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President's 2018 Christmas Newsletter

After a dry summer, it now looks like winter is well underway. It started snowing and staying mid November – with about 2" this week, we're expecting sleds out on the local trails any day.

For all those travelling on the highways to Vancouver, watch out as many of the speed limits have been reduced – Highway 1 from Aldergrove to Hope is now 100km/h. Highway 3 from Sunday Summit to just east of Princeton is back to 80km/h.

The washout along Princeton-Summerland Rd, about ½ way to Princeton is currently being worked on. Hopefully it will be complete and back to two-way traffic before Christmas. The two culvert enlargements in our area, on Meadow and Lakesyde were on the list but looks like will not be completed this year, except for some large concrete dividers which were recently installed. Let's hope for a mind run-off next spring and no flooding.

Telus have recently added 'spotty' coverage along the Hope-Princeton Highway, with full coverage at Eastgate, Manning Park Lodge, and Sunshine Village. Also, for those near Osprey/Link Lakes with WiFi internet coverage, most carriers and plans now allow WiFi calling - you can answer and make cell calls. To set up on an iPhone, go to Settings/Phone/WiFi Calling.

Long time Lee Creek property owner Abe Unra, passed away in Sept. He sold his property here in 2014 after spending many years in the community.

It always seems so 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 for over the Christmas season and we hope you'll be able to be around and enjoy them.

Christmas Events 2018:

Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, December 8th - 11:00am > 2:00pm – Hayes Creek Community Hall

Community Pot Luck Dinner - Friday, December 14th – Hayes Creek Community Hall - 5:00pm happy hour, 6:00pm dinner – please call Gail if you can make it. 250-295-6898

Annual Santa Run - Monday, 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 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 – Saturday, 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 – Monday, 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 or rider, plus \$15 each for extra cards. Registration includes hot dogs and a drink. Helmets mandatory. We still need volunteers and prizes to pull this off, so please, help if you can.



5th 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:

Yoga - Wednesday Mornings – 11:30am > 1:00pm - \$10 – Hayes Creek Community Hall

Real Crafty Princeton Women – Wednesday Afternoons – 1:00 > 4:00pm - \$2 – Sorry, kids and men, but ladies only - contact Cindy 250-295-0510 for more details

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 21, 2019

Osprey Ratepayer's Annual GM - Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Osprey Snowwheelers' Snowmobile Club Annual GM - Saturday, May 18th

Spring Roadside Cleanup – Saturday, May 25th, 2019

Hayes Creek Fire - Annual General Meeting/Open House - Sunday, August 4th, 2019

36th Annual Osprey Lake Corn Roast - Saturday & Sunday, August 31 > September 1, 2019

Osprey/Link Lake Shoreline Cleanup – Saturday, September 7th, 2019

Corn Roast 2018:

After another record year of forest fires and smoke, it cleared up for a sunny warm weekend for our 35th annual community event. Around 450 people took part in our 'end of summer' celebration. Events started on Friday with the fishing derby. The winning fish this year, of just over 1 pound, was caught by Jody Huff, winning her an inflatable boat. Child's award went to Rylie Jensen. There was a record 56 registered and 53 fish weighed in.



Saturday started with 32 players in the Bocce tournament. Winning team was: Skye M, Jake P, Lea V, & Lellan B; runners up: Eva Bailey, Rennie D, Travis Carriere, & Terence T. The Corn Hole tournament followed with 56 players - winning teams were: "A" Eric Mennen & Cody G, runners up: Lea V & Avery M; "B" Trish M & Rob M, runners up: Janet D & Jessie M.

Sunday morning started with Hayes Creek Fire leading 38 children in the bike parade, followed by the kid's races, painting craft, and fishing pond. Free Corn-on-the-cob started around 10:30, with 500 cobs of corn and 300 hot dogs enjoyed throughout the day while the crowd enjoying the music of the local Allenby Blues Band. Five Chili Masters vied for the title of Best Chili – Best taste winner was Jake Petkau, runner up Mike Patricelli, and Best Table Decorations Bruce Graham. After the Horse Races, the big event for many people, young and old, is the very popular cake walk – people competing for one of the 50 cakes donated by local residents. Entertainment continued with the canoe races across the windy, cool lake (along with a few tip overs). Winners were: Mixed couples: Jen & Alexander, runners up: Candice & Chantelle; Men's doubles: Lucas & Travis, runners up: father and son team of Len & Troy M. The day ended with about 330 bingo fans enjoying 10 games under the tarp and out of the sun. The games were split up with fire pit and meat raffles. Winners of the prize draws were - BBQ: Joan Brenton; Bradley Smoker: Taryn Jewell; Outdoor Wooden Table and Chairs: Emily Sheppard; and Kids' Mudslinger ATV: Christy Stevens.

The event could not have happen without the generous prize and food donors and to the many local 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 – We completed many km of trail clearing this spring and fall, which should make snowmobiling this year a lot more fun. The north-side 'Safety Cabin' (now call Bare Tree Cabin) rebuild was also completed, and is now available to all local residents.

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.

Thankfully over the last few months, the only call outs have been medical, and not fire.

The upper east patio deck and east and west side walkway coverings are now complete, thanks to Peter and Rob.

This is the time of year when the lake ice is starting for form, but initially dangerously thin. 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 8th 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 at 250-295-6898.

Thanks for continuing to donate **refundable drink containers** (Canadian containers only). The money helps offset our operational costs. As Hayes Creek Fire is not a Certified volunteer fire department, they don't receive annual government funding. 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 out Community Organizations, Hayes Creek Fire on our [community website](#) for a Registration Form.

Hayes Creek monthly **Pancake Breakfasts** continue to see great turnouts. The next one will be held on Sunday, December 2 from 10:00am to noon. Cost is \$10/adult and \$5/children under 10. They are held at the Hayes Creek Community Hall on the first Sunday of most months, but check the community web site.



11th Annual Osprey & Link Lakes Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

The Annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup was held the morning of Sunday, September 16th, 2018. Osprey and Link Lakes, their campsites were cleaned up, as well as the KVR and adjacent roadways were all searched for foreign items. The good news is there wasn't much to pick up – looks like most people are 'getting it' and not leaving a mess. Thanks to all the volunteers for collecting the shoreline garbage.

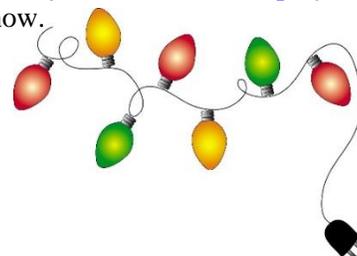
New to our Community? We have put together a "Welcome Wagon" package of basic local information and contact information for all new residents. This is especially useful to "first time" rural property owners. Wood stove issues, bears, recycle/garbage, and numerous other local issues are explained. If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

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