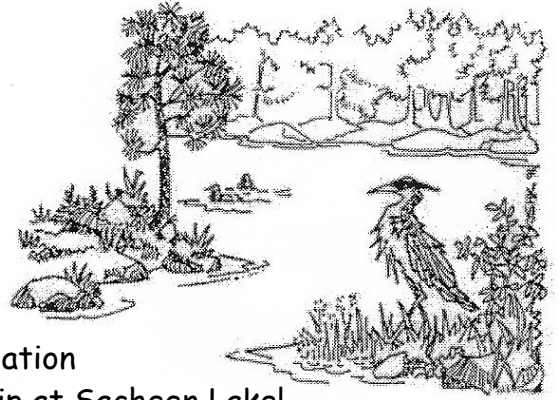


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Join your neighbors for the:

Annual Sacheen Lake Picnic & BBQ

Saturday, August 11, 11:30 a.m.

Myers-Harter Park

>Food served from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.<

(Fried chicken, water, and soda provided)

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

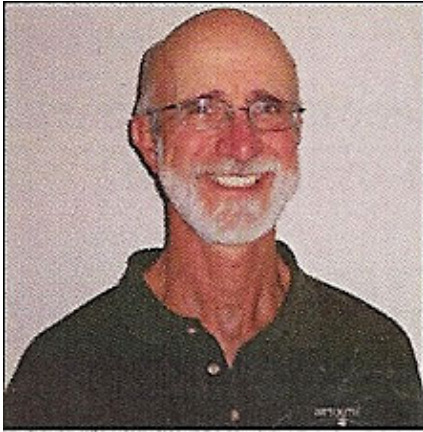


There will be:

***Games for all ages (Every child receives a prize)**

***Adult Door Prize – a beautiful handmade bench (seen above)**

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



The President's Message
Here we go again!

by Don Hill - President
Sacheen Lake Association

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Is it busy around here, or what? As soon as summer sets in it seems the longer days are shorter than ever... just not enough hours to get everything done. All of a sudden those cold snowy days sitting by the crackling fire reading a good book seem pretty appealing!

As you know, we again asked the county for a no-wake limit while the water was high this spring. Most residents complied, and we sustained reduced levels of shoreline erosion as a result. Thank you for putting up with the inconvenience/restriction. Now even with the lake level under control, I would ask that everyone still be mindful of your wake. I'm told that some lakes on the west side actually had bladder boats/wake boats outlawed due to shore damage!

The SLA Board members were pleased with the attendance and participation at the Annual Meeting in June, and grateful to Bill Baker from the state department of Fish and Wildlife for his presentation dealing with our new year-round fishing season. If you weren't able to take part in the meeting, the PowerPoint is posted on our web site, www.SacheenLake.com, and includes the slide show of our ongoing beaver dam efforts to help control the lake level.

I want to encourage everyone to come to the SLA Community Picnic on August 11. Our chairperson, Jeanne Holman, and her team of helpers has been putting a great deal of effort into making it another successful and fun get-together for the community. If you want to see about lending a hand, give Jeanne a call (509-599-7234). Good food, kid's games, and a chance to win a spectacular door prize... what could be better?!? Hope to see you there!

Have a Safe and Fun Summer at Sacheen Lake!

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



Calling 911



by Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

Emergencies don't happen very often. But when they do, you want to get help fast. No one wants to spend time looking up the phone number. That's why 911 was created – to make it easy. In the United States and Canada, dialing 911 on your telephone is the fastest way you can get help for yourself or someone else.

Not too many years ago, people had to find the right phone number in an emergency. If there was a fire, people phoned the fire department. If there was a crime, people called the police. If someone got hurt, an ambulance had to be called. Finding a number for any of these emergency workers could be very confusing – especially if a person was in a hurry or in an unfamiliar area.

Today, it's as simple as dialing 911. With those three numbers, you can reach the fire department, the police, or an ambulance. When you call 911, an emergency operator – called a dispatcher – immediately dispatches the people you need.

Locally there has been some confusion about calling 911. We recently responded to a call and the person who called 911 didn't understand why they were placed on hold and transferred. When using a cell phone, the cell phone looks for the closest available cell tower to get its signal and send calls from. When you're on a cell phone near any county borders in Pend Oreille County, and you have to make a 911 phone call it is picked up by the closest cell tower which could be in Spokane, Stevens or Bonner County. If the cell tower was in Spokane County that picked up the 911 call it automatically sends it to the Spokane County Dispatch Center and so on.

If you are calling 911 from a cell phone near a county boarder, expect to be put on hold and transferred but **DO NOT HANG UP**. Things you can do to expedite the transfer is as soon as they ask "911 what is your emergency?" you should say "I'm reporting a fire in Pend Oreille County" or "I'm in Pend Oreille County, and I need an Ambulance to the following location". This will alert the other County Dispatcher that you are not in their County and you need to be transferred to the correct Dispatcher in Pend Oreille County.

Any time you call 911 to report an emergency, know your location, and if possible the name of the City or even County you're reporting the emergency in. It will only help us find you faster. With enhanced 911 services there are ways for some Dispatch Centers to get your GPS location off your cell phone signal, but it is never as good as someone confirming a hard physical address of the location of the emergency.

Another 911 tip is if you accidentally dial 911, don't panic and hang up. If you do and the 911 Dispatcher cannot get a hold of you to make sure everything is ok they have to send the Police to the location the 911 call came from to ensure nothing is wrong. Just stay on the line and tell the Dispatcher 911 was dialed in error.

Calling 911 Continued



by Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

Lastly, I have heard people say it seems like Dispatchers ask too many questions. The Dispatchers do this in order to ensure the proper resources are sent to the emergency, to make sure those resources get to the correct location and the questions help the Dispatchers provide quality instructions, to the caller, on what should be done before emergency workers arrive on the scene to help. With cell phones, more people than ever will have an opportunity to make a 911 cell phone call. I understand fully the frustration that comes with being placed on hold to be transferred during an emergency which you're seeking help for. Currently, there is nothing we can do to prevent this in certain areas, but we can teach people it is going to happen and the best way to handle it to ensure it happens as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions on 911 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 online at www.spofr.org.

Thank you, **Mike Nokes, Fire Chief**

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2018 are still only \$10 for an individual / \$25 for a family

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

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:			
Email Address:			

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

SECOND CALL FOR HELP!

This is our second request because no one has responded and we are in dire need. Do you or anyone you know have experience or expertise working with websites? We need help making the Sacheen Lake Association's Website run smoother. If you have these skills or know of anyone who does, please contact Jerry Johnsen at jj_at_the_lake@yahoo.com or (509) 447-4587. Your generosity is much appreciated!

It's August already? Why does the summer fly by so fast when it takes sooooo long to get here?

On Wednesday, July 11, Terry McNabb and his team from Aquatechnex treated Sacheen for milfoil and watershield. This was a two-fold process as the watershield was sprayed in the morning and then the applicator went around a second time to treat 23.5 acres of milfoil. From surveying the large patches of milfoil since then, it appears to have been a good treatment.

After 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of operation of the sewer system, we have begun irrigating our forest crop. In total our three lagoons hold nearly 21 million gallons of effluent. The irrigation will rotate through our three spray areas covering 43 acres of forest crop at rates prescribed by our state wastewater discharge permit. We are permitted to irrigate May through September.

We will again be asking for voter approval of a maintenance and operation levy on the November ballot. With approval of this funding we can continue work on our milfoil abatement as well as maintaining the Myers/Harter Sanctuary, water level work, district insurance, and other costs not associated with the sewer. The voted levy is funded by all district property owners, not just those being served by the sewer. We are requesting the same mil rate of \$0.78 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

The Fertile Valley Road paving project has hit a few snags along the way. The contractor is finding the same type of rock we found during the sewer construction and is having to work through issues with those rocks and attaining proper elevations. As the project got started about 6 weeks later than planned, it looks like completion will not happen until early October.

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is now on
FACEBOOK

sacheenlake.com

Don't forget to check out our beautiful 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 Johnson @jj_at_lake@yahoo.com.

What's Worse than Milfoil in our Waters?

By Sharon Sorby

It may be hard to believe, but there are worse aquatic weeds than Eurasian watermilfoil. The three candidates on my list include hydrilla, Brazillian elodea and parrotfeather milfoil (shown in sequential order).



Although hydrilla is neither an attractive plant nor sold as a pond or aquarium aerator, it could arrive as a contaminate of packing material for other aquatic plants ordered from nurseries specializing in aquatic plants. It resembles our native elodea, but in cross section it has 5 leaves instead of the four our native elodea has and there are serrations along the leaf edges giving it a rough feeling when drawn through the fingers. If you should discover it, please notify the Weed Board and dispose of it where it cannot get into water.

Hydrilla is worse than milfoil because it is very difficult to control. It produces a hard reproductive structure called a turion that settles into the sediment and it cannot be controlled. It may sit there, undetected, for several years before sprouting and the new infestation could grow quite large before it is found.

Brazillian elodea, also called anacharis in the aquarium trade, is sold as an aerator. It also resembles our native elodea; however it is much larger. It is worse than milfoil as it is resistant to the herbicides available for treating it and will come-up around a barrier mat placed to smother aquatic weeds. Please make sure this one does not find its way to natural waters.



Parrotfeather milfoil is an attractive plant, often used as an ornamental or aerating aquatic plant -- both for ponds and aquaria. It is worse than milfoil because the top sticks up out of the water forming a dense mat that shades out plants below (including itself). This makes injecting herbicides below ineffective. The leaves above the water have a hard coat that makes penetration with herbicides very difficult.

Please keep in mind, all three of these are illegal to import, buy, sell or otherwise allow to grow in Washington State. There are a couple of other honorable mentions, yellow water iris and water hyacinth. Neither of these should be planted nor allowed to escape into natural waters of the County.

Some Fun Excursions In and Around PEND OREILLE COUNTY

- 1) Enjoy a float, paddle or small boat ride up the Pend Oreille River. PORTA (Pend Oreille Region Tourism Alliance) has established a water route starting in Oldtown, Idaho and heading north (which is downstream) for seventy miles. It ends just one mile short of the Canadian boarder. There are many designated boat launch areas. For more information, go to PORTA.us.
- 2) Take in a dinner and play or just a play at the Circle Moon Theater, located right here at Sacheen on highway 211. The next production is "Northwoods Unleashed," on August 17, 18, 23, 24, 25. Dinner at 6:30p.m and show starts at 7:30p.m. For tickets or more information, contact Northwood Performing Arts (208) 448-1294.
- 3) Gather a few friends and be amazed by the beautiful art and studios on the Artists' Studio Tour. This is an annual event where local artist's open their studios to the public and have their art on sale. It starts across the river from Oldtown, Idaho and winds its way towards Sandpoint. (A tasty place to stop for lunch.) This years' dates are August 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19. For more information, brochures, and maps, go to arttourdriive.org.
- 4) The Pend Oreille County Fair will be celebrating their 100th year and open to the public on August 16, 17, 18, 19. The fairgrounds are located just north of us in Cusick, and it is a very fun way to experience everything from animals, to agriculture, to some of our most popular local music. For more information, visit their website at pocfair.com.
- 5) The Kalispel Tribe is opening the Kalispel Casino directly north of us on highway 2, just north of Cusick this fall. For more information go to their website KalispelCasino.com

Sacheen Merchandise For Sale

Virginia Hill - Merchandise Chairman
(509) 447-0960

Sacheen Lake merchandise is for sale at the annual 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

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Sacheen Sewer & Water District Meetings
2nd Wednesday of each month - 5 p.m.
Sacheen Fire Station on Highway 211

Community Volunteer Clean-Up Days
Meet at Meyers-Harter Park at time listed

Highway 211 Cleanup
August 25, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

SLA Community Picnic BBQ - Aug 11
Saturday, 11:30am -2:00pm at Meyers-Harter Park