OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

President's Spring 2025 Newsletter

April 23, 2025

After a few days of spring, we are now having hail and snow-like conditions. As usual, don't assume the cold weather is over.. It has been a mild winter with a slightly less than average snowpack - this minimizes the risk of flooding, but also depending on late spring weather, may result in dry conditions and increased risk of forest fires. We encourage everyone to take advantage of Hayes Creek Chipping event on May 20, by reducing the amount of combustible materials near your buildings. Sorry to report that long time resident Roger Lupien passed away on April 10, 2025. He was 80 years old. A local service for him is being planned for August.

Community Calendar

41th Annual Community Corn Roast

Will be held as usual on the Labour Day Weekend, **August 30 to 31**. Again this year, we will be starting with the fishing derby on Friday, Corn Hole and Bocce tournaments on Saturday, and Sunday with the children's bike parade, crafts and races. Don't miss the Hayes Creek Fire Pancake Breakfast starting at 9:30 am. The day continues with free Corn on the Cob, along with all the great usual activities - Cake Walk, Canoe Races, Mac 'n Cheese tasting, and the concession with hot dogs, drinks & popcorn. The day ends with the meat raffle and giant Bingo games.

Hayes Creek Pancake Breakfast

The next community breakfast will be on **May 4**, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. It will continue on the first Sunday of each month to the end of the year, except for September, when it will be held at the Corn Roast on August 31. You can enjoy a great buffet breakfast while meeting other local property owners and their guests.
Still only $15 for adults and $5 for children under 10.

Osprey Ratepayers' Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers

11:00am, Sunday, **May 18** at the Hayes Creek Community Hall. Hopefully all local property owners can attend this short meeting, get an update on last years activities, and participate in discussions about future plans for our community.

Chipping Event - May 20

Hayes Creek Fire, in conjunction with FireSmart BC, will be offering complimentary chipping of branches (max size 4"). All you need to do is pile all them beside your road by May 18 and email Hayes Creek Fire at: firechief@hayescreek.ca.
Needles, stumps, sod, and grass clippings are not permitted, but are accepted for free at the Princeton dump.

Community Update

Easter Egg Hunt

We had about 50 adults watching the 20 children run around collecting egg 'shells' stuffed with Easter treats. The children then made edible mini Easter baskets, with rice crispy shells, decorated with green icing and candy eggs.
Thanks to Karren and Lisa for looking after this fun, annual community event.

Santa Run - Christmas Eve

There were only a few children in our community this year, but those lucky enough to have Santa stop by were VERY excited. Joining Santa this year were two elves plus the famous Grinch. Special thanks to Elf Shannon for organizing this year's event.

Snow Golf

It was a great day on the links - sunny weather and 85 golfers taking advantage of the two championship courses. Overall winner was Paul Haysom. There were lots of prizes awarded with random draws. Special thanks to Troy and Nils for being court designers, greens keepers, cooks, announcers, and general organizers.

New Years Eve Fireworks

It was a perfect evening for Fireworks. Lots of ORV's fire pits, local residents and their guests enjoying the fantastic fireworks display on Osprey Lake. There were over 100 spectators amazed by the show, watching it from the ice, campsite, and nearby properties.
Special thanks to Jordan and Ray Q for getting all the fireworks and doing a great job of flawlessly putting on the show.

Hayes Creek Firefighters' Assoc.

Their March 26 Spring Newsletter has already been sent out. You can check it out online, if you didn't receive your email copy (hayescreek.ca).

Family Day Winter Festival

On Sunday, February 16, the community got together at the Osprey Lake campsite to celebrate Family Day. Approximately 130 people attended the event.

There were a lot of food options available - hot dogs slow-cooked on a charcoal grill by Florin, Hamburger soup by Gerry and Shelley from Fivestar Motorsports, and Indian Tacos by the Sellmer family, featuring Karli's bannock.

Although it was snowing lightly most of the day, everyone kept warm standing around the campfires. Thanks to Vic and Paul F for bringing the firewood and 'keeping the fires burning'.

Hayes Creek Fire had their new snow track equipped SXS on display. They held a 50/50 raffle, with Sandy Miller the happy winner. Special thanks to Lisa and Sean for selling the poker hands, tabulating the results, and ensuring there was a great selection of donated prizes for the winners. Over $1,000 was raised for local hiking and Off Road Vehicles trail maintenance.

Latest updates of all upcoming local events and general information on the area are all available at ospreylake.ca. If you have any new pictures or information you'd like included, please let us know.

Be safe and enjoy spring and summer at the lake.
Alan Holmgren, President