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The President's Message

Please Step Up and Join the Sacheen Lake Association Board
by Albert Pool, President, Sacheen Lake Association

Dear friends and neighbors,

By now you have probably heard that Don Hill has retired from his many years of service as President of the Sacheen Lake Association. Fortunately for all of us he has agreed to stay on the board and to continue his role as chief beaver dam patrolman.

I have agreed to fill Don's role as President of this association for two years and only two years. Its time for new blood to step up and take the reins of this great organization and lead us into the future. All of us currently on the board have been doing this for many years, and although we have great fun, we would love to have some help from our friends

around the lake.

We currently have eight meetings a year, March through October, one meeting per month. We have fun planning the many activities the association does every year, to include:

First annual boat launch cleanup May 1, 9:00 a.m. (Thanks to the many of you who showed up. The more hands, the less work.)

Fertile Valley Road cleanup May 18, 9:00 a.m.

Highway 211 cleanup June 8, 8:00 a.m.

Park weed and trim June 13, 9:00 a.m.

General/Annual meeting fire station June 22, 9:00 a.m.

SLA Community Picnic July 20, 11:30a.m. - 2:00p.m. (Note change in

date)

Highway 211 cleanup August 17, 8:00 a.m. (Note - change in date)

Have fun at the lake this season and stay safe.

Date Change - Be sure to mark your calendars!

Come Make Memories!

Annual Sacheen Lake Picnic & BBQ

Saturday, July 20, 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**

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





Disaster Preparedness Plan



Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

(Reprinted from John Nicholas, Public Information Officer, at pio@spofr.org.)

It seems that winter is behind us and we're all set to enjoy the renewal that comes with springtime. Grasses, shrubbery, and trees that have long been dormant are now beginning to sprout new growth. We in the South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue don't have much time to sit back to enjoy the new season. We're vigorously preparing for another wildfire season. Although we've seen a few

wildland fires in our district in the past few years, we have been fortunate that we've not seen the kind of devastation that has occurred in areas to our south and further to the west. Fire has always played a very important role in nature. We in the fire service also understand that as people move into more rural settings such as that enjoyed in Pend Oreille County, people and property can be at risk to wildland fire.

To help mitigate that risk, there are many things that home owners should know that I'll be writing about in the next few months.

In early spring, before wildfire strikes, it is important that you prepare yourself and your home for the possibility of having to evacuate. There are three main preparation actions that should be completed and that should be familiar to all members of your household.

1. Create a wildfire evacuation plan for your home, family and pets;
2. Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit for each person in your household;
3. Prepare a family communication plan that includes important evacuation contact information.

Use the checklist below to help create your plan. Each family's plan will be different, depending on a variety of issues, needs, and situations.

Create an evacuation plan that includes:

- A designated emergency meeting location outside the fire or hazard area. This is critical to determine who has safely evacuated from the affected area.
- Plan several different escape routes from your home and community. Practice these often so everyone in your family is familiar in case of emergency.
- Have an evacuation plan for pets and large animals such as horses and other livestock if you have them.

A Family Communication Plan that designates an out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as a single source of communication among family members in case of separation. It is easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster.

Assemble an emergency supply kit that includes:

- A three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person.
- Map marked with at least two evacuation routes.
- Prescriptions or special medications
- Change of clothing
- Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
- An extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- First aid
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Sanitation supplies
- Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
- Don't forget pet food and water!

Disaster Preparedness Plan, continued

Be Prepared (the old adage that it's better to have it and not need it than need it but don't have it applies here):

- Have fire extinguishers on hand and train your family members on how to use them (check expiration dates regularly).
- Ensure that your family knows where your gas, electric, and water main shut-off controls are located and how to safely shut them down in an emergency.
- Maintain a list of emergency contact numbers posted near your phone and in your emergency supply kit.
- Keep an extra Emergency Supply Kit in your car in case you cannot get to your home because of fire or other emergency.
- Have a portable radio or scanner so you can stay updated on the fire.

2019 Water Level Readings

1-Jan-19 8.66 ft.

4-Apr-19 9.13 ft.

Target is 7.9 feet

Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife

Sacheen Lake Fish Stocking

2018 - The following fingerlings were stocked: 15,000

Eastern Brooks, 10,000 Rainbows, and 10,000 Tigers.

2019 - In April, 4400 mixed Rainbows were stocked

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

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

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
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**



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 Johnsen @ jj_at_lake@yahoo.com.

Sacheen Merchandise For Sale

Virginia Hill - Merchandise Chairman

(509) 447-0960

Sacheen Lake merchandise is for sale at the annual meeting and the 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.

Thank you Don Hill

As many of you are aware, Don Hill has recently passed the baton as President of the Sacheen Lake Association to Al Pool. While we are all looking forward to the new ideas and perspective that Al may bring to the board, we would also like to spend a moment reflecting on the contributions Don has made over the past ten plus years.

In particular, we appreciate his light-hearted attention to detail, caring for the people and the lake. It may be about spelling and punctuation or constructing a rock chimney. For years Don has been carefully and meticulously constructing a rock chimney where each rock has been chosen and placed for its contribution to the structure as well as the easthetics of the chimney. The result is a thing of beauty and functionality.

So it has been with his term as president. With grace and humility, each member has been honored for their contributions while still focusing on the tasks at hand. Whether it is the planning of a meeting or the modeling of service, Don continually sees the vision of a better community and environment through service while still believing in term limits.

When there is a clean up of the park or the roads, Don is there with gloves and work ethic. For more than ten years he has headed up the crew keeping the beaver dam tubes open and clear in order to keep the lake level as low as possible. This effort requires not just physical effort, but also the ability to organize, cajole, and guilt volunteers into accompanying him multiple times every year. As the prospect of a sewer became a reality, Don was leading the charge to make the sewer the best while still looking for ways to reduce costs. To this day he still advocates and works toward finding more funding from government sources to reduce our cost.

Don grew up at Sacheen and went to school in Newport where he met his wife, Virginia. Now he has returned with Virginia in retirement without slowing down or losing sight of his vision of Sacheen Lake as the finest community in the most environmentally pristine setting. We will miss his leadership and look forward to his continued display of a volunteer heart.

Thank you from the Sacheen Lake Association Board and Community.



Sacheen Lake Association
is now on FACEBOOK
Become a friend!

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

With spring comes the sounds of chainsaws, lawn mowers and boats. It's nice to have the lake coming to life again.

This weather brings out the thoughts of landscaping and construction projects around the lake. The Pend Oreille County Department of Community Development would like to remind you that building permits are in fact required in Pend Oreille County. Even for smaller projects, a site plan should be submitted to make sure that set backs are observed and notification is made to any pertinent agencies...such as the SLWSD. Please also know that you are required to call 811 for locate services prior to digging. Should you fail to do so and damage is caused to utility services you could incur treble damages. Calling 811 costs you nothing and will protect your phone, power and sewer lines by having them clearly marked prior to digging.

Thanks for all you who pay your bills prior to the 10th of the month. Approximately half you use your bank's bill pay service. Setting up your payment through your bank is easy and as the invoice amount is the same each month, setting it up as an autopay makes perfect sense. Just make sure to set the pay date early enough (prior to the 5th) as they actually cut and mail a check to the district, allowing for mail time. They even pay the postage! If you would like to receive your invoice electronically, let us know either with a note with your payment or through email to spearman@ifiber.tv. We would love to save the paper and postage!

This fall we have two commissioner positions coming up for election. The position currently held by Rodd Griggs is open for a 4-year unexpired term, while Peggy Johnsen is retiring from the board and her position will be for the full 6-year term. The filing period for these positions is May 13 through the 17th. Please consider stepping up and serving your community as a sewer district commissioner. The board currently meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5pm.

Due to lack of levy passage in last fall's election, the district will not be doing any milfoil or watershield work this season. These efforts to keep noxious weeds at bay are funded solely through the voted levy. Many of you must remember the days when we could barely get to our docks due to the heavy blankets of milfoil laying on the top of the water. We really don't want to get back to where we need to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a whole lake herbicide treatment. Please consider the importance of weed control around the lake and the value it has to our properties. If you aren't registered to vote here at the lake, you may want to think about registering here. Your voice is so important in a small community such as ours. There are many new property owners around the lake. WELCOME! Get to know your neighbor, they likely have history here at Sacheen. If you have questions, check in with your SLA representative, "Next Door", or call me, Sheila Pearman at 447-4641. If your sewer alarm sounds, please call Nathan Johnsen at 671-6019 and he will come check your system out. Hope to see you out enjoying beautiful Sacheen Lake this summer!

New Members for the Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Marine Division

By Sergeant Questin Youk

(Reprinted with permission from the Newport Miner)

NEWPORT - The Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office added two new members to the Marine Division. Deputy Jake Larson and Deputy Travis Stigall recently graduated from the Basic Marine Law Enforcement Course in Tacoma, Wash., hosted by the Washington State Parks and Recreation. With the added staffing, the Sheriff's Office Marine Division will take to the water April 27, on the opening day of fishing season.

During the upcoming boating season, boaters will see an increased presence by the Sheriff's Office on the bodies of water in Pend Oreille County. Deputies will be conducting random boat inspections to make sure boaters are following state and local laws. Key areas deputies will be focusing on will be the Washington State Boater Education Card requirement, Life Jacket compliance, and Boating Under the Influence (BUI).

Marine deputies want to ensure all boaters are boating in a safe and responsible manner.

Some reminders:

- The Washington State Boaters Education Card is required for anyone born after 1955 to operate a motorized vessel of 15 horsepower or greater. Anyone born before January 1, 1955 is currently exempt from the Boater Education Card requirement. Anyone interested in obtaining their Boater Education Card may register for an upcoming class by calling Charlie Schaefer at 509 447-2279 or 208-610-4248.
- Also, all vessels to include canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards must have at least one U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved Type I, II, or III life jacket (PFD) for each person on the boat.

In addition to this requirement, the following rules apply:

- *USCG-approved Type IV (throw-able) flotation device must be onboard vessels 16 feet or longer. (Canoes, Kayaks, and paddleboards are exempt from this requirement.)
- *Children 12 years old and younger must always wear a USCG approved life jacket when underway in a vessel less than 19 feet in length, unless in a fully enclosed area.
- *Each person on board a personal watercraft (PWC) and anyone being towed behind a boat must wear an appropriate USCG approved life jacket.

In July the Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office will again take part in Operation Dry Water which is an enforcement campaign focusing on reducing the number of alcohol and drug related accidents and fatalities on the water. Launched in 2009 by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, Operation Dry Water has been a highly effective and successful campaign drawing public attention to the dangers of boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol and drugs.

The Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office Marine Division's mission is to help provide the safest and most enjoyable environment for people water recreating within Pend Oreille County.

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2019 Schedule of Events

Mark Your Calendars!

Sacheen Water & Sewer District Meetings

2nd Wednesday of each month - 5 p.m.
Sacheen Fire Station on Highway 211

Fertile Valley Road Cleanup - May 18

Saturday 9:00am - Myers-Harter Park

Highway 211 Cleanup - June 8

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Myers-Harter Park

Park Weed N' Trim - June 13

Thursday, 9:00am - Myers-Harter Park

SLA General/Annual Meeting - June 22

Saturday, 9:00am - 11:00am at Fire Station

SLA Community Picnic - July 20

Saturday, 11:30am -2:00pm at Myers-Harter Park

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