



President's Spring 2019 Newsletter

April 15, 2019

The good news this year is no flood so far, but the freshet normally doesn't happen until the end of April. The bad news is it was a short snowmobile season with much of the snow gone around the lake by the end of March. Along with the early spring, we also had a late starting, but very cold winter January thru early March. It was down to -35°C for a while, resulting in lots of frozen water and drain lines. The ice was fully off Osprey Lake by April 14 and a lot of the spring runoff is over – thankfully with no flooding so far. But we have sand bags and sand ready, just in case.

Upcoming 2019 Spring/Summer Events:

- **Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, April 21 - 11:00am sharp**
- **Hayes Creek Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, May 5 and June 2 – 9:30 > 11:00am**
- **Osprey Ratepayer's Annual GM & Election of Officers - Saturday, May 18 - 10:00am**
- **Osprey Snowwheelers AGM & Election of Officers - Saturday, May 18 - 10:45am**
- **12th Annual Spring Roadside Cleanup - Saturday, May 25 – new location - Gamache's – 4184 Princeton-Summerland Rd - 9:00am**
- **Hayes Creek Fire - Annual General Meeting and Open House - Sunday, August 4 - 10:00am**
- **36th Annual Osprey Corn Roast - August 30 to September 1**
- **12th Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup - September 7**

Easter Egg Hunt

Due to an early spring, there is very little snow left, so the local children shouldn't have any problem finding all the Easter Eggs. All local children and their guest's children are invited on Easter Sunday – April 21 at 11:00am sharp. It will be held at Holmgren's – 4105 Lakesyde Rd. – thanks to Karren Hodge to again organizing this fun event.

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 a little better. Current directors for another year are Alan Holmgren, Tom Sellmer, Maggie Ramsay, Christine Allenby, and Ruth Bourgojn. Up for re-election for another 2 year term are Mark Nilson, Rob Miller, Lorri Layng, and Lisa Farquharson. We still have \$ available for community improvement projects - if you have any ideas, please let us know.

Osprey Corn Roast

Summer's not even here yet, but make sure you plan to attend the **36th Annual Osprey Labour Day Corn Roast - Saturday & Sunday, August 31st/ September 1st**. Hopefully we'll have another year of great weather, great times, and great fun. 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 5 and June 2. Cost is only \$10 for adults – join in for a great breakfast and meet some of your neighbours.

During the cold snap, Lee Creek culvert under Meadow Crescent froze up. Again a strange weather year as normally the creek is not flowing during winter. As the culvert was plugged with ice and the creek still flowing, on March 12 water poured over Meadow Crescent, causing a very slippery, icy street with ice on the road in front of 2 or 3 properties. Thru cooperation of RDOS, equipment was brought in to 'thaw' the culvert and eliminate the cause of the problem. Sand was dumped on the road to minimize the impact.

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 4th, 10:00am**, followed by their Meet & Greet Open House, free hot dogs and pop. Note: there will be no garage sales this year, so please don't try dropping things off.

Card Nights

We've had a few community card nights at the Hayes Creek Community Hall this year. Thanks to Cindy Gamache for organizing these socials. People just bring their own games – Cribbage, Skip Bo, or whatever card or board game they like. The last one was April 13 with 15 people taking part. Looks like interest has ended now that we have warmer weather and longer daylight. They will start up again in the fall.

Osprey Snowwheelers

The snowmobile season was over very early this year – last decent ride was middle of March, except for some die-hards who trailering their machines up near the Wind Turbines and still had some great days. Last spring and summer there was two work parties cleaning the brush from many of the trails. This year's

snowmobiling was significantly better thanks to their efforts.

Due to lack of snow just before Christmas, we delayed our Annual Poker Run to the Family Day weekend on February 17th. Following the positive response we received, it will be held on this weekend again next year. It was a great turn out of 69 skeds on an all new trail, running north-east of Osprey Lake. Last year we purchased a new tow behind groomer – it continues to do a great job of taking the worst bumps out of the local trails.

We have planned our **Osprey Snowheeler's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 18th, 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. 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 2018:

The 30th annual Osprey **Santa Run** was a great success, with 22 children still believing after Santa and his elves finished their 11 stops in the community. Thanks for Ruth and Suzie for organizing, buying, and wrapping all the gifts and candy bags. And to Santa Dave, and his 11 helpers.

There was a record 50 golfers trying out this year's **Snow Golf** course of six holes on Osprey Lake. Thanks to Len and Troy Mitchel for helping with the setup. Low score was Paul H with a 27. Nearly all the foursomes ended up with at least one prize.



The nightly Hay Wagon rides were not as popular this year, but everyone who went had a great time. Thanks to Rob for setting everything up and driving around each evening.

The 5th Annual New Year's Eve 20 minute fireworks display was fantastic. There were at least 70 people on the ice watching, plus about 50 on the KVR and in the surrounding houses. Special thanks to Al and Duane for organizing, getting the permit, purchasing and setting off the display. If you forgot or didn't have cash with you, donations are still being accepted by Alan, Rob, Norm, or Ruth.

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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