

What a Year!

What a fantastic year it has been for our community! Together, we raised nearly **\$10,000** to support our fireworks show. With the board’s pledge of \$5,000, we’re already more than **\$4,600 ahead** toward next year’s celebration. That’s teamwork in action!

When I asked for your help, you came through—and I’m so grateful. Be sure to check out our goal for next year and how you can be part of making it happen.

This year’s “**Press the Button**” Raffle winner was Jeff Sides, who sent his son, Cooper, to do the honors. At just 19, Cooper—an EWU Wildlife Biology student—had the thrill of starting the show by heading out on the boat and pressing the button that lit up the night sky.

Our fireworks crew did an outstanding job once again, led by pyro-technician **Richard Knowlton** and boat captain **Steve Vining**. A huge thank-you also goes to **Linda Niday**, who kindly shared her beach so the team could prep the barge before the big show.

We also have exciting news: after years of back-and-forth with the IRS, we are officially reinstated as a **public charity**! This means every donation you make is now tax-deductible. If you receive distributions from your IRA, please consider designating us—we’d be truly honored.

Our **Annual Meeting** was another highlight. We gave away a Solo Smokeless Stove (apologies—I missed writing down the winner’s names!) along with fuel accessories and coffee cards. These gifts are meant to encourage environmental responsibility—keeping ash and gas out of our lake—while also supporting our local businesses.

And what a **Boat Parade** we had this year! It was one of the best ever, thanks to **Jackie Burgin**, who jumped in as Parade Chair at the last minute and did a phenomenal job.

I also want to recognize **Sarah Vining** and **Krista Poor** for exploring ways to address derelict docks. Most of all, our heartfelt gratitude goes to **Doug Knight**, who devoted countless hours (and at least 13 trailer loads)—along with his equipment and crew—to remove nearly all of the abandoned docks from our lake. While at least three remain on the list for next year, we will no longer be hosting a formal “Dock Demo Day.” Doug’s contribution made a lasting difference for all of us.

Don’t miss fall **Chipper Day October 4th**, and check out the **Water Quality** report for important updates!

Together, we’ve accomplished so much this year—thank you for your generosity, your time, and your community spirit. Here’s to making next year even better!



Photo by Len Duncan



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Water quality updates!

By Joann Caruso

Water quality updates! As mentioned in the spring newsletter, LLPOA hired limnologist Dale Chess, to assist us in analyzing our past data and making future plans for testing. Dale went over water quality reports dating back to 2007 and looked for trends, created a document that summarized that information and made recommendations for future testing. This report is available on our website, loonlakepoa.org. At the annual meeting in June the following information was shared from the report.

- ~ Loon Lake is warming over time
- ~ Oxygen levels in the deep water **improved slightly**, but anorexia still happens
- ~ Phosphorous levels have decreased, which is good, but have a long ways to go
- ~ Algae levels are low, but may be higher in parts of the lake not yet sampled

In addition to analyzing the past information Mr. Chess

made recommendations for the future.

- ~ We will be sampling the lake from April to November (not just summer)
- ~ We will be adding additional sample sites
- ~ We will focus testing in August and September when changes are most obvious
- ~ We will measure chlorophyll and nutrients in the middle layer (metalimnion) also . . .

The sonde that we have been using to do our testing is 18 years old. This spring it failed and we had to purchase a new one. We expected the new equipment in July, but just received it in September. Training and testing with the new equipment is scheduled September 20.

Thank you so much to the people who have supported our mission to keep the lake healthy by donating extra money with their dues. This generosity allowed us to get the advice and equipment we needed to continue the many years of commitment to water testing.

THANK YOU LOONSDAY FOR YOUR DONATION TO LLPOA WATER QUALITY EXPENSES!!



Get ready for the Loon/Deer Fall Chipper Day ~ October 4

by Lee Evans

The Loon Lake and Deer Lake Property Owners Associations are once again partnering to sponsor the community **Chipper Day Program**. This program is organized by the Stevens County Solid Waste Department, which provides staff to safely maintain, clear, and stack debris as trucks and trailers are offloaded. Thanks to its growing popularity, our most recent spring event collected over **60 truck and trailer loads** of material!

Volunteers are also on hand to assist with unloading, making the process quick and efficient. To help you remember, the Loon Lake Property Owners Association (LLPOA) will be posting **Chipper Day reminder signs** throughout the neighborhood. By participating, you're not only cleaning up your property but also reducing potential fire hazards. If you're able, consider lending a hand to a neighbor as well.

A big **thank you** to everyone who has used this valuable service—and please spread the word to friends and neighbors who may not yet know about Chipper Day.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 4 **Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Just north of Baldwin Lumber on Agar Road

Cost: \$10 for truck or trailer loads

*Clean green only no garbage or lumber.
Spring Chipper Day date to be determined.*



Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary at Loon Lake

In 2026, our nation will celebrate 250 years of independence—a once-in-a-lifetime milestone! The Loon Lake Property Owners Association would love to mark this historic occasion with a community celebration worthy of the event.

Our goal is ambitious but exciting: to raise \$15,000 to create a memorable 250th anniversary celebration here at Loon Lake. We believe this is doable with the support and enthusiasm of our community.

To make this happen, we need your help. We are forming a special 250th Celebration Committee to brainstorm and plan fundraising and other events. We'll meet next month in October—either via Zoom or in person—to share ideas and start shaping the celebration. Please note that this committee will be its own group separate from the LLPOA board for purposes of organization and planning.

If you'd like to be part of this historic effort, please reach out to:

◆ Peggy Doering at 509-230-6829 ◆ Sue Poe at 509-675-5040

Let's work together to make the 250th anniversary a celebration to remember for years to come!

THANK YOU DIRECTORS

A heartfelt thank-you to the Loon Lake Property Owners Association Board for an incredible year. Your dedication, vision, and countless hours of behind-the-scenes work have truly made a difference in our community. This year's successes are all a direct reflection of your hard work and commitment. On behalf of our members, thank you for leading with enthusiasm and care. We're deeply grateful for all that you do to protect and enhance the lake we love, and we look forward to building on this momentum together in the year ahead. Thank you Board!!

Joann Caruso Lisa Egger

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Troublesome docks are no longer—for now

By Sue Poe

Derelict docks and Dock Demo Day have been a challenge for me ever since I became president of the LLPOA a couple of years ago. Our 2023 effort illustrated how unsustainable it had become and the need to find another way of doing things. That led us to the realization that we needed to get out of the dock demolition business. We were not able to keep up with the cost of doing business. We are hoping to foster a neighbor helping neighbor concept to get all those wayward docks back to their homes, especially in early spring, when so many seem to have lost their way. Maybe host a fun weekend of “do you know where this dock belongs?” and we’ll have volunteers standing by to ferry it back to its long-lost owners. Stand-by while we brainstorm ideas, or please pass along your own to help us make the lake a safer, friendly place to recreate and enjoy.

Following is the beginning of the very informative article written by Sarah Vining and published in the Stevens County Times September 2025 edition. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.

By Sarah Vining

Each spring, as winter lets go, it’s a familiar scene on Loon Lake—docks drifting freely around after the ice melts. Generally, these docks are in disrepair—with waterlogged boards, often listing or partially submerged. Fortunately, with volunteer help and leadership from Doug Knight of Knight Boat Docks, 13 loads of derelict docks were recently removed from Loon Lake.

Floating debris like docks and dock parts can be a navigational hazard, creating dangerous situations for boaters. Derelict docks can also damage secured docks and wildlife habitats, as well as detract from the beauty of the environment.

Property owners around Loon Lake understand that ice covering the lake in winter expands and shifts. Measures are taken to tie down their boat docks so they don’t get crushed by shifting ice or pulled away once the ice breaks up and melts.

Please continue reading this article at southstevenscounty-times.com or find your September copy for the full article.



LOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS BOAT PARADE

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See the rest of the winners & photos at www.loonlakepoa.org

Boat Parade 2025

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Dave Zimmerman & Len Duncan



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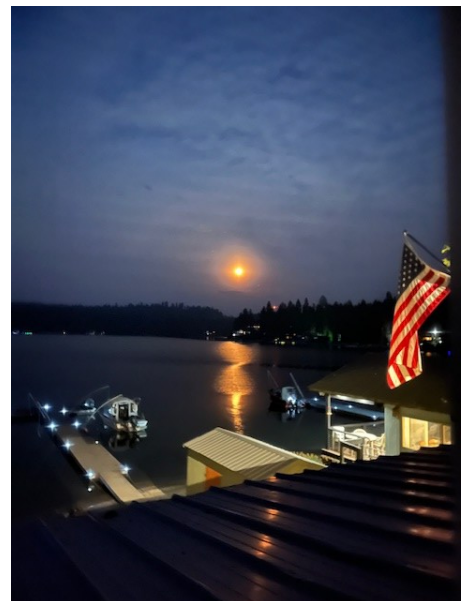
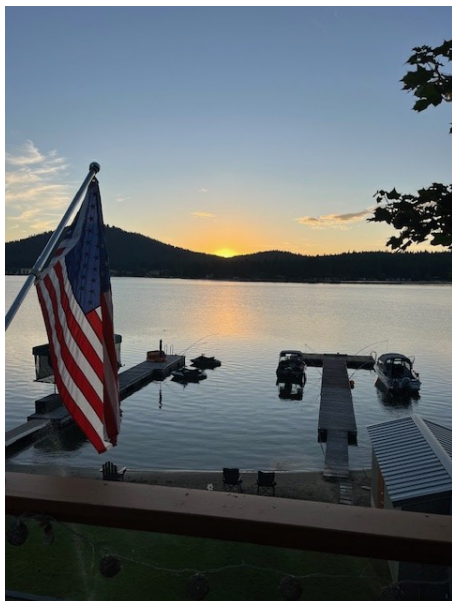
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Questions remain after unexplained fish event this spring

By Joann Caruso

On June 11 there were numerous dead fish found on many beaches around the lake. The majority of the fish were bluegill. However, there were also yellow perch, tench, bullheads, pumpkinseed and largemouth bass. There was also a dead turtle reported. The Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Ecology and AquaTechnex were alerted and asked to come and check out the situation and give their opinion of this unusual and disappointing event.

There were several factors that are believed to have resulted in the death of these fish. The lake had been treated on June 3 with ProcellaCOR and June 10 with Aquathol K for control of milfoil and Curly Leaf pond weed, respectively. The loss of these fish during and after the treatment window created questions of how they might be connected. AquaTechnex maintains they used the proper amount of chemical and treated a very small percentage of the lake. The chemicals they used are not supposed to cause fish mortality and are EPA approved.

Bill Baker, DFW, believes that low dissolved oxygen (DO) is the culprit. Warmer water holds less DO and it was a warmer than usual week, but that alone he did not feel could be the cause. Aquathol does kill the plants that produce oxygen and this was a spawning time for bluegill where they will not leave their nest, so instead of seeking

oxygen rich water they perhaps stayed at their nests and that caused some death. However, there were fish that were not spawning that also died, so spawning can not be the entire answer. AquaTechnex stated they felt the cause was spawning mortality exacerbated by the heat wave that week.

Department of Ecology stated contributing factors included a period of warm weather, two treatments to control invasive aquatic plants using herbicides, and decay of those plants which then consumed DO from the lake water in treated areas. They also stated that localized fish-kills caused by low oxygen resulting from plant decay following aquatic herbicide treatments have occasionally occurred in other lakes.

The Lake Management District is the committee that makes decisions about controlling the invasive weeds in the lake. They will meet next time in the spring. AquaTechnex has created a report of the work done this year (see page 8). Next spring, they will survey the lake then suggest a plan of action for the lake. If you have any thoughts about treatment of milfoil and curly weed, the Loon Lake LMD would be the place to contact.

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Please find the envelopes enclosed to use to mail in your annual dues, donations, and updated contact information.

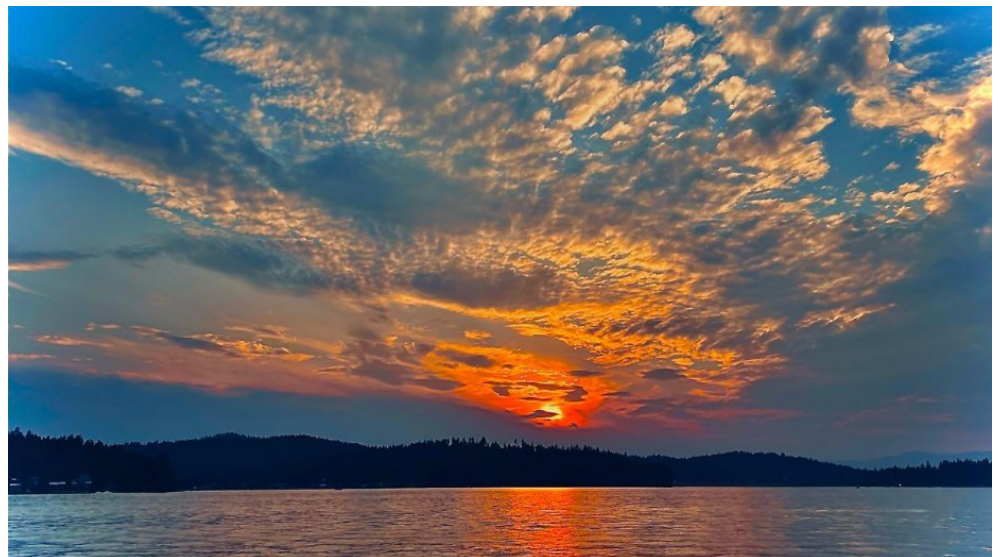
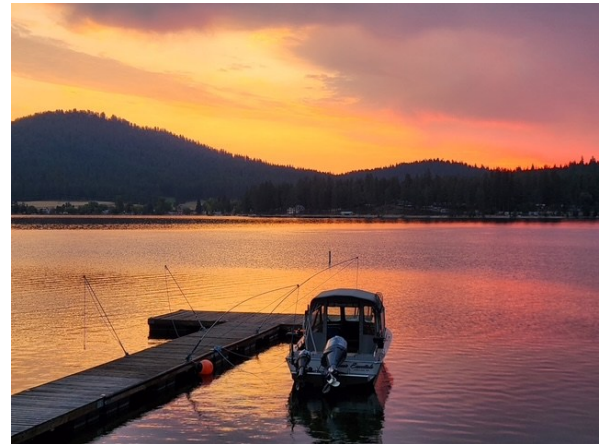
If you have already paid your dues, your envelope will be stamped with a red "Dues Already Paid" stamp.

Also note that we have aligned our fiscal year with the calendar year to simplify recordkeeping and make it easier to track your dues payments.

Don't forget to mark if you'd like to volunteer!!

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Loon Lake Lake Management District (LMD) 2025

By Lee Evans

The Loon Lake Aquatic invasive species program is run by the Stevens County Commissioner’s office who appointed an advisory committee comprised of voluntary Loon Lake residents. Our committee meets at the Loon Lake Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month April through September. Our goal is to manage the process of controlling the two invasive plants Milfoil and Curly Pond Weed for all Loon Lake residents. The public is welcome, and we encouraged their attendance and input.

June was a busy month for LMD activities with surveys and herbicide treatments for both Hybrid Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pond Weed.

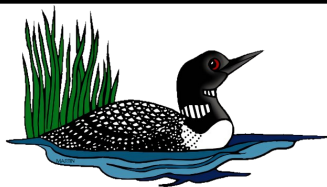
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the past several years. They are certified, experienced and at the forefront of the best scientific practices for successfully meeting Loon Lake’s unique needs. Our vendor website

[Aquatechnex.loonlakewa.wordpress.com](https://aquatechnex.loonlakewa.wordpress.com) has current and historical information regarding the work they’ve done controlling the invasives on behalf of the Loon Lake residents. Please check it out.

The following link connects to the treatment zone map: <https://aquatechnex.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=877c49724e97431c83689ba9e4fd85de>

You can also find the link to their website on the LLPOA website at www.loonlakepoa.org.



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