



SPRING/SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

By Lee Evans

Department of Ecology Assist with Cleanup

Anticipating another high-water year, the Washington State Department of Ecology wanted to be proactive by releasing some water from Loon Lake early to make room for winter and spring runoff. The early winter weather prediction was forecasting similar weather to the record water year of 2016/2017. On November 21st the Loon Lake Sewer District #4 was requested to open the dam gate to start the process of releasing water. Normal procedures when dam gates are first opened is for LLSD#4 to inspect all road culverts to insure the safe travel of water from Loon Lake to Sheep Creek. Within a short amount of time the water quit flowing from the lake with the canal all but running dry. Upon investigation it was discovered the large culvert closest to the lake had a significant blockage of derelict and abandoned docks along with an old abandon boat that had tipped on its side almost completely blocking the flow of water from the lake to the dam. This information along with pictures of blockage were immediately sent to John Covert the D.O.E. person responsible for Loon Lake water levels and his supervisor Guy Gregory from the Spokane office. D.O.E. funding for this debris removal was quickly approved knowing the urgency of completing the project before the onset of winter weather and lake freeze. Mr. Covert and Mr. Gregory then contacted the Loon Lake Property Owners Association with knowledge of our organizations annual Dock Demolition program in hopes our organization and local contacts could help facilitate this cleanup project.

LLPOA representatives Henry Howe and Lee Evans took on the task with its priority of requesting permission to access the culvert on private property owned by the Grable Family. Contact was made with Mr. Derek Grable and permission was granted. Pete Smith Excavation who has assisted on many occasions with the LLPOA Dock Demolition was approved by the DOE to clear the blockage, remove all debris from the site and to restore the site as close to original as possible. The culvert was cleared on Friday December 1st with debris removed and site restored. Mr. Howe and Evans along with DOE representative Mr. Gregory were on site to assist where needed.

I would like to thank our local DOE representatives for the quick response and action in resolving what might have been a problem with regulating the water in Loon Lake to its adjudicated level. The efforts to avoid a repeat of last year's high-water event still fresh on the minds of many are greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, the root cause of the clutter and debris covering the culvert and inhibiting the flow of water from the lake is still ever present. With the right water conditions this will occur again. Abandon docks on Loon Lake are dangerous, unsightly and now possibly effecting the ability to lower the water to its proper level. Taking responsibility for your personal property is not too much to ask. We who live and recreate on the lake all too frequently see docks floating free or know of neighbors or property owners who have been guilty of this practice. The Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife can enforce litter laws. Please report dock abandonment and littering. The Loon Lake Property Owners Association along with the many volunteers will continue its annual Dock Demo Day usually occurring later in June with the goal of making the lake as safe as possible for the busy summer season. The cost of equipment rental and debris disposal for the LLPOA Dock Demo is usually \$3000 to \$4000 per year. The LLPOA has established a fee of \$4 per running foot to remove your old dock from the lake. A very good value for the service offered.

Lee Evans LLPOA President



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR LLPOA BOARD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

By Dana Waddell

During this issue of the LLPOA, we wanted to provide the opportunity for everyone to get to know the LLPOA board members. Just like you, Loon Lake is near and dear to their hearts.

Lee Evans, is the President of the LLPOA and lives on the North Shore. The Evans family (parents and grandparents) have owned property on North Shore since 1931. Lee spent his summers at Loon Lake from early childhood. He and his wife Georgie purchased their own cabin on North Shore in 1978 and have lived as a full-time resident since 1990. Lee's favorite moments on Loon Lake, *"As I have aged my favorite moments have changed. As a youngster Loon Lake was quieter with fewer people and fewer boats best memories for that time were of friends and neighbors and the many different lake activities we had. A trip to the candy store (Qualls Groceries in old Loon Lake town) when we earned a quarter. The big boats on the lake were 16' and 25 HP and I learned to water ski at a young age from a borrowed boat. In my teenage years our family purchased a ski boat and the summers were spent with brothers and friends skiing when we had the money to fill the tank and of course the Loon Lake girlfriends. With a young family our Loon Lake summers were spent a weekend at a time always having a building project or an activity with family and friends. What I most remember as a young family with lake property the vast numbers of drop in guests. Now it's about the next generation of Loon Lakers our grandchildren watching them enjoying many of the same activities as the generations before."*

Jim Davies is the LLPOA Vice President and resides Northwest of Sunset Bar. Jim has been on the lake for 65 years! For years, Jim would swim around the island, across the lake and back-3 times per week.

Holly Shamberger is our Secretary and Webmaster. Holly and her husband have lived on the North Shore for 10 years. She enjoys gardening, paddle boarding, walking with her neighbors, eating at Shore Acres & Granite Point and supporting our Loon Lake Library. *"I enjoy the camaraderie of volunteering because it usually brings out the best in people!"*

Dana Waddell is the LLPOA Treasure and lives on Silver Beach. The Waddell family purchased their cabin 8 years ago and love spending time on the water-whether it be fishing, swimming, boating or soaking up the sun on a floatie.

Dick Davies is a Board Member. Dick's parents bought the family cabin in 1953 when he was 13 years old. He then purchased the cabin right next to it in 2001 and has been a full-time lake resident since 2007. Dick lives in Sunset Bay (Mill Point).

LOON LAKE NEEDS YOU!!

We are very excited to announce opportunities to become an LLPOA Board Member.

Becoming a board member is a great way to show your support and love for our wonderful Loon Lake.

Meeting are held during March through October on the second Thursday at the old School House. LLPOA meeting start at 6:30 PM.

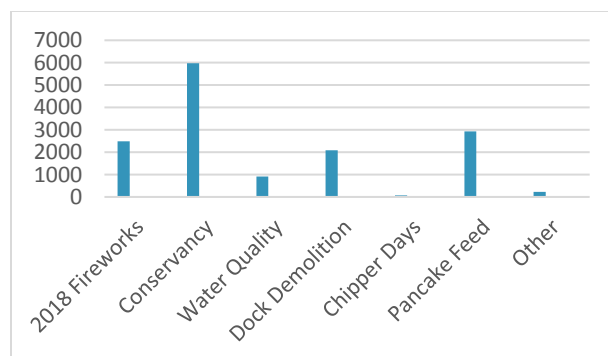
If interested, come to a meeting or contact LLPOA President Lee Evans at lgevans@spocom.com or 509-233-0179. You can also write us at: Loon Lake Property Owners Association, PO Box 165, Loon Lake WA 99148



FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Balance:	\$27,890.82
Savings Balance:	\$5,508.06
2017 Dues Paid:	\$1,880.00
2018 Dues Paid:	\$3,260.00

Contributions:



THE STATE OF EMS IN FIRE DISTRICT 1

By Mike Bucy

In the State of Washington, there is no safety net as to who provides ambulance service. Some states put that burden on the county so there is always some form of ambulance service provided. Very few Fire Districts provide ambulance services. Most fire districts are set up to provide a first response system, getting to the patient quickly for stabilization while awaiting a transport unit.

In the late 1990's, the fire district saw a need to respond to medical calls and to better equip our personnel. This is around the time frame that the Advanced EMT program started (formerly known as the "ILS" or intermediate EMT program). The EMS levy provided a way to fund an EMS first response to medical calls. These advanced EMT's are able to start IV's along with giving all non-narcotic medications. They can also fully operate and interpret 12-lead heart monitors. Many lives have been saved with this program.

The EMS side of Fire District 1 has grown dramatically as even basic EMT's can administer a few medications now, most notably Narcan (for drug overdoses) and Epinephrine (for allergic reactions). Over the past three years, EMS calls have accounted for 70% of our call volume. The EMS levy only produces 17% of the Fire District's revenue. We continue to look for ways to better serve our citizens by upgrading equipment and our training.

While the fire budget is higher, only a few items can be "shared." Strict rules from the State Auditor disallow "over-mixing" of the two budgets. Fire Districts are primarily set up to provide fire protection and emergency medical services have come as a secondary responsibility. There are still many fire districts that do not respond to any medical calls. Even fewer provide full-on ambulance transport services.

Every six years, the Fire District's EMS Levy vote comes due. Over the past 17 years, the EMS Levy rate has been steady from a high of 27 cents to this year's low of 24.8 cents. The EMS levy pays for the "first response" portion of our budget.

Fire District 1 will be presenting "The State of Emergency Medical Services" over the next few months (watch our Facebook, Web site and other advertising for exact times and dates). We are very aware of the need to boost ambulance transport services for the whole Fire District (all 375 square miles) and also aware of the tax burden many property owners are shouldering. Your input will truly be needed as we look to what direction the community wishes to take Emergency Medical Services in Fire District 1.

If your group (formal or informal) would like to hear the presentation, please call our office at 262-9660 to schedule a meeting. Please allow two hours for the presentation and Q&A.

LOON LAKE WATER QUALITY UPDATE

By Jim Davies

2017 was the 11th year of the Loon Lake Water Quality Monitoring Program. The program was designed by the Department of Ecology and the LLPOA. Equipment was purchased through an LLPOA originated State \$10K grant and training from the WSDOE, the WDFW and the Hach Corporation (equipment manufacturer).

The program sets forth three forays per year at 6-week intervals. They are mid-June, end of July and mid-September. Data collected includes: Water clarity, nutrient content (both nitrogen and phosphorus), chlorophyll content, temperature, acidity/alkalinity, electrical conductivity, and dissolved oxygen content. From this data and information received from the Laboratory analysis of samples, the health of the lake and the direction it is taking can be determined.

Results thus far show that the lake is not healthy but is stable. After spring stratification and until fall turnover there is insufficient dissolved oxygen below 50 feet to sustain other than microbial life. "Stability", however is not the goal we should be seeking. The advent of Sewer District #4 very substantially slowed down the ruin of the lake. Improved lake stewardship by landowners; the advent of the Land Conservancy saving important wetlands and uplands; has helped but no movement toward a totally clean lake has been made. It seems that the little natural flushing that the lake receives each spring is negatively balancing out the good that has been done. Continued use of nutrient loaded lawn fertilizers; open burning of trash and brush; camp fires and beach fires; the proliferation of impervious surfaces on roads, driveways, walkways; inappropriate lakeside landscaping; wake boats and associated beach erosion into the lake; and the fact that there remains sewerage systems that do not export septic effluent from the watershed; are the reasons why the lake does not improve.

Specific fixes such as a large-scale oxygenation system that has been exhaustively studied by WSU and recommended by their 2012 study or alum applications are too expensive and would not be underwritten by the lake owners until the lake is so bad that property values plummet and water related recreational activities are compromised. Let everyone do their part in understanding the issues and taking part in improving our stewardship of the lake.

LOON LAKE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	Granite Point Summer Opening 5
6	7	8	9	LLPOA Meeting 10	11	12
Mom's Day! 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Chipper Day & Loonsday 2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	LLPOA Meeting 14	Water Quality Foray 15	16
Dad's Day! 17	18	19	20	21	Annual Board Meeting 22	Dock Demo Day 23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	Loon Lake Fireworks Show 3	4th of July Boat Parade 4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	LLPOA Meeting 12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Water Quality Foray 31				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	LLPOA Meeting 9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	LLPOA Meeting 13	14	Water Quality Foray 15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	LLPOA Meeting 11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	Chipper Day 20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

A FORAY DAY

By Jim Davies

A typical water quality foray day takes two days! The first involves unpacking stored equipment, computer, supplies, assuring the availability of fresh chemical reagents, fresh distilled water, and the overnight recharging of equipment and computer batteries, all done in Jim Davies' garage. When this is done and at 7:00 AM the complicated recalibration bench is set up. At 8:00 AM on "Foray Day" equipment calibration begins. It takes two persons (Jim and Dick Davies) and two hours if everything goes well. The reason for recalibration is that sensitivity of the instruments can drift over time. Using reagents which have specific value and using current barometric pressure we precisely reset that sensitivity. Recalibration is usually completed by 9:30 and equipment and supplies are loaded on to Dick's pontoon boat.

The "team" assembles on board at 10:00 AM and proceeds to a specific anchorage at the deepest part of the lake just off Pearson Meadow (SW corner of the lake.) There, prior to beginning; visibility, air temperature, wind direction and wind speed, and surface water conditions are noted. The ideal number of participants is seven:

- 1 A leader;
- 3 to take Secchi Disc readings and water samples for later Laboratory analysis;
- 2 to operate the Data Sonde which analyses water through the entire water column in one-meter intervals;
- 1 to record data on a standard form. Readings and samples are taken at specific depth intervals.

Our "on the lake" time is usually 2 to 3 hours depending on weather. The water samples are kept under refrigeration until delivery at the Lab that afternoon in the Spokane Valley. On return from the Valley the day ends with clean up and re-storage of equipment and reagents to await the next foray.

If you would like to be an on-board observer or become a participant of this process, contact Jim Davies at 233-2651. We welcome visitors and always need good help.



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LOON LAKE MILFOIL LMD

By Lee Evans, LMD Chairman

For over 2 decades Loon Lake property owners have self-funded our Lake Management District to target Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive aquatic lake plants. In the twenty plus years of treatment which included bottom barriers and diver removal in the early days to herbicide treatment of over 100 acres of plants scattered around the shallow areas of the lake. In the past several years 2015 and 2016 it became apparent we were losing ground despite Best Management Practices to control our milfoil. In the fall of 2016 nine samples from various treatment zones were sent for DNA analysis. Results for all nine samples confirmed a hybrid cross of Eurasian and Northern Milfoil a strain that's proven extremely challenging and commonly 2,4-D tolerant.

This new discovery in 2016 lead to our Lake Management District with the help of Stevens County and Aquatechnex to write a grant proposal applying for and receiving a Water Quality Aquatic Invasive Plant Funding Agreement thru the Washington State Department of Ecology for \$75,000 and \$25,000 matching from our LMD for \$100,000 total. The DOE goal is to develop an aggressive treatment strategy to keep Loon Lake from becoming a hybrid seed source for other regional waterbodies. Knowing that this hybrid water milfoil poses a greater threat than Eurasian Milfoil, a class B noxious weed in Washington State.

We are now in year two of our three-year study. The summer and fall of 2017 was spent gathering samples for DNA analysis at Montana State University and samples for growing at the University of North Carolina with the purpose of determining the best possible chemical herbicide's that will identify the Optimize Contact Exposure Time (CET) necessary to aggressively kill the plant and the plant roots. The study results are nearing completion which will allow us to take the next step to control our Loon Lake hybrid milfoil. However new to Loon Lake the hybrid plant has been around for some time. While attending the North West Regional Lake conference last year the topic of hybrid milfoil was addressed with Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho having five different types of hybrid milfoil requiring five different

treatment methods. Fortunately, all hybrid milfoil plants from Loon Lake are the same species.

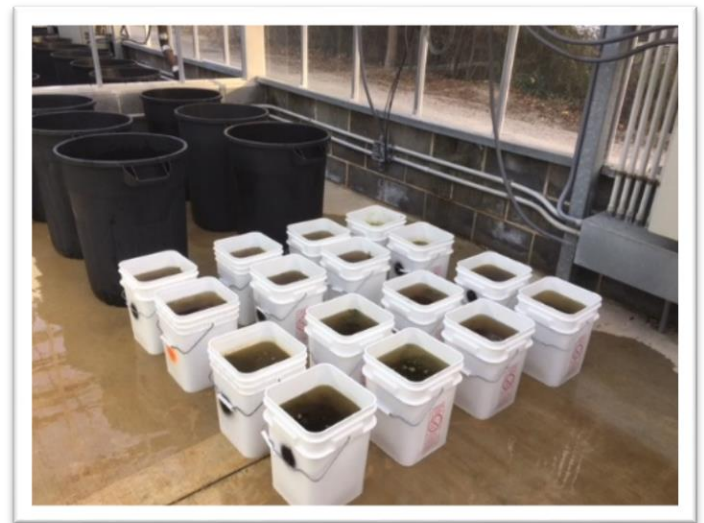
The Loon Lake LMD Advisory Board will be looking for new members this season. We have had several members resign and several members have moved from the area. Your

advisory board members are Barry Smith from the Granite Point area, Denny Drinkard Silver Beach, Jim Nimnicht Larson Beach, Daryl Howe Carlson Bay and Lee Evans North Shore. If you have an interest, please let us know. We can have as many as 9 board members.

Board meetings are the second Monday of the month 6:30 pm in the basement of the old school house. All are welcome, and we value your input.

An FYI this is the last year of our current 5-year LMD tax assessment. Our board feels it will be necessary to continue with an additional 5-year milfoil commitment at the same tax rate with no tax increase necessary. Your milfoil assessment ballot will be on its way later in the year.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



CONTESTED PROPERTY PURCHASED BY CONSERVANCY

By Dick Davies

The Loon Lake Property Owners Association (LLPOA) fought against development of this property from 1995-2003 at much expense and again in 2013-2014 to save the wetlands on the property. An opportunity for the Conservancy to purchase the property came last year and the Conservancy jumped at the chance even though finances were limited. The Conservancy is still in much need of donations to pay off the no interest loans.

The LLPOA gave the Conservancy \$5,000 in March. LLPOA said they would match another \$5,000 in donations designated to go to the Conservancy, these donations reached \$5,678 in early September 2017 and the LLPOA wrote a check to the Conservancy for \$10,678 in September.

The Loon Lake Land Conservancy thanks the LLPOA Board of Directors for their generous donations, all those who belong to the LLPOA and those who have made separate donations. THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The following is a summary as of April 12, 2018 of donations received by the Conservancy to pay off the new acquisition of 22 acres with 390 feet of lakefront located just south of Shore Acres Estates.

Price of property \$90,000 plus closing cost \$8,590 including first half taxes=		\$98,590.84
Loon Lake Land Conservancy initial payment	-\$13,590.84	\$85,000.00
Loon Lake Land Conservancy Board of Directors donations	-\$26,000.00	\$59,000.00
Loon Lake Property Owners Association donation	-\$5,000.00	\$54,000.00
3 no interest loans of \$18,000 each over 2 years		\$54,000.00
Donations \$5,000 plus LLPOA matching \$5,000	-\$10,000.00	\$44,000.00
Excessive donations to LLPOA matching \$678	-\$678.00	\$43,322.00
Donations direct to the Conservancy thru 9-30-17 \$720	-\$720.00	\$42,602.00
*Second half property taxes paid \$1,715.60	+\$1,715.60	\$44,317.60
Donations direct to the Conservancy 10-1-2017 thru 11-15-17	-\$2,010.00	\$42,307.60
Donations direct to the Conservancy 11-15-17 thru 4-12-18	-\$100.00	\$42,207.60
*Property tax exemption 2018 and on (law requires us to pay all the 2017 property taxes)		

DOCK DEMOLITION UPDATE FOR 2018

By Mark Whittaker

The demand for the “dock demolition” for the “22st year” seems to have a major head start as there were more docks than we could process and haul last year. LLPOA has continued to provide this important service to the property owners on the lake with both volunteers and funding. Despite our best attempts to have this program be self-sufficient, the cost of disposal has made that nearly impossible. Our process has evolved to eliminate the burning of the materials and includes various equipment, operators and the services of the local waste company. Costs are approximately \$3,000 annually.



We continue to ask each responsible homeowner to remit \$4 a linear foot to the LLPOA to help offset the costs. We would appreciate it if you schedule ahead and deliver your dock to the work area at the public boat launch on the day of the dock demo. We have also initiated a pickup service for \$50 if you wish to have your dock picked up on the day of the dock demo. Please call Mark Whittaker 509-954-5048 to schedule this service.

As always, we have a need for volunteers, so if you group has donated docks for the process we would appreciate that you step up and volunteer to help complete the current year’s task. We also have a need for various tools used in the process. So, whether you want to pay for your dock, donate to the LLPOA for the cause or donate your labor skills please contact this year’s chairman Mark Whittaker at 509-954-5048 to do so. The event is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday June 23rd at the public boat launch

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and our permit has been requested. If you volunteered last year we will contact you directly to establish adequate volunteers and work harder to have the proper tools to be in place.

We would like to thank Knight's EZ Dock for their continued support of this program. Without their help and the LLPOA's financial support we would all have a tough time navigating the lake without running into a partially submerged derelict dock!

Please contact any board member or visit the loonlakepoa.org for more information. This event cannot continue without funding by the responsible dock owner and continued volunteer support.



35TH ANNUAL LOONSDAY 2018

By Holly Shamberger

Loonsday is a fun 5-mile walk/run on June 2, 2018 that begins and ends at the Old Schoolhouse in Loon Lake. **New organizers of the race, Trish Schwartz and Megan Hill, have changed the Loonsday start time to 9 a.m. this year.** This is not a timed walk and you can walk/run all or part of it. All ages and abilities are welcome including strollers and dogs on leashes. Please note that there is a short section of unpaved road as part of the route. There will be two water stations for humans and dogs alike and garage sales along the route will entice you during the walk or you can revisit them afterwards. **There will be a prize for the Looniest walker/runner of the bunch!** There will be a Friends of the Library Book Sale at the shirt pickup to get your new summer beach read. Proceeds from the walk will be donated to community projects. You can get signup forms online, Loon Lake Library, 2 Loons Distillery, or Post Office. For any questions or information please email us at loonsday1@gmail.com or call Trish 509-998-0440.

2018 LOON LAKE/DEER LAKE CHIPPER DAY JUNE 2ND AND OCTOBER 20TH

By Lee Evans

This June 2nd will begin the third year of the Loon Lake / Deer Lake Property Owners Association combined efforts in organizing and manning the local Chipper Day activities. Chipper Day is a Stevens Co. sponsored program allowing the surrounding community to bring yard debris, leaves limbs, pine needles and other organic matter to a common area to be chipped. The Chipper Day location is just north of Baldwin's Lumber on Agar Road. Stevens County will provide an employee and a front-end loader to push all debris to one common pile thru the course of the collection day to maintain a clear and safe area for the public to unload. Chipper Day has been a great cost-effective alternative to burning or hauling to the transfer station. We anticipate Chipper Days will again be very popular and very busy. The disposal fee is \$10 per load with a maximum of \$20 for truck and trailer. The proceeds for this event will support one of our local charitable organization. It is our goal to have volunteers safely assist in unloading each vehicle or trailer as they arrive. The vacant lot is designed with an entrance and exit driveway to help with traffic flow. The Chipper Day site will only be open and available to accept debris on collection day during the hours of 9:00AM to 3:00PM absolutely no garbage, lumber, metal or plastic.

Date: June 2, 2018 and October 20, 2018 **Location:** North of Baldwin's Lumber on Agar Road **Time:** 9:00AM to 3:00PM

2018 LLPOA JULY 3RD FIREWORKS

Thank you again for your support. The success of our over the water Fireworks Show depends on you the members. Your donations over the years have made it possible to continue this patriotic and fun event. This year's show will take place on July 3rd at approximately 10:00 pm. To conserve the Fireworks budget, we will not rent the large dock platform from EZ Dock this year. One of our LLPOA board members Barry Smith is kindly granted us the use of his personal 12'x40' dock to be used for this year's show. The setup will also occur on his beach. Each year the number of parked boats near the Fireworks dock grows. This is an excellent location to view the Fireworks especially for those who have an obstructed vantage from their home. However please use caution during the lighting. The request is to stay at least 300 feet from the dock during the show for your safety. This year the pyro-technician with upgraded equipment will be electronically firing the show from a nearby boat. His requirements are line of sight and he will maintain a safe 300 foot distant for him and the crew.

Cancelation of the Fireworks show is always possible as July weather conditions are sometimes unpredictable. Final decisions rest with Fire Dist. 1 Chief Bucy in this matter.

Fireworks Show: July 3, 2018 Time: 10:00 pm

BOAT PARADE

By Mark Whittaker

We are planning on continuing the boat parade as part of the 4th of July celebration until you stop showing up or going all out with "patriotic floats". As always, registration is free, and the prizes are provided by the LLPOA as a reward for sharing your hard work and creativity each year. Registration will open at 12:30pm in Cedar Beau Bay at the south end of the lake. The judges will be in there, in a pontoon boat anchored in the cove, with a banner asking you to "register here" every year there are several winners who did not register, so don't forget to stop by and register. Prizes will be awarded to four or five of the most creative boats/floats. Celebrate the holiday, join in the parade and maybe even win a prize. Once

registration is complete the parade will begin at 1pm! We hope to have a new parade marshal to lead the parade in style! See you on the lake!

**4th of July Boat Parade
12:30pm - Cedar Beau Bay Registration
1pm - Start**



LLPOA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

By Holly Shamberger



We are looking for a new Chairperson for this event. We have many volunteers but need a leader!

This community breakfast began in the mid 80's on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend and has been our biggest fundraiser. We have donated the proceeds in the past to our Volunteer Fire Department and most recently to the Deer Park Ambulance. We have been fortunate that the Loon Lake Elementary School allows us to use their kitchen to prepare the day before and host our highly attended breakfast! **It is a great time to visit with your neighbors and summer residents over a huge plate of blueberry pancakes, omelets, hash browns, and sausage which are prepared by the LLPOA and the volunteer group to which we donate the proceeds.** Purchasing tickets ahead of time from a board member saves you \$2.00 and you will be entered in the door prize drawing. Please contact Lee Evans at lgevans@spocom.com or 233-0179 if you are interested in helping carry on this tradition of this fun-filled event.

SUMMER SAFETY ON THE WATER

By MJ Lovell

Now that the ice has moved off the lake, it is time to get ready for boating season. Getting ready can mean pulling the boat out of storage, getting fishing gear ready, pulling the water skis off the racks and planning where to go boating this summer. It also includes getting the safety items up to date for your boating fun in the sun.

Licensing the boat and trailer if required – see www.boat.wa.gov and RCW Title 79A.60 for more info.

- Licensing the operator of the boat if born after January 1, 1955
- Check list for onboard boat safety items includes but is not limited to:
 - Proper number of life vests on board – one for each person.
 - Fire extinguisher and flares on board
 - Maintain load capacity of boat
 - First aid kit

Know the Law

To ensure your and others' safety on the water, get to know the state regulations for operating your boat. Check out the Adventures in Boating Washington Handbook to learn about proper fueling and how to secure a boat to a trailer. Learn the right way to launch a boat into the water and familiarize yourself with the navigational rules, steps for handling bad weather and boating emergencies, and so much more.

Registering your Vessel

Register your boat with the Washington State Department of Licensing. To navigate, operate, employ, or moor your vessel in Washington, you must have a Washington title, registration card, and registration decals, except:

- If your vessel is a canoe, kayak, or not propelled by a motor or sail.
- If your vessel is less than 16 feet in length **and** has a motor of 10 horsepower or less **and** is used on non-federal waters only.
- If your vessel is properly registered by a resident of another state or country who uses Washington waters for 60 days or fewer.

Operator Age and Boating Education Requirements

Counties and cities may have further restrictions so remember to check in with them before heading out on the water.

- Anyone 12 years old and older may operate a motorboat of 15hp and greater if they carry a Washington Boater Education Card.
- If they do not have a card, they must be under the supervision of someone at least 16 years old, who is carrying a Boater Education Card.
- Anyone born before January 1, 1955 is exempt from needing to carry a Boater Education Card.
- Personal Watercraft - You must be at least 14 years old to operate a personal watercraft. Remember, it is illegal to lease, hire, or rent a personal watercraft to anyone under 16 years old.



General Safety Tips

1. Yield right of way – right of way is granted to vessels that are unable to steer, SUP's, sailing or rowing. If meet another vessel head on: pass port to port and make course & speed changes early & obvious.
2. Be aware of others – citations can be issued if reckless operation is observed such as:
 - Jumping wakes within 100 feet of another vessel
 - Operating within 200 feet of a water skier
 - Driving fast and close to another vessel
 - Operating at night (1/2 hr. after sunset) without lights more than 5 mph
3. Avoid alcohol
4. Maintain a safe speed
5. Don't overload a vessel

But the most important thing of all is to make sure fun is had by all. I know you read the above and wonder – how can we have fun with all these rules? Fun can be had, as these are common sense items that come with boating and boat ownership. Enjoy summer; be careful on the water and respect others also on the water doing the same thing you are, enjoying the water with family and friends

Ref: - www.boat.wa.gov
RCW Title 79A.60
US Coast Guard quick guide for small craft safety

By Loren Grube

Loon Lake Times is a locally owned newspaper published bi-monthly for Loon Lake and surrounding communities. The paper was started in 1986 by Lorinda Travis, who felt a need to get the good news or any news out to the local area. At first, the paper was created on a typewriter. Of course, things are easier now with computers. But our mission hasn't changed much. We still want to get the news out and let people know about local events. As the current Editor/Publisher, I strive to continually improve the quality of the newspaper for the local community. To that end, about half the paper is now in color! We have a website and Facebook page. But the most important drivers are the success and well-being of our community.

The newspaper is currently published bi-monthly for Loon Lake, Deer Lake, and surrounding communities on the first business day of January, March, May, July, September and November. It is still delivered free to the local area (99148). However, since seasonal residents receive mail at another address, we are offering a special subscription rate to Loon Lake residents of \$35 for two years. This includes all publications sent via US postal service to up to 2 addresses each year (i.e. Spokane May-October, and Arizona November-April). The one-year subscription rate is \$20. Payment can be made by mail to Loon Lake Times, PO Box 12, Loon Lake, WA 99148 or online at www.loonlaketimes.com.

We continually seek out and report relevant local news and upcoming events in the area. It's a great resource for staying connected to what's going on in the Loon Lake area. On the front page is a 2-month Calendar of Events, and on the last page is a list of regular meetings in Loon Lake, Deer Lake, Clayton, Springdale and Valley. We have several columnists, articles (by local area leaders, non-profit organizations and professionals), local obituaries, and of course local advertising.

When you're in the area, you can pick up a complementary paper in various retail locations, such as All Seasons, Loon Lake Pizza & Ice Cream, The Coffee Shop, and Clayton Burger. As always, we'd love to hear from you and welcome your comments and suggestions. For more information, visit our website at www.loonlaketimes.com, follow us on [Facebook.com/loonlaketimes](https://www.facebook.com/loonlaketimes) or email LoonLakeTimes@gmail.com.

Happy Summer!



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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 CO, WA.
- ✓ To protect Loon Lake from environmental degradation
- ✓ To provide a forum by which the property owners may assist government agencies in better planning the use and resources of the Loon Lake Area.

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