



OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION



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President's Summer 2018 Newsletter

September 6, 2018

After a record winter snow fall, more flooding, a wet June – it's been a strange year. At this point last year there was a campfire ban in place and the Elephant Hill fire was out of control. Up until last week, we had lots of moisture, but over the last few days it's been drying up fast and heating up. There is a high probability of a campfire ban in the next few weeks, unless the rains resume. I think every year now is 'not' normal. Lots of snow, late spring, and now lots of sun. Over the past week, there has been a few new forest fires in BC. Remember, once a ban is in place, only [CSA/ULC approved propane fire pits and BBQs](#) are allowed. Violation fines have been increased to \$1,150. Call 1-800-663-5555, not 911 or Hayes Creek Fire, to report violations. For Forest Fire and evacuation updates and fire bans check: [bcwildfire.ca](#).

Community Calendar:

Saturday, August 4th, 2018 – Safety Cabin Refurbishing 9:30am - meet at 3 Lakes Store. Food and drinks will be provided. Tom S and Rob M are coordinating a refurbishing of the existing cabin, with new roof, floor and interior features. We all potentially benefit from having this emergency shelter cabin available. Stay as long as you can - object is to get it done and have fun in the process. Please let Tom or Rob know if you'll be able to help, so they can organize the food. <mailto:rob@ospreylake.ca>

Sunday, August 5th, 2018 – 10:00am - Hayes Creek Firefighters' General Meeting – Garage Sale/Open House to 2:00pm - stop by & check out the fire hall & equipment - enjoy a complimentary drink & hamburger or hot dog.

Friday to Sunday, August 31st to September 2nd, 2018 - 35th Annual Osprey Corn Roast - All residents, their families and friends are invited to the usual community fun weekend full of activities and free corn-on-the-cob.

Sunday, September 16th, 2018 – 10:00am - 11th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup – Local shoreline cleanup, rain or shine. If you are able to participate please contact Myra at 250-295-0044.

Sunday, October 7, November 4, & December 2, 2018 – 10:00am>noon - Hayes Creek Pancake Breakfast
Full breakfast is served at Hayes Creek Fire Hall for only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. All residents and guests are welcome.

Corn Roast:

We're finalizing plans for our **35th Annual Osprey Corn Roast** - The agenda of events is now available on our community web site, as well as local bulletin boards. The fishing derby runs from Friday, August 30th noon to Saturday at 9:00pm. Saturday begins by setting up the giant Bingo 'tarp' and the **Bocce** and **Corn Hole** tournaments. Then main event on Sunday with **Children's Parade, Races & Fish Pond, The Band**, and **Horse Races** (new this year). We also have a craft for this kids. Back again is the popular **Chili Cook Off** – for only \$5 you can taste the best Chili's in the area, then vote for "Osprey's Finest" and best "Table/Costumes". Then there is the popular **Cake Walk** and **Canoe Races**. The busy day ends under the tarp with giant **Bingo** and **Meat Raffles**. In addition to **free Corn-on-the-Cob**, the caboose will be serving up BBQ hot dogs, popcorn, Freezies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, bottled water, and pop.



If you cook up a great Chili and would like to make a large crock pot and enter the **Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off** contest, please contact Jeannette @ 604-561-3175 or email chili@ospreylake.ca. We're looking for 5-6 entries to challenge Geoff Boyd, last year's winner.

Our **raffle** this year has a great SS BBQ, Bradley Smoker, Wood outdoor table/chair set, and Kids battery ATV. Volunteers will be needed to set up and take down the tarp and tables as well as serving food in the caboose. We need some interesting baked goods for the Cake Walk, as well as prize donations for Bingo and the various games/activities – hope you can help out - they can be dropped off anytime within the week before at Holmgren's, 4105 Lakesyde Rd.

Community Update:

Osprey Area Ratepayers Assoc – 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..

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, May 19th. Items of community interest were discussed. Elected for a two year term were: Alan Holmgren, Tom Sellmer, Christine Allenby, Ole Kristensen, and Ruth Bourgoin. Existing directors serving for one more year are: Mark Nilson, Rob Miller, Lorri Layng and Lisa Farquharson. Maggie Ramsay was presented with flowers and thanked for her 10 years of volunteering as Treasurer. Rob Miller was also recognized with a special “Captain Flood” T-Shirt for all his work coordinating Lee Creek sandbagging and flood control. It was agreed to fund dust control to the KVR, refurbishing of ‘Safety’ cabin located north of Osprey Lake, and a \$5,000 donation towards a replacement fire truck.

11th Annual Roadside Cleanup - May 2018 - Another successful roadside clean up by 18 local residents. They spent the morning of May 26, 2018 walking along the local roads and again there was bits of the oddest things people had tossed from their vehicles.

Osprey Snowwheelers' Club – The club had another successful winter as a Snowmobile Club only. More information will follow later in the year concerning activities planned for the winter. The local ATV club operating out of Chain Lake – the [Similkameen Valley Riders ATV Club](#) is doing well, holding many organized runs in our area. On June 16 we had a very successful work party clearing brush from about 9km of trails on the north side. Thanks to all the 25 who participated.



Hayes Creek Firefighters' Assoc. – It was the year of the flood – what a great effort by community volunteers controlling record spring runoffs. Please help out Hayes Creek Fire by donating your refundable containers at the hall. The monthly Pancake Breakfasts will not be held during the summer, but will start again the first Sunday in October. A summary of all Hayes Creek activities has been recently mailed out to all residents – it's available on the web site, if you missed it.

Community Website - Dates, times, and locations of all upcoming local events, and pictures of past events, are all available at ospreylake.ca. If you have any new pictures or information you'd like included, or have a listing for the “Catch and Release” (buy and sell) page, please let us know. The Ratepayer's annual membership dues are now due for the 2018/2019 season – Payment options are: Interac eTransfer via your on-line banking to cornroast@ospreylake.ca; mailing the form below with a cheque payable to “Osprey Area Ratepayers”; or at the Corn Roast membership desk on September 2nd. To contact the executive call Alan @ 604-728-3131 or email: ratepayers@ospreylake.ca or Ruth @ 250-295-6660 or email: cornroast@ospreylake.ca.

Membership Renewal – September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019

Mail to: Osprey Area Ratepayers Assoc. RR#1 – S11 – C16 Princeton, BC, V0X 1W0	Annual Property Membership Dues: \$ 10.00 Corn Roast Prize Cash Donation: _____ Total \$ _____ Name: _____ Email: _____ Osprey Address: _____
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Enjoy your summer.

Alan Holmgren

President,
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