OSPREY AREA RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION

President's Spring 2026 Newsletter

April 9, 2026

It looks like one of the earliest 'Spring' season we're ever experienced at Osprey Lake. On Easter Weekend, there were already two pontoon boats and a few kayaks enjoying the 'double digit' weather. However, the down side of the low snow pack and dry conditions is the significant potential of wildfires. We encourage everyone to FireSmart their properties by removing low branches, raking up pine cones and needles and removing all dead branches and trees. Again, Hayes Creek Firefighters' are offering a free Chipping Event on May 27. All you need to do is put your branches by the road and they will be chipped and removed. FireSmart works with us to provide this important community event.

Community Calender

Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, **April 25** - 10:00am to noon - meet at 4105 Lakesyde. Please take 1 or 2 hours to help out and keep our community free of garbage. Tea/coffee and goodies will be provided. It's time to clean up the roads and trails in our community.

Hayes Creek Pancake Breakfast

May 3, from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Continues on the first Sunday of each month. 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' AGM & Elections

11:00am, Sunday, **May 17** at the Hayes Creek Fire and 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 27th

Hayes Creek Firefighters, in conjunction with FireSmart, will provide free chipping of branches (max size 4"). Just pile everything beside the road by May 26. Pre-registration is not required. Needles, stumps, sod, and grass clippings are not permitted, but are accepted for free at the Princeton dump.

41st Annual Community Corn Roast

Will be held as usual on the Labour Day Weekend, **September 5 and 6**. The format will be similar this year, starting with the fishing derby on Friday, Corn Hole and Bocce tournaments on Saturday, and the main event Sunday with the children's bike parade, crafts and races. We encourage you to start Sunday by enjoying 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.

Community Update

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter was early this year (April 5, 2026) but even so, there was no snow to be seen.. There were over 60 adults watching the 14 children running around the yard looking for all the stuffed Easter egg shells. After finding them, they all took part in decorating cupcakes with colourful icing, small candy eggs, and of course, sprinkles. Thanks to Karren and Lisa for looking after this fun, annual community event.

Santa Run - Christmas Eve

Even with Highway 3 closed, we still had a fair number of young family members at Osprey to enjoy a REAL Christmas with snow on the ground.

Three different households enjoyed Santa and his elves visiting the 12 children.

Snow Golf & Fireworks

Even with the wet spots on the lake, Snow Golf continues - this year it was changed to a links style course running along Lakesyde Rd. There were 58 golfers taking part in this championship event. Again, the winner was imported from Vancouver Island - congrats to Paul Haysom for his exemplary performance.

The fireworks were another big success, with great visibility on a clear night. Unfortunately, there were less people up at Osprey this year than normal - numerous reasons including the Highway 3 closure, mid week timing, weather, and health issues. If you were there, enjoyed them, but didn't get to make your $10/person donation, please just eTransfer it to: ratepayers@ospreylake.ca

Thanks to all those who took the time to organize and put on these fun events for the Osprey Lake community - Nils, Troy, Ray, and Jordan

Hayes Creek Firefighters' Assoc.

Their March 2026 Spring Newsletter has already been sent out. If you didn't receive your email copy, just click on this link to download.

Family Day Winter Festival

On Sunday February 15, the community got together at the Osprey Lake campsite to celebrate the Family Day weekend. We had approximately 140 people attending, arriving on foot, by car, quads and side by sides - even a couple snowmobiles braved the lack of snow.

Lots of food options were available for a free delicious lunch – hot dogs on the bbq cooked by Kerri and family, a soup station was supplied by Heidi and Francis, and Bannock tacos by the Sellmer family.

The weather was beautiful, bright, clear sunny skies. Three campfires were available to keep everyone warm thanks to the three Paul's and Terry for providing the firewood and keeping the fires burning.

Hayes Creek Fire had their impressive SXS with the snow tracks on display.

Thank you to our generous donors for the terrific selection of prizes: Five Star Motorsports, Troy Mitchell, Tom Sellmer, Pinnacle Electric, Vic and Joanne Bilodeau. We raised $835 for local hiking and ORV 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