

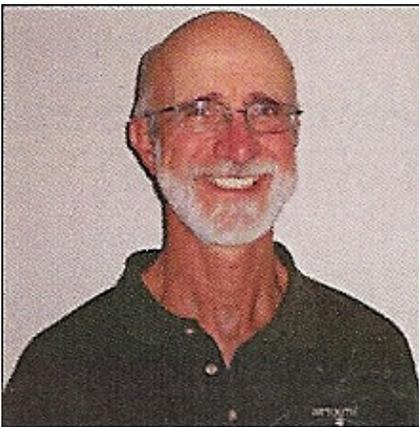
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The President's Message by Don Hill, President So Long! Sacheen Lake Association

I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all of you for your support of the Sacheen Lake Association through the years. It's been over 60 years now that the Association has worked to care for our beautiful lake and its community. We are so fortunate to live at this special lake and in this special community. Whether you are a year-rounder, a week-ender, or only able to be here on occasion, you are a valued part of this community. It has been my privilege to serve as president of the SLA for so long, and take part in our efforts in stewardship of Sacheen Lake. As I've said many times, I'm a firm believer in term limits (if you can call ten years a term!), and therefore submitted my resignation to the SLA Board at our last meeting, effective as of this March when we meet next. I'm pleased to announce that our friend and neighbor Al Pool has graciously agreed to take the reins of the organization at that time. I very much appreciate the friendship and capable support of the members of the Board through these years, and look forward to continuing to participate in our work to care for Sacheen Lake and our community.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to send in your annual membership dues, so the SLA can 'keep up the good work'. As the old saying goes, 'There is strength in numbers'.

Speaking of numbers, we were disappointed to learn that the M&O levy for the Water and Sewer District narrowly failed in the November election. The levy was a continuation of the operating funding for the district, and independent of the sewer itself. Those funds are needed for things like milfoil treatment, lake level control, and administrative costs of the district. We'll have to try again this year, and I hope all of you will support the ongoing M&O levy, so important to the health of the lake.

So Long!

The President's Message continued

On the lighter side, I'll be putting the Ice-Off marker out again soon, so get your prediction of the date to Lakesend@gmail.com to try for a share or all of the \$25 prize!

So now, my last president's letter, and all of a sudden there are all the other things I want to talk about; like the importance of reforestation to the health of our lake, controlling shoreline erosion, and so on and so on... but I'm out of time, so I'll just say 'so long', and...

Thank you again, and see you on the lake.

Don Hill

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2019 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

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:			
Email Address:			

We need your input to help determine how best to communicate with
Sacheen Lake residents.

Do you get your lake news and information mostly from:

SacheenSCOPE _____

Facebook _____

Nextdoor _____

Lakesend e-mail _____

Thank you for your response. Please return with your 2019 SLA dues.

Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2019. What a summer we had at the lake - with the re-working of Fertile Valley Road there was plenty of activity on the west side of the lake. Then, where did our August summer go? The normally beautiful summer month was replaced with smoke filled skies. We were fortunate though to only have the smoke and not the wildfires that have devastated so many communities. Let's hope that smoke filled summer skies are not our new norm.

This fall we had a very successful controlling of beaver population by our trapper Tommy Petrie Jr. Removing beavers downstream assists in keeping our beaver tubes cleared, allowing for better outflow of the lake. A big thanks to Cody & Linda Walters for allowing Tommy to keep his boat and access the lake from their place. Tommy also asks that we thank Dyana James for her friendly smile and hellos.

Unfortunately, the District's Levy issue on the November ballot failed. Even though the vote was 57% for to 43% against (usually a decisive win) the measure failed due to a required super majority of 60%. Some might ask why we run a levy when you are charged an O&M fee monthly. Only those who are served by the sewer system (310) properties pay the monthly O&M. This money is used to operate & maintain (O&M) the sewer system. Those property owners outside the service area, but within the District boundary, do not pay for this. With the voted levy, **ALL** district property owners participate at the same mil rate and that amount is collected through county taxes and is used for district activities other than the sewer. These funds allow the district to perform activities that were conducted prior to sewer installation. The following list contains the major expenses covered by the annual district levy that will not be funded this coming year:

- Aquatic Weed Management has been paid for with levy funds. We will likely see a rise in aquatic plants without the annual pulling/herbicide application.
- Lake water quality testing. Volunteers did the collections and lab screening that was paid for by the District.
- Lake level work. Volunteers clear the tubes, but the cost for the hydraulics permit, access agreement and beaver trapping was paid with levy funds.
- District Insurance that covers the volunteer activities as well as the District Board.
- Maintenance of the Myers/Harter Sanctuary where the SLA picnic is held every year.
- District manager's salary has been paid with levy funds as the work covers all district activities.

As you can see there are many important activities that will not be able to be done without this funding in 2019. Every vote really does matter, especially in such a small community as ours. Watch for a levy proposal to be floated next fall for collection in 2020.

On another topic, the Water & Sewer District has begun talking with South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue about a long-term agreement that would allow us to construct the shop/office on the fire district property at Station 32. It is felt that placing the building there would let us take advantage of the clearing, potable water, power, fiber optic, and driveway while adding to what is already a community site. With its location between the lake and the treatment plant, the fire district property is very well placed for our operator to work from.

For those of you within the sewer system, in order to reduce billing costs, we would like to encourage you to “go green” and have your monthly invoices sent via email. Also, consider saving a stamp and paying your bill through your bank’s bill pay system. Just remember that it will not be an electronic funds transfer, they physically cut and mail a check. Because they mail the check, it generally requires that you set your pay date to be at least a week prior to the due date, the 10th of the month. Payments not received by the 10th may incur a late fee of \$10.

Two Board positions will be coming up for election in November. The position held by Peggy Johnsen, our current Chair will be open for a 6-year term, and the position held by Rod Griggs, who was appointed to fill the position left by Perry Pearman at the end of 2017 will be coming up for a 4-year unexpired term. Currently the Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5pm at the fire station. If you would like to consider running for either position, the filing period is May 13 to May 17.

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**



Winter Weather Safety



by Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue wants everyone to stay safe and warm during frigid spells and offers the following tips on how to best care for yourself and your family when temperatures plunge:

Protect Yourself:

- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing, which will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat.
- Mittens provide more warmth to your hands than gloves. Wear a hat, preferably one that covers your ears.
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
- Take frequent breaks and stay hydrated.
- Seek medical attention immediately if you have symptoms of hypothermia - including confusion, dizziness, exhaustion, and severe shivering.
- Seek medical attention immediately if you have symptoms of frostbite - including numbness, flushed gray, white, blue or yellow skin discoloration, or waxy feeling skin.

Protect Yourself at Home:

- Be careful with candles - Try not to use candles for lighting if the power goes out. Use flashlights only.
- Inspect fireplaces and wood stoves yearly - use a sturdy fire screen with lit fires. Burn only wood - never burn paper or pine boughs.
- Use generators correctly - never operate a generator inside your home, including the basement or garage. Do not hook up a generator directly to your home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.
- Prevent frozen pipes - when the weather is freezing outside, open cabinet doors to let warm air circulate around water pipes. Let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing. Keep the thermostat set to a consistent temperature.
- Check smoke alarms once a month by pressing the test button and replace batteries as needed.

Winter Weather Safety Continued



by Mike Nokes
Chief, SPOFR

- Don't overload your electrical outlets.
- Don't forget your pets – bring them indoors. If you can't bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they can get to unfrozen water.
- If you plan on using an alternate heating source, never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
- Keep a glass or metal fire screen around the fireplace and never leave a fireplace fire unattended.
- If using a space heater, follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to safely use the heater. Place it on a level, hard, nonflammable surface. Turn the space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep. Keep children and pets away from your space heater and do not use it to dry wet clothing.

By following these safety tips, everybody should have a safe, enjoyable winter. If you have any questions 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**

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

Sacheen Lake
Association



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 Johnsen @ jj_at_lake@yahoo.com.

Down Memory Lane on Sacheen Lake with Nancy Morris

Although Nancy and her husband Jim have owned their own place on the lake for many years, Nancy's first memories were about coming out here as a five or six year old child, around 1947. Her mother and Arlene Runje were identical twins and Arlene and her husband Mike had just purchased the Schaffer's Cabin on Schaffers Beach.

Nancy remembers stopping with her parents, Hollis and Georgia Neveux, at what was then Albertsons, (where Northtown is today), and not only buying groceries, but getting nickel chocolate-dipped ice cream cones for the drive to the lake. They would head to the lake with their cones, two dogs and a large block of ice, wrapped in burlap and tied onto the bumper. As there was no well at the cabin, they had to fill large metal jugs with water every other day. They would walk about a block away to the property now owned by Barbara Burns.

She remembers one particularly horrible rain storm. Mike was late coming out to the lake after work, and Arlene left her and her cousin Lou alone, in order to look for him on the road. ("She threatened us with our lives if we knocked over the kerosene lamp on the table.") The road at that time was only one lane, so if you ran into another car, there was always some maneuvering to be done. It turned out that Mike was fine, but with no cell phones and very different road conditions, it could be very disconcerting when a loved one was driving to the lake in a storm.

One fond memory happened a few years later on the water. Nancy and Lou had made friends with other lake kids among whom were the Hooper boys - Gary, Steve, and Dennis. Gary was driving the ski boat pulling Dennis when he had to swerve sharply to avoid another boat, and he fell into the lake. So, while the boys were in the water, the 25 horse power boat continued motoring in circles until it finally landed on top of another not-too-happy resident's boat. No one was hurt, but they learned to have two people in the boat at all times while skiing.

As a teenager, there was a group of about twenty-five children that hung out together, including Peggy Johnsen. Nancy spent many of her days hanging out at "Elephant and Goose Poop" rock islands - eating, drinking pop, swimming, and just enjoying being with each other. Some of the parents got together and took turns hosting dances for the group. Nancy's boyfriend at the time had a big HiFi player with lots of rock-n-roll records.

She has many more fond memories, including, walking across the lake in the winter, hiking, and as an adult, watching her daughter organize a fourteen-man ski pull behind a single boat, playing poker, and just enjoying being with Jim, their family and friends. She and Jim have continued sharing and making new memories while witnessing their children and grandchildren making their own.

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2019 Schedule of Events

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