

# Sacheen SCOPE

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE August 2019



The General Meeting has come and gone as well as the 2019 SLA Picnic. Both events came off well and I would like to thank all those who helped. Jeanne Holman and her team did a great job with the picnic. We had great food for everyone and the kids really enjoyed the games and prizes. We had about 40 children this year and all seemed very happy with the results. We think the total attendance was about 160. Dan White donated a beautiful bench that he built that was given away as a door prize. Dan has, over the years built and donated many beautifully constructed furniture items. Thank you Dan.

August 17, at 8am, is the date for the next Highway 211 cleanup, come help it only takes about an hour and the more people to help the less time it takes.

We are currently looking into the possibility of bringing on a "Bear Expert" to speak to us in the fall. More to follow on that.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

Albert Pool

## Summer Reflections & Upcoming Fall Fun Events



Sacheen, annual picnic pictures, fun in the sun as always; no hornets were invited and they were a NO SHOW this year.





We've been seeing quite a bit in the news lately about large wild fires to the west of Pend Oreille County. Anyone who has either lived or visited here for any length of time knows that we also have had our share of wild fires. Homeowners need not just leave the safety of their life and property to fate. There are concrete and simple actions that can and should be taken to mitigate the risks of wild fire. Creating defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it protects your home

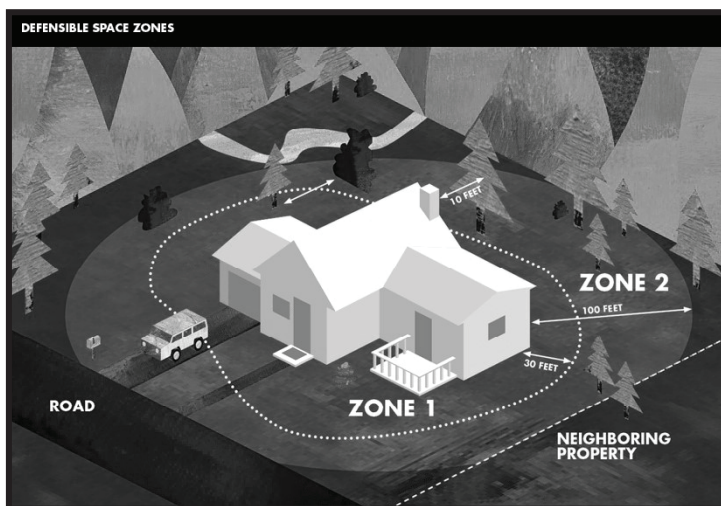
from catching fire—either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important for the protection of the firefighters defending your home. When it comes to defensible space, many people think that if they can keep the flames from approaching wild fires away, they stand a pretty good chance of minimizing the risk of damage. Another big risk to homes and structures is the many embers that are thrown into the air that land on or in flammable material near the home. There are essentially two lines of defense that homeowners need to be concerned about addressing – the space 30 feet from your home or structures (Zone 1) and the space 100 feet from your home or structure (Zone 2). Within 30 feet of your home or structures (Zone 1):

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds and other flammable materials.
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
- Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep dead branches 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Relocate wood piles into Zone 2.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.

Within 100 feet of your home or structures:

- Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches.
- Create horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees.
- Create vertical spacing between grass, shrubs and trees.
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches and any other flammable litter.

There are other actions that homeowners can take to mitigate the risk associated with wild fires. If you would like more information or if you'd like to have the South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue conduct a free risk assessment of your property, just drop by our Diamond Lake Station at 325272 Hwy 2, give us a call at **509-447-5305**, or drop us an **email at [pio@spofr.org](mailto:pio@spofr.org)**.



**South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue** recruit academy is coming up in September and we could use a few more volunteers at the Sacheen Station. For information contact Capt. Perry Pearman 509.496.5455

# Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2019 are still only \$10 for an individual / \$25 for a family

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

Sacheen Lake Association, c/o Jerry Johnson, Treasurer,

PO Box 401, Newport WA 99156-0401

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
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## BEST SEASONAL PHOTO CONTEST

Something new and fun...send us your best shot that is lake related and we will select the winner and show it off to the membership here. Digital files only please. **Sacheen Lake Association Board** will judge the photos. Send to Al Pool E-Mail to [albertpool@gmail.com](mailto:albertpool@gmail.com)



**WILD DOG**, Mr. Jules Vern...Caution...Travels 20,000 leagues under the sea and over the lakes and valleys in his hot air balloon; is often spotted with his feline companion, Mr. BB Buttons Bentley, the red headed cat. Submitted by S.J. Smith.

## STAY INFORMED

Join the SLA email list. Please send your request to be added to the email list and/or send address corrections to: [LakesEnd@Gmail.com](mailto:LakesEnd@Gmail.com)

# Sacheen Lake Park...Clean Up Day



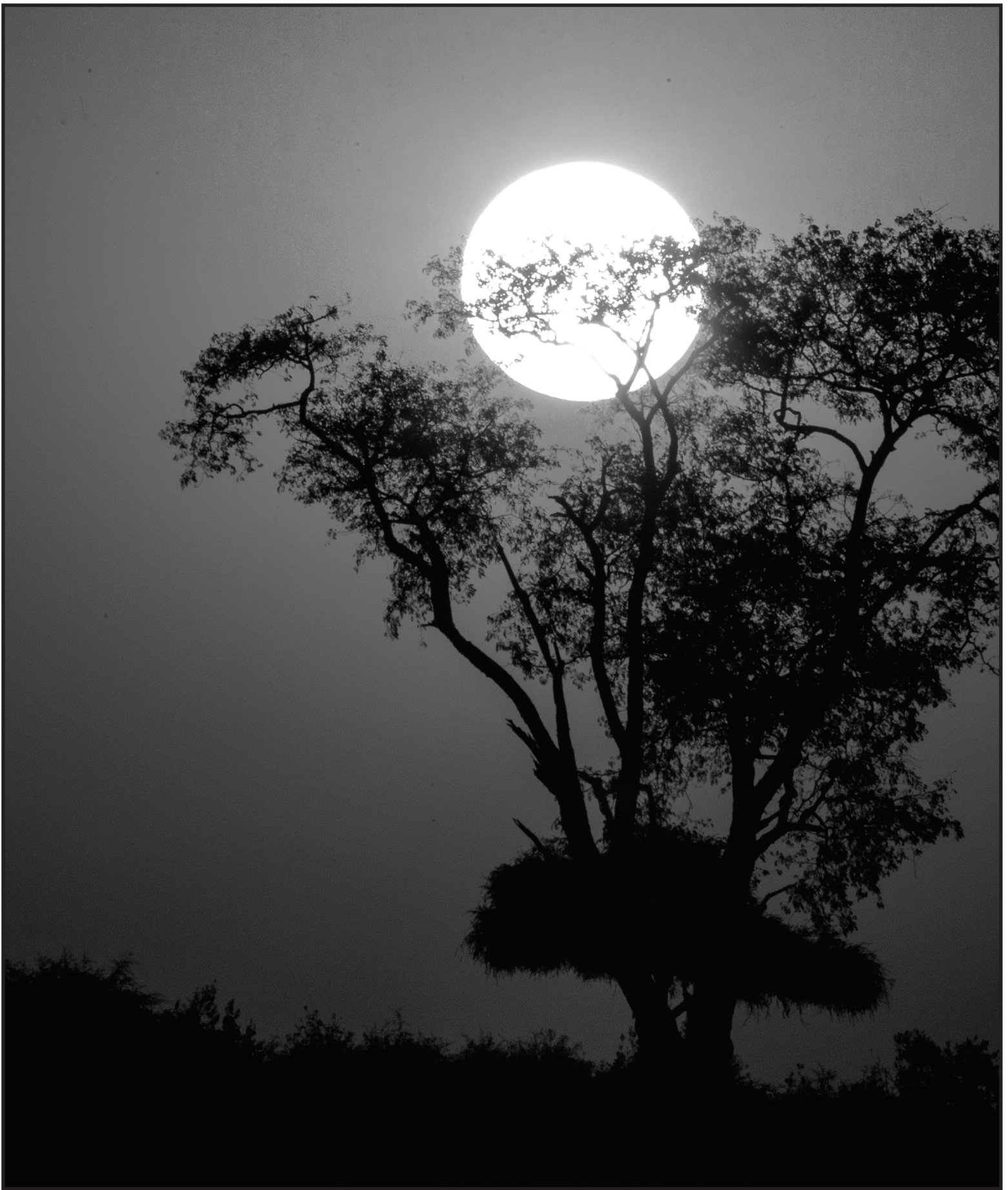
The clean up crew pauses briefly for a photo op.



Myers/Harter Sanctuary. This park was developed with funds from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account to allow the public access to state waters.



Al Pool takes a much deserved breather during the clean up.



**A toast to never missing a glorious Sacheen Sunset Celebration...  
And to living in the land of whispering trees.  
Thank You Sacheen community for making a difference.**

# EDITORIAL...Water and Sewer District News.

By Sheila Pearman, District Manager

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Its August and summer is in full force. Gratefully the skies are not filled with the smoke we experienced last year. Hopefully it will continue that way.

Prior to the installation of our sewer system, the Sacheen Lake Water & Sewer District focused on lake water quality issues. Included in this were:

1. Installation and maintenance of beaver tubes through beaver dams downstream to keep the lake water level from damaging shorelines. This includes the cost of applying for a hydraulics permit every few years.
2. Weed control. Aquatic plants are good for lakes and fisheries, but non-native invasive and invasive weeds are a problem. In the mid nineties with the assistance of the Department of Ecology and a bond floated by the District we spent nearly \$1 million to treat the lake for Eurasian water milfoil. Since that time, we have used voted levy money to keep milfoil from again overtaking our water and becoming a danger to swimmers and making navigating to docks a hazard. Other invasive weeds that are coming into our drainage area include curly leaf pond weed with its painful little rhizomes and the beautiful but rapidly overtaking yellow flag iris. Many of you have noted the increased amount of water shield as an issue.
3. Beaver Control
4. Maintenance of the Myers/Harter Sanctuary. This park was developed with funds from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account to allow the public access to state waters. It also allowed us to qualify for funding of our milfoil treatment in 1995. Its name honors two families who were great stewards to our community.
5. Insurance for the District Board as well as volunteers.

None of these activities are paid for out the monthly sewer bill that many of you get. How were these activities funded? With voter approved levies.

At the July 10 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the board voted to place a levy on the November ballot asking for approximately 75 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation to collect \$57,375 in 2020. This equates to \$225 on a home valued at \$300,000, less than \$20 per month. When a levy passes, every property owner in the District contributes to the levy funding via their taxes, whether paying for sewer or not. Remember, it truly is Sacheen Lake that makes our properties valuable. Let's be good stewards to her.

How do you help make the levy possible? VOTE HERE in Pend Oreille County. If you are registered somewhere else, consider changing your registration. You can even do it online. Some families split their voting, one in town and one at the lake so they have a say in both places. Where does your vote count more than in a small community where the money stays at home? Last year we actually had 57% in favor of the levy, but levy issues require a super majority of 60% to pass. The difference is truly only a few votes.

For those of you planning building projects, please be sure to call 811 before digging for utility locate services. There is no cost for this service to you.

It's great to see so many cabins and homes with activity. We have many new property owners. For those of you who have been here for years, we hope you have welcomed your new neighbors into our community. To the new owners, welcome! To everyone, consider getting involved in your lake community, Sacheen Lake is a wonderful place to live and recreate.

If you're lucky enough to live at the lake you're lucky enough! (unknown)



Tree Top Beauties



### Sacheen Merchandise For Sale

Thank you **Virginia Hill** for your many years of Merchandise Chairman, you have served with class and an amazing spirit of generosity, keeping us all in Sacheen style!

**Rosmond Langberg** (509) 998-6249 has graciously agreed to step into this role to keep us all warm and styling. Thank you Rosmond for stepping up!

**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.

**Sacheen Lake Association**



is now on  
**FACEBOOK**

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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 17, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

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