

Ohop Lake Improvement Club

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Owners & Residents:

Welcome Ohop Lake residents and welcome to new owners receiving our newsletter for the first time! The Ohop Lake Improvement Club (OLIC) has been in existence since the 1960's on behalf of lakefront property owners, anglers, and users of the public boat ramp. We monitor lake health and have contracted for treatment of various invasive plants. We also organize events and activities, including our annual 4th of July fireworks show. Important information is emailed to owners throughout the year and we meet annually. As a non-profit, our group needs volunteers to help maintain the health of our lake and organize community events.

2020 has been about as unexpected as it comes for most of us. Some of you may have chosen to spend most of your quarantine days out at the lake. Hopefully as the summer begins we will experience fewer restrictions. Nonetheless, we hope to see everyone out and enjoying the lake this summer.

Annual Meeting Update

COVID-19 Causes Meeting Date Change

Our annual meeting, normally held in June, has been delayed due to Covid restrictions and pushed to September 19, 2020 at the Eatonville Community Center. Topics will include an upcoming Department of Fish & Wildlife research project for this next year on



Upcoming Events

4th of July

Annual Fireworks Show on Saturday July 4th

A raffle being planned for the 4th. Details coming soon.

September 19

OLIC Annual Meeting 10:00a
Eatonville Community Center
305 Center Street W
Eatonville, WA 98328

In the Community

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Poker Run? Volleyball Game? Progressive Dinner with a Twist? Have another great community activity or fundraising idea?

Volunteers are always needed for our various committees and fundraising efforts. Please consider getting involved.

Check out the website for committee information or come to the annual meeting and meet the committee

our lake, discussion of lake health and weed treatment options, and reports from our existing committees. As a property owner on the lake, we need your feedback on overall lake management and activities.

Want to have a voice in decision-making? We also plan to elect new officers for our Board. If you are interested in running for a board position, please contact the OLIC Secretary at Ohoplake.OLIC@gmail.com so your name can be added to the ballot. This is a fun way to become involved with your community and get to know your neighbors. Positions are three year terms and any member in good standing is eligible, even if you are new to the lake.

Committee Updates

Fireworks/Activities – Tom Taylor, Chair (253) 770-4299

We are excited to announce that this summer's fireworks show will be on Saturday, July 4th! As you know, this wonderful tradition takes money and volunteers. We have a Go Fund Me link for those who desire to donate via debit/credit: <http://gofundme.com/f/ohop-lake-fireworks-show-2020> Look for additional fundraising announcements throughout the summer and fall. Your donations support the level of show offered. We hope to continue with the raffle, the poker run, the Fall BBQ and other social activities. Also, we need volunteers to help with these efforts. There are many moving parts and any amount of time that you can contribute, large or small, would be much appreciated. Please contact Tom Taylor at Multipleventures@comcast.net, to lend a hand! More to follow in the coming months. Check the website and Facebook pages for updates.

Safety – Brian Dixon, Chair Ohoplake.OLIC@gmail.com

The Safety Committee is pleased to share that we were able to successfully work with Pierce County to have the electronic speed limit signs installed along Orville Rd. As you may have noticed these signs are not permanent. They are shared signs with other communities and on a two week rotation. Most will agree, when these signs are up, speeds are reduced drastically. We are looking on ways to expand on this program.

If you have ideas to improve on the safety of our community please share them.

As crime continues to be an issue in our area, please remember to do what you can to secure your belongings. If you are a victim of theft, be sure to file a report with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and please share any information you may have on the Ohop Lake Residence Facebook page.

Dues

We are asking those who submit dues at the annual meeting to please pay now.

The delay of receiving dues impacts the ability of the board to conduct business.

Dues are \$35 dollars and can be submitted with the attached form.

Thanks for Understanding!

Fish and Wildlife

Another impact of COVID-19 was the delay of a fish study by WDFW. This last spring, WDFW had planned to cover the lake with transponder buoys. You may have seen a few of these earlier in the year as they were calibrating their equipment.

The buoys will be a maximum of 100 yards apart covering most of the lake. A significant number of the stocked fish will be implanted with RFID chips that talk to the transponders. This research will help WDFD figure out where the fish are actually going, where they stay and ultimately which fish are the best to plant to support the best fishing possible on Ohop Lake and adjoining waters.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions this project was delayed until next year so expect to see lots of Buoys come spring time.

One last piece of good news is that Ohop was stocked again this year!

Final Note

The Ohop Lake Improvement Club works best with a large membership. Please invite and encourage your neighbors to join the club and let us know if you are willing to help with anything. It is important that we work together to support these goals that have been in place since original adoption of our OLIC bylaws back in 1967. Plan to volunteer your time, donate to our activities, and pay your dues so that we can continue maintain our purpose for generations, new and old, to continue to enjoy Ohop Lake.

OLIC Purpose Statement

(Article II, OLIC Bylaws)

The purposes for which the OLIC is formed are to maintain and improve Ohop Lake, with view of rendering Ohop Lake and the adjoining lands more amenable to and conducive to the education and inhabitants of these lands and their children in swimming and all other aquatic arts and sciences, and to render these lands and lake more pleasurable and conducive to social intercourse, and to promote scientifically and propagation of fish in said water and do all things reasonable, necessary, or appropriate to achieving of the above ends.

Ohop Lake Improvement Club Annual Dues Statement

Attach this form with your check in the amount of:

- **\$35 annual dues, plus**
- **Fireworks contribution (no limit on contributions)***

**The preferred payment method for fireworks contribution is by check.*

Mail to:

**Ohop Lake Improvement Club, Inc.
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*****IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS BY MAIL, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES) TO RECEIVE ALL NEWS & ACTIVITY UPDATES.**

Please update any changes from last year.

Name		
Mailing Address		
Lake Address/Lot #		
Phone Number		
Email Address(es) (REQUIRED for news & activities updates)		
	Fireworks Contribution \$	Annual Dues (\$35/tax lot) \$

If paying with one check, indicate amount contributing toward fireworks fund. We need to track them separately from annual dues for accounting purposes.

