OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

President's 2025 Summer Newsletter

July 12, 2025

So far this summer, the weather has been mild, with the 'extreme heat' happening only in the last couple of weeks. The recent fire south of Princeton is a great reminder of the risks involved. If the lack of rain continues, expect a campfire ban very soon. We hope you, your families and friends will be able to spend lots of time this summer enjoying the outdoors around the Osprey Lake area.

40th Annual Corn Roast - 2025

We're all looking forward to celebrating the fortieth Annual Corn Roast on the Labour Day weekend - **August 30 and 31**. There are a couple of special things added this year, including special 40th anniversary treats for everyone. All residents and their guests are invited to this long standing local community tradition.

There will be a free family outdoor movie night, 8:30pm on Saturday, August 30th. Bring your chairs/blankets and enjoy and movie on a large screen 'under the stars'. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hayes Creek Fire will again be offering a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, August 31, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. This breakfast included pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice only and will be held at the Corn Roast site - 4105 Lakesyde Rd. Cost remains at $10 for adults and $5 for children under 16.

We are looking for entrants for our "**Best Mac and Cheese**" contest. If you are interested, please check here for details or text Kim at 604-716-4436.

As usual, we are also looking for bingo prize donations - if you are able to help out, please drop any prizes off at 4105 Lakesyde on August 29th or 30th.

The very popular **Cake Walk** is also looking for donations of cakes or any 'sweets'. These can be dropped off at the Corn Roast on Sunday morning, August 31.

Upcoming Events

Hayes Creek Fire - Pancake Breakfast

October 5 and November 2 - 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Hayes Creek Community Hall - Full breakfast with pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, muffins, toast, tea/coffee and juice. $15 for Adults and $5 for children under 10. All residents and guests are welcome.

Family Day Winter Festival

Sunday, February 15, 2026 - 10:00 am to 1:00 pm - Osprey Lake Forestry Campground. A family friendly community event with free food and fun around a campfire. We will also have Poker Hands available for $10 each with some great prizes.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, 2026 – starting 11:00 am

Hayes Creek - Annual General Meeting

Date to be confirmed - 11:00 am

Ratepayers' - Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 11:00 am

41th Annual Osprey Corn Roast

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Executive Contacts:

Alan - 250-295-3844 or email: ratepayers@ospreylake.ca

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2024 Kid's Bike Parade

Community Update:

Sorry to report that third generation Osprey resident, and long time member of the Ratepayers' executive, **Mark Nilson** passed away on July 4. He was at his 'happy place' - looking out over Osprey Lake. It appears he died of heart failure. He just turned 58. He is survived by his father Rolf, sister Nancy, and brother Rick.

Vic Bartel, an active member of the Chain Lake community, passed away on July 10, after a long hard battle with cancer. He was 86 years old and will be sadly missed by his wife, Edna.

Osprey Ratepayers Assoc - Your 2026 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 recent webcam view of Osprey Lake: www.ospreylake.ca.

40th ANNUAL CORN ROAST

FRIDAY, August 29

Fishing Derby Registration and Weigh in:
4121 Lakesyde Rd. (Stear Inn)
Friday, Noon to 8pm; Saturday, 8am to 8pm
$20 adults; $10 children under 16
Fishing license required for adults!

SATURDAY, August 30

Setup – Volunteers Needed: 9:30 to 10:30am

Games Registration:	9:00 to 9:30am Corn Hole/Bocce - $5/each Pre-Registration Mandatory
Bocce Tournament:	Starts @ 11:00am
Corn Hole Tournament:	Starts @ 1:00pm
Outdoor Movie Night:	Starts @ 8:30pm - Free

No Smoking & No Dogs Onsite

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All events at 4105 Lakesyde Rd. unless noted

SUNDAY, August 31

Kids Bike Parade	Starts @ 9:15am
HCF Pancake Breakfast	9:30 to 11:00am - $10
Music by 'Lone Stranger'	10:00 to noon
Children's Races	10:00 to 11:00am - free
Children's Fish Pond	10:45am to noon - $1
Kids Crafts	11:15am to 1:00pm - free
Corn on the Cob	11:30am to 2:30pm - free
Food Concession:	11:30am to 3:00pm
Mac & Cheese Cook-Off	11:45am to 12:45pm - $5
Cake Walk	12:15 to 1:15pm - $1/ea
Canoe Race	1:30 to 2:30pm - $5/ea
Bingo/Announcements	3:00 to 5:00pm - $5/card
HCF Westjet Raffle Draw	3:00pm

Take Down & Cleanup – Volunteers Needed - 5pm