 136 Country Lane (Stan and Gail's). Gently used items needed for sale – no furniture please - contact Gail @ 250-295-6898 for more info and drop off times. All proceeds to Hayes Creek Volunteer Fire.**
- **11th Annual Spring Roadside Cleanup - Saturday, May 26 – Quadlings – 4192 Princeton-Summerland Rd. - 9:00am**
- **Hayes Creek Fire - Annual General Meeting and Open House - Sunday, August 5 - 10:00am meeting - open house, hot dogs, and drinks till 1:00pm**
- **35th Annual Osprey Corn Roast - August 31 to September 2, 2018**
- **11th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup – September 8, 2018**

EASTER EGG HUNT



With so much snow this year, and an early Easter, on April 1st there was still 2' of snow in the usual backyard 'hunt' area. But no problem, we just moved it to the lake side. There were 25 eager young children having fun and running around looking for fun filled eggs. Thanks to Karren Hodge for organizing this year's event.

SAND BAGGING - FLOOD PREPARATION - APRIL 14, 2018

Using shovels, a bobcat, and 4 tractors 15 Hayes Creek Fire members and 35 awesome community volunteers filled and placed over 1,000 sandbags at 5 "at risk" locations - and all in just 2 hours.



It's still winter here, and the creeks are just trickling....but in a few weeks they will be roaring with the 150% snow pack...(150% over last year...and last year was very high snow pack year with much flooding) still to come down.

We have done all we can to be proactive...Here is hoping for a slow snow melt.

Be safe, and keep children and yourselves away from rushing creeks.

Thank You Community!!

Osprey Area Ratepayers Assoc.

Please try to attend our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers on Saturday @ 10am on the May long weekend. It's your community, and together we can all make it even better. Current directors for another year are Mark Nilson, Rob Miller, Lorri Layng, and Lisa Farquharson. Up for re-election for another 2 year term are Alan Holmgren, Tom Sellmer, Maggie Ramsay, Christine Allenby, and Ruth Bourgoin.. We have funds available for community improvement projects - if you have any ideas, please talk any of the executive.

Osprey Corn Roast

Summer's not even here yet, but make sure you plan to attend the **35th Annual Osprey Labour Day Corn Roast** on **Saturday & Sunday, September 1st and 2nd**. Hopefully we'll have another year of great weather, great times, and great fun. The prize raffle this year includes an outdoor teak table with 6 chairs, a Bradley smoker, and a kid's small battery powered ATV. As usual, we need Cake Walk goodies and lots of prizes for the bingo and sporting events - if you can donate any form of prize, we need your help!

Hayes Creek Fire

Pancake Breakfasts at the Fire Hall have been feeding around 40-50 people the first Sunday of most months. Upcoming ones are May 6 and June 3. Summer dates have not yet been set – check the ‘upcoming events’ calendar for dates. Cost is only \$10 – join in for a great breakfast and meet some of your neighbours.

Five medical emergencies, two power lines down, one flooded home (Doug on Lakesyde had his finished basement flooded **again**, Thurs, April 19th). Firefighter and neighbor Dennis set up Hayes Creek Fire pump and fan. Fan was still running as of April 24th. Minor damage to walls and building contents.

Four members have been trained to give Naloxone injections (for Fentanyl and Opioid overdoses). Six members attended a 2 day course on Incident Command and Fire Tactics at Princeton fire hall plus members have attended all day meetings for Emergency Management and Emergency Preparedness in Kelowna and Penticton. Members also attended RDOS Fire Chief's Meetings and RDOS Fire Radio User's group for dispatch improvement.

This in addition to weekly Fire Practice at the hall.

The Hall has been used for weekly Yoga sessions and monthly Aroma therapy sessions, and we welcome use of this space for events that include and benefit the community.

Hayes Creek Fire operations receive no government funds, so please ensure you pay your annual Property Registration Fee of only \$100/property. Hayes Creek Fire responds to all local fire and medical emergencies with trained first responders and equipment. Check the Community Organizations, Hayes Creek Fire page on our community website for a Registration Form. Questions? Contact: Rob Miller 250-295-6420 or hayescreekfire@ospreylake.ca.

Hayes Creek Fire Annual General Meeting will be at the Fire Hall **Sunday, August 5th, 10:00am**, followed by their Meet & Greet Open House, free hot dogs and pop, and the Final Mega Garage Sale until 2:00pm. There will also be Garage Sales each weekend at Quinton's (east end of Link Lake), from May 19th to July 19th. Donated items can be dropped off at Quinton's - please no furniture – all proceeds will be used to buy Fire Dept. equipment.

Osprey Snowwheelers



The snowmobile season is over for most, but some die-hards are trailering their machines up near the Wind Turbines and still having some great days. We had a successful Poker Run over Christmas and performed trail maintenance on many occasions. Our new tow behind snow groomer is making for better trails, but unfortunately we were only able to get it operational late in the season.

We have planned our **Osprey Snowwheeler's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 19th, around 10:45am** (immediately following the Ratepayer's meeting) at the Fire Hall. Review of last year's events, financial status, election of officers, and spring trail grooming – hopefully everyone with

a snowmobile will attend.

The ATV season will be underway shortly. There is lots of work needed to clear the trails as the spring rains always result in rapid brush growth. We encourage all local riders to join the Similkameen Valley Riders ATV Club.

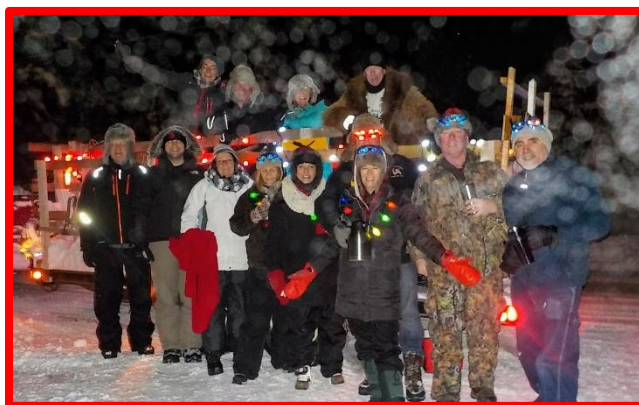
For membership you can join directly thru the ATV/BC web site – www.atvbc.ca. Or contact Vic Bartel

@ 250-295-7592 or svr.atvclub@live.ca. Help support our trail network.

Christmas 2017:

The Santa Run was a great success, with 30 children still believing after Santa and his elves finished their 14 stops in the community. Thanks for Ruth and Suzie for organizing, buying, and wrapping all the gifts and candy bags. And to Santa Dave, drivers Peter and Rob, and elves Lisa, Barb, Cathy, and Karlie.

There was 26 golfers trying out this year's Snow Golf course of six holes on Osprey Lake. Winner, with 12 under par, was Blake Allenby.



The Poker Run had 69 sleds take advantage of a great 40km course covered in 12" of new snow. Wow. What a day. Winner was Sean Reid with a flush, and second place to Fran Strvys with four queens.- Thanks to everyone who helped setting it up, manning the registration desk, and donating prize

The nightly Hay Wagon rides were a great success with over \$1,000 collected in donations for the Princeton Food Bank. Thanks to Rob for setting everything up and driving around each evening.

This year's New Year's Eve Fireworks were fantastic. There were around 120 people on the ice watching, plus about 50 on the KVR and many more in the nearby houses. Special thanks to Al and Duane for organizing, getting the permit, purchasing and setting off the display. Unfortunately collections this year were around \$400 less than usual - next year's display will need to be either cancelled or significantly cut back, if further donations are not received. If you forgot or didn't have cash with you, donations are still being accepted by Alan, Rob, Norm, or Maggie.

Spring 2018

Now that spring is almost here, the local bears will be in our community shortly. Please remember to keep all garbage locked up and bird feeders out of reach for the next few months.

To view our live Osprey Webcam, check current local weather, view pictures and get local information plus current dates, times, and locations of all upcoming community events please check our community web site at www.ospreylake.ca. If you have local oriented questions or suggestions, or would like to be added or removed from our Newsletter email list, please email: ratepayers@ospreylake.ca or contact me at 250-295-3844.

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