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LLPOA Newsletter

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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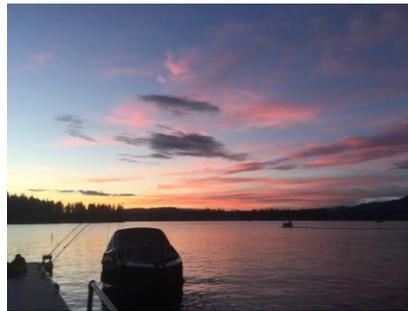


FALL/WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

By Lee Evans

It is hard to believe that another great Summer and Fall seasons have come to an end on our beautiful lake. Although short on precipitation and a little long on wild fire smoke, the weather, boating, swimming and sight-seeing were fantastic. When you have a GEM such as Loon Lake and with the involvement of an organization like the LLPOA you can be nothing but proud: proud of the support received from our members and from the volunteers that serve on the Board of Directors and what can be accomplished when you have a clear mission.



This season's activities started with our Annual LLPOA Meeting on June 22nd with the election of our board members which include officers Lee Evans President, Jim Davies Vice-President, Dana Waddell Treasurer, Debbie Cornwell Secretary and include directors Denny Drinkard, Holly Shamberger, Barry Smith, Richard Davies, Don Kelley, Mark Whittaker and George Swannack. I feel compelled to point out that your directors contribute their labor most willingly; however, we really do need your help and support in this work!

"WHAT CAN I DO?" YOU MAY ASK:

- **First**, please continue to submit your membership dues and encourage and remind your neighbors at the lake to do so as well. Your dues finance such things as the Dock Demo, Water Quality Monitoring, Chipper days and other projects soon to come.
- **Second**, stay involved, read this newsletter, follow events on our web site loonlakepoa.org. Check out and join the Loon Lake/ Deer Lake Nextdoor neighbor web site.
- **Third**, volunteer and join us if you can. Several of your current association directors have contributed much over their many years of service. So, IF the lake matters to you, IF our clean water and peaceful surroundings are important to you, please join us. It could be a very rewarding experience.

The Loon Lake Property Owners Association meet monthly March –October on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. The location continues to be in the basement of The Old School House. Board meetings are always open to the public. We encourage your involvement and value you're impute. Please join us at our next meeting on March 14, 2019.



LOON LAKE LMD PASSES WITH 87.7% APPROVAL

By Lee Evans LMD Chairman

Thank you to the Loon Lake community for the passage of our new Lake Management District. There are still several steps Stevens County commissioners will need to go forward with but the approval by the Loon Lake residents was a very important first step. On August 13th this year the Stevens Co. Commissioners held a public forum at the New Loon Lake Fire Station to determine the interest for a new five-year Loon Lake Management District for the control of Eurasian Milfoil and any other state-listed aquatic and/or riparian noxious weeds in Loon Lake. Following a 3 to 0 vote by commissioners to go forward with a public vote. Ballots were mailed in late August with a voter return date of Sept 19th. Ballots were counted on September 25 and found to be overwhelming in favor (87.7%) for creating a new five-year LMD. At that time the Board of County Commissioners of Stevens County, Washington adopted Ordinance 2018-05 creating Lake Management Dist. 1-2018. A public hearing was then held on Monday October 22nd at the commissioner's office in Colville to consider written objections to correct, revise, lower, change or modify the proposed special assessment roll.

Your Loon Lake advisory board members Barry Smith (Granite Point), Jim Nimnicht (Larson Beach), Dennis Drinkard (Silver Beach), Daryl Howe (Carlson Bay) and Lee Evans (North Shore) were busy during the summer season following the steps of our Washington State Dept. of Ecology Water quality grant to determine effective scientific methods of treating the newly discovered hybrid milfoil in Loon Lake.

Last fall as required by the DOE grant our advisory board volunteers assisted Aquatechnex by gathering many dozens of milfoil plants that were sent to North Carolina State University for growing and testing. Next step in the process was a chemical exposure to the newly grown plant to determine what type of chemical will work best on our hybrid milfoil and in our lake environment. The results found two chemicals to be successful in killing the Loon Lake milfoil plants. The two effective aquatic chemicals are ProcellaCOR EC and triclopyr (Renovate 3). Final step of our DOE Water grant requirements will be a lake application of one of these chemicals to our milfoil plants in early June 2019 and report results and conclusions prior to the June 30th, 2019 grant expiration.

Your advisory committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Old Elementary School. Starting the season in April and ending in October. Meetings are open to the public. We encourage your participation and involvement in this important process. We are also looking for additional advisory board members. If interested, please let us know.

Thank you again for your continued support.

LOON LAKE NEEDS YOU!!

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:

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DROUGHTED AND BARK BEETLE TREES TO BE REMOVED FROM MORGAN WOOD

By Jerry Kuntz

Morgan Wood, owned by the Loon Lake Land Conservancy, needs some help. During the past few years Bark Beetle and Drought has killed well over 100 trees in this 43-acre woodland setting between the town of Loon Lake and Morgan Park on the northwest side of the lake.

People from across the North end of the lake...walkers, bicyclers, and dog lovers have noticed the build-up of brush, the dead trees, and the need to reduce the potential for fire to ladder to the top of trees and quickly threaten a much larger area around the lake. The Land Conservancy, an all-volunteer organization seeking to preserve and enhance the wetlands and woodlands near our lake wanted to accomplish some clean-up of Morgan Wood but did not have a source of funds to get the job done...some \$35-40,000 or more could be needed.



So LLLC Board members determined to raise the necessary funds by asking residents of Morgan Park, North Shore Homes, and Meadowview to donate whatever they could. The goal was \$15,000 or more which would be matched by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 1-1 and with a few more thousand dollars coming from salvageable logs, the job could get done this fall or next spring.

On Saturday, August 4, a crowd of over 60 people gathered at the historic Morgan House to celebrate the gift of Morgan Wood given to the community over 25 years ago by Morgan heir, Gail Kreuzberger. It was her wish that this "woodland park in our backyard" be kept from development and stewarded for use by both current and future generations across this community. It is used by walkers, runners, dog walkers, bicyclists, cross country skiers, and even horseback riders. Cars and trucks are not allowed.

Gail's love for Morgan Wood was echoed by person after person during the fundraising campaign as individuals were asked to support the needed fire reduction, entrance work, clean-up, and re-signing of this nature preserve. Over 60 individuals wrote checks or pledged gifts to accomplish the needed work and additional pledges are still being fulfilled. The Loon Lake Land Conservancy has now raised over \$22,000 to be matched by DNR and the work is being scheduled for late fall or early spring.

Neil Kreuzberger, Gail's son, spoke at the event of his mother's love of the area, having grown up here and then bringing her entire family to Loon Lake throughout her life. Neil continues to share his mother's love for this place by hosting this event for the Loon Lake Land Conservancy and assisting in the fundraising effort.

Jerry Kuntz, Volunteer Coordinator for the Land Conservancy, announced at the event that the goal had been reached and surpassed and that additional work on re-signing and re-shaping the 4-5 entrances into Morgan Wood would now be possible thanks to the generosity of so many individuals.

Volunteers will also help to re-fashion entrances once the large-scale tree and brush removal is completed. He welcomes volunteers and donors to share in the work of the Loon Lake Land Conservancy around the lake by being good stewards of this lake we all love. If you want to volunteer now or in the future to help the LL Land Conservancy, send Jerry a note at holymoly1@me.com



Loon Lake Land Conservancy Names Property

By Dick Davies

Conservancy names property purchased last year the “Bill & Jan Shawl Wetlands” that portion that lies between the South Loon Lake Road and the Lake approximately 7 of the 22 acres. The property is located just south of Shore Acres Estates. Bill and Jan volunteered more than 20 years working to protect and enhance the quality of the lake. Bill was the first president of the Conservancy and served for 10 years in that capacity, another 5 on the board of directors and before that he was President of the LLPOA

The Loon Lake Land Conservancy purchased this property in March of 2017 for \$90,000. The Conservancy hopes to pay off the remaining \$40,000 Loan on the property within the next year. Fund raising events will be planned. LLPOA donated \$5,000 and then another \$5,000 in matching funds, the matching funds have been reached and those donations went through the LLPOA. The Conservancy is grateful and very appreciative of LLPOA donations and the collection of the matching funds. If you wish to donate to the LLL Conservancy, please donate directly to the Conservancy at the address below and NOT through the Loon Lake Property Owners Association as they have requested. You can become a “Friend of the Loon Lake Land Conservancy” for a \$25 per year donation and help protect and enhance the lake we all love and enjoy.

The Conservancy is a nonprofit 501 c3.

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Nextdoor

By Captain Stephan Reckie
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As a new lakefront homeowner near Shore Acres Resort, I am happy to share my thoughts on making Loon Lake a safe boating community. Having over 30 years of boating experience, I am a licensed Merchant Marine Captain and volunteer for the US Coast Guard, teaching boating safety and performing safety patrols. I am very honored and happy to write a boating column in the Loon Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter and I welcome any questions or suggestions as to topics to cover.

Boating on Loon Lake is like driving down a rural neighborhood street. As you drive down that street by car, you must stay on the roadway, should minimize your noise pollution, not litter, and should be careful of pedestrians and other vehicles. Although there are no clear road markings or signs on the lake, the same principles apply to boating, just with a different type of vehicle dynamics. All sorts of boating require proper training and experience to make it safe and enjoyable. A good boater combines analytical skills and physical fitness with some technical knowledge to create a safe and pleasurable experience.

Safe navigation and operation are the group responsibility of all boaters. As no boat will have absolute right-of-way over other boats, there are rules that every operator should know and follow which I will cover in future newsletters. To avoid collisions on the water, boaters should keep a sharp lookout for each other and water hazards.



Below are some common-sense safe boating tips:

- Get to know the complete operation of your boat and equipment
- Learn some basic boating knots and practice how to properly secure your boat to your dock
- Don't boat beyond your comfort level in terms of speed, visibility, and weather conditions
- Prepare a checklist to make sure that you have all the items you would need, just as pilots check their planes before takeoff
- Always have properly fitting functional lifejackets available for yourself and your passengers
- Keep an updated first aid kit handy for any immediate medical attention required on the water
- Never head underway without a complete tool box, as having tools and spare parts will keep you from being stuck out on the Lake
- Mind your wake, as an excessive wake created by your boat could endanger inexperienced boaters, nearby swimmers, or people on their docks. As the boat operator, you are responsible for any damage caused by your wake the entire distance from your boat to the shore.
- Rely on common sense and maintain a controlled safe speed, staying alert of other boaters, swimmers, buoys, and hazards
- Avoid the use of alcohol on the water, as the environment has amplifying effects on impairment
- Respect the environment and nature when operating your boat

To make sure that you have the proper equipment in good condition, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters, including personal watercraft and paddle sport users (kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards) take advantage of a free, voluntary Vessel Safety Check (VSC) every year. If you are interested in a VSC or if you have any boating questions, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you having fun and boating safely on the Lake.

DOCK DEMOLITION – YOUR DOCK YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

By Lee Evans

On June 23rd, 2018 a crew of volunteers gathered at the public launch to demolish old docks that lake front property owners no longer want or need. This year we had more docks than usual but on an annual average we get 14-20 bad docks that desperately needs to be removed from the lake. For whatever reason we need to replace a dock it is the responsibility of the property owners to properly secure that dock until the day of the dock demolition.

The cost for us to remove these docks is rapidly raising. We ask for a very reasonable fee of \$4.00 a linear foot to remove a dock. We had commitments from dock owners to pay for their dock and we have yet to receive those payments. I must reiterate the importance of responsibility each of us have on these docks. We have people releasing bad docks into the body of the lake, some will haul it to the boat launch area and leave it there. These practices are dangerous in many aspects, these loose docks can cause damage to others property and is inconvenient to others to deal with a loose dock. Your Loon Lake Property Owners Association organizes this clean up and puts your donations towards this project when property owners release their derelict docks in our lake.

This service we provide is the most important to us all and is most exhausting and dangerous job we do as lake stewards. We will do whatever possible to assist any property owner in the proper disposal of a dock. Just call a committee member we are happy to help all we ask is just be responsible.

Volunteering for the dock demo I have met some of the greatest people that live here with the same goal, to protect the lake and its habitat. It's a good time, the volunteers help one another, we laugh, it makes you feel like you accomplished something for the community. If you want to volunteer please contact us you will be welcomed with open arms and a shovel, just kidding. Lunch is provided along with beverages water, soda, and beer.

Key points for this upcoming year for Dock Demo:

- Secure your dock on your frontage.
- Call us for assistance if needed.
- Donate to a great cause.
- Volunteer if you can.

If you are interested in being a chairperson for the Dock Demo it will be appreciated.

For any information on the contacts or events go to the website.

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CHIPPER DAYS

By Dana Waddell

In October we held our 2nd Chipper Day for 2018. This is the third year that Loon Lake and the Deer Lake Property Owners Association combined efforts in organizing and manning the local Chipper Day activities.

Stevens County sponsors this program where surrounding communities can bring yard debris, leaves limbs, pine needles and other organic matter to a common area for chipping. It's held just north of Baldwin's Lumber on Agar Road.

Along with support from a Stevens County employee we also had 5 Seniors from Riverside Highschool volunteer to help unload the yard debris. The volunteers were kept very busy with over 50 loads.

Chipper Days is a fantastic opportunity to get rid of yard debris. Stay tuned to the LLOPA website to learn when it will occur in 2019.



By Lee Evans

Preparation for 2019 LLPOA Fireworks has begun and we need your input on what day to hold the show:

July 3rd or July 5th

Yes, we are currently making plans for next year's LLPOA's Fireworks show. October is the end of the season for our LLPOA board meetings however contracts for the show and payment of 1/2 fees occur in February or March. We are also looking for your input. As you may remember the availability of pyro-technicians to set up and fire the show are in short supply. The dollar value of our show is small compared to other local shows, so we are not able to have a July 4th show in 2019. Our choices are Wednesday July 3rd or Friday July 5th. Please let us know in the comment section when you return your LLPOA dues envelope.

A special thanks to board member Barry Smith who kindly granted us the use of his personal 12'x40' dock to be used for the 2018 show. The cost savings of over \$1000 for not having to rent an EZ dock for two years and other fund raisers will allow us to increase the show in 2019 to \$8000 dollars from our usual \$6000 dollar. Please keeping in mind, 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. We count on your generous donations to keep it going.

Cancellation 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.

What is your preference? Let us know.

July 3rd or July 5th?



By Henry Howe

The pancake feed was another success thanks to the committee, and most of all the volunteers who took time out on a Labor Day Holiday to lend a hand. The amount of work that goes into this is huge. Permits, license, location venue, ordering the food, the food prep, table setup, grills and fuel, cooks, clean up.

But it's all worth it. It's a time that the communities come together and have breakfast together. This is our only time of the year that we get to meet and greet with one another especially our neighbors from Deer Lake, Clayton and Deer Park.



Our Property Owner's Association deserves a big hand for making it happen. It is also a great fundraiser. This year it was the Deer Park Ambulance Service, a special thanks to them for serving us at the pancake feed and in our personal lives as first responders.

When we come together for good food and lots of smiles life is good. If anyone is interested in volunteering or be the committee chairperson for next year's pancake feed, please come to a LLPOA meeting and express your interest. I want to thank all my fellow volunteers, it was fun, we had a good time and hope to see you next year. A special thanks to all of you for attending.

Don't forget to visit our website for calendar and events.

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