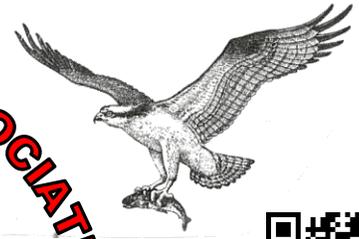




# OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION



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## President's 2016 Christmas Newsletter

After a wet, but mild fall, snow started slowly in the middle of November, but much of it still melting away during the warmer times of the day - we're still waiting for the weather to cool off for 'real' snow. Last year the lake frozen over around November 20<sup>th</sup> but there's still a long way to go.

Seems to be a little quiet around the lake this time of year, but if history repeats itself, things will pick up significantly over Christmas. There are lots of activities planned and we hope you'll be able to be around and enjoy them.

A few **thefts** have recently occurred around the lake - two ATV's were stolen over the November long weekend. A good reminder to ensure they are out of sight, keys removed, and well locked up. Anything which can be cut by an inexpensive bolt cutter doesn't provide much security, as one owner recently found out.

Caution - a **Raised Cattle Guard** was added early October 2016 on the KVR just east of the east crossing of the Princeton-Summerland Rd - between Osprey and Thursk Lakes. This metal guard is very high - if approached at even a normal speed on an ORV/ATV/Motorcycle, the driver could be thrown off their machine - approach very slowly - potentially very dangerous!!

Recently new **Speed and Safety Signs** have been added to Osprey/Link Lake and to the Chain Lake areas. Special thanks to Greg Tellier for all his hard work to have lower, safer speed limits set thru our residential areas.

### Christmas Events 2016:

**Annual Santa Run - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - If you'll be in our area on Christmas Eve, have children under 12, and would like Santa to stop by, just email: [santa@ospreylake.ca](mailto:santa@ospreylake.ca) (or call Susie Claus at 250-295-0774). Please include the children's names, gender, ages, and your Osprey/Link address and phone #.

**Community Hay Ride - Monday to Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>** - starts around 7:00pm and runs for about an hour - book your pick up by email: [hayride@ospreylake.ca](mailto:hayride@ospreylake.ca) or call Rob @ 250-295-6420. We will be collecting cash or food donations for the Princeton Food Bank.

**Snowwheelers' Snow Golf - Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** - 1:00pm - 3:00pm - \$5 per golfer - 6 holes of fun in the snow - the rule is, there are no rules except to have fun and maybe win a prize. Takes about 2 hours and starts at 4105 Lakesyde Rd. (Holmgren's)



**Snowwheelers' Community Poker Run - Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** - runs from 11:00am to 2:00pm - a fun course of approximately 35km. There will be one check point offering a warm up fire and some hot dogs. \$15/sled, plus \$10 each for extra cards. Helmets mandatory. Still need volunteers and prizes to pull this off, so please, help if you can.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Party and Fireworks - Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** - on the ice in front of the Osprey Lake Forestry Camp Site - begins around 11:00pm - fireworks at midnight. Cost - \$10/adult toward cost of fireworks. Warming fires, music, canopy and tables will be set up. Bring your own refreshments and food. Questions? - email: [fireworks@ospreylake.ca](mailto:fireworks@ospreylake.ca).

## Upcoming 2017 Spring/Summer Community Events:

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** – 11:00am – 4105 Lakesyde Rd.

**Spring Roadside Cleanup – Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – time and location to be confirmed

**Osprey Ratepayer's Annual GM & Election of Officers - Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00am – Hayes Creek Fire Hall

**Osprey Snow Wheeler's Snowmobile Club Annual GM & Election of Officers - Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** - 11:00am – Hayes Creek Fire Hall (immediately following the Ratepayer's meeting)

**Hayes Creek Fire - Annual General Meeting/Open House - Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00am - Fire Hall

**34th Annual Osprey Lake Corn Roast - Saturday & Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Osprey/Link Lake Shoreline Cleanup – Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** – time and location to be confirmed

## Corn Roast 2016:

Osprey Lake's 33rd Annual Labour Day weekend Community Corn Roast was again held under great weather and enjoyed by around 600 local residents, their families and guests.

Things started out on Friday with the fishing derby (winner: Lorne Dean). On Saturday, 120 people participated in Bocci and Corn Hole games (winners: Bocci - Bruce Devin, Kelly Patricelli, Scott Moyes & Adam Prudhomme and Corn Hole - Eric Bornestig & Quintin Lowen).

Sunday morning was all for the kids - starting with 36 children in the bike parade, then the races, fishing pond, and bird house painting. The second annual Chili Contest was enjoyed by over 150 'tasters' who chose Rob Miller's as the best of the day and Mike Petricelli and the best display. Everyone also enjoyed the 500 cobs of fresh Chilliwack corn and over 300 hot dogs, while enjoying the music of the local Allenby Blues Band. We had 65 cakes donated for the very popular Cake Walk. The day ended with the canoe races (winners: Men's singles - Alex Cousineau and Mixed Doubles - Carol & Dan Soenen), the raffle draws (winners: BBQ - Troy Mitchell, Log Splitter - Rod deBoer, Propane Fire Pit - Lisa Miller, Propane Smoker - Halley Patricelli), and 350 people enjoying the meat raffles and 10 games of bingo under the big tarp (winner of the game 10 chain saw was Toni Mitchell).

Thanks to our major contributors: Save On Foods Princeton, the Lighthouse/Gould Families, all those who donated prizes, and to the dozens of volunteers who made the day such a great success. For next year, we're looking for donations of 2 used canoes and 6 paddles – please let us know if you can help out.

## Community Update:

**Osprey Snowwheelers' Snowmobile Club** –The club has done some trail clearing over the fall and will be active shortly with snow grooming of the KVR and local trails. The Christmas Poker Run is being planned for 11:00am on December 31<sup>st</sup> - a little later this season. A final course length and layout can't be determined until we see snow conditions and determine which logging roads are plowed. Support your local club, trail grooming, and save on liability insurance – all with club membership - now available on line – [just click this link](#) to join and pay with any credit card or PayPal. For further information email: [snowwheelers@ospreylake.ca](mailto:snowwheelers@ospreylake.ca).



**Hayes Creek Firefighters' Assoc.** – Fortunately, there has been no fires in the last few months, but medical calls and responses to vehicle accidents continue to keep them busy. The rear two story fire hall addition outside deck has been completed as well as receiving a ‘final’ on the building permit. Recently a large capacity water tank has been completed with ‘quick fill’ capabilities to refill the tanker. Outstanding ‘things to do’ are installation of the generator and flooring for the upper rear area.

Hayes Creek **Pancake Breakfasts** continue to be very popular. They are held on the first Sunday of most months. For actual dates and complete details check the community web site: [www.ospreylake.ca](http://www.ospreylake.ca).

Please continue to drop off your refundable drink container donations – Canadian containers only please! The extra money generated helps offset our added operational costs. Hayes Creek Fire operations receive no annual government funding, so please ensure you pay your annual Property Registration Fee of \$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](http://www.ospreylake.ca) for a Registration Form. Questions? Contact: Rob Miller at 250-295-6420 or email: [hayescreekfire@ospreylake.ca](mailto:hayescreekfire@ospreylake.ca)

**Okanagan Wind Turbine Farm** - Information can be found at their website ([www.OkanaganWind.ca](http://www.OkanaganWind.ca)). Each Wednesday a new update is posted to the website, generally outlining a development in their projects. There are many photos to look through for anyone interested in knowing what the sites look like, what progress is being done or what equipment is used. They also have a monthly newsletter.

**10th Annual Osprey & Link Lakes Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup – September 9th, 2017** - The weather was good for the great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup held the morning of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Thanks to the Quadlings, Grizers, Lynne Adams, Errol Bourgoïn, Barb Anstie, and Rob Miller the job was done in two hours. Well done residents and visitors to our area, this year was the cleanest the lakes have ever been. One large blue plastic barrel, one large board full of nails, one large steel pipe and only two bags of garbage was retrieved from the lakes and shorelines.

Quite a difference from years past, when both a truck and a trailer had to be used to take the collected debris to the dump. Cigarette butts still seem to be a problem, but not as many on the ground as last clean up. Only a few pop and beer containers were found, far fewer than years past. Must be that consumers of those products are getting the idea of "if you pack it in, please pack it out." Thank you for that!

**New to our Community?** We have put together a “Welcome Wagon” package of basic local information and contact information for all new residents. This is especially useful to “first time” rural property owners. Wood stove issues, bears, recycle/garbage, and numerous other local issues are explained. If you, or someone you know, is new to our neighbourhood and would like a copy, it’s available on our [community web site](http://www.ospreylake.ca) or email: [WelcomeWagon@ospreylake.ca](mailto:WelcomeWagon@ospreylake.ca) .

**Community Web Site** - Dates, times, and locations of all upcoming local events, along with a current local temperature and a live webcam view of Osprey Lake and all are available on our community web site: [www.ospreylake.ca](http://www.ospreylake.ca). If you have any new pictures or information you’d like included, please let us know.

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