

# LLPOA

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LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



**Check out our website for copies of past newsletters, complete articles, land owners handbook and other Loon Lake Property Owners Association information.**

**[www.loonlakepoa.org](http://www.loonlakepoa.org)**

## UPDATING THE SMP ~

Eric Davis ~ 10/15/2016

The County is still in the process of updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by statute. The SMP is intended to guide "smart" development on the shorelines of the State. As such, it is important to Loon, which is already overdeveloped, especially compared to other shorelines in the County. The current draft of the revised SMP is available on [www.stevenssmpupdate.com](http://www.stevenssmpupdate.com). Visit the website and sign up for email notices on the project and make comments.

The original public participation plan for the project, applicable to shorelines under the County's jurisdiction like Loon (not in incorporated towns), was to involve Planning Commission meetings each month where the public could attend and provide in-person input into the drafting process. This

plan has mysteriously disappeared without explanation. The last such meeting was in June. July's meeting was cancelled due to vacations (a valid reason). But since then, the August, September, and October meetings have also been cancelled. A meeting was "scheduled" on Thursday, November 10, at 9:00am at the Commissioners' office in Colville. If you are interested in the future of water quality at Loon you should attend and get involved in the process. Meeting times listed on the website.

The Shoreline Management Act (SMA), adopted in 1972, did a poor job of managing shoreline development throughout the State at the expense of water quality and property values on water bodies where water quality deteriorated. The legislature attempted to rectify

this problem by integrating the Growth Management Act (GMA)--especially its provisions dealing with "critical areas," like wetlands--with the SMA.

My initial review of the County's draft of its SMP (SMPs are authorized under the SMA) indicates that the County did not get the message about water quality protection.

Two key devices for protecting water quality are:  
(1) buffers from the water line  
(2) buffers from wetlands.

In the proposed revisions, the distances in both of these protective margins are reduced from their current levels. There is no apparent scientific rationale in any of the materials on the website to justify the reductions (though such justification is required by statute). Nor are

there any meaningful, specific parameters in the County's subdivision or building codes to mitigate the adverse impact of these buffer reductions. Finally, the County has given itself almost unlimited authority to reduce the buffers and ignore any other, so-called "protective" code regulations that are on paper (weak as they are).

**These issues are critical to Loon Lake where the County has long allowed abusive development to occur by permitting development too close to the water and destruction of the wetlands.**

Unaltered, the revised SMP will just amplify the water quality problems the Lake already has. Numerous economic analyses have well documented the adverse impact of water quality deterioration (i.e. pollution, algae, excessive lake weeds, etc.) on property values. Think about value reductions of 25-30%. You don't need to be an "environmentalist" to want to protect your investment at the Lake!

Editors Note ~ Please get involved with this issue, it is for the greater good of all who use Loon Lake and have for many years. We want to keep it for future generations to enjoy. Checkout the website - [www.stevensmpupdate.com](http://www.stevensmpupdate.com).



### **President Message:**

Greetings and welcome to the Loon Lake Property Owners Fall 2016 Newsletter. Signs of fall are everywhere around Loon Lake seasonal homes and cabins are closing, Lake equipment coming on shore, summer friends and neighbors absent. That said fall – brings its own scenic beauty and pleasures for those of us who make Loon Lake our year around home. As usual summer went by way too fast. Your LLPOA board of directors started with the Annual meeting on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> in the basement of the Old School House starting at 7:30 pm. Attendees heard reports from committees including Dock Demolition Day, Milfoil Treatment Schedule, results of our ongoing Water Quality Study, Fireworks show and boat parade schedules and updated to our wonderful website [www.loonlakepoa.org](http://www.loonlakepoa.org). If you haven't seen it please check it out.

We also heard from two guest speakers, Stevens Co Commissioner, Wes McCart

who spoke about the new Stevens Co. Shorelines Management Program. A representative from Fire District 1 spoke about the location and timeline for construction of the new Fire Station at Loon Lake.

Attending the annual meeting is the best way for you to learn about LLPOA upcoming events and letting your voice be heard. The choices we make affect the ecology of our lake. The people of the Loon Lake have been making good choices thanks to great education, excellent research, and intentional stewardship. These choices, decisions, and actions are reflected in water quality of Loon Lake today. But this is a moving target, and attention to detail matters.

Please continue to read the LLPOA website and this newsletter to learn about other ways to help our lake. On behalf of the LLPOA Board of Directors thank you all – member's friends and neighbors who support Loon Lake and the activities of your organization. We hope you enjoy the pleasures of our fall and winter.

### **Current Board of Directors**

Lee Evans, Holly Shamberger, Mark Whittaker, Carla Sandell, Jim Davies, Richard Davies, Daryl Howe, Don Kelley, Mary Jo Lovell, Dennis Drinkard, Eric Davis and Barry Smith ~

Safe Travels until next summer!

Please mark your calendar - LLPOA Annual meeting is always the last Friday in June at 7:30pm.

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## **Ash from WellPoint Fire**

Last summer's forest fire near Wellpinit deposited a substantial amount of ash on the Lake watershed. Many beaches around the lake had a strip of ash with some fairly large pieces of burned bark included that floated in and settled on the beach.

Ash contains powerful nutrients, which encourage plant life. Unfortunately much of this ash sunk into the lake and about this we can do nothing. It will dissolve and contribute to the next years algae crop. Ash that is left on the beach should be cleaned up and removed with a flat shovel and then dispose it some

distance away from the lake. It can be put into the garbage at a transfer station.

### **Please do not rake the ash debris back into the lake water.**

Other ways to help protect our lake water include not disposing of yard waste such as grass clippings, pinecones, and leaves into the lake water. Those items should be collected and disposed of either by taking to the transfer station or collected to be disposed at the upcoming chipper days in the spring.



## **Water Quality ~Jim Davies**

On September 15, Loon Lake Property Owners Association water quality monitoring crew made their third and last foray of the year on the lake.

Data collected includes temperature, PH, conductivity, and dissolved oxygen at intervals from the surface to the bottom; water clarity at the surface and water

chemistry at the surface, middle depth, and bottom. (Mostly nitrates and phosphates.)

The water chemistry is analyzed and reported back to us by Contract Laboratories from samples we provided.

A very summery review of the data collected for this our 10<sup>th</sup> year and ours 10 year history suggest that the lake has been stable; not getting better and not getting worse still after the lake stratifies in May and until turns over in October there is insufficient dissolved oxygen below 42 feet to sustain fish.

## **Loon Lake Hybrid Milfoil**

The Loon Lake Advisory board for controlling milfoil and other noxious weed in Loon Lake experienced another difficult year with our efforts to control the growth of milfoil on our lake. The 2016 season started by selecting a new vendor Aquatechnex to survey an apply herbicides to combat the ever growing challenges we have seen with milfoil in Loon Lake. This season started on a more positive note with an early survey that discovered approximately 37 acres of actively growing plants. Following the survey an herbicide application on June

27 and 28 was completed on the 37 acres using a granular form of 2,4-D which has proven to be very effective on Eurasian Milfoil with results noticeable in 10 to 14 days. Aquatechnex preformed a post treatment survey on July 25<sup>th</sup> nearly a month after the initial application and discovered very poor results from the June treatment. An additional survey was conducted in mid-August when 9 samples of plants were collected and sent to the independent lab, GenPass LLC from Muskegon Michigan. Each of the 9 samples came back as hybrid cross of Northern and Eurasian milfoil. Recent research indicates that hybrid milfoils may exhibit increased tolerance to some herbicides. On average, hybrid milfoil is less susceptible to control with the commonly used aquatic herbicide 2,4-D in comparison with Eurasian milfoil. The decreased sensitivity to 2,4-D appears to be common across different hybrid lineages. Lakes that have been treated historically with 2,4-D have a higher incidence of hybrid milfoil than non-treated lakes. This research suggests that use of certain herbicides may inadvertently allow tolerant hybrid milfoil to gain dominance. Now that we have discovered the hybrid milfoil plant in our lake we can now take steps to combat our problem. In late September Aquatechnex suggested the use of a contact herbicide on the nearly 100 acres of actively growing

plants. The contact herbicide would kill the body of the plant to limit further fragmentation thru the fall and winter and early spring. This would however not kill the root system and suggested a follow up next spring using an herbicide that would better deal with the roots of the hybrid plant. Two members of the Advisory Board, Denny Drinkard and Lee Evans were on the lake with the Aquatechnex crew during the September application to answer homeowner question and found additional plants not surveyed.

The Loon Lake LMD (Lake Management District) advisory board works in cooperation with the Stevens County Board of Commissioners with all decisions approved by the commissioner's office.

**Meetings - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month - 6:30 PM - Old School House beginning in March**

We welcome your interest and participation in this process. I would also like to thank the members of the LMD board for their continued efforts. They are George Swannack, Steve Pehl, Barry Smith, Denny Drinkard, Daryl Howe, Lee Evans and Bob French. If you have an interest and would like to serve on this board please contact any board member for information.

Lee Evans Advisory Board Chairman



## **Dock Demolition Update for 2016**

The "Dock Demolition" has been an important activity that the LLPOA has provided for over twenty years. Conditions for it's operation have changed dramatically over the years as burning is no longer acceptable. As a result, we must now pay for disposal of all materials. We have had a problem in the past of many docks being dropped off without being identified by the owner. Therefore, the owners are not paying the disposal fee and the project is losing money. More specifically an incident occurred on the evening following this year's Dock Demo day ; which was Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>. One of our less responsible Loon Lake neighbors was witnessed towing his derelict dock down to the public access area under the cover of darkness

and pushed it in to the wetlands to be an eye sore to the surrounding property owners not to mention a hazard to boaters if it were to escape. It is difficult for most of us to understand this type of blatant disregard for the safety of Loon Lake and its residents.

In order to address these new challenges, we request you register your dock for the demolition to help us in our planning process.

The disposal fee will be \$4 per foot of the dock if you deliver it to the work area **ON THE DAY OF DOCK DEMO**. We also pick up docks at your property for an additional charge of \$50 per dock.

Payment must be made at the time of pickup. When registering your dock you can notify us of a need for pick up. More information will be available next spring.

Removing the old docks from the lake has been a priority for the LLPOA for many years with scores of volunteers helping with this process. One of these valuable volunteer and our longtime Chairman, George Swannack, is stepping away from his organizational involvement with the Dock Demo so we are actively looking for an individual who would like to take it on.

Thank you in advance for your help in getting this important activity back on track. Please contact any board member or visit the [loonlakepoa.org](http://loonlakepoa.org) for more information.

Thanks again to George Swannack for his many years of help with our Dock Demo. I

expect we will still see him as a helper next year. Please contact Lee Evans or any board member if you are interested in leading this project next year - date to be determined - sometime in June 2017.



## Loon Lake / Deer Lake Chipper Day

Chipper Days is a Stevens County program allowing the local community to bring your clean green to a collection area just north of Baldwin's Lumber on Agar Rd. The three previous events, May and June and the most recent completed in late September were all very successful. The two spring events totaled 30 and 33 truck and trailer loads of debris while the early fall Chipper day had 51 loads of pine needles, leaves, branches, limbs, and grass clipping. It is a free/donation service to the residents. Due to its popularity the LLPOA/DLPOA has agreed to use this as a local fundraiser for different organizations in our community.

Parents and students representing the Deer Park Senior Grad Night staffed the September event. They earned \$250 for their efforts. If you have or know of an organization that might be interested in volunteering their time and efforts please let us know. The process is very organized and fluid.

Trucks and trailers pass thru the dump off area the drivers never have to leave their vehicles with the volunteers doing all the unloading. Safety is the focus. Stevens County Solid Waste provides an operator and a front-end loader for the day (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) to open the site and stack debris as necessary and then return the barricades at the entrances when done.

Dates for our spring and fall 2017 Chipper Days have not been approved by Stevens Co. Solid Waste at this time. Our efforts will be to select a month and day that works for the local community and Stevens Co. and will be consistent each year. Please check the LLPOA and the DLPOA websites, Next Door, and other social media for more information as it becomes available. Thank you to those who have used the service and please tell your neighbors.

Much easier than burning and less expensive than hauling to the landfill.

## LLPOA 2017 FIREWORKS PROGRAM

Thanks to all of those responsible for this year's very successful Fireworks Show.

Rich Knowlton of Fireworks Spectacular choreographed another spectacular show. We are very fortunate to have Rich involved with this event. I would also like to recognize all LLPOA members and local organizations that generously donated the money to pay for our eighth -annual fireworks show. Your support in the future will ensure the continuation of this wonderful event.

I would also like to extend special thanks to Marv and Carol Franz for hosting the fireworks dock for the sixth year. Your hospitality providing breakfast and lunch for the fireworks crew is appreciated.

Efforts to organize the 2017 show have begun. The dates of the 2017 Fireworks show will **Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The Loon Lake show is one of the smaller programs on Fireworks Spectacular schedule and unfortunately the date of the Loon Lake show is biased on the availability of the pyro-technicians and their work crew.

As always any help you can provide with a donation will insure the success of your 2017 Program. Get a bigger bang from your Fireworks budget. Let the professionals do it. It will always be safer and more spectacular, and they do the entire cleanup.

We appreciate all your help with fund raising and hope you will all enjoy another wonderful fireworks display.



## Boat Parade 2016

Once again the boat parade was a success with lots of participants.

### Early Notice for the 2017 LLPOA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade

This year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade registration will begin at 12:30 for those boats who wish to enter for the prize drawing with the parade to start at 1:00 PM. Location will once again be at Cedar Beau Bay located at the south end of the lake. The registration boat will be a well-identified pontoon craft anchored nearby. Three prizes will be awarded so be creative. Remember you need to be registered and have an assigned number to qualify for the great prizes. Please have fun and be safe.

**2017 Fireworks Show July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
10 pm**

**2017 Boat Parade July 4<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 Registration, Parade  
Starts at 1:00 pm  
Cedar Beau Bay**



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Loon Lake Property Owner Association & Loon Lake Firefighters' Auxiliary held the 5th annual co-sponsored pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Since 2012, these two entities have co-sponsored this annual event and have split the net proceeds from the breakfast.

Without the generous time and talent given by all the

volunteers, we could not support this event.

- Thanks to the LLPOA board members who worked in various capacities to ensure the success of this event consisting of Lee Evans, Mark Whittaker, Carla Sandell, Dick Davies, Jim Davies, Eric Davis, Dennis Drinkard, Don Kelley, Holly Shamberger, Barry Smith, Mary Jo Lovell and Daryl Howe (Chair).
- Thanks to Julie Johns for help coordinating Loon Lake Firefighters' Auxiliary volunteers for the breakfast. Auxiliary volunteers included Julie Johns, Jason Johns, Quentin Johns, Aaron Johns, Chay Brisbois, Gregg Meyer, Moe Painter, Cari Ross-Koler and Fire Chief Mike Bucy.
- Thanks to our team of "master chefs" consisting of Lee Evans, George Swannack, Willie Frieson, John Franke, and Pam & Cory Voss. Special thanks to Willie Frieson, John Franke, Pam & Cory Voss for coming to our aid and donating their talent when we had a shortage of volunteer chefs. Omelet sales

increased again this year, we may have to clone Pam Voss for the next breakfast.

- Thanks to Mary Davis, Georgie Evans, Sally Franke, DD Hodson, Henry Howe, Steve Smith, Marylynn Swannack, Cody Voss, Erica and Mallory Whittaker for volunteering their time and supporting the pancake breakfast. Every one of our volunteers helped make the Pancake Breakfast a success.
- Thank you so much, volunteers and to any others who also volunteered but did not sign in that may have been missed.

**Lastly, a special thanks to each & every one of you for supporting the pancake breakfast.** Your generosity makes this breakfast a success! Looking forward to seeing you at next year's breakfast!

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The winner of the \$25.00 gift certificate to Loon Lake Video & Pizza was David Miller of Loon Lake. His wife, Karen, said he never wins anything. Well, David, times have changed, enjoy the ice cream.

Daryl Howe - Chair of Pancake Breakfast.

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Eagles were very active this fall and very fun to watch. Hope you caught some of the action. Photo taken on the north shore in the late afternoon in November 2016.

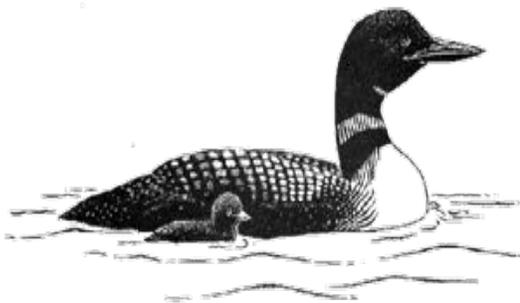
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Purpose of this corporation is as follows:

- To organize the property owners within and adjacent to the shores of Loon Lake Stevens County Washington.
  - To protect Loon Lake from environmental degradation.
- To provide a forum by which the property owners may assist governmental agencies in better planning the use and resources of the Loon Lake Area.

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## *In Memory of Jim Killingsworth*

*March 9, 1949-August 21, 2016*

*We are deeply saddened by the loss of our friend, neighbor and LLPOA Board member Jim Killingsworth. Jim has been a valuable member of the Loon Lake community for many years. His interest bordered on passion for Loon Lake. He has been active with the Loon Lake LMD and has been a member of the advisory board since its inception in the mid 1990's. His dedicated work with the Loon Lake Land Conservancy will be a lasting tribute for generations to come. The Loon Lake Dock Demolition was more than an interest. Dog with a Bone best describes Jim's approach to ridding the lake of derelict docks and cleaning up the wetlands near the public access.*

*To laugh often and love much, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to give of one's self. To leave the world a little better. To have played and laughed with enthusiasm. To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. If these are the rules for a successful life Jim Killingsworth succeeded in a big way. Thanks Jim and Go Cougs*

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> ~ BOAT PARADE AT 1 PM - CEDAR BEAU BAY GATHERING POINT.**

**SEPTEMBER - LABOR DAY WEEKEND - PANCAKE BREAKFAST.**

**MORE EVENT INFO WILL BE IN THE SPRING NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**ENJOY FALL AND WINTER .**



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017 ~**

**BEGINNING - FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> ~ LLPOA MEETING - 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH HISTORICAL LOON LAKE SCHOOL HOUSE 6:30 PM.**

**CHIPPER DAYS TBD.**

**JUNE ~ DOCK DEMO DATE TBD.**

**JUNE 23 ~ ANNUAL MEETING OF LLPOA - HISTORICAL LOON LAKE SCHOOL HOUSE - 7:30 PM**

**JULY 3 ~ FIREWORKS SHOW - MIDDLE OF LAKE AT DARK.**



**SNAPSHOT FINANCIAL REPORT WITH CARLA SANDELL, TREASURER**

As of September 6, 2016, 359 paid members at \$20 annual dues - of approximately 700 plus property owners at Loon Lake, WA.

Checking & Savings Balance:

Beginning 6/1/2016	Checking -	\$26,376.57
	<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$20,487.92</u>
	Balance -	\$46,864.49

Donations &/or Expenses:

Pancake B'Fast	Dock Demo	Water Quality	Chipper Days
\$ 3,035.50	\$ 518.00	(\$ 710.00)	\$ 684.00

Net after Exp:

\$ 1,872.98	(\$ 428.66)	\$ 0.00	\$ 72.00
	Fireworks	\$ 75.00	



**BECOME A MEMBER OF LLPOA TODAY-HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LOON LAKE.**

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2017 DUES?  
COMPLETE, CUT OFF AND SEND WITH DUES PAYABLE TO LLPOA AT  
PO BOX 165 LOON LAKE, WA 99148  
ATTN: CARLA SANDELL**

Enclosed for your convenience is a self-addressed envelope for paying LLPOA dues as well as donations to the events or programs that are of interest to you.

Annual Dues \$ 20.00

Other Donations (specify) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Example: Dock Demolition, Water Quality Testing, Boat Parade, Shoreline Management control education.

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

**LLPOA and the Loon Lake Defense fund have been consolidated since 2014. LLPOA is a 501c3 organization. Donations are tax deductible.**