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# Deer Lake Newsletter

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**Deer Lake Property Owners' Association**

*Dedicated to the preservation and improvement of a beautiful lake for future generations*

## President's message

Skip Wells

I am writing this in May, and it is still raining, blowing, and there is snow in the upper hills! But, we do need the rain to help fill up the lake. A full lake has an elevation of 2,485.5 feet. We are not quite there yet. Folks are setting docks, putting in boats and some are even fishing, but I haven't heard any fishing reports yet. Your DLPOA Board is back in full open-meeting mode. We are meeting at the Pinelow Dining Hall in the west wing room. At our April meeting, we had 24 homeowners show up. That's great to see, and we hope to see more. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6 p.m. There will not be a meeting in July.

We welcomed new Board Member, George Lynn, to his first meeting in April. He has hit the road running, working with Jerry Rasley and Ken Ring to organize the Spring Roadside Cleanup Day. Kudos to all who participated in the clean up, including Stevens County Waste Management for providing help to pick up trash on Agar Road. This road gets hit particularly hard, as drivers with uncovered loads lose trash frequently on their way to the Transfer Station.



A big thanks to those homeowners who did **not** use illegal fireworks last year. There was an extreme fire hazard then, and that trend looks like it will continue this summer. As there is already a public display, consider that the money you spend to buy individual fireworks could possibly be put towards the DLPOA fireworks fund. If people did that, I think that it would probably be a lot safer, be legal, and would result in a longer-lasting and amazing display!

In May, we got another new Board Member, Mike Nixon!



We are in need of a Boat leader for the Fourth of July Boat Parade, which is going to be held this year on Saturday, July 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact me by phone at 509-979-3260. La-di-da!

### A quick look at Fourth of July Events: More details are inside. (Please save)

- ⇒ Saturday, July 2nd, Boat Parade around the lake, starts at 6 p.m. Ridler Piano Barge plays on the lake
- ⇒ Sunday, July 3rd, Pancake Feed at Pinelow, from 8 a.m. until noon Fireworks at 10 p.m.
- ⇒ Monday, July 4th, Children's Parade from Deer Lake Resort to Pinelow, from 10:30—10:45, then a picnic lunch.



This Bass was protecting its family in Pine Bay. Looks like it was telling the photographer, Jamie Larson, to "Back Off!"

The Fire Danger sign at the intersection of Agar and North Deer Lake Road was recently refurbished by Mike Phillips.

How many Deer Lake men does it take to take down then re-hang a sign?

It's harder than changing a light bulb—so 5!

Thank you, Mike Phillips, Mike Egan, Jim Ashelman, Jerry Rasley, and Ken Ring.



## Fourth of July Event Page!



The annual boat Parade will lead off the festivities. Decorate your boat for Saturday, July 2nd, and meet in the East side neck of the Narrows by 6 p.m. A leader (we still need one!) will slowly take you around the lake. If you don't want to take part in any water fights from docks you go by, just stay out of range. It is always fun to wave to the participants when they go by, so if you can't be in it, please watch from your place and cheer them on. Get your patriotic music, decorations, and clothing ready!



### Our Annual Pancake Feed is Back!

**Bob and Cheryl Schwartz**

It will be held on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 8 a.m. until noon at the beautiful lakefront Pinelaw Park Dining Facility. Join us with your family, friends and guests for a fun time and a delicious breakfast.

All proceeds go to the DLPOA general fund to help support the great activities which make Deer Lake life so terrific. Adults are \$5, children 8 and under are \$3, age 2 and under are free.

We will also have our Raffle with spectacular Summer items such as a gigantic floating Flamingo island, cornhole toss game, special Deer Lake photograph jigsaw puzzle and more. Tickets are only \$1 each.

DLPOA Apparel returns as well, with our new 2022 Summer T Shirt as well as embroidered shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, hats and T shirts. (See page 12 for pictures).

Lastly, we need about 50 volunteers to help us with the event. Best fun in the world that one could ever ask for on a Sunday morning! If interested, please contact Bob Schwartz at [rismt@hotmail.com](mailto:rismt@hotmail.com) or by cell/text at (509) 951-4329.



Thanks to our members' generous donations, DLPOA has another fantastic fireworks show planned for your enjoyment on Sunday, July 3rd, at 10 p.m. Pyro Spectacular and the show's producer, Rich Vaughan, will deliver the larger 6 and 8 inch mortars to fill the night sky. Most people can view the show from their homes, but if you'd prefer, a superb way to view the show is by boat. Please stay at least 300 feet away from the barge for safety reasons.

The barge will be towed to its position this year by our new "Barge Captain", Ban Mai. We lost our friend, Marion Ballard, in October of 2021, and his nephew has volunteered to take his place. Thank you, Ban!

We hope you enjoy the festivities, and have a great summer! - Mike Egan



### Fourth of July Children's Parade

**Greg and Karen Presley**



- The parade will be on **Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. It's for people of all ages!
- It will start at **10:30 a.m.**, leaving from the Deer Lake Resort and ending at Pinelaw Park.
- All of you walkers, bikers, and people having a motorized vehicle may start lining up at 10:00 a.m. at Deer Lake Resort. Be sure to be in place before we block the road (both ways), about 15 minutes before the parade starts.
- Decorate yourself and your bike, golf cart, or car. Bring candy to throw, but please don't run over the spectators!
- Once again, Deer Lake Property Owners' Association will be providing hot dogs and refreshments at the end of the parade, in the grassy area of Pinelaw.
- There is a lot of room to park at Pinelaw (the finish), but not much room on this busy day at the Resort (the start). You may want to drop participants off at the Resort, and then go park at Pinelaw, where it's not as crowded.
- If you don't want to be a part of the parade, please come and be a spectator! Bring your own chairs - there are many places along the route that are available for you to set up to watch and cheer from just a few feet away.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is always a great show of American Pride; we look forward to seeing all the innovative ways you show your patriotism. We ALL believe in the first amendment but we would respectfully request that we remember that this is a children's parade and ask that you keep the political signs at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

Organizing these events takes a lot of volunteers. We could really use some help with set up, clean up, as well as assistance in serving refreshments. Please contact **Greg and Karen Presley at 509-233-8277**—Thank you!

Mother Nature has not been helpful this winter. Unless we see an unusual amount of rain this Spring, we most likely will not see a full lake. We are about 15 inches below full as of May 12. The lowest measurement we recorded during this past year was 32 inches below full. There is very little water coming in from the north wetlands at this time (early April).



I log the snow when it comes; we only had 42" total this winter. That measurement varies widely around the lake. My average for Deer Lake (over many years) is about 55-60 annual inches. Most of the snow we did get this past year was the powder type with low moisture content.



We did get a lot of rain, but I don't measure that. When the snow melted, it soaked into the ground for the most part.



The lake ice was thicker than normal and sank about March 29<sup>th</sup>, very close to the normal melt week, which is the first week in April.

## Southwood Shores Road Update

Mike Larson, George Craig



DLPOA members are waiting to hear back from Stevens County Commissioner regarding our latest communication (November 2021 meeting). We requested a plan that will chip seal the unpaved 2.18 mile portion of Southwood Shores Road that is causing the dust problem.

*In the last four years, we have addressed this dust problem by:*

- Initiating and attending individual meetings with the Commissioners and the Public Works Director.
- Holding an informative meeting at Loon Lake School with residents.
- Starting a Road Improvement District petition from Pine, Cedar, and Tamarack Bays.
- Making numerous phone calls and email exchanges with Stevens County officials.



The possibility of forming a Cost Share Program has been presented by the Commissioners, costing approximately \$192,000. It is believed that they are currently discussing legal ways to make this a possibility, and are looking at sources of how to pay for this paving.

### **\*\*Update to the Update Above**

The residents of the Julius Terrace Association, on the east side of Deer Lake, have submitted a petition to the Stevens County Commissioners office. They are asking for the County to come up with a plan to pave/chip seal the 1.1 mile of the dirt and gravel roads in their area.

This request is similar to the Southwood Shores petition submitted two years ago (see above). The Commissioners and the Public Works Engineer are in the process of establishing a list for priority road service for the entire County.

## Dock Demolition Update

Phil Bray

DLPOA will not be having a Dock Demolition day this year, but we will have one next year, probably in May or June 2023, date to be announced. Over the years, we have tried to provide this service every other year. If you have a dock or know of a dock that needs to be removed from the lake, please let me know – it's not too soon to start a list for next year. As always, lots of volunteers will be needed. Email me at [philjill@att.net](mailto:philjill@att.net).

Last year, after a 5 year Dock Demo hiatus, we removed over 60,000 pounds of old docks from the lake. Thanks again to all the volunteers that made that cleanup event happen! It's great to see so many people getting involved in keeping our lake pristine!



Thanks to all the people that voted to continue the **Lake Management District (LMD)** finances for another 5 years. The vote was 91% in favor. The LMD Board will continue to stay ahead of Eurasian milfoil and any other invasive weeds that may enter Deer Lake waters.



As in previous years, you will see the divers out in the lake just after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week and again just after Labor Day weekend.

They will be working close, going close to shore and around your docks. If you see them and have any questions, feel free to talk to them. John, the lead diver, is happy that people are interested in the process. Our efforts over the last 15 years have enabled us to keep milfoil under control.

Please do not try to pull these weeds yourself. There is a way to do it without spreading the parts of the plant that re-root themselves all over the lake. There are other options to control any plant life in your swimming area. Look up lake weed control in Washington on Google. Washington Dept. of Ecology is the main source of information on this subject.



If you are new to the area and have any questions about water quality, call 233-2510 (Mike Phillips). I might have the answers to anything you would like to know.

## Keep Our Lake Clean

Discharge of polluting matter in waters prohibited.  
RCW 90.48.080



It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge into any of the waters of this state, or to cause, permit or suffer to be thrown, run, drained, allowed to seep or otherwise discharged into such waters any organic or inorganic matter that shall cause or tend to cause pollution of such waters according to the determination of the department, as provided for in this chapter.

*(If you personally wouldn't want to swim in it, then please don't put it in the lake!)*

### Nextdoor Deer Lake

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz



#### To our new residents and property owners:

If you are not aware of our private Deer Lake community electronic bulletin board known as Nextdoor Deer Lake, please take a look. Folks share the latest neighborhood news, lost and found postings as well as alerts and notices.

We are not an open membership, as is Facebook and other social media sites. You must own property within our Deer Lake boundaries to sign up. It is free – no cost to sign up!

It is a convenient and great way to stay in touch with our community. Send an email to Bob and Cheryl Schwartz at rismt@hotmail.com and we will email you a Nextdoor invitation link which you can complete and submit to Nextdoor directly. Thank you!

## Veterans' Fishing Program

Greg and Karen Presley

We are anxious to try and get our Veterans (who reside at the Veterans Home in Spokane) back here at Deer Lake again for one of their favorite activities - fishing from a pontoon boat, followed by a delicious lunch!

***Dates have not been set as of now.***

Everything hinges on Covid cases that may occur during that time, and also any restrictions the Governor may impose over the summer.

We will reach out to ask for volunteers through Nextdoor when there is more information.



Deer Lake also has a Facebook page, if you would like join. It's a great way to see summer-fun photos that your friends and neighbors post, or read about our sponsored events. You can quickly share important news about lost and found items, items for sale, weather warnings, or maybe emergencies on the lake.

Go to Deer Lake Property Owners and send me a friend request, and if you're not a Saudi prince offering me money, I will accept you.

--Cheryl Ring

# Spring Roadside Cleanup

Cheryl Ring

Just about forty property owners volunteered in May,  
 to pick up Deer Lake garbage on a cold, wet, windy day.  
 These group of good-hearted neighbors really are the best!  
 They represented areas from the east, the south, and west.  
 They found many beer and pop cans, and empty bottles of booze.  
 I found a pile of needles that, I guess, a druggie used.



Cigarette butts, rusty car parts, a CD that was old,  
 Piles of used toilet paper...who could be so bold?  
 Who are these Deer Lake litterbugs? I wish that they would quit!  
 Why do they think they can come here, and literally leave their \_ \_ \_ \_ ?  
 I'm sure there's not ONE litterbug on our Cleanup Crew.



And I don't think littering is what the people that live here do.  
 Bad visitors and uncovered dump loads is what I want to condemn.  
 Because of their rude behavior, DLPOA picks up after THEM!  
 We're mostly done in an hour, then get a donut and hot drink.



But "More hands always make light work," is always what I think.  
 So, for future Cleanup Days, if I dare to be so brash,  
 We'd love to have **YOU** join us and help pick up the trash.



**Thank to our volunteers! What a difference you made!**  
**1,300 pounds of trash was taken off the lake roads.**

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ron McKenzie     | Greg Presley     | Jeff Potter     | Barb Potter     | Erik Kelly      |
| Jim Sisco        | Joan Sisco       | Alex Stone      | Keith James     | Stephanie James |
| Jim Ashelman     | Mike Phillips    | Mike Egan       | Ken Ring        | Cheryl Ring     |
| Claudine Muelken | Jessica Magnuson | Owen Magnuson   | Ron Watson      | George Lynn     |
| Steve Jones      | George Craig     | Dick Schroeder  | Lori Schroeder  | April Tweedy    |
| Scott Overbust   | Christy Overbust | Kyle Overbust   | Amanda Overbust | Rory Finley     |
| Mike Nixon       | Dave Greco       | Bob Schwartz    | Cheryl Schwartz | Bill Ryan       |
| Skip Wells       | Jerry Rasley     | Kevin Schroeder | Nita Gregg      | Mike Larson     |



Warning: Potty Humor is coming....look away if you're easily offended. This is a photo of my husband, Ken Ring, and his friend, Ron McKenzie. They found a toilet at the bottom of the steep ditch on North Deer Lake Road, not too far from the highway.

I told my husband that it needed to be hauled up, and then he should **take it to the dump**, but, as you can see, he misunderstood. He thought I said that **he needed to TAKE a dump!** So embarrassing...it's a good thing we got a picture.

(P.S. He never listens, and that's why he's always the butt of my jokes. )

## Wake up those Teenagers!

It seems like DLPOA is constantly asking for volunteers, and it's true! There is not a single person that is getting paid for trying to help to make Deer Lake a better place to be. We seem to have the same core group of people who help EVERY time, but we love it when we can welcome new people who show up to help.

If you have young adults in your family, there are many volunteer jobs that they would be able to do. We can also sign them off for the hours they volunteer, to get school credit, if they need that. I know that the National Honor Society requires volunteer hours per quarter from students. Think about sending them our way, there are many events happening this Summer and Fall that they could help with. Parents, we want you, too! Also grandparents, aunts, uncles, and any friends that happen to be visiting...



## Salvation Army Camp Gifford—100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 11th, 2022

“I was the caretaker of the Camp from 1989 through 2012. I am writing this based on my experiences, and from information available from historical photos and written documentation.” - - - **Mike Phillips**

- ◆ Camp Gifford is located on the west shore of Deer Lake in Stevens County, Washington.
- ◆ The property is located on both sides of North Deer Lake Road, consisting of about 130 acres.
- ◆ It has 400 feet of lake frontage.
- ◆ It has about 50 structures.
- ◆ The property was purchased in 1922.
- ◆ The original acreage was fairly small but has been added onto several times over the last 100 years. The early history comes from pictures as far back as the 1920's. In the early years, people came from Spokane by train to Loon Lake, then later by auto, as the roads were developed. Most camping in the 20's and 30's was in tents.
- ◆ After World War 2, there was a surge of building to make the camp more of a summer camp for children. Some of the types of camps the Salvation Army had were: band, disabled children, men, ladies, and family retreats.
- ◆ In 1993, a decision was made to make improvements to make the camp more financially sound, as it was losing money every year.
- ◆ The camp hosts retreats for many different groups, including schools, churches, and various organizations. It has added a couple of properties adjacent to camp that are rented out on a weekend or weekly basis.
- ◆ Camp Gifford's Summer Camp has about 90 to 140 children and young adults per week, along with 40 staff members. Most children come from low-income homes and are charged on a sliding scale. They bus campers in some weeks from northern Idaho, Montana and eastern Washington.
- ◆ The Salvation Army loses money during the summer, but is supplemented by donations and off-season group retreats and rentals.
- ◆ The camping experience during the summer includes: swimming, kayaking, sailing, fishing, crafts, soccer, volleyball, hiking, nature watching, archery and various challenge courses including a zip line and climbing wall. There are the usual campfires, with skits and singing.
- ◆ Some years we offer classes in language, film making, canoeing, swimming lessons, campfire cooking, sailing and fishing. These vary year to year, depending on the skills of the counselors here each year.
- ◆ The summer staff come from all parts of the country and sometimes from foreign countries, making for some interesting learning exchanges.
- ◆ Camp Gifford offers a wilderness camping experience for teens, with no cell phones or electricity. It is located away from the main camp. The young adults in that setting get to do more outdoor-related activities. These might include: hiking, canoeing or kayaking further distances, more challenging course activities, map orientation, and nature identification.
- ◆ Most people think of The Salvation Army as a service organization, but it is also a church. It is similar to the Nazarene Church. The campers are introduced to basic Christian beliefs to help them deal with life. There is a flag raising and lowering each day. They say grace using a song before meals and there is a brief chapel time after breakfast before getting into all the other usual camp activities. The skits reflect basic Christian principles.

From my 33-year experience with camp, the best part is the people that return and relate their good memories of the camping experience. Many campers continue coming back, joining as staff personnel in various positions.

- ◆ Some include: lifeguards, cooks, counselors, program directors, craft teachers, kitchen helpers and maintenance helpers.
- ◆ Over the years, several local children have also worked their way through various positions. We have had several generations from the same family enjoy their time at Camp Gifford as campers and also staff.

Included in this article are several pictures from various decades. There will be many more available to view at the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Information and a map are included on the next pages.

This notice is to invite anyone that is interested in the 100-year of history of Camp Gifford on Deer Lake to a day of fun and remembrance. We especially want to invite anyone that was a camper or staff to attend.

There will be activities for all ages, as well as opportunities to meet old acquaintances from years past. From 10:00 a.m. until noon there will be a program with speakers and then a lunch will be served.

In the afternoon, there will be guided tours of camp and a carnival to keep the kids occupied, with games, a petting zoo, lawn games and other activities of interest. During that time, people will have time to ask questions about Camp and catch up with anyone attending that you may remember.

There will be a historical section to view pictures and documents from the past 100 years. The map below will give an idea of the activities offered. There is a small nominal fee for food, and there will be an opportunity to purchase 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts and other memorabilia.

The Salvation Army is looking for the oldest staff or camper to contact the person listed below. If you think you might be that person, or need more information about the Open House, please call Caitlin Escobar, (509) 329-2721 or email: [caitlin.escobar@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:caitlin.escobar@usw.salvationarmy.org)



**Map of Camp Gifford for the Open House**

Please stop by and learn about our history, and then see what we are like today!



Wooden ramp going to the lake was replaced with concrete—look at how many campers they have.

**Camp Gifford photos**  
—a small peek at how it's changed through the years.



## Membership Spring/Summer Report 2022

Ken Santora

So far this Spring we have 283 paid members to DLPOA. For our first mailing, this is pretty good, but there are around 800 residences on Deer Lake, so we can do better!

Last year, we had at least 50 lake properties change hands, and an additional 50+ lake owners change their mailing address. We have updated our mailing list to reflect these changes and will reach out to those new Deer Lake neighbors and friends. We urge you to join our organization if you are a brand new homeowner here, or ask you to please renew your membership if you already belong. It is with our warmest appreciation that we thank you for your continued support to our organization.

Why should you join DLPOA? *Your affordable \$20 dues help to support the following:*



- \* Spring and Fall Roadside Cleanups Days
- \* Fourth of July activities: Fireworks, Pancake Feed, Boat Parade, and Children's Parade & Barbeque
- \* Road maintenance research and communications
- \* Continued Lake Water monitoring
- \* Management of milfoil control
- \* Maintaining our website at dlpoa.com
- \* Deer Lake apparel availability
- \* Three DLPOA newsletters a year
- \* A DLPOA calendar with all our events listed
- \* Raising fish for the lake
- \* Dock Demolition (when needed)

A DLPOA dues envelope will be included in this newsletter if you have not yet paid your dues. If you received an envelope in error, please contact Ken Santora at [traveler-007@hotmail.com](mailto:traveler-007@hotmail.com)

A huge thank you to our 92 **Big Buck** members, who have donated \$100 or more to DLPOA (including their \$20 annual dues).

We appreciate your generosity!

Do you have a new neighbor that may not know about us? Please pass along the news that we exist!

**See you around the lake!**

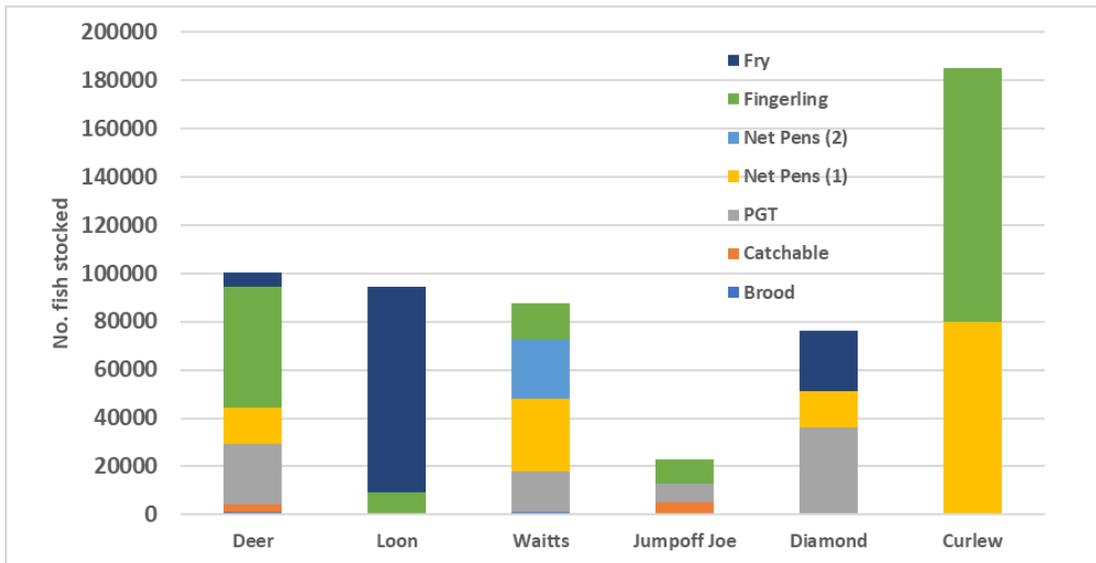
If you have any ideas that will improve your experience at the lake, please come to a Board Meeting, usually held on the second Thursday of the month (check calendar), or email a Board Member with your questions or suggestions.

Last October, we received 15,000 Rainbow Trout into our fish pen (located in the northeast area of the lake). They were fed and protected for 5 months, and, **without losing a single one**, were released on April 23, 2022.



We were fortunate to have Bill Baker, Fish Biologist from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), attend our April 13<sup>th</sup> DLPOA Board meeting to talk with us about our fishery here at Deer Lake, as well as inform us about surrounding fisheries. Bill provided us with the fish stocking numbers to Deer Lake and surrounding lakes.

## Fish stocked by Dept. of Fish and Wildlife into local lakes



PGT (gray color) in the graph represents fish reared by the hatchery that are between 8 and 9 inches when released. There was also a discussion concerning how to help our lake to become a more successful fishery.

The most important solution to improve our fishery is **to have multiple fish pens**.

Size of fish matters greatly! The larger the fish we release into our lake, the better their opportunity to survive over our predatory fish, such as Lake Trout (Mackinaw) and Small Mouth Bass. Currently we only have one fish pen in use to raise the trout over the winter. These 15,000 fish have a much better survival rate than the 50,000 fingerlings released by Spokane Hatchery into our lake in the Fall. Fingerlings are 2 to 3 inches in length when released, whereas those that are wintered in our net pen are between 6 to 10 inches long when released.

The second method to help our fishery is to **control the number of predatory fish**. The state has already tried to help with that by opening our fishing season on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Since Lake Trout like cold water, they are more likely to be closer to the surface early in the season. This is supposed to make it easier to catch these fish. It is important to remember when you catch these fish to **keep them and not release** them back into the lake. There was also some discussion about starting a Fishing Derby with rewards and a bounty on the Mackinaw and Small Mouth Bass. This would have to be coordinated between DLPOA and WDFW.

Bill Baker also made a note that they might be able to adjust the number of fish released into the nearby lakes to coordinate better with each lake's square acres. There does seem to be some inequity in their current allotments (see graph on next page).

Additionally, Bill said that in the upcoming Fall, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will conduct a fish survey to compare that fish population with the number found during a survey that was conducted the Fall of September 2005.

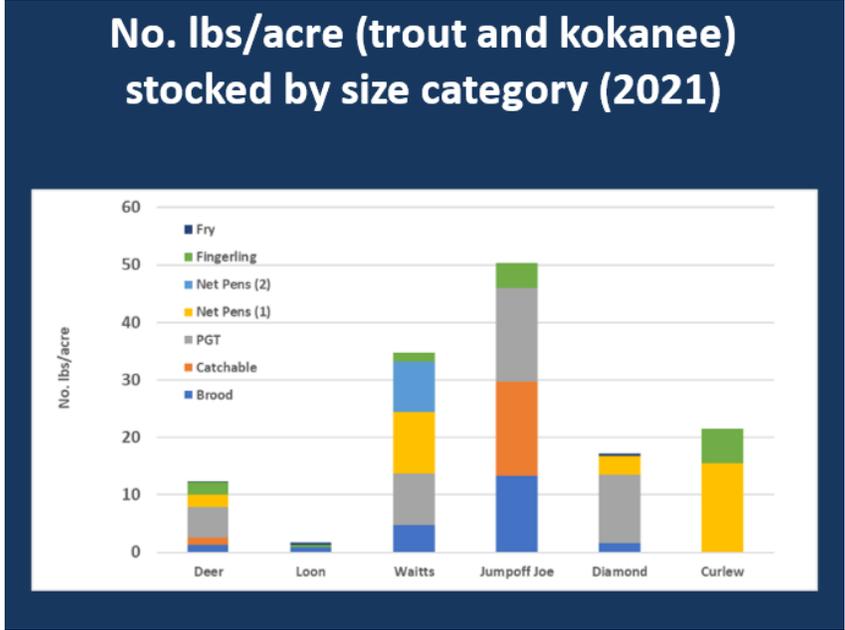
Other topics that were brought up that night concerned our lake’s populations of:

- Perch
- Largemouth Bass,
- Crappie
- and snails.

Finally, we are still looking for an additional site to raise a pen of Trout from October to April.

- It will be arranged by us to ensure that you will have plenty of help from your DLPOA Committee members and other neighbors to assist in :
    - pen setup
    - pen disassembly
    - learning the process of feeding.
- The help you will get will make this project very manageable.

## Is Deer Lake getting enough fish?



Contact Ken Santora at 509-869-9196 or traveler-007@hotmail.com if you have any questions about this meeting and what was covered, or if you want to be a **HERO** on the lake and raise fish next Fall!

### Emergency Services Report

### Skip Wells

There have been some thefts in the area, but the number appears to be lower than in the past. The monthly Sheriff’s Report indicates there have been none reported for the month of April. This is encouraging, but the concern is that it could also mean that people are not reporting thefts, or even attempts that have occurred.

Suspicious vehicles need to be reported to the Sheriff’s Office, not just on our social media platforms, like Nextdoor or DLPOA’s Facebook page. Documentation is important, and many times vehicles that have been reported here have also been observed in other communities. They move around, and need to be caught!



A **big** problem every day, but even more so over the holidays, is the increased amount of vehicles that park along the road and block accesses. If you have several guests coming, plan ahead to see if they can carpool, or find an area that they can park (perhaps a neighbor’s place?), so the road can be less congested.

#### Reminders:

- \* Lock up homes, out buildings, windows, and vehicles.
- \* Get a case-hardened locking device to secure your trailer.
- \* Install a camera, or Ring doorbell.
- \* Make a report to the Sheriff’s Office so it will be in their files.

**We need to always have room for an emergency vehicle to get through quickly!**

Many parts of the road around the lake are very narrow. It would help tremendously if homeowners would trim the trees and brush alongside the road. It is inevitable—two vehicles meet, and one driver usually pulls over to let the other pass. No one wants to get their car scratched! There are also big rigs coming around the lake now for construction, deliveries, or a visit to Kaniksu in a big motorhome! They all have the right to use our roads, and need the area on both sides of the road to be as open and safe as possible. It will be very appreciated!



## Deer Lake 2021 season Real Estate Sales Summary

**Tamarack Realty, Lake Country USA Group — Patrick McHenry-Kroetch, Steve and Ann Hinand, and Jake Turley**

**We found that the year 2021 continued with Record High Prices and Price Per Frontage Foot!**

- ◆ The total number of transactions at Deer Lake was **down slightly** compared to 2020 (45 sales, compared to 40 sales in 2021), but the 2021 dollar volume was **UP** more than 20% compared to 2020.
- ◆ Price per frontage foot rose approximately 16% from 2020 to 2021.
- ◆ The year 2021 averaged approximately \$4600 per foot.
- ◆ The highest priced sale was \$1,275,000 for a home on North Deer Lake Road.
- ◆ Nine waterfront homes sold for over \$500,000.



**From Multiple Listing Service and Stevens County data (through March 2022):**

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|---|---------------|--------------|
| ◆ There were 40 closed sales at Deer Lake totaling \$15,821,661.  | 2020 totaled  | \$12,440,890 |
| ◆ 16 waterfront homes sold ranging from \$160,000 to \$1,275,000. | Sales totaled | \$10,294,545 |
| ◆ 4 waterfront lots sold, ranging from \$135,000 to \$330,000.    | Sales totaled | \$875,315    |
| ◆ 13 secondary homes sold, ranging from \$92,000 to \$550,000.    | Sales totaled | \$3,882,000  |
| ◆ 6 secondary lots sold, ranging from \$57,000 to \$110,000.      | Sales totaled | \$530,117    |

By the way, Loon Lake Price Per Frontage Foot was \$5,000 – a few hundred dollars higher than Deer Lake....that gap has been closing every year, and will probably be gone in the next couple years.

**Several items standout for 2021:**

1. The ability of people to work remotely and the desire to live in a more rural or remote area continues to drive buyers to our market.
2. Only one property (primary and secondary) sold for below tax-assessed value.
3. Four waterfront homes sold for over 1 million dollars.
4. The highest price paid per frontage foot was \$12,500.
5. Most of the highest priced transactions were a result of multiple offers driving up the original list price.



Currently there appears to be a tremendous amount of interest in our little lake, but selling a property for a top price is not just as easy as putting a sign up. Proper marketing to ensure the entire local, regional and national audience is captured is key.

In this market, it's our job to try and find you multiple offers and show you how to best navigate safely through those multiple offers to a successful closing.



If you want complete market sales data in a spreadsheet format contact us at: [HinandRE@gmail.com](mailto:HinandRE@gmail.com) or 509-999-6354. You can keep up on Deer Lake properties currently for sale on our website: [www.LakeCountryUSA.com](http://www.LakeCountryUSA.com) or have listings emailed to you. We are looking forward to a great 2022!

**We “bearly” got this photo!**

**Jerry McBride**

We were still living at Deer Lake in 2014 when the bear picture was taken. The bear had been making a nuisance of itself in our neighborhood for a number of days. We had a plastic garbage can on the deck where I stored black sunflower seeds to feed the birds. The bear evidently smelled the seeds and bit a chunk out of the lid trying to get into the garbage can. When my wife Juanita saw the bear on the deck she grabbed my camera and took a picture through the glass of the slider. It is amazing how good the picture she took was, considering she had never used my camera and the picture was taken through the glass. I'm not sure what happened to the bear. In addition to the bear, we have had several deer come down on our deck and look in through the window.





## Deer Lake Apparel

Bob and Cheryl Schwartz 12

We are returning to our Annual Pancake Feed on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, for those of you who would like to shop in person for embroidered shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, hats, and T shirts. Come see all our items on display in the side room at Pinelow.

For questions and further information please contact **Cheryl Schwartz** at [ForbesC1@msn.com](mailto:ForbesC1@msn.com) or by cell/text at (509) 951-5634.



The big news is our 2022 Annual Summer T-Shirts (see above) have been designed and orders are now being taken.

If you are having a family reunion, group party, or want to make sure we have your size, please reach out to us now.

Children's and Adult sizes up to XL are \$10 each. Larger sizes are available for a few dollars more.

See our postings on Nextdoor Deer Lake and our DLPOA Facebook page.

## Chipper Days Are Here Again

## Skip Wells

We have two Chipper Days this year. The first one is on June 4, 2022 and the Fall one will be on October 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by Deer Lake and Loon Lake Property Owners' Associations and the Stevens County Waste Management Department.

Proceeds go to the those Associations for their specific charities. Last year, ours went to the Loon Lake Food Bank and also helped to purchase equipment for Camp Gifford. A couple of good things about this program—it's close by, and the cost is very reasonable (and will ultimately go to a good cause).

- Saturday, June 4th from 9 a.m.— 3 p.m.
- The location is just north of Baldwin Lumber on Agar Road.
- Typically, a pickup or trailer load is \$10.00.
- Larger units including commercial type vehicles are \$20.00.
- Really Big loads can be \$30.00.
- Brush, branches, pine needles, clean stumps, and leaves are welcome.
- No sawn wood is allowed.



For those who so desire, the June event is the same day as the Loons Day Walk. You will have time to participate in the walk, get nice and warmed up, and then bring your stuff to the pile location.

Yes, we always need volunteers to help unload vehicles. Bring your own pitchforks, rakes, and gloves. We could really use some young folks to help out with this part. Call (509) 979-3260 for more information, or to volunteer.

### Ridlers will perform again for Deer Lake



To celebrate the Fourth of July and Labor Day, the Ridler Piano Barge will do at least two performances on Deer Lake this summer. They will be: Saturday, July 2nd and Saturday, September 3rd.

*(They will play on Loon Lake Friday, July 1st, and Friday, September 2nd)*

They will also be performing in the Children's Parade on July 4th at 10:30, and will perform at the DLPOA hot dog picnic at Pinelow (after the parade).

You can request songs while they are playing or send donations to their Venmo "@the-ridler". Let's all go out and support our local talent!

# Burning Rules for Stevens County

Mike Bucy, Fire Chief

It's that time of year again to review the burning rules for our area. **Any fire MUST be attended to at all times.**

What is seasoned firewood? By definition, "Seasoned wood is wood that has been thoroughly dried for a proper amount of time. It can be wood that has been cut down right on your property, stored in a dried place, and allowed to dry for a minimum of six months." Seasoned firewood burns hot and produces a lot less smoke, ash, and embers.



What about campfires (including "beach fires")? Those campfires must be:

- seasoned firewood or propane-fired.
- 3 feet in diameter
- with a 2 foot flame length
- 25 feet from a structure,
- and 10 feet from adjoining property.



Cold ash should be disposed of properly and not be left to seep into any water source.

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You can be fined up to \$10,000 per day for illegal burning.

The Dept of Ecology has issued fines in the thousands of dollars within our Fire District.

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Burn pits must be for natural yard debris and not exceed 4 feet in diameter and 3 feet in depth. These fires must be



**50 feet** from any structure and must include a close water source for rapid extinguishment, and a screen.



One area that is not covered is burning when it is **windy**. The Fire District, when considering firework permits, considers anything over 15 mph as hazardous—we will not allow fireworks over that wind speed and the same should apply to any type of burning (minus propane fires).

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The Dept. of Ecology (1-866-211-6284, 24-hour) is responsible for illegal burning of non-natural debris. The Dept. of Natural Resources is responsible for burning of natural debris and permitting. The Stevens County Sheriff's office also enforces debris burning and can issue separate fines.



This means no freshly cut timber or branches, no pine needles, pinecones, or leaves. These items produce an excess of smoke and the reason they are not allowed in more densely populated areas.

This is enforceable by the Washington Dept. of Ecology. Putting a hot dog over burning yard debris does not constitute a camp/recreational fire.

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## Burning garbage or construction debris is illegal. This includes:

\*Paper, cardboard, or junk mail



\*Construction debris, lumber, or treated wood (almost all dimensional lumber is treated)



\*Rubber



\*Metal

\*Plastics or petroleum products



\*Asphalt



\*Dead animals



\*Anything that emits toxins or bad odors when burned!

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Also, using a burn barrel, or anything resembling a burn barrel, is illegal. They are illegal statewide and have been for a long time.

A fire in a burn barrel creates toxic smoke that stays low to the ground, and is bad for everyone's health.

**Smoke that comes from a legal fire but causes health and/or living condition issues may also be classified as a "nuisance" and then re-classified as an illegal fire. Most times, if you are asked to put your fire out, fines will not be levied.**

*To report illegal burning or nuisance smoke, call the Stevens County Dispatch (509-684-2555, non-emergency).*

# STEVENS COUNTY ACCEPTED RECYCLABLES

## CORRUGATED

**CORRUGATED  
CARDBOARD ONLY**

- WE DO NOT ACCEPT**
- BEER/ SODA/ TISSUE BOXES
  - PIZZA / CEREAL BOXES
  - WAXY TAKEOUT BOXES
  - EGG CARTONS

## MIXED PAPER

**NO SHREDDED PAPER**

- MIXED PAPER CONSISTS OF**
- NEWSPAPER
  - PRINTER PAPER
  - MAGAZINES
  - PHONE BOOKS

## ALUMINUM CANS

**PLEASE DON'T CRUSH**

- WE ACCEPT ALL THE FOLLOWING**
- SODA CANS
  - BEER CANS
  - ENERGY DRINK CANS
  - TUNA / SARDINE CANS

## MILK JUGS

**HDPE #2 NATURAL**

- WE DO NOT ACCEPT**
- WATER BOTTLES
  - JUICE BOTTLES
  - COLORED JUGS
  - LAUNDRY DETERGENT JUGS

## TIN CANS

**PLEASE REMOVE LIDS**

MAKE SURE TO WASH OUT  
CANS OF OLD FOOD AND  
REMOVE THE LID BEFORE  
RECYCLING



# CORRUGATED CARDBOARD VS OTHER CARDBOARD

## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD



**CORRUGATED  
CARDBOARD IS A MORE  
DURABLE CARDBOARD  
THAT HAS AN EXTRA  
LAYER OF WAVY FIBER IN  
BETWEEN TWO SHEETS**



**THIS KIND OF  
CARDBOARD IS BEST TO  
RECYCLE BECAUSE IT'S  
MADE INTO ITEMS LIKE  
PAPER TOWELS OR MORE  
BOXES**



- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD IS:**
- SINGLE PHASE
  - SINGLE WALL
  - DOUBLE WALL
  - TRIPPLE WALL

## NON-CORRUGATED



**LOTS OF BOXES ARE MADE  
OUT OF PAPERBOARD AND  
ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

**SOME OF THOSE INCLUDE :**

- BEER BOXES
- SODA BOXES
- TISSUE BOXES
- CEREAL BOXES
- GIFT BOXES
- BAKERS BOXES



**WAXY TAKEOUT BOXES  
AND PIZZA BOXES ARE  
NOT CORRUGATED OR  
ACCEPTED**



**EGG CARTONS ARE  
NOT CORRUGATED  
OR ACCEPTED**

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, CALL (509)738-6106

# HAZARDOUS WASTE OR GARBAGE?

HAZARDOUS WASTE	GARBAGE
<p><b>HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BLEACH</li> <li>• AMMONIA</li> <li>• DRAIN CLEANER</li> <li>• TOILET BOWL CLEANER</li> </ul>	<p><b>HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AA, AAA, AAAA</li> <li>• C, D,</li> <li>• 9- VOLT</li> </ul>
<p><b>PAINT MUST BE:</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEALED (NOT LEAKING)</li> <li>• LABELED</li> <li>• 1/4 OR MORE FULL</li> </ul> <p>IF NOT, IT CAN GO IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD TRASH</p>	<p><b>DISPOSING COOKING OIL</b></p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.ALLOW TO SOLIDIFY</li> <li>2. IF IT CAN'T SOLIDIFY MIX IN DIRT/ SAWDUST TO DO SO</li> <li>3.SCAPE INTO A DISPOSABLE CONTAINER WITH SEAL / LID</li> <li>4.THROW IT IN THE TRASH</li> </ol>
<p><b>HAZARDOUS LIQUIDS</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOLVENTS</li> <li>• PAINT THINNERS</li> <li>• GASOLINE</li> <li>• DIESEL</li> </ul>	<p><b>TRASH PAINT:</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPRAY PAINT CANS (REMOVE THE NOZZLE)</li> <li>• ART &amp; CRAFT PAINTS</li> <li>• GLUE / ADHESIVES</li> </ul>

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL (509)738-6106

# AMERICAN FLAG DISPOSAL

**DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR OLD FLAG,  
HAVE IT PROPERLY DISPOSED OF.  
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.  
CALL ASH COMER @ (509)680-2770**

# STEVENS COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSURES



2022

<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY, 01/01/2022</b>
<b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	<b>MONDAY, 02/21/2022</b>
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>MONDAY, 05/30/2022</b>
<b>JUNETEENTH</b>	<b>SUNDAY, 06/19/2022</b>
<b>FOURTH OF JULY</b>	<b>MONDAY, 07/04/2022</b>
<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>MONDAY, 09/05/2022</b>
<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 11/11/2022</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>THURSDAY, 11/24/2022</b>
<b>DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 11/25/2022</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>SUNDAY, 12/25/2022</b>

**FACILITIES ARE ONLY CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS LISTED ABOVE AND ONLY WHEN THEY LAND ON A DAY OF OPERATION.  
(TUESDAY-SATURDAY)**



# STEVENS COUNTY SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

## LANDFILL

TUESDAY - SATURDAY  
8 AM - 4 PM

LOCATED AT:  
1257 LANDFILL RD,  
KETTLE FALLS, WA  
(509)738-6937

## SOUTH COUNTY

WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY  
8 AM - 4 PM

LOCATED AT:  
3724 GROUSE CREEK RD,  
LOON LAKE, WA  
(509)233-8941

## RECYCLE CENTER

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
8 AM - 4 PM

LOCATED AT:  
130 N LINCOLN STREET,  
COLVILLE WA  
(509)684-3447

## NORTHPORT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
8 AM - 4 PM

LOCATED AT:  
4172 HIGHWAY 25 NORTH  
NORTHPORT, WA  
(509)732-8837

## HUNTERS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
8 AM - 4 PM

LOCATED AT:  
5290 HIGHWAY 25  
SOUTH HUNTERS, WA  
(509)722-3599

## PARK RAPIDS

FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
8 AM - 4 PM

LOCATED AT:  
1394 HIGHWAY 20 EAST  
COLVILLE, WA  
(509)732-8837

# RECYCLING EVENTS 2022

HOSTED BY STEVENS COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE

## CHIPPER DAY SUNCREST

SATURDAY 4/30/2022  
SATURDAY 5/21/2022  
8AM-3PM

6444 WASHINGTON HWY 291  
NINE MILE FALLS, WA  
99026

## CHIPPER DAY LOON LAKE

SATURDAY 06/04/2022  
SATURDAY 10/08/2022  
9AM-3PM

Located next to Baldwin  
Building Materials on  
Agar Rd, Loon Lake,  
WA 99148

SUNDAY 04/24/2022  
SUNDAY 10/02/2022  
8AM-4PM

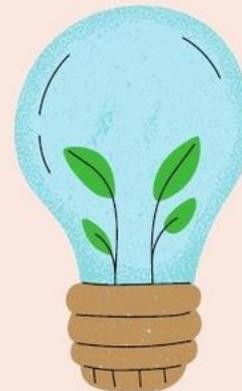
1257 LANDFILL RD,  
KETTLE FALLS, WA  
99114

## FREE METALS DAY



IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS,  
CALL (509)738-6106

# FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS



UP TO 9 PER DAY ACCEPTED AT

COLVILLE DO IT CENTER  
984 S MAIN ST,  
COLVILLE, WA 99114

OR  
SEY'S ACE HARDWARE  
301 E MAIN AVE,  
CHEWELAH, WA 99109

