

SacheenSCOPE



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Water and Sewer District News

by Sheila Pearman,
District Manager

Opening day of another fishing season and it isn't snowing or raining sideways. As they say, "Life is Good" at Sacheen Lake.

The sewer treatment plant is finally nearing completion. Final punch list items are being worked on and we should see substantial completion by the end of the month. Our engineer, Kevin Koesel from Sewell Engineering, has been working alongside Nathan Johnson, our wastewater treatment operator in trouble shooting and fine tuning issues at the plant.

The Department of Ecology has repaid the \$5,856,629.77 from our 0% loan to Public Works Trust Fund that was used for the bridge financing and we will soon be closing out the Public Works loan. Our loan balance to Public Works will be \$2,723,370.23 and will be repaid through the LID assessment that we outlined in the November rate letter. We will be working with the District's Attorney, Laura McAloon to begin that process in the near future.

We have now been billing for sewer service for four months and most everyone seems to be getting into the routine. Please remember to sign your check and to make sure the written amount matches the dollar amount (a few of the issues we have seen). Many of you have set up auto bill pay with your banks. It is an easy thing to do and makes for consistent payments, even if you are traveling. We are currently unable to accept credit cards, but may in the future. We have tried to ease into the bill process, but still have a handful of customers who have not made any payments. According to the County Treasurer, the next step in that collection process will be to place a lien on the property until payment is made. Placement of the lien will also incur filing fees to the customer for both the placement and removal of the lien, a cost of more than \$150. We have yet to charge any late fees, but for those in arrears, that will likely happen in the near future.

"Thank you" to all who wrote their representatives and government official in an effort to reduce our debt. It appears we were not successful **this time**. We will continue to work through our local representatives and legislators to help them better understand our position and look for support in the next legislative session. If you know your representatives, talk it up. The next legislative session is the first of a biennial, and usually has more money to offer.

We recently received word that our funding opportunity for the Phase II project to serve Mt. View Estates has been withdrawn. With our large amount of debt, the Department of Ecology has indicated that they would like to see us in a more secure position prior to extending more financing. We will continue to try to secure the easement that would allow us to access from the end of our current line to Mt. View. Having that easement in hand would also assist in scoring higher in the award process for readiness to proceed when reapplying for funding.

Our efforts in Milfoil control will continue this season with diver survey planned for June 22 and diver hand pulling scheduled for July 6 and 7. From the survey information an herbicide application plan will be developed. This application will likely take place between the middle to the end of July. Official notification will come out prior to application.

A huge "THANK YOU" to the many volunteers who help to make Sacheen Lake a great place to live and recreate. We have an open seat on the District Board that we would like to see filled. The term would run through the end of 2017 with the remaining 4 years of the term coming up for election in the fall of 2017, Please consider being a positive part of your community.

"Public service is the rent we pay to be part of a community." Unknown



Eagles, Sacheen Lake - Summer 2015
Photo by Cathy Retterer

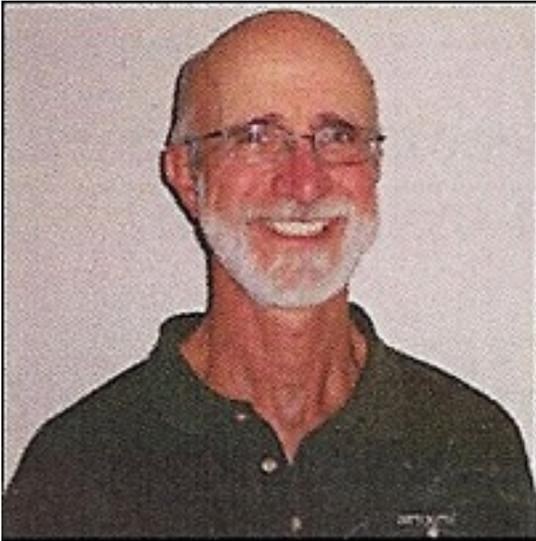
2016 Sacheen Lake Level Readings

Jan 8	8.30
Jan 16	8.33
Jan 22	8.36
Feb 11	8.70
Feb 17	8.96
Mar 5	9.03
Mar 23	9.10
Apr 7	8.90

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Sacheen was stocked with triploid rainbow trout in April:
4,900 (2.6 - 10 fish per pound size)
1,000 (larger than 1 pound each)

For more information, you can go to their website @ wdfw.wa.gov



The President's Message

by Don Hill

Dear Friends and Neighbors;

Hasn't it been a beautiful Spring!?! After a soggy start, what a great stretch of sunny pleasant days. The wildflowers are thriving, and it's good to see the plump buds on the leaf trees ready to green things up even more. Get out and enjoy!

Sorry to report that we missed our chance to get the Ice-Off Contest marker out during the narrow window of time when the ice was stable enough. We'll try again next year, and hope for a better winter in terms of solid ice.

As we approach the busy summer season, I want to urge you to check out the "schedule of events" elsewhere in this issue, and try to join us with our community service activities, the Annual SLA Meeting, and our awesome Sacheen Lake Community Picnic. For the Annual Meeting, I'm pleased to announce that our special guest will be James Goertz, wildlife biologist from Montana State University, providing us with an update on the long-term study of our local moose population. We look forward to having James back to share the findings of this interesting research program.

The lake level is close to where it was last year at this time, so hopefully we'll have another year with less shoreline erosion concern. As the level is still well above summer readings, please be extra mindful of your wake as boating season commences.

Here's wishing you a fun and safe Summer at Sacheen Lake,

Don Hill President, Sacheen Lake Association

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2016 are still only \$10 for an individual / \$25 for a family

Name:	
Mailing Address:	
Lake Address:	
Home Phone:	
Lake Phone:	
Email Address:	

Please fill out the form and mail it with your check, payable to:

Sacheen Lake Association, c/o Jerry Johnsen, Treasurer, PO Box 401, Newport WA 99156-0401

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS



Meet Your Board Members - Jeanne Holman

Jeanne was born and raised in Spokane and attended St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School, Holy Names Academy, and Sacred Heart School of Nursing. She met her love and married Larry forty-five years ago. They moved to Southern California with the navy and stayed ten years. In 1980 they moved back home to Spokane with their two children. They purchased their cabin at Sacheen the very next year, 1981, and enjoyed many weekends at the lake. Spending time with family is definitely her greatest joy.

Both of her son and daughter had two children, and Jeanne was able to retire from nursing in order to babysit her four grandchildren. They moved out to Sacheen Lake permanently in 2013, which was a real challenge - downsizing from 3200 square feet to a 900 square foot cabin. They love it at the lake and feel that it was a great move.

She is currently in charge of organizing the Sacheen Lake Annual Picnic and enjoys walking Fertile Valley and picking up trash. Her other hobbies include kayaking, quilting, gardening and the Zags. Lastly, she thoroughly appreciates all the friendly folks at the lake, and the amazing wildlife we are so fortunate to have around us.



Sacheen Merchandise For Sale

Virginia Hill - Merchandise Chairman (509)447-096

Sacheen Lake merchandise is for sale at the annual meeting and the community picnic. You may also shop at Virginia's home by calling and arranging a time.

The merchandise includes various items of clothing, coffee mugs and beverage glasses.

If you have any ideas for merchandise that you would like to see sold, please email Virginia at DVJH@aol.com

These make wonderful year-round gifts!

Spring Fire Safety Tips



by Mike Nokes,
Chief, SPOFR



Spring is here and spring burning has begun.

I know sometimes burn piles look obnoxious, people get tired of the smoke because of health or environmental concerns, and some people can't follow the rules and burn illegal material or make their fires too big. The one thing to remember is if done properly spring burning of yard debris can be a benefit.

By cleaning up: down and dead material, removing over growth, and ensuring you have a green or non-combustible buffer around your house, you are less likely to have a wildfire reach your home.

Also by cleaning up the material, if you do have a fire on your property the fire is less likely to spread as fast. It is also less likely to be able to access ladder fuels and get into the tall trees, which are all factors that will help reduce a large fire from starting on your property and spreading to others.

Please remember the following safety rules in regards to burning.

- One pile at a time no larger than 4' x 4' x 3'
- Only natural vegetation may be burned
- Burn barrels are illegal
- Never leave your fire unattended
- Always have a water source available to extinguish the fire
- Always ensure the fire is out and cold to the touch
- Do not burn if it is windy
- If you are burning bigger piles, more than one, or land clearing you MUST contact DNR and get a permit prior to burning

Also as a reminder South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue Auxiliary was awarded a Rural Aging Grant from the Empire Health Foundation of Spokane. Its goal is to help residents 60 or over to stay in their homes longer by providing funds for safety equipment that will make their homes safer for them. It will also pay for address markers so the Fire District can find your home in an emergency. If you are interested in applying for these items please contact Randy Miller at 509-998-2226.

If you have any questions on: burning, smoke detectors, or if you would be interested in serving your community as a member of the volunteer fire district please contact me at 447-5305, or on-line at www.spofr.org. **Thank you**

Memories of Eastshore Road

By
Don Hill



My parents decided to embark on a grand adventure in 1956. They were tired of the “city life” in Spokane, and we moved to the little log cabin at Sacheen Lake to live full time. They felt it was a back-to-basics lifestyle that would be good for all of us. I remember it being great fun, but a lot of work, too. Our cabin, on Eastshore Road, had no plumbing (yet), so my brother and I were assigned to haul buckets of water from the lake to keep the drinking water stocked, and firewood to the porch for the fireplace, our only source of heat at first.

Only after the chores were done could we run around in the woods and play; cowboys and Indians, cops and robbers, rollicking fir-cone fights, and then diving into the lake for a refreshing swim.

In the winter, though, it was a tough slog up through the secondary property to the highway to catch the school bus. In those days, the county didn't plow Eastshore in the winter, so the trail up the hill meant a LOT of snow-shoveling for my brother and me.

I remember the long summer vacations, much of which spent riding our bikes up and down Eastshore Road checking out the other cabins to see if anyone was ‘out from town’. We were the only full-timers at the time, other than two or three other families elsewhere on the lake, so we had the place pretty much to ourselves most of the time. I remember a little one-room cabin at the north end of the road, owned by a mister Weaver, who we rarely saw. A little further south was the Forsyth place, the quaint summer cabin of a wonderful ‘Grandma and Grandpa’ couple, who as years went by, often had one or more of their grandkids for a week or so during the summers. That was great, because for a change we had some other kids to play with. I spent countless summer hours catching turtles and frogs with their granddaughter Darcy. She and I typically had quite a washtub zoo every summer. To the north of our house was the Singer place, and they also sometimes had kids come for a visit; their three tomboy nieces from Ketchikan, who were quite a culture shock to us boys.

South of our cabin at that time there was another small summer cabin, owned by Mister Green. He stayed all summer and spent pretty much every single day fishing from his rowboat. I remember being impressed that he carried a bucket of drinking water every day from a little spring-fed well up at the north end of the road. He mostly kept to himself, but I remember once he came over where I was playing by the shore and sat down and told me about coming west as a child on a wagon train, with Indian skirmishes and everything. Pretty amazing stuff for this wanna-be cowboy to hear. His grandson, Bob, now owns the house where Mr. Green's cabin once stood.

In the early years one could follow a path from the north end of Eastshore Road along the lake to the Sacheen Lake Resort. My Dad worked there when we first moved to the lake. Ken and Anita Kohles owned the resort and much of the property that is now the park and Kohles Beach area. I rode the school bus with their daughter Penny. My brothers and I learned to ski at the Sacheen Lake Resort ski hill just across the highway. On special occasions, we could even have a hot dog or hamburger at the little café. In the summers, when we weren't doing chores or playing in the lake, I especially remember my brother and me pretending to be Wally and Beaver Cleaver as we rode our bikes up and down the road, interrupted by occasional rousing fir-cone wars.

In my teenage years there were more people around, including a family who rented a cabin up the road. Their son Bill and I became great friends and spent hours in my home lab, devoted mostly to rockets and similar exciting pyrotechnic pursuits. Also I was fortunate by then to have some year-round friends my age living at the lake, so water-skiing and snow skiing both took on a whole new level of intensity.

As the years went by, there were more cabins and more people, but few year-rounders on Eastshore Road. When my wife and I now walk the road, we stroll past cabins that have remained with the same families for decades; the Shikany place, a log cabin almost the vintage of our old homestead, the Shinzel's, Kress's, and Bob White's garage/cabin along the road, which is now Lori Storms' actual garage. The Edwards cabin has been there for many years as well, and only last year changed hands. Some very nice new homes have been added, and even some year-round neighbors. So it's more of a community in some ways now, as is the rest of the lake itself, compared to the woody playground where I grew up. But I can honestly say that in balance that's a very good thing- what a great place for my wife and I to be fortunate enough to retire to!

STAY INFORMED

Join the **SLA email list**. Please send your request to be added to the email list and/or send address corrections or changes to:
lakesend@gmail.com

sacheenlake.com

Check out our beautifully updated website. It is a wonderful way to stay connected with our community, lake and sewer news, and the wildlife around the lake. To share your photos and Info, contact Jerry Johnsen @ jj_at_lake@yahoo.com.

Thanks Jerry

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Sacheen Lake Community Dates

- * Lake Water & Sewer District Meetings
1st Wednesday of each month - 3 pm
Sacheen Fire Station on Highway 211
 - * 06-25-2016 - 9 am SLA Annual Meeting
Sacheen Fire Station on Highway 211
 - * 08-13-2016 - 11:30 am
Sacheen Lake Community Picnic BBQ
Myers/Harter Park
- Community Volunteer Cleanups:**
- * 05-07-2016 - 9 am Fertile Valley Road Cleanup
Meet at Myers/Harter Park
 - * 05-11-2016 - 9 am to noon Myers/Harter Park
Weed 'n Trim. Bring saws, rakes, pruners
 - * 06-11-2016 - 8 am Highway 211 Cleanup.
Meet at Myers/Harter Park
 - * 08-27-2016 - 8 am Highway 211 Cleanup
Meet at Myers/Harter Park