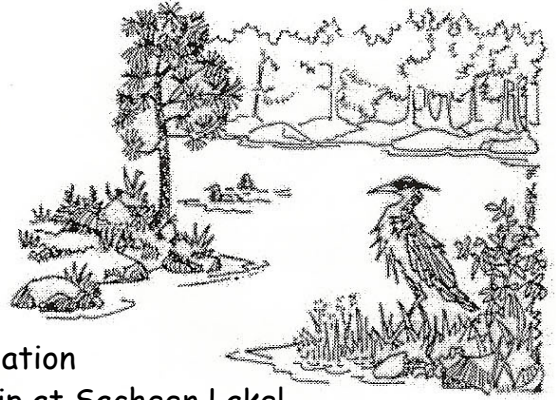


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LETS TRY TO LOWER OUR MONTHLY SEWER COSTS

Our sewer fees are much higher than originally expected due to unforeseen construction costs. The Sacheen Water and Sewer District is submitting a request for debt relief through the State Legislature in order to be even stronger partners in the development and construction of the Sacheen Waste Water Collection and Treatment System. As Sacheen Lake is the headwaters to the West Branch Little Spokane, our sewer project has a positive impact on more than just Sacheen Lake 2.5 million is the amount being requested from the 2016 budget.

YOUR HELP IS VERY IMPORTANT

We all need to band together and write letters to our representatives, state senator, county commissioners, and governor explaining how this increased fee impacts us individually. All requests for proviso monies are voted on by the entire legislative body, so if you know any other legislators or senators, contact them as well. We need all the support we can get! Talk to your neighbors and ask them to write as well. If we can show overwhelming involvement and need, we will have a much better chance of having our request granted.

Tell your own story of the need for assistance to reduce your monthly/annual expense for the project.

Your letter should be one page and sent by US mail. Emails are okay, and effective as a secondary mailing. The letter should only include your personal situation, your name and address, and it should reference Sacheen Lake. More detailed information about the Sacheen Waste Water Collection and Treatment System process is on the SLA website:
sacheenlake.com/category/scope/

Below are the addresses of our Governor, two Washington State Representatives, Senator, and three Pend Oreille County Commissioners. The standard form of address would be: Dear Governor Inslee Chair, Senator Dansel, or Representative Short or Kretz.

Thank you for taking the time to write letters and get your neighbors involved. Together we can make a difference!

Lower Monthly Sewer Costs - Addresses

Washington State Governor:

Governor Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia WA 98504

Our local representatives and senator, District 7:

Representative Joel Kretz
Deputy Minority Leader
335A Legislative Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia WA 98504

Representative Shelly
Short
Minority Caucus Chair
427A Legislative Building
PO Box 40600
Olympia WA 98504

Senator Brian Dandel
115B Irv Newhouse
Building
PO Box 40407
Olympia WA 98504

Pend Oreille County Commissioners:

Commissioner Mike Manus
Chair
PO Box 5025
Newport WA 99156

Commissioner Karen
Skoog
Vice-Chair
PO Box 5025
Newport WA 99156

Commissioner Steve Kiss
PO Box 5025
Newport WA 99156

Sacheen Lake Association Website Update News **sacheenlake.com**

The Sacheen Lake Association's web page is in the process of being updated. Garth Christensen created the original website in the current format of the day, HTML. All of his time and effort on behalf of the association are very much appreciated. As this format no longer functions with today's apps, Jerry Johnsen is currently converting the entire website to a new format

At last contact, the links to the Minutes, Agendas, SacheenSCOPE, and Announcements have been completed.

Although the SLA will continue being responsible for the monthly fee, the Sacheen Sewer and Water District paid for the upgrade since many of the new links deal with water and sewer issues. This is an excellent working partnership. Thank you Garth and Jerry.

Water and Sewer District News

by Sheila Pearman, District Manager

spearman@ifiber.tv 447-4641

Thank you all for continuing to support the work of the Sacheen Lake Water & Sewer District through the passage of the M&O Levy in November. This allows the Board to continue to serve the needs of and be good stewards to Sacheen Lake.

We would be remiss if we didn't recognize Gary Garrett for his six years of service as a sewer commissioner. Gary came to the board with a mission of getting sewer for Sacheen Lake and was successful in that mission. His willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. Thank you Gary.

As was noted on the front page, we continue to look for debt relief for our new sewer system. Please remember that your board members are also lake residents and pay the same fees for their sewer service and are thus motivated to reduce our payments. We are requesting debt relief through the legislature that would increase the amount the State contributes to our project funding through the legislature's budget process. This request is being made with the idea that the State be an equal partner in the cost of protecting Sacheen Lake as well as all the lakes, rivers and streams that are downstream of Sacheen Lake.

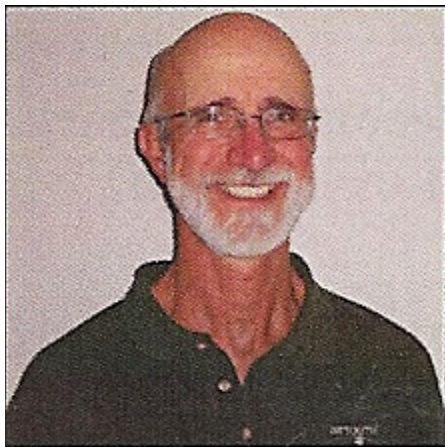
Please consider writing your representatives and tell them your story. Those of you who don't live at the lake full time, please write your home representatives as well and tell them your story. They will have an opportunity to support this request through the legislative process. If we could get \$2.5 million in debt relief, it would significantly reduce the total cost of the project.

The community of Rockford did such a campaign and was awarded \$1.2 million in proviso money last year, so please don't consider this a wasted effort. We have worked hard to bring an excellent sewer system to Sacheen Lake, let's make one more effort to bring the cost of that effort down.

Last year \$130 million was given through this program.

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



The President's Message

by Don Hill

Happy 2016! I'm hoping this year is one of health and happiness for everyone in our lake community.

It's been a good winter so far here at Sacheen, although the weather didn't cooperate to give us much opportunity for skating. But the several weeks with dry snow blanketing the trees made for a picturesque holiday season in the forest!

It's been good to get out on snow shoes and enjoy the peace and beauty.

The lake level dropped back down after the heavy rain in December, so our volunteer work at the beaver dams was reasonably effective... although the challenge continues. My heartfelt thanks to the 2015 volunteers; Dan White, Larry Holman, Darren Powell, Cody Walters, Brad Wear, Maury Cain, and Bill Storms. We also appreciate the continuing support and assistance of Darrell Johnson and Mary Sterling, our 'downstream support team'. Our lake level on January 8 was 8.3 feet, only slightly above the reading this time last year.

As you know, we had yet another destructive windstorm this year (enough, already!), and the forest is showing the effects. Again, as always, I encourage you to pursue any reforestation you can.

The Sacheen Lake Association website (www.SacheenLake.com) has undergone a major overhaul, thanks to our webmaster, Jerry Johnsen. Please check it out keep tabs on what's happening in our community. Also, the SLA Board will be finalizing the schedule of events for this year, and will put the info out by e-mail. If you haven't already done so, please make sure to get your e-mail address to Carol Hood at Lakesend@gmail.com. By the way, that will also be our method of announcing the Ice-Off contest, which we plan to offer again this year (assuming we'll be able to get the marker out, if/when the ice re-solidifies!)- so make sure we can reach you by e-mail!

It's time to renew your Sacheen Lake Association membership! Please send in your dues, to help cover the cost of lake level control (beaver dam 'maintenance'), the SacheenSCOPE, and our many other community service initiatives.

Enjoy the remaining winter, and see you on the lake, (hopefully!),

Don Hill

President, Sacheen Lake Association

Volunteers Needed in the Sacheen Lake Area!



by Mike Nokes,
Chief, SPOFR



South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue

is currently in need of volunteer Fire Fighters. Application packets are now available online at www.spo-fr.org or at the Diamond Lake or Sacheen Lake fire station during business hours.

We need Firefighters and EMT's

The current staffing at the Sacheen Lake Fire Station is too low. We are in great need of people who want to train to become EMT's and/or people who would like to become firefighters. Volunteers are essential to our success as an emergency services agency. We are looking for people who are willing to receive in-depth training to become a professional in the field. These men and women will work on a frequent basis with our existing team of volunteers, and will respond on every type of alarm our District receives.

The number of available volunteers has a direct impact on the time it takes us to respond to an emergency. The more available volunteers we have the less time it takes for us to respond to an area.

Few jobs offer the opportunity to save a life

All kinds of Volunteers needed

You don't have to be able to fight fires to volunteer. The fire district is also looking for non-combat volunteers as well. Do you have a passion or specialty in computers, public education, small engine or tool repair, etc? Or maybe you would be interested in helping with the fire district auxiliary, they bring out food & refreshments to the firefighters at the scene of a large emergency. If so we would love to have you as a community volunteer for our fire district.

If this letter describes characteristics or interests you possess, call us or drop in. We at South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue would like to meet with you!

South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue – Administration Office
325272 Hwy 2, Newport WA 99156
509-447-5305
Chief Mike Nokes



Meet Your Board Members - Beryl Pielli

Secretary Beryl Pielli and her husband Leonard have enjoyed the lifestyle of Sacheen Lake for the last 41 years.

Together they raised their combined family of six children, They also enjoy their eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Beryl retired from the Department of Social and Health

Services, after 20 years, as a social worker/ supervisor in children's and adult services, "a career of a life time."

Beryl remains active as a board member of SLA and Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington. She is involved with "Quilts for Pend Oreille County Veteran's" and a member of the local crafters group. In her spare time she has taught cooking, quilting and knitting.

Living full time at Sacheen Lake and enjoying the community and all 4 seasons, "she is here to stay".

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:	

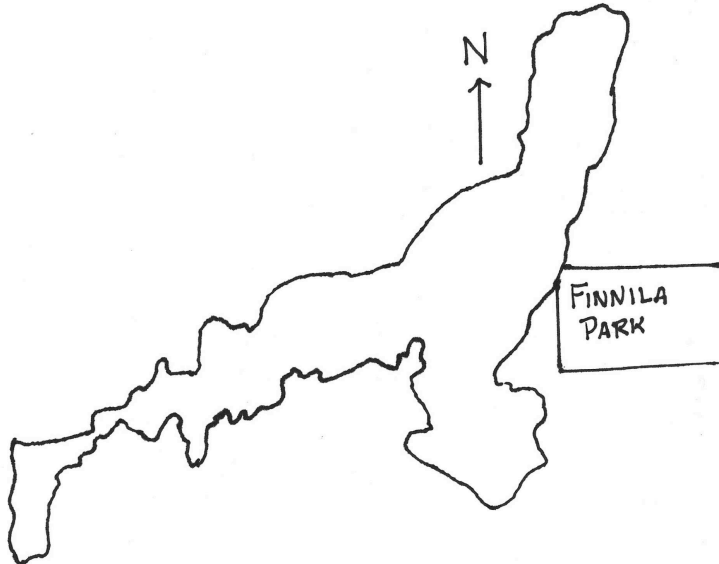
Please fill out the form and mail it with your check, payable to:

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

PLEASE include your correct **CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS**

Finnila Park - An Overview

pronounced FIN - i - la (does not rhyme with vanilla)



Finnila Park was first purchased around the turn of the century by Andrew Finnila who arrived from Finland in 1888, and made his way through the Midwest before settling down in Spokane and acquiring approximately 200 acres bordering Sacheen Lake. He married Louvisa Haarala in 1895 in Spokane, and they had seven daughters and one son. Their only son, Lawrence, drowned in Sacheen Lake in 1918, due to a seizure, at the age of twenty-four, and their oldest daughter, Johanna died of tuberculosis in 1924 at the age of twenty-five.

The property was then divided into six parcels for the six remaining daughters. His last living daughter, May KinCannon resided year round on

the property with her husband Sam, until he passed away in 1999, after which she continued enjoying summers at the lake until her passing in 1971 at the age of ninety-seven.

In 1902 they erected their first building, a log sauna, that is still used by the family today. Andrew (Bill) built a sawmill right next to what is now highway 211 and ran a successful business for many years.

According to local records, the family moved onto the property as their prime residence in 1926 or 27. Grandson Denny McMann, remembers seeing several of the sawmill structures, when he first started coming out to the lake as a four year old in 1945. When Nancy McMann, wife of grandson Gravin, arrived at the lake in 1971, there were still visible tracks running up and down the property that were used for transporting the first and second growth trees to the mill.

The bulk of property was sold, first by Andrew Finnila, and then by his Daughters. There are about twelve acres today. The property is currently owned by the ancestors of Lillian McMann, the fourth daughter, and the ancestors of Eva Senna, the fifth daughter, with a small piece owned the Andersons, who are not part of the family. (Maury and Nancy Cain reside on the property once owned by daughter number three, Matilda Atherton.)

Track A, the lakefront piece of property, is owned equally by all, and is designated to remain natural for the enjoyment of all the family members.

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