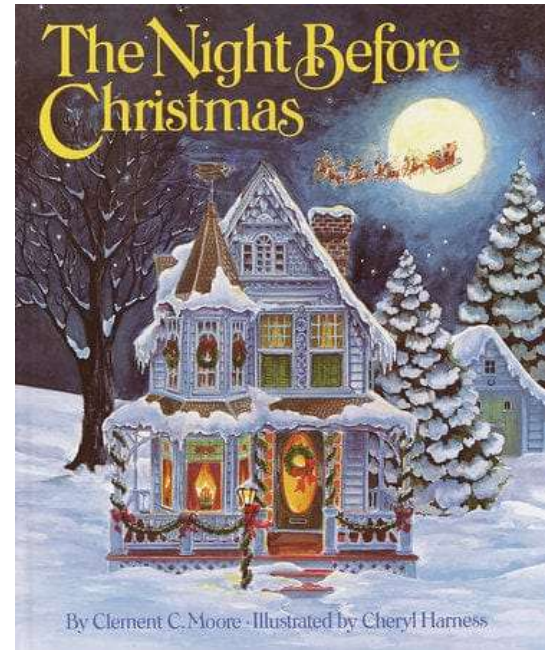

OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION



President's 2023 Christmas Newsletter

November 1, 2023

A trace of snow has arrived, but as usual, the lake is still not frozen over. We were extremely fortunate our area escaped the terrible forest fires which seriously affected other parts of the province.

Christmas Events 2023

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 5 - 9:30 to 11:00 am

Held on the first Sunday of each month - Hayes Creek Community Hall - Full breakfast with pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, muffins, tea/coffee or juice. Only \$12 for Adults and \$5 for children under 10. All residents and guests are welcome. They are now accepting credit cards.

Hayes Creek Arts & Bake Fair Fundraiser

Sunday, November 12 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Hayes Creek Community Hall. Free admission. Shop for beautiful handmade items made by our local Artisans, Bakers, and Crafters. A light lunch of sandwiches, sweets, coffee or tea will be served, by donation. There will also be tickets available for the Quilt Raffle which will be drawn at the December 9 Potluck dinner. Email craftfair@ospreylake.ca. to book a table or for more information. Baking donations would be greatly appreciated as all funds from these sales go directly to Hayes Creek Fire. Craft tables are available for \$15.

Hayes Creek Community Potluck Dinner

Saturday, December 9 - starts at 5:00 pm

Hayes Creek Community Hall - no charge to community residents, but please bring a food item for everyone to share. Free door prize draws. If you can make it, please RSVP by December 1 to potluck@ospreylake.ca

Santa Run

Sunday, December 24, 2023

If you have property in the Osprey/Link Lakes area and would like Santa and his elves to visit your children (10 or under) on Christmas Eve, just email santa@ospreylake.ca with the children's names, ages, gender, local address, contact name, phone # and email. To allow time for Santa's elves to buy and wrap a present, please notify us by December 10 and indicate what type of gift you think would be appropriate. If you want something specific, you are welcome to buy and wrap it, leaving it outside for Santa to hand out - the cut off date for a Santa visit, where you supply the present, is December 22.

Snow Golf

Saturday, December 31 - 2:00 pm sharp

Come and enjoy our unique 'Fun Golf' experience on the ice. Clubs and balls are both provided. New this year is two 6 hole championship courses with a shotgun start. Hot dogs and hot chocolate are included - \$10/person collected, in cash, at the event. Starting point is Mitchells - 4071 Lakesyde Rd (on Osprey Lake). Prize donations are requested to make it an even better day for the golfers.

9th Annual New Year's Eve Fireworks

Saturday, December 31 - 11:45 pm

Meet on the ice by the Osprey Lake Campsite for a spectacular fireworks display. A donation of \$10/person is requested to partially offset costs.

Corn Roast 2023

Even with the Okanagan forest fires and smoky skies, we again had record crowds and a great weekend for local residents and their guests.

The weekend started with the Fishing Derby on Friday. There were 65 registered, with Jackson Christian catching the winning fish of 21 oz., taking home a personal pontoon fishing boat.

We then followed it up on Saturday with the Bocce and Corn Hole. Corn Hole winners were Jake and Jace. This year was a record event for Bocce with 68 entrants - winners were the Mitchells.

Sunday morning started with 75 children in the bike parade, 165 people enjoying the Hayes Creek Pancake breakfast, then 75 in the kid's races, 75 painting wooden cutouts, and lots trying the kids fishing hole. Each child enjoying the ribbons, candy bags, and gifts.

It was then the adults' time to join in, with the Cake Walk (trying to win one of the 68 donated cakes), Chili Contest, Canoe Races, raffles, and bingo games.

Winners of the main raffle were: Janine Sazbados, Kristy Rowland, Clayton and Joanne B. The Fire Ring winner was Anita Klatt. The Chili Contest, Sherri Nolan.



Community Update:

Osprey Ratepayers Assoc - Your 2024 annual dues are due January 1. Please eTransfer your \$10 to ratepayers@ospreylake.ca - just include your lake address.

Community Web Site - Check for dates, times, and locations of all upcoming local events, along with a current local temperature and a webcam view of Osprey Lake: www.ospreylake.ca.

Upcoming Events for 2024

Family Day Poker Run

Sunday, February 18, 2024 - 10:00am to 2:00pm

Registration opens at 9:45 am. An easy snowmobile ride of approx. 40km, with a 'short cut' for those riders who wish to take it a little easier. The famous checkpoint spread is being moved to the finish point - which is also being moved to near the west end of Osprey Lake on the ice in front of the campsite. \$30/sled or rider, plus \$20 each for extra cards. Helmets mandatory. We need volunteers and prizes to pull this off, so please, help if you can. It still starts at the usual location - 4105 Lakesyde Rd. (Holmgren's). All riders will be required to sign a waiver. Online pre-registration discounts will be available when registration opens approx. January 15, 2024.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - starting 11:00 am

Ratepayers' - Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 10:00 am

Hayes Creek - Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 10:30 am

39th Annual Osprey Corn Roast

Sunday, September 1, 2024

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