Osprey Area Ratepayers Assoc.

4105 Lakesyde Rd.
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President's Summer 2024 Newsletter

July 31, 2024

Summer this year was a little late starting, with a very wet May and June. But then….. most of July has been very hot and dry, and unfortunately, resulting in many forest fires. Remember - all campfires, fireworks, sky lanterns, etc. are currently banned - even if it's raining at the time.

Community Calendar

Hayes Creek Pancake Breakfast - the next community buffet breakfast will be this Sunday on **August 4** from 9:30 to 11:00am. Cost is $15 for adults and $5 for children under 10. It will continue on the first Sunday of each month - Enjoy a great buffet breakfast and get to meet your neighbours. All local property owners and visitors are welcome. For the September 1 Corn Roast Sunday, they will be offering a special $10 breakfast of just pancakes, sausages, and coffee at the Corn Roast site.

39th Annual Community Corn Roast

We're in the final planning stages for this year's event on the Labour Day Weekend, **August 31 and September 1**. The fishing derby registration and weigh in will continue at Andreasens at 4121 Lakesyde Rd. starting at noon on Friday. Registration for Corn Hole and Bocce from 9:00 to 9:30am on Saturday with the games starting at 11:00am, The children's parade will start Sunday at 9:15am at Mitchells, 4041 Lakesyde Rd., followed by all the usual Corn Roast activities: Hayes Creek Fire Pancake Breakfast; Children's Races, Crafts, and Fishing Pond; free Corn on the Cob; Raffle; Music; Cake Walk; Canoe Races; and ending with the meat raffle and always popular giant Bingo. Click here for the full Agenda. New this year is a Mac and Cheese Competition (instead of the Chilli Cookoff). If you think you make one of the best, please enter. Click here for details. All events are at 4105 Lakesyde Rd, unless noted. The above picture is all the entrants in the 2023 Canoe Race - one of the most popular spectator events at the Corn Roast.

Corn Roast Donations - to make it a fun event, we group together many donated prizes for each of the ten exciting Bingo games. Please, if you can help out with any donated prizes - even re-gifts or corporate handouts - we'd appreciate your support. Please drop off at Holmgren's, 4105 Lakesyde, anytime before September 1.

Corn Roast Volunteers - besides enjoying the weekend, can you help by volunteering for a few hours to help put on this great community event? Areas where we need help are: **Saturday**, August 31 for about an hour, starting at 9:30am - moving and setting up of the large tarp, tables, and benches at 4105 Lakesyde Rd.; **Sunday**, September 1, two hour shifts: Registration/Raffle Ticket desk starting at 9:30am; Concession Ticket sales starting at 10:30am and 12:30pm; and take down/clean up for about 1 hr starting after bingo at about 5:00pm. If you can help out for a shift, please call Alan at 250-295-3844 or email ratepayers@ospreylake.ca

Mac 'n Cheese Competition - Sunday, **September 1** - Noon to 1:00pm - Want to earn recognition for your Mac 'n cheese? See how your dish compares to others by joining our Corn Roast Mac 'n Cheese competition - please reply by August 15th if you will be entering the competition - click here for details.

Community Update

Easter Egg Hunt was held at Hodge's on Sunday, March 31st. About 21 local children took advantage of the candy/treat filled eggs, and cupcake decorating. All 50 adults watching also had a great time. Thanks to Karren for looking after this fun, local event.

Osprey Ratepayers' Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers - Thanks to all those who turned out on May 19 and offered advice on future Ratepayers events. Those in attendance agreed to continue sponsoring KVR dust control, the New Years Fireworks, timber picnic benches and cleanup of the public accesses. The existing directors have all agreed to continue for another year.

Osprey Snowheelers - unfortunately, the club will be shutting down, due to lack of volunteers and executives to run the club. But the good news is the Ratepayers will be taking over the February Family Day Weekend Festival. It was held February 18th at the Osprey Lake Campsite and was a very successful family event which we plan to continue.

Community Website

For the latest updates with dates, times, and locations of all upcoming local events, and general information on the area, check out our website: ospreylake.ca. If you have any new pictures or information you think should be included, please let us know.

The Ratepayers' annual membership dues are now due for the 2024 season – if you have not yet paid, please eTransfer your $10 annual dues to: ratepayers@ospreylake.ca, pay at the Corn Roast, or mail a cheque to Osprey Ratepayers Assoc, 4105 Lakesyde Rd., Princeton, B.C., V0X 1W0.

To contact the executive, please call Alan: 250-295-3844 or email: ratepayers@ospreylake.ca.

Be safe and enjoy the last month of summer at the lake.

Alan Holmgren, President,

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