

# SacheenSCOPE



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Join your neighbors for the:

## **Annual Sacheen Lake Picnic** **Saturday, August 15, 11:30 a.m.** **Myers-Harter Park**

**>Food served from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.<**

**(Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks provided)**

**\*\* bring a chair and a dessert or side dish to share \*\***

There will be:

**\*Games for all ages**

**(Every child receives a prize)**

**\*An adult FREE DOOR RAFFLE for a beautiful rustic bench**

**\*Sacheen Lake gifts and apparel for sale**



**WE HAVE BEGUN TO COMMISSION OUR SEWER SYSTEM!  
IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR ELECTRICAL CONNECTION TO THE CONTROL BOX,  
PLEASE DO SO ASAP!**

## **SEWER COLLECTION**

The contractor has pressure tested all the main lines and is ready to start hooking residences up to our sewer system. As a matter of fact there are already several homes on line.

In order to keep the contractor progressing, the Board has signed a service contract with S&L that will allow for them to haul the sewer that collects at the lift station into the Newport wastewater treatment facility until we have a lagoon that is ready to receive the sewage at our treatment plant. The lining of the lagoons began last week and we anticipate that all three lagoons should be lined in the next four to six weeks. During this time of hauling, we ask that if your system is functional that you are conservative with your use as we will be paying disposal fees for all sewage that is hauled.

## **GRINDER PUMP CONNECTIONS**

There only a handful of grinder pumps and service lines left to install. These are mainly installations that require one day turnovers for one reason or another. The contractor will likely begin with those, provided the property owner has connected his/her electrical to our control box. They will then begin converting from septic tanks to our grinders, likely on the backside of the lake where there are fewer full time residents. Decommissioning of the septic tanks will start when there are clusters of connected systems on line, which will allow the contractor to clean out several tanks, crush the lids and then rehabilitate the property.

## **ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS**

If you have a control panel on your property it is important that you get your connection made. The contractor will likely be able to pass you by one time, but if your electrical service is not connected the second time he comes around to install, he will be instructed to go ahead with the conversion. It will be your responsibility to make that connection prior to using the system. Your old septic system will at that point be disabled. For the past year we have encouraged everyone to get these connections made, please do not wait any longer. Requirements for the control panel are 30 amp 220 volt service with #10 four wire conductor. Also, remember that it will require inspection by the State Electrical Inspector.

## **TREATMENT PLANT**

Due in part to the installation of the underdrain to our lagoons, the treatment plant is behind schedule. The Contractor there has begun construction of the headworks building that will house the electronic brains to our system as well as the screening elements. We will be installing a by-pass of the headworks building that will allow us to accept sewage prior to the headwork's completion. Once the headworks elements are complete, we will pump the sewage that has been collected back into the headworks where it will then be screened before going back out into the lagoons. We hope to see installation of the fencing around the application area as well as on top of the dikes in the near future. This fencing is intended to prevent trespass of both human and 4 legged creatures.

## **FUNDING**

We continue to look for additional grant funding to reduce our debt. We encourage you to contact your representative or legislator to let them know the importance of this project in protecting drinking water sources as well as Sacheen Lake and all downstream waters from contamination. Our project has identified and will remove a number of non-functioning septic systems.

## MT. VIEW ESTATES

Efforts continue to serve the Mt. View Estates area. We are in communication with the adjacent land owner for which easement would be required in order to serve Mt. View. Sewell Engineering has marked the route that we would like to use in order drill under the property so they can visualize its impact. It is our understanding that they are now considering possibly developing the property and are working with the County on their side. We hope to know in the near future if Phase II can proceed. As of yet only preliminary engineering has been done with no site visits or defined engineering approved by Ecology.

## MILFOIL

Both diver and surface surveys for milfoil were completed in June. Using the GPS information gathered, Aquatechnex, our applicator, has determined that approximately 12 acres will need to be treated. Last year's double dose treatments seem to have been very effective. As of this writing, a date for application has not been set. Notices will be mailed out at least ten days prior to treatment. If your property is within the treatment area or its buffer zone a notice will be posted on your property prior to application.

## BEAVER PIPES

Our intrepid beaver crew has been working hard to keep our beaver pipes clean and our water level low. Thanks to all who volunteer for the willingness to take on this dirty and dicey task. Those pipes can sure be slippery! This work is done under a permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Without permit in hand, no one is authorized to do the work. Thank you Don Hill and your many volunteers.

## Sacheen Merchandise For Sale

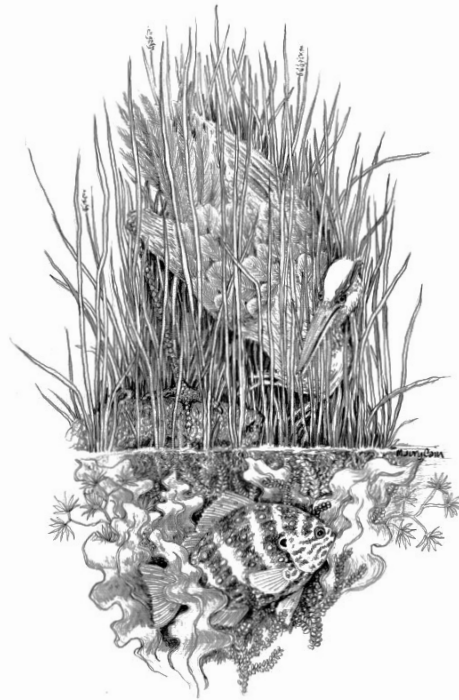
Virginia Hill - Merchandise Chairperson  
(509) 447-0960

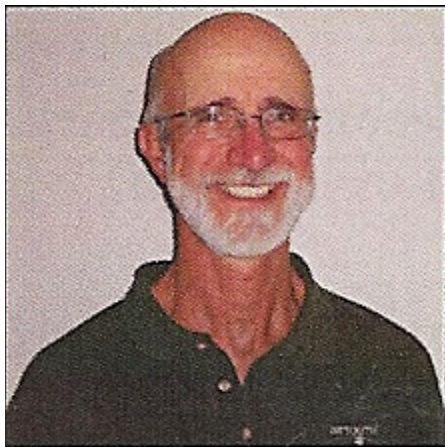
Sacheen Lake merchandise is on display at our annual meeting and the upcoming picnic.

The merchandise includes various items of clothing, 16 oz. beverage glasses, and coffee mugs.

If you are unable to attend the picnic, you can call Virginia to arrange a time to view the items.

**These make wonderful Christmas gifts!**





## The President's Message

by Don Hill

President, Sacheen Lake Association

### *The Heat is On!*

Dear Friends and Neighbors;

What a summer so far! Record heat, low water, tinder dry forest, and thankfully somewhat fewer fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Maybe we're evolving to a more 'safe and sane' approach to the celebration, which should certainly reduce the potential of a wildfire destroying our beautiful lake setting and homes. I sure hope the trend continues next year.

On the bright side, we have the SLA community picnic coming up August 15, and I know Jeanne Holman and her team are working hard to make sure it's another enjoyable get-together for our lake community. I hope to see you there!

If you missed the SLA Annual Meeting, there was an informative presentation by Mike Lithgow, Pend Oreille County Community Development Director, focused on park and recreation initiatives in the area. There were also very pertinent updates from Chief Mike Nokes regarding outdoor burning regulations and fire safety, and Sheila Pearman, Manager of our Water and Sewer District, on the sewer project and aquatic weed control status. We also reviewed SLA work supporting the key elements of our mission statement, and touched on topics such as uranium in well water and shoreline erosion, issues that should concern all of us. Even if you weren't able to attend, you can review the minutes in the form of our Powerpoint slideshow posted on the SLA website, [www.SacheenLake.com](http://www.SacheenLake.com). I hope you can make it a point to take part in the Annual Meeting next year and support the Sacheen Lake Association with your dues and donations in the meantime.

Speaking of dues, this fall we'll be seeing the Water and Sewer District Maintenance and Operations levy on the ballot. This is the funding mechanism to cover the normal operating expenses for the district, not the sewer construction project itself. These are 'tax' dollars applied right here at home where they matter most, so I encourage you to support the district with a yes vote on the M&O.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and see you at the picnic!

**Don Hill**

#### 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**

#### Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2015 are still only \$10 for an individual, or \$25 for a family.

NAME:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
LAKE ADDRESS:	
HOME PHONE:	
LAKE PHONE:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

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

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

PLEASE make sure to give us your correct current email address!

# Help Firefighters, Help You!



by Mike Nokes,  
Chief, SPOFR



Summer is here and everybody is worried about how dry it is outside. As of July 10, 2015, our County is in High Fire Danger and has an all-out burn ban in effect. We have a few tips to help in case of a fire.

If you have a fire, call 911 immediately. Do not wait thinking you can put it out. This time of year a fire can spread fast, and minutes are very precious. We would always rather show up and not be needed then be called fifteen minutes too late.

Next, ask yourself if the firefighters can find you? Time is precious in any emergency, and spending time trying to locate a house can

be very costly.

## **Here are a few suggestions on how to make your home more accessible:**

- 1) All road names should be indicated at all intersections.
- 2) The address for the home should be highly visible from the road. If the address numbers on your home match the color of your house, it is almost impossible to see the address at night and sometimes very difficult to see during the day. We strongly encourage the use of reflective address markers. (If you are in need of a reflective address marker please contact South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue for information on how to obtain one - 447-5305.)
- 3) All roads and driveways should be at least 12 feet in width in order to allow access to all emergency vehicles.

Lastly, ask yourself if you have a defensible space around your home. Defensible spaces very important in deciding what homes we can protect and what homes we cannot protect during a wildfire incident. Some of the key deciding factors are:

- 1) Can a fire truck drive down the drive way?  
Driveways should be trimmed of all peripheral vegetation. There should be at least a twelve foot vertical clearance, and the vegetation should be cut back at least the full width of the driveway for the entire length of the driveway. There should be no overhang at all.
- 2) Is there a place to turn out or turn around along the driveway?
- 3) Is the roof free of limbs, leaves, and debris?
- 4) Are there flammable materials around your home, outbuildings, or under your decks?  
Having a thirty foot area cleared or thinned of vegetation, and cleared of all trash, wood piles, and any other flammable material around your home and outbuildings will reduce the chance of a fire spreading to your home.

If we all can take an extra minute to ensure that our homes are easy to find, easy to access, and easy to protect, than the firefighters can do their job of protecting our homes in case of wildfire. I encourage you to look at the web site [firewise.org](http://firewise.org) under preparedness and defensible space. It has a lot of valuable in-depth info on defensible space.

As always if you're interested in volunteering call South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue at (509-447-5305) or visit us online at [spofr.org](http://spofr.org) and get your career in the fire service started today.

Thank you, Chief Mike Nokes





## Meet Your Board Members - Mary Maxfield

I was born in Spokane into a family of two brothers and two sisters, and grew up being in and around nature. My first fishing trip with my Dad was right here on Sacheen when I was four. As I recall, I caught no fish - being on a fishing day with my favorite guy was enough fun.

I went to summer camp near White Pass, which to me, was the perfect life. For the next 13 years I spent the summers at camp and the rest of the year with more formal education, graduating from North Central High and continuing close to home at EWU.

My working years were spent in informal education. Fifteen years with Girl Scouts, five years in risk management planning for universities and camps, and eleven years with Camp Fire Boys and Girls.

I retired in 2003 and have enjoyed every minute since. Living half a year here at the lake and the colder months in Apache Junction Arizona. It is a great combination of the best places to be in nature. I enjoy being near our lake, neighbors and friends.

My hobbies are kayaking, gardening, building projects, reading and currently pulling spotted knapweed. I love living here, helping with planning and being a steward for our lake. We have a Little Free Library behind our house on Fertile Valley Road. Please stop and see if there is a book you would like to read.

A task I have on the board is the Fertile Valley Road clean up in the Spring and Fall. The best part of that is that we have many people who clean up as they are walking the road, which makes it much easier for our volunteers. Join us, it's on the calendar and you will make new friends and hone your observation skills.

One other task I have is attending the Pend Oreille County Parks meetings once a month to keep up on the work they are doing in our area. If you haven't been to the Pend Oreille County Park on Highway 2, go check it out. There are new trails, and an equestrian area under construction.

Also exciting is the proposed trail system addition connecting with our Fertile Valley Road and continuing onto 211 with a wider road that will include a walking/biking trail. Working with the other directors is important to me: concerned people gathering to help make our lake the best it can be for our future generations.



Cleanup Day at Myers-Harter Park 2015

## **Thank You Carol Hood - SacheenSCOPE Editor 2009 - 2015**

Thank you for your many years of service editing the SacheenSCOPE. Our community owes you boundless gratitude. And, I truly appreciate all your help and encouragement and look forward to your continued support. Thank you for being a good friend to our community.

## **Will Fertile Valley Get Needed Funding?**

**by Karen Skoog,  
County Commissioner**

**What do you use almost every day rain or shine that keeps you safe and gets you where you want to go?  
For many of you, it's Fertile Valley Road**

Fertile Valley Road is a collector road so it qualifies for state money from the Rural Arterial Program.

A road widening project was approved for funding by the state in March 2010 for a completely new section between the outlet bridge and highway 211. This project includes a 30' wide base with drainage curbs. The design work is almost complete but will need some revisions, now that the sewer project is finished along that section.

The county must match the 2.3 million dollar project with 10% local funds. The deadline to start the project is March 2018. This project is in our 7 year transportation improvement plan and prioritizing funding for those projects are part of our budget process.

The Board of County Commissioners have infrastructure (both roads and county owned buildings) as a priority. We are carefully allocating public money toward the most urgent issues first as we build up capacity to fund larger projects. It is a challenge to provide for the hundreds of miles of roads that don't qualify for state or federal money and the maintenance and replacement of the 38 bridges we own, while taking advantage of all the matching grants. This budget year we were able to eliminate the road levy shift to the general fund in order to increase road projects.

A portion of Le Clerc Road is a recently completed state and federal cost share project. Other state funding projects in the pipeline are portions of Flowery Trail and Coyote Trail. These grant funded projects with matching county dollars are very important to our limited budget.

Each budget season we consider the many places that need money and ways to make the money go further. We have a great team in our Public Works and Road department that shares our goal of preserving and maintaining roads at the lowest cost possible.

### **Coming to the SacheenSCOPE - Please Share Your Stories**

**\*\*Future issues will include the history of the different areas around the lake. Please share your knowledge and stories. Any information and/or stories are appreciated.**

**\*\*Future issues will also include stories of how we each ended up at Sacheen Lake. Whether you just arrived or were here as a child, please share your journey.**

Send your information or your request to be interviewed to:  
[sacheenscope@yahoo.com](mailto:sacheenscope@yahoo.com) or call Nancy Cain @ 447-1015

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#### **Sacheen Dates of Interest**

- \* 08-15-15 - Sacheen Lake Com. Picnic BBQ 12 - 2 p.m. at Myers-Harter Park
- \* 08-29-15 - Highway 211 Cleanup 8:00 a.m. at Myers-Harter Park
- \* 09-12-15 - Fertile Valley Road Cleanup 9:00 a.m. at Myers-Harter Park

#### **Ongoing**

Please call Don Hill @447-0960 to help with beaver tube cleanup

#### **Pend Oreille Events**

- \* 07-31-15 - 08-02-15 Kalispel Pow Wow Kalispel Pow Wow Grounds (445-1147) Free Buffalo BBQ 11:00 a.m. Sat.
- \* 08-08-15 - 08-09-15 - Poker Paddle [newportarechamber.com](http://newportarechamber.com), (What to Do)



