

OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION



President's 2022 Christmas Newsletter

November 20, 2022

Snow came early this year and caught many unprepared when we woke up to snow on October 25. The lakes are now frozen over and soon will be ready for fishermen, cross country skiing, and snowmobiles.

Although the number of Covid cases has dropped, the flu and RSV are currently making the rounds. The current shortage of pain medicines is especially affecting children. Hopefully things will calm down for an enjoyable Christmas season, allowing everyone to participate in the many community activities planned this year.

Christmas Events 2022:

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, November 26 - 10am to 2pm Hayes Creek Community Hall. There are already 17 local crafters and bakers registered! If you would like to sell any of your crafts or baking, tables are \$10.00 plus a donated bake item. Set up of tables starts at 8:30am. Light lunch will be served, by donation. There will be the Quilt raffle, 50/50 tickets, and other Door prizes donated by supportive Princeton and Penticton businesses, all drawn at 2:00 pm. Questions? Contact Donna by email [potluck @ ospreylake.ca](mailto:potluck@ospreylake.ca)



Community Dance - Saturday, December 3 - doors open at 6:00pm. Hayes Creek Community Hall. The local Highway 40 band will provide live music. We are looking for product or service donations for silent auction items to support the Hayes Creek Fire. Bring along your own food and refreshments. Tickets are \$10 payable in cash at the door.

Pancake Breakfasts - Sunday, December 4, (also January 8, 2023 and February 5, 2023) - 9:30 to 11:00am - Hayes Creek Community Hall - Full breakfast with pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, muffins, tea/coffee and juice. Only \$12 for Adults and \$5 for children under 10. All residents and guests are welcome.

Hayes Creek Fire Christmas Potluck Dinner, Saturday, December 10 - Doors open at 5:00pm - Hayes Creek Community Hall. Contact Donna at [potluck @ ospreylake.ca](mailto:potluck@ospreylake.ca) for further details or just to confirm your attendance and what food item you will be bringing. All full time and seasonal residents are welcome.

Santa Run – Saturday, December 24 - If you will be at Osprey or Link Lake Christmas Eve and have young children under 10 who would like Santa to stop by, please email: [santa @ ospreylake.ca](mailto:santa@ospreylake.ca) with your lake address, phone #, children's names, gender, and ages. If you'd like Santa to drop off a gift, please let us know before December 10, so the elves have time to buy and wrap them.

Snow Golf - Saturday, December 31 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm - \$5/golfer - six holes of fun outside on Osprey Lake. No rules - just a lot of fun. And a chance to win a prize! Starts at 4071 Lakesyde Rd. (Mitchell's). Please help out by donating a prize.

New Year's Eve Fireworks – Saturday, December 31 - starting @ 11:45pm. Best viewing is from the ice in front of the Osprey Lake Forestry Campsite. There is a \$10/person donation request to help offset the cost of the fireworks. Warming fires will be set up. Bring your own refreshments. Questions? email: [fireworks @ ospreylake.ca](mailto:fireworks@ospreylake.ca)

Corn Roast 2022:

Just when we thought it couldn't get any better - we again set new records. After a two year break for Covid, everyone was definitely ready to meet their neighbours and have a good time.

The weekend started with the Fishing Derby on Friday. There were 65 registered, with Jackson Christian catching the winning fish of 1 pound 4.7 ounces, taking home a personal pontoon fishing boat. Children's under 16 category winners were Waymon and Abigail. We then followed it up on Saturday with the Bocce and Corn Hole. The Bocce winner was the Silva Clan. This year was a record event for Corn Hole with 96 entrants. Winners were: Jaxon and Brody. Sunday morning started with the bike parade, Hayes Creek Pancake breakfast, then the kid's races, and kids painting bird houses. Each child enjoying the ribbons, candy bags, and gifts. It was then the adults' time, with the Cake Walk, Chili Contest, Canoe Races, raffles, and bingo games. Winners of the main raffle were Barb A. (Fire Table), Scott M. (Generator), Susan M. (Gift Basket) and Emily S. (BBQ). The Fire Ring winning ticket was #0827625. Record participation was set for most events.

Upcoming Events for 2023:

Community Poker Run – Family Day Weekend, Sunday, February 19, 2023 – 11:00am to 2:00pm – registration opens at 10:00am. An easy snowmobile ride of approx. 35km. There will be a checkpoint offering a warm up fire, hot dogs, and Tom's famous treats. \$25/sled or rider, plus \$15 each for extra cards. Helmets mandatory. We still need volunteers and prizes to pull this off, so please, help if you can. Starts at the usual location - 4105 Lakesyde Rd. (Holmgren's).

Real Crafty Ladies – Tuesday Afternoons – noon - \$2 cash – Sorry, kids and men, but ladies only - Hayes Creek Community Hall - contact Cindy 250-295-0510 for more details

Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 5, 2023 – starting promptly at 11:00am - 4105 Lakesyde Rd

Osprey Ratepayers' - Annual General Meeting - Sunday, May 21, 2023 - 10:00am

Hayes Creek Fire - Annual General Meeting - Sunday, May 21, 2023 - 10:30am

Spring Roadside Cleanup – Saturday, May 27, 2023 - 10:00am

38th Annual Osprey Corn Roast - Sunday, September 3, 2023



Community Update:

Hayes Creek Firefighters – Luckily the only recent incident was a medical call. Refundable bottle returns have now been simplified, due to a change in how Return-It operates - in addition to leaving refundables at the fire hall, anyone can now donate their refundables to Hayes Creek Fire by just dropping them off at any Return-it Express location in BC, using account # 250-295-3300. This change has permitted using the old refundable sorting room as a safe place for firefighters to store and put on their gear. Special thanks to Ruth & Errol for the many years put in sorting containers, before this change.

Hayes Creek Fire is always looking for new members. If you are interested, stop by during fire practice any Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm. Just a reminder to send in your tax deductible 2023 annual property registration fee for the volunteer fire and emergency medical services provided to the community. You can eTransfer your \$100/property fee to hayescreek@ospreylake.ca (include your lake address)

Quilt Raffle - The "Real Crafty Ladies" group from Hayes Creek Fire have created a special 55" x 75" quilt - [click to view picture of Quilt](#) - Tickets: 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25 - you can order online using e-transfer to: CindyLGamache@gmail.com - please include "for quilt raffle tickets, your email, name & phone #" - a copy of your ticket will be emailed back to you.

Community Web Site - Dates, times, and locations of all upcoming local events, along with a current local temperature and a webcam view of Osprey Lake and are all there - check out: www.ospreylake.ca. If you have any new pictures or information you think should be included, please let us know.

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