

Fall into winter!

Letter from the President

Sue Poe, President

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. As we ease into fall and say goodbye to summer, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the great season we've had on our beautiful lake. The clear waters of our lake provided the backdrop for countless unforgettable moments. Families came together, friends reconnected, and strangers became fast friends.

Our area, with its tranquil beauty, forests, mountains and endless recreational opportunities, has once again proven itself as a precious treasure for our community.

As we look forward to the changing colors of fall and the crisp air that it brings, let us carry the spirit of this wonderful summer with us. Let us cherish each other, our community, and the simple joys of life.

Thank you for being a part of what made this summer so great!

We need your help!!

Ever wonder what the LLPOA is all about?

Ever wonder how your dues are spent?

Ever wonder how you can help? How we can serve you better?

What are your expectations of the LLPOA?

Want to help develop the future of LLPOA?

Well you are in the right place. Included in this newsletter is a survey that we'd love you to complete. Please take a few minutes and share your thoughts for how we can improve to make your LLPOA as effective as possible. You can use the paper survey enclosed, find a link on our website at www.loonlakepoa.org or try the QR code (on the survey page).

The surveys will be used in the spring when we will host a planning session to develop our mission, purpose and goals for the best future we can envision. You are invited to attend. We will be sure to get the word out when the date has been set!!

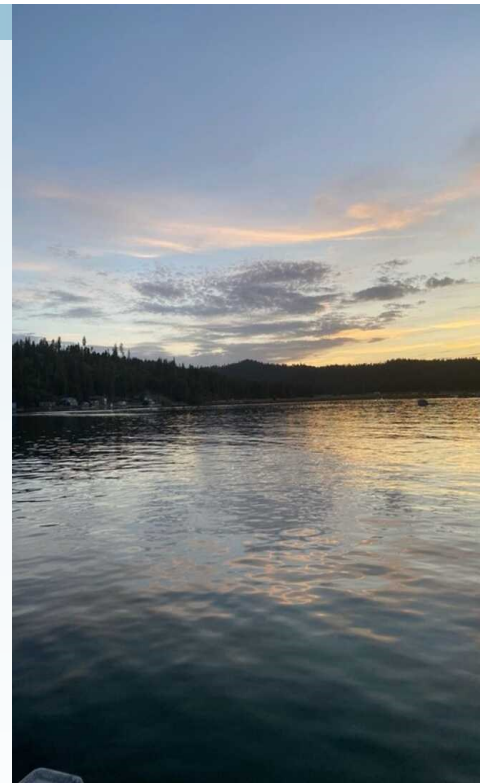


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Thank you & welcome!!

We want to express our sincere gratitude to outgoing officers, Deanne Darlene Impehoven and Dana Waddell, as well as directors, Stephan Reckie and Aaron Impehoven. Deanne, as past president, has contributed immensely to the association’s growth and success during her tenure. We are sorry to see her go. Dana, outgoing secretary, was integral to recording and communicating for the group. We are also thankful for her generous donations from the sale of her Christmas ornaments. Stephan and Aaron made great contributions to the association and we thank them all for their dedicated service.

New to our board, but not to our lake, are Holly Shamberger, Joann Caruso and Sondra Collins. Holly has been involved in the past and will be serving as our secretary. Deanna Yamane will serve as Vice President again, as will Mark Whittaker, as Treasurer. Lee Evans and Dick Davies complete our Board of Directors. We hope to grow our board to twelve members and WE WANT YOU!!

Please contact us if you’d like to volunteer.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 22, 2024

10 a.m.— Old Schoolhouse

“Lakes are like life. When you dive into them, you never know what treasures and surprises you might find beneath the surface.” —Unknown

Date Change for 2024 Chipper Day

By Lee Evans

This Stevens County program, run by the Solid Waste Division, has greatly benefited the Loon Lake/Deer Lake communities in reducing debris on many properties, limiting the opportunities for clutter and minimizing the potential fire danger.

The LLPOA has had several requests to change the June date to avoid a conflict with the Loon Lake Loonsday Walk, which is scheduled annually for the first Saturday in June. This change would likely improve the attendance of both events and free up folks to volunteer for either or both. We are tentatively planning for Saturday, June 8th. We’ll keep you posted by Nextdoor, Facebook, on our website and with signs next spring. We would like to extend a thank you to our Loon Lake neighbors who have had an opportunity to use Chipper Day. The recent restriction in assisting with the off-loading of debris from vehicles due to covid requirements has been lifted. We are once again helping everyone with the unloading of your clean green. The LLPOA will do our best to advertise the event in the future to ensure we have a great turnout and a successful day.

Rain or shine we will be there.

Dates: Saturday, June 8th & Saturday, October 5th

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Just North of Baldwins Lumber on Agar Road

Cost: \$10 for truck or trailer loads.

Proceeds support the Lake Associations

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer for a 2-hour shift to help with unloading. Thanks to the Loon Lake, Deer Lake volunteers who have helped in past years. We could not do it without you.



Photo by Lee Evans



Above (l-r) Joann Caruso, Paul Davis, Jim Davies, Jacci Burgin, Eric Davis and Dick Davies.

Right (l-r) Paul Davis, Eric Davis and Jim Davies

Photos by Sondra Collins & Joann Caruso



Enclosed Envelopes

Please note that we've enclosed an envelope, only a little larger than usual for you to use to mail in annual dues, donations, contact information, and **OUR SURVEY**.

We've enclosed a survey in this newsletter to obtain your feedback. We are interested in knowing what you'd like to see us continue do to and if there are areas that we could do better (because there always are). Please take a few minutes, fill it out and return.

Note that if you have already paid your dues for this year (23-24), your envelope will have been stamped "DUES ALREADY PAID" with a red stamp. If your newsletter does not have that stamped on the envelope, that means you have NOT paid dues this year.

As you read through the newsletter, you will see that dock demo was very expensive this year since we had two full days of removing docks. Also we needed to make repairs to our equipment that is used to do our water quality testing, which will add to our expenses this year. Fireworks was close to breaking even for the year. We received \$8530 and spent \$8700 on fireworks and \$400 on fireworks related expenses. Note: We use unrestricted donations to pay for the shortfall on fireworks—not dues.

If you'd like to help in any of these areas, just mark the envelope and it will be applied to that category. And don't forget to mark your envelope if you'd like to be added to our new volunteer list!!

THANK YOU!!!

Water Quality Update 2023

By Dick Davies, Sondra Collins, Joann Caruso & Jacci Burgin

A beautiful fall day on Loon Lake greeted the dedicated water quality test volunteers. Dick Davies once again volunteered his boat for the crew to do their annual September tests.

This year the MS 5 Hydromet HydroLab water probe needed repair, so unfortunately the first and second forays were missed, however, the repaired Hydrolab arrived just in time for the September 15 foray so that testing could go forward at least once this year. The secchi disc was used to determine water clarity. The tests to determine temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, and pH were performed using the Hydrolab. The nutrient sampling, which includes total phosphorus and chlorophyll were sent to Spokane Tribal Enterprises Tshimakain Creek labs for results. Costs of the equipment repair and the lab tests were covered by the LLPOA.

We are thankful to Dick Davies, Jim Davies, Eric Davis, Paul Davis, Sondra Collins, Jacci Burgin and Joann Caruso for volunteering time for this project. Thank you also to the generous property owners that donate to support this cause. In the spring newsletter watch for a more in-depth report of the results of the recent testing. You can find past reports on lake testing on our website. The Water Quality Assurance Plan, which is in the process of being updated, has also been posted there.

Did you know?

- ◆ Fireworks is our most popular event. Costs are paid from donations, not from dues.
- ◆ Disposal of your old dock is your responsibility.
- ◆ Over 850 households receive the LLPOA newsletter.
- ◆ Water quality testing has been happening since 2007.
- ◆ New advisory board members are needed for the Lake Management District.
- ◆ You have two chances to pay your dues, envelopes are included in your spring & fall newsletters.
- ◆ LLPOA is developing a volunteer list. Sign up!

Dock Demo Report

By Mark Whittaker

The LLPOA recently concluded the second attempt to rid the lake of all docks accumulated near the public boat launch that were in excess of our capacity for the initial project held in June. We had double the volume of normal years and the problem seems to grow year after year.

The definition of a derelict dock in the past has meant docks that may have separated from a prior owner and were for all practical purposes left floating on the lake. Other entities have contributed to the volume of docks to process with little or no financial support. **We are not the responsible party for every dock on the lake.** Docks are the responsibility of their owner. Furthermore individuals purchasing a new dock remain responsible for the disposal of their decommissioned dock.

This year we will spend in excess of \$8,000 for the removal and transportation of the debris. These costs will not be covered by the fees assessed on owners that are responsible enough to contact the LLPOA and pay for the removal of their docks or the occasional donation to the LLPOA directed to the Dock Demolition.

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to those of you who did send us a check to help with these costs, however, this year donations and fees total \$2,500, which will not even come close to covering the costs. The use of everyone's dues to pay for the removal of an individual property



Dock demos in June & August



owner's dock is not equitable.

We plan to reach out to the companies providing new docks to assure that disposal of the prior dock is included in the process. The current process of leaving the old dock to the owner's discretion or to transfer the responsibility to the LLPOA is not viable.

Since we stopped burning the docks, we have collected fees and donations of \$7,000 and expended in excess of \$16,000. This shortfall cannot continue to be absorbed by the LLPOA.

We have a work party scheduled for October 21st to sort and begin hauling the debris from this year's activity. A committee will be formed to study the problem and recommend changes. Please feel free to contact me directly with any input you might have in this process.



Photo by Deanne Darlene Impecoven

Boat Parade

By Mark Whittaker

This year's 4th of July Boat Parade featuring a Western Theme was very well represented by the number of participants. Fun was had by all, including the judges. The Egger Family brought the Yellowstone series to life on Loon Lake and won Grand Prize. Thank you to everyone who participated and attended the event. We had about the same number of registered participants as in the past. A friendly reminder that you must register to be eligible for prizes - don't miss out! The top prize was \$100 and five other winners received \$50 gift certificates from Loon Lake Video & Pizzeria, Ridler's Espresso, and Granite Point.

I'm going to need a person to help serve as co-chair next year. I have suggested that we continue as we've done in the past, the LLPOA will provide a theme and award a portion of the prizes to that category. All registered boats are eligible for a prizes, however, only those who've followed the theme are eligible for the Grand Prize.

Loon Lake Property Owners Association SURVEY

We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on how we can improve your organization!

1. *Rate each of the following efforts that we currently provide in order of their importance to you. (1=Very important, 5=No importance)*

Mark only one circle per row

	1	2	3	4	5
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Boat Parade	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dock Demo	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chipper Day	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newsletter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. *What are your expectations of the LLPOA?*

3. *Your voluntary annual dues of \$50, which is less than \$5/month, help pay for two newsletters a year, water quality tests and equipment, signage around the lake, boat parade expenses, dock demo overages and costs associated with maintaining the organization such as insurance, fees, etc. Considering this, do you feel our dues are fair?*

4. Are there additional efforts that you would like to see us involved in this coming year?

5. Name/Email (Optional if you'd like to hear from us)

*If you'd rather fill out this survey electronically,
you can access it from the link on the
Welcome page of our website
at loonlakepoa.org,*

or

*email us at loonlakepoa@gmail.com &
request an invitation be sent.*



NOTE

Every year we have new owners come and long-time friends leave, but we have no way of knowing. If you have a new neighbor or know of anyone who didn't receive this newsletter, please let us know and we will put them on our mailing list. Also if there is anyone you know that should be removed from the list, or you received a newsletter with a wrong name, we would welcome an email letting us know at loonlakepoa@gmail.com. That will help us keep our mailing list fresh.

This newsletter is intended for all residents around the lake and those who'd like to support our efforts.

Fireworks

Over the years, the Loon Lake Fireworks show has been the most heavily supported program by this membership. This show, however spectacular, has decreased in its presentation time due entirely to cost.

When we started this program back in 2009 we had two criteria: 1) That it be self-supporting with no funds coming from members dues; and 2) That a good professional fireworks show would reduce the volume of fireworks on and near the lake.

Even though the community has been very supportive over the years, we still have as many, or more fireworks being set off around the lake. We also receive enough in fireworks and undesignated donations to cover the costs for now, but not overwhelmingly.

If this is an event you'd like to support, please use the enclosed envelope and designate Fireworks for your contribution!!



“A lake is the landscape’s most beautiful and expressive feature. It is Earth’s eye; looking into which, the beholder measures the depth of his own nature.”

— Henry David Thoreau

Lake Management District Set to Expire

By Lee Evans LMD Chair

Our current 5-year LMD will expire on December 31, 2023. As of this writing all property owners should have received a ballot in the mail requesting your vote to establish a new 5-year LMD for Loon Lake. The Stevens Co, commissioners have concluded all resolutions and public hearings with the recommendation that the Loon Lake community go forward with a new 5-year LMD starting in 2024. Your Advisory board members are highly recommending a renewal and encouraging a yes vote in favor of a new LMD. The Loon Lake LMD has always been a Stevens County program that is supervised and monitored by a Steering/ Advisory board of volunteers from around our lake. The Advisor group reports regularly to the B.O.C.C. (Board of county commissioners) with the understanding the Advisory board’s recommendations are in the best interest of Loon Lake with most decisions left with the volunteer board.

The 2023 LMD season started early June with a survey and treatment of Curly Leaf Pond Weed. CL is a relatively new invasive species noticed several years ago while surveying for the Hybrid Milfoil. As the CL beads started to expand and take over some of the native plants it was determined by the volunteer board to treat CL in addition to milfoil. CL has a different growing season than milfoil requiring a herbicide treatment in early June to control the growth and development of the Turrón’s (Seed Pods). We have now been addressing the CL with a systemic herbicide Galleon designed to effect and kill the plants roots.

Hybrid Milfoil continues to be the priority for the LMD. We have seen relatively good success over the past several years while using ProcellaCOR herbicide. The early June survey identified a resurgent of milfoil in areas not seen for several years. The early survey allowed the Advisory board to schedule Phase 1 ProcellaCOR applications in early July allowing an earlier start for milfoil. A follow up survey in early August allowed the board to review successful CL and Milfoil kill results allowing a Phase 2 ProcellaCOR for newly discovered milfoil plants.

Our final Advisory board meeting for 2023 will be Monday October 9th 6:30 pm in the basement of the Old Schoolhouse. The public as always welcome and encouraged to attend.

If successful, the new 5-year LMD will need a new Advisory group. Seven of the original 10-member committee have chosen not to continue. **IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AND WISH TO SERVE, PLEASE CONTACT STEVENS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER WITH A REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED AS A STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER. THERE IS A TRUE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HELP WITH THIS PROGRAM.**

Please consider two yes votes. One for the new LMD, the second allowing existing funds to roll to the new Lake Management District. Ballots must be returned to Stevens County by October 27th.

Loon Lake Beach Associations

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Sunset Bay Beach	<i>No official association</i>			
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Thank you to all for your participation and volunteer efforts this past year.

The board has included a survey in this issue so that interested members can share their wishes with the board. The information that is accumulated will be used to develop our Mission Statement, Our Purpose and Goals for the coming year.

LLPOA Officers & Board of Directors

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