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President's 2017 Christmas Newsletter

After an extremely dry summer, it now looks like winter is well underway. It started snowing and staying early November – with about 6” this week, there are already a few sleds out on the local trails.

It always seems to quiet around the lake this time of year but hopefully Christmas will liven things up with many property owners spending extra time enjoying the snow and everything the Osprey Lake area has to offer.

There are lots of activities again planned and we hope you’ll be able to be around and enjoy them.

A few more **thefts** have recently occurred around the lake – seems to be a regular occurrence each fall. There was a meeting in October with the RCMP to discuss options and recommendations to improve your chances of avoiding break-ins. Things discussed including marking all potential theft items with your BC Driver’s License number, adding security cameras and recording devices, securely locking things up and generally encouraging everyone to be aware of what is going on in our neighbourhood.

Christmas Events 2017:

Annual Santa Run - Sunday, December 24th – 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 (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 – Tuesday to Saturday, December 26th to December 30th – starts around 7:00pm and runs for about an hour – book your pick up by email: hayride@ospreylake.ca or call Rob @ 250-295-6420. We will be collecting cash donations for the Princeton Food Bank.

Snowwheelers’ Snow Golf – Friday, December 29th – 1:00pm – 2:00pm - \$5 per golfer – 6 holes of fun in the snow – there are no rules, except to have fun and, with a bit of luck, maybe win a prize. Takes about 1 hour and starts at 4105 Lakesyde Rd. (Holmgren’s)

Snowwheelers’ Community Poker Run – Sunday, December 31st – runs from 11:00am to 2:00pm – registration opens at 10:00am. A fun course of approximately 35km. There will be one check point offering a warm up fire and some hot dogs. \$25/sled, plus \$15 each for extra cards. Registration includes hot dogs and a drink. Helmets mandatory. Still need volunteers and prizes to pull this off, so please, help if you can.



4th Annual New Year’s Eve Party and Fireworks – Sunday, December 31st – on the ice in front of the Osprey Lake Forestry Camp Site – begins around 11:30pm – fireworks at midnight. Donation request of \$10/adult toward cost of fireworks. Warming fires will be set up. Bring your own refreshments. Questions? – email: fireworks@ospreylake.ca.



Upcoming Community Events:

Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, December 9th - 11:00am > 2:00pm – Hayes Creek Fire Hall

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 1st – 11:00am – 4105 Lakesyde Rd.

Osprey Ratepayer’s Annual GM - Saturday, May 19th - 10:00am – Hayes Creek Fire Hall

Osprey Snowwheelers’ Snowmobile Club Annual GM & Election of Officers - Saturday, May 19th - 11:00am – Hayes Creek Fire Hall (immediately following the Ratepayer’s meeting)

Spring Roadside Cleanup – Saturday, May 26th – Quadling’s – 9:00am

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

35th Annual Osprey Lake Corn Roast - Saturday & Sunday, September 1st and 2nd

Osprey/Link Lake Shoreline Cleanup – Saturday, September 8th – Quadling’s - 9:00am

Corn Roast 2017:



After a record year of rain free days, everyone enjoyed time around the lake. More than 450 people took part in our annual celebration.

Events started on Friday with the fishing derby. Although the winning fish was only 12 oz, winner Megan Cox was thrilled with the pontoon boat prize.

Saturday started with 56 players in the Bocce tournament - winning team was Lorne McKercher, Travis Carriere, Doug Simons, and Carol Biladau. The Corn Hole tournament followed, also with 56 players - winning team was Jake Main and Cole Connolly.

Sunday morning started with Hayes Creek Fire leading 46 children in the bike parade, followed by the kid’s races, scavenger hunt, kite painting, and fishing pond. Free Corn-on-the-cob started around 10:30, with over 500 cobs of corn enjoyed throughout the day while the crowd enjoying the music of the local Allenby Blues Band. For the third year we had a Chili Cook Off – new winner this year was Geoff Boyd. Chicken Poop Poker continued to be a crowd pleaser. Again one of the most popular events was the Cake Walk. At one point there were 200 people lined up for their chance at a donated cake. New this year was the parent-child Canoe Race – won by Dyland and Brent. The day ended with about 270 bingo fans enjoying 10 games under the tarp and out of the sun. Winners of the prize draws were: BBQ – Peter Grizer, Canopy – Alice McGowan, Log Splitter – Daryl Itterman, and Inflatable Island – Dayton.

Thanks to all the prize and food donors and to the volunteers who spent many hours and helped so much during the weekend. Profits from the day will be used for community improvements.

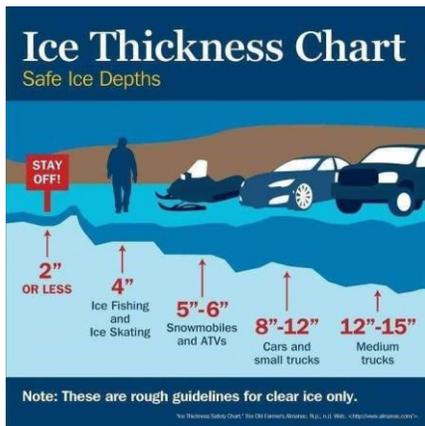
Community Update:

Osprey Snowwheelers’ Snowmobile Club –With the dry summer and back country closures, planned club trail clearing was not possible. The Christmas Poker Run is being planned for 11:00am on December 31st - 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.



Hayes Creek Firefighters' Assoc.

Engine three is now in service, in the hall, filled with 7.5 tons of water, and upping our firefighting capacity in water by 40%. We are now able to get two 2 1/2" lines on a structure fire, with Engines 1 and 2 pumping from 1 1/2" lines for exposures and mop up.



For theft protections, signs and cameras have been installed at the hall. The upper level patio deck roof covering is almost done, after many hours working in the cold. Special thanks to Peter and Stan.

Also, this is the time of year when the lake ice is dangerously thin for children, dogs, fishermen, and ORV drivers. If an accident should occur, remember, the only safe rescue technique is the boat method, with ropes and life jackets! Always make sure ice thickness is sufficient before venturing out.

Hayes Creek Fire will be hosting a **Craft & Bake Sale** at the Fire Hall on Saturday, December 9th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Time to start your Christmas shopping. Everyone is welcome, and for a small donation, lunch will be served. If you are able to donate a bake item, or wish to use a table to sell some of your home made crafts, please contact Gail @ 250-295-6898.

Please continue to donate your **refundable drink containers** – Canadian containers only please! The extra money generated helps offset our 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](#) for a Registration Form.

Hayes Creek **Pancake Breakfasts** continue to be very popular. The next one will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 10:00am to noon at the fire hall. Cost is \$10/adult and \$5/children under 10. They are held on the first Sunday of most months, but check the community web site.



10th Annual Osprey & Link Lakes Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

The Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup was held the morning of Saturday, September 9th, 2017. Chain Lake, Link Lake and Osprey Lake, along with the respective campsites and boat launches were cleaned as well as the KVR and adjacent roadways. The welcomed rain started to fall just as the eleven volunteers finished collecting garbage while walking and using their boats.

Due to the unusual summer this year and the smaller numbers of people in the area, much less garbage was found around our area than ever before. Cigarettes continue to be the number one garbage item collected. Thanks to all those that helped to keep our waterways and walkways free of unsafe and unsightly garbage.

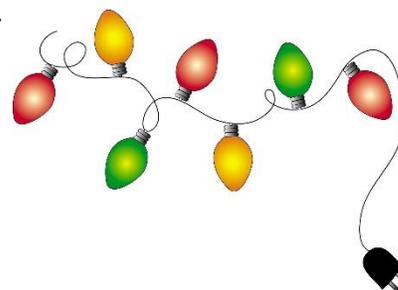
New to our Community? We have put together a “Welcome Wagon” package of basic local information and contact information for all new residents. This is especially useful to “first time” rural property owners. Wood stove issues, bears, recycle/garbage, and numerous other local issues are explained. If you, or someone you know, is new to our neighbourhood and would like a copy, it's available on our [community web site](#) or email: 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. If you have any new pictures or information you'd like included, please let us know.

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