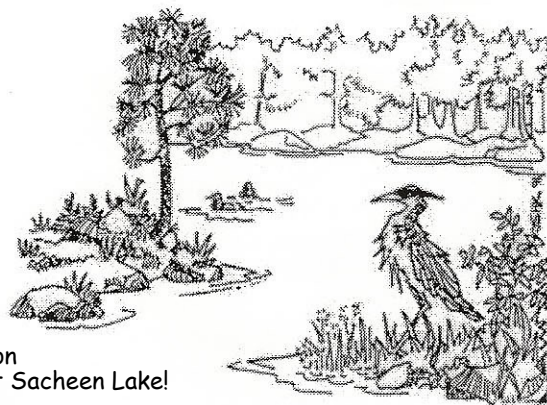


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Water & Sewer District News

By Sheila Pearman
District Manager

The sewer construction project is moving right along. The mainline installation is complete from the lift station at the park down Fertile Valley Road all the way around the backside of the lake to the end of the project at Granite Shores. Pressure testing of that portion of the line should be complete by the time you are reading this. The mainline crew has moved back over to Highway 211 and is working its way to the Terrace. The mainline is 89% complete.

On-site installations of pump units and service lines have for the most part been completed from Granite Shores and all along Fertile Valley Road. There will be several services throughout the project that will not be installed until they can be directly converted to the new system, as access or other factors are an issue. Please remember that until your system is put on-line and your old system is decommissioned the contractor still has work to complete on your property. On-site improvements are approximately 65% complete.

Thank you to all who have had your electrician make the connection to the control panel. If your control panel (with the red light) has been mounted at your residence, you can go ahead and have your electrician make the connection. It will need to be inspected by the state electrical inspector. Requirements for the control panel are 30 amp 220 volt service with #10 four wire conductor. We cannot begin service to your home without your electric connection! With mainline and on-site services nearing completion, we anticipate that systems will begin going online in July so don't put it off any longer.

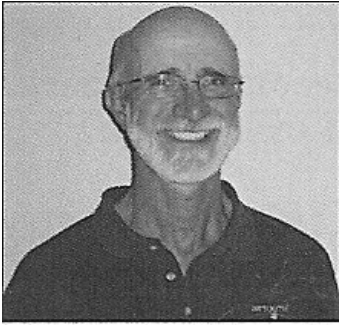
The underdrain system that Ecology recommended is working well. There has been a constant flow of water at the outflow, especially from the pipe that drains Cell #2. The contractor has begun laying sand in the lagoons. Each lagoon cell gets a 6 inch layer of compacted sand on the bottom and up the sides prior to installation of the liners. Still to be completed are the piping and headworks building where all the mechanical controls are located. Treatment site completion is about 62%.

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.

With encouragement from a group of residents in the Mt. View Estates subdivision, an application for funding was made to the Department of Ecology last fall to finance additional service to that area as well as Mt. View Estates 1st Addition. The project scored well enough for funding but with little grant money and the rest in low interest loan. After meeting with residents of both areas it was decided to pursue including only Mt. View Estates as an expansion to the current project. Acquiring an easement across a neighboring property will be needed in order to move forward.

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The President's Message



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you have been enjoying this beautiful spring as much as I have. As I was pondering what to write about for this edition of the SacheenSCOPE, it occurred to me that it would be appropriate to give a big shout-out to Mother Nature for the abundant and astounding variety of wildflowers she has blessed us with. Just for fun the other day I started a list of the blossoms that Virginia and I have observed on our hikes through woods here. I was surprised to find I'd come up with a list of over 50 types of wildflowers, just in our local forest. What a beautiful example of the abundance we are blessed with! I urge you on your next outing to pay a little extra attention to the tiny gifts underfoot.

The SLA Board members are busy planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Sacheen Lake Association, June 20, 9 AM at the Fire Station on Hwy 211. Work is also underway planning for the Community Picnic in August, this year chaired by Jeanne Holman (509-599-7234). We hope you can participate in these two community gatherings. Speaking of 'community', a number of us gathered at the Myers-Harter Park on May 6 for the annual Park Weed 'n' Trim clean-up get-together. We got a lot done, but perhaps more importantly, there was a real sense of fellowship and fun and community during the few hours work. You are always invited to join in any of our schedule of events, and I'm sure you'll be glad you did.

I want to extend a special "Thank You" to Carol Hood for all her good work as editor of this newsletter since 2009. Six years of diligent effort on behalf of the Sacheen Lake community! Carol is passing the baton to Nancy Cain after this issue, and we appreciate Nancy stepping up to take the hand-off. Call Nancy at 447-1015 if you can help by contributing an article for the SacheenSCOPE. Thanks again, Carol, for six years of quality work!

As we move into the summer season, a word of caution: it looks like it's going to be a dry one, and fire danger will be very high. Our valiant volunteer fire fighters tell me they have been out on an unusually high number of wildfires already this year, mostly due to careless burning by residents.

So if you have to burn, please be extra careful [and call 1-800-323-burn before you burn to make sure the burn season is still open, and call Pend Oreille Fire Dispatch at 447-3151 Ext. 2 to inform them you're burning, so they do not send resources to check on your burn pile]. It looks to be a good year to do without fireworks over the 4th!

Have a safe and fun summer!

Don Hill

President,

Sacheen Lake Association

Plant a Tree, Pull Knapweed, Watch your Wake, Be a Good Neighbor...

Please support the Sacheen Lake Association by making your annual dues of \$10 (single) or \$25 (family). Your dues help to fund Sacheen Lake-related activities like the annual information meeting, the picnic, and beaver damage mitigation. Your dues also help to fund the advertisement-free SacheenSCOPE. Your community newsletter is published three times a year.

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 Wanted

By Chief Mike Nokes, SPOFR

Whenever I speak to groups, after the presentation I always take time and let them know that we are constantly recruiting new volunteer members.

This year before summer arrives, South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue is looking to add members who would like to volunteer to help fight wildland fires.

The volunteer fire service is very different from any other volunteer agency when it comes to trying to attract new members. The biggest concern we hear is the time commitment it takes to become a structural firefighter or an EMT. It takes a lot of time for initial training and to keep your skills up. We can never have enough people to fill those positions, and we are always looking for the amazing people who freely give their time to learn these skills and provide this incredibly valuable service to their communities.

Our fire district is unique in the sense that we know not everybody can or wants to be trained in every aspect of the fire service. So we seek all types of members. We have members who only do EMS, some only drive the apparatus, some fight fires and some who mix and match what works for them.

That's why we are seeking able-bodied people who would be interested in fighting wildland fires. The one time initial training takes just two weekends. That's right just two Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays. Then, to build a knowledge base and keep you current, you have to attend four two-hour drills during the fire season—which usually stretches from July to the end of September. The last part of this commitment is when you are available to respond with us if we get dispatched to a wildland fire.

We feel this will accomplish a couple things. One, we hope people who have always considered being a part of the fire district but have chosen not to because of time commitments will give this easy-to-achieve volunteer position a chance and join to try it out. Also this will increase our local manpower to help fight wildland fires. Being a 99% volunteer agency the more people we have trained and available, the more likely we are to have people available in an emergency.

No one truly knows how each year's fire season will play out. We feel it is best to be as prepared as possible and that is why we would like to strengthen our local response capabilities.

If you are interested in answering the call, and respond to wildland fires, please contact us right away, for we will be doing this training in June.

If you are ready to join or have questions, please contact us at 509-447-5305 or online at www.spofr.org.

Thank you,

Mike Nokes, Fire Chief



Hooded Mergansers (male) —
hood down, and hood up

Photos by Carol Hood

Water & Sewer District News, (continued from page 1)

Dive days are set for our milfoil survey. Divers will be out June 19th surveying where herbicide is needed. On the 20th they will be hand picking where plants are sparsely found as well as marking docks to identify application areas. If it is determined that an herbicide application needs to be done, the tentative date set is July 17th.

If your property is within the treatment area or its buffer zone, a notice will be posted on your property.

We will be coordinating with our downstream neighbors to again manage the beaver tubes. Don Hill and his volunteer crew have been great in their efforts to keep ahead of those busy beavers. Tommy Petrie has also agreed to trap for us again in order to keep the population down.

Finally, I'd like to thank Carol Hood for the great job she has done editing the SCOPE for these past several years. The publication is sent to all District residents, not just SLA members and has been a great forum for the District as well as other organizations to get information out. She has never been shy of giving me a well needed grammar lesson!

You Can Shop Year Round!

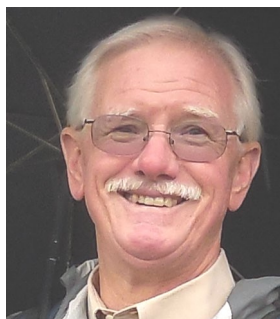
Sacheen Lake merchandise is normally sold at the Annual Meeting in June and the Community Picnic in August. The merchandise includes t-shirts, sweatshirts and other clothing items plus coffee mugs and 16 oz. beverage glasses.

If you are unable to attend these events or would like to buy something any time of the year, please call me and arrange a time to come to my home to shop.

Virginia Hill,
Merchandise chairperson
509/447-0960



Meet Your Board Members — Brian Hood



Brian and his wife, Carol, have been summer residents at Sacheen Lake since 2002 and full-time residents since 2007. They recently celebrated their 45th anniversary. Before retiring in 2007, Brian worked for the Department of Defense for 35 years, first on active duty in the U.S. Army, and later in various civilian positions. In his last position he served as the Northwest Division Director of Information Management services for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Brian managed a staff of over 300 information technology professionals providing services for 150+ Corps sites (like Bonneville and Albeni Falls Dams) from Seattle to Kansas City.

Brian spends a lot of time maintaining the ten acres they call "Lake's End" (since it's at the southernmost end of Sacheen Lake). Using trees from their forest, he has built bookshelves and a covered porch for their house. Brian also enjoys traveling—one of the consequences of working for the government and being transferred every couple years. Brian enjoys the wildlife that is attracted to the wetlands on their property.

Brian has served on the board of the Sacheen Lake Association for more than five years and currently holds the position of Vice President. Brian and Carol also manage the lake-wide email list, sending notices about public functions, public agency information and lost and found boats, docks, and dogs to all who have "joined" the mailing list. You can reach Brian at LakesEnd1@GMail.com.



.240 Safety Buoys:

(01) The Pend Oreille County Sheriff is authorized and directed to designate the follow colors and size of appropriate safety buoys for the safety of the public.

* **Orange balls** designate “rocks” or impediments under the water and at Sacheen lake are placed under the direction of the Sheriff by the Sacheen Lake Association.

* **White balls** are only to be placed by the Sheriff, after requesting them in writing.

(02) The Pend Oreille County Sheriff is authorized and directed to designate location and install, or cause or permit to be installed in the water appropriately marked safety buoys that are required for the safety of the public.

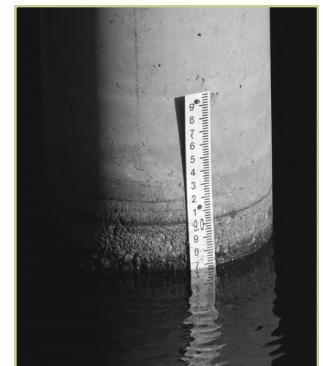
(03) *It shall be a violation of this section for any person to relocate, damage, or alter any safety buoy, which has been permitted by the Pend Oreille County Sheriff.*

(05) It shall be a violation of this section to place any kind of buoys or slalom course in or on the waters of Pend Oreille County except when authorized by the County Sheriff.

(06) It shall be a violation of this section for any vessel to use a safety buoy for the purpose of mooring or otherwise anchoring such vessel. Mooring buoys shall be placed inside the safety buoy line except that mooring buoys are appropriately marked and illuminated with a bright flashing white light between the hours of sunset and sunrise. It is the responsibility of the owner of the mooring buoy to maintain the light.

2015 Lake Level Readings (ft.)

| Week | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | | | | |
|------|------|------|-----|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 8.12 | 8.33 | | | 8.45 | | | | |
| 2 | 8.14 | 9.01 | | | 8.43 | | | | |
| 3 | 8.16 | | | 8.64 | 8.51 | | | | |
| 4 | 8.16 | | | 8.5 | | | | | |



Time for Change

Nancy Cain has graciously and courageously accepted the responsibility of editing the SacheenSCOPE. I have been working on the SCOPE since 2009, and I just need to let someone with fresh ideas take over. Thank you all for your kind compliments and support. That made it worth it over the years. *Carol*

Nice Thought

Happiness is like a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.
— Nathaniel Hawthorne

Charlie Schaeffer, our local boating safety instructor, reminded some lake cabin owners recently to review the list of equipment we are required to carry on our boats before heading out on to the lake. I have copied the checklist from the on-line Boat Washington Course and included it below for your convenience. For your paddle craft, don't forget your PFD, whistle and flashlight (in case you end up out on the water after sunset). If you have guests visiting at the lake, we recommend you ensure they know the rules, especially the areas where wake restrictions are in place—the entire west end of Sacheen lake from the no-wake buoys to the Fertile Valley Road bridge—and anywhere on the lake where a boat's wake could damage property (boats, docks and shoreline erosion). The section of the Boat Washington Course related to Controlling Your Wake is also included below.

Washington Required Equipment Checklist

| | PWCs | Boats Less Than 16' | Boats 16' to Less Than 26' | Boats 26' to Less Than 40' | Boats 40' to Less Than 65' | Human Powered: Any Length |
|--|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Class A | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | |
| Vessel Registration On | ✓ | ✓ ⁶ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| Registration Decals Dis- | ✓ | ✓ ⁶ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| Registration Numbers | ✓ | ✓ ⁶ | ✓ | ✓ ⁷ | ✓ ⁷ | no |
| Boater Education Card (power-driven boats over 15 hp) ⁹ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| PFD: Type I, II, III, or V | ✓ ¹ | ✓ ² | ✓ ² | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| PFD: Type IV | no | no | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| Type B-I Fire Extinguisher (power-driven boats only) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ ⁸ | ✓ ⁸ | no |
| Ignition Safety Switch | ✓ | no | no | no | no | no |
| Backfire Flame Arrestor ³ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| Ventilation System | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| Muffler | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| Horn, Whistle, or Bell | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Skier-Down Flag ⁴ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |
| Daytime Visual Distress | no | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 16' and over |
| Nighttime Visual Distress | n/a | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Navigation Lights ⁵ | n/a | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | at least one lantern |
| CO Warning Sticker | no | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | no |

✓ = required by state

no = not required by state

n/a = not applicable

footnotes follow next page

1. Those on personal watercraft must **wear** a life jacket (personal flotation device) at all times.
2. Children 12 years and younger are required to **wear** U.S. Coast Guard–approved life jackets in Washington State on boats shorter than 19 feet whenever the vessel is underway or when they're on an open deck or open cockpit on any waters of the state.
3. Required on all gasoline engines except outboard engines.
4. Required to be carried on board when towing person(s) on water skis or similar devices and displayed whenever the towed person(s) is preparing to ski or has fallen into the water.
5. Vessels must display the proper navigation lights between the hours of sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility such as fog or heavy rain.
6. Applies to all motorboats and all sailboat 16 feet in length or longer with the exception of a motorboat less than 16 feet in length with a motor of 10 horsepower or less and used on non-federal waters only.
7. State registration numbers are not displayed on boats documented with USCG under the Federal Registration System, but display of valid registration decals is required.
8. Boats 26 feet up to 40 feet long must carry two B-I or one B-II; boats 40 feet up to 65 feet long must carry three B-I or one B-II and one B-I.
9. See [Boater Education Card Requirements](#).
10. VDSs are required on coastal waters, the Strait of Juan de Fuca east to Puget Sound, and the Puget Sound/San Juan Island area (except as noted in [Visual Distress Signals](#)).

Controlling Your Wake

The wake created by a boat may endanger inexperienced boaters, persons swimming, or wading anglers. For example, a boat's wake may rock, swamp, or capsize other boats. Passengers also may be thrown off balance or overboard, leading to serious injury.

No matter how large or small your wake, you may be held responsible for any damage or personal injury it causes. To avoid the expense of repairing another person's boat or paying their medical bills, limit your wake by slowing down.

- As you travel, look behind your vessel to check your wake. If it is rocking boats or crashing against the shoreline, you are creating too much wake.
- Watch out for and be considerate of small vessels such as canoes and kayaks.
- Slow down before:
 - o Meeting and overtaking other boats
 - o Entering posted speed zones and narrow channels
- Leave as much space as possible between your vessel and others that you meet or overtake.

Unreasonable wakes also cause erosion of the shoreline, damaging important habitat.

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request to be added to: lakesend@gmail.com

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS~

If you would like to be removed, submit changes or
corrections, please let us know at lakesend@gmail.com

Special dates of interest:

- **W&SD general meetings, first Wednesday of the month, 3:00 p.m. at the Sacheen Fire Station on Hwy 211. Please note new time.**
- **05-30-15 — 08:00 Highway 211 Cleanup. Meet at Myers-Harter Park.**
- **06-13-15 — 09:00 Fertile Valley Road cleanup. Meet at Myers-Harter Park.**
- **06-20-15 — 09:00 Sacheen Lake Assn Annual Meeting at Fire Station on Hwy 211**
- **08-15-15 — 11:30 Sacheen Lake Community Picnic (BBQ 12-2pm) at Myers/Harter Park**
- **08-29-15 — 08:00 Highway 211 Cleanup. Meet at Myers-Harter Park**
- **09-12-15 — 09:00 Fertile Valley Road cleanup. Meet at Myers-Harter Park.**