

Ohop Lake Improvement Club

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www.ohoplake.org

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.

Your OLIC Board Members have been hard at work and embracing a host of changes while we were all in quarantine. Our newly formed Ohop Lake Weed Control District Board was established to meet the requirements of our annual State audit. We hope to have you all join us at our annual meeting on September 11 so we can share more about our progress on this and other developments.

We are sending out this years' newsletter via snail mail for a last time in the hope of soliciting all the residents to be a part of our lake organization and participate. As in the past, all future communications will be sent via email. So please fill out your dues receipt, contribute to our fireworks show, and update your email address for future activities.



Upcoming Events

Fireworks Show

Annual Fireworks Show on
Saturday July 3 – 10:00p

September 11

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 chairs and board members.

Annual Meeting Update

COVID-19 Causes Meeting Date Change

Our annual meeting, normally held in June, was cancelled last year and delayed again this year due to Covid restrictions. With those restrictions now being lifted, we have pushed our meeting to September 11, 2021 10:00a at the Eatonville Community Center. Topics will include a hopeful update on the Department of Fish & Wildlife research project taking place currently on the lake, discussion of lake health and weed treatment options, financial updates and reports from our new and existing committees. As a property owner on the lake, we need your feedback on overall lake management and activities.

We also plan to elect new officers for our Board at the time of the meeting. Please consider being a board member. If you are interested in running for a board position, please contact us 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. We generally meet four times per year.

Committee Updates

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

The Ohop Fireworks show is fast approaching on Saturday, July 3! We expect another great show this year, to rival last year's event. It really is a fun time to be at the lake.

Rob and Allison Meines have been busy securing our t-shirt order. A big thanks to those who submitted designs for this year's contest! Sue Middleton submitted the winning t-shirt design. Ava Wadleigh submitted the awesome Popsicle art. Look for Rob and Allison's party barge cruising the lake with shirts for sale. Here is some more information from Rob:

The t-shirt is a tri-blend fabric that is light, moisture wicking, soft and does not shrink. This is similar to what most of the athletic teams are currently selling. The racerback tanks are similar. The hoodies are a little heavier than the t-shirts, but not a fall/winter heavy cotton either. T-shirts and racerback tanks will cost \$25 and the hoodies will be \$40. 100 percent of the profits go to help fund the fireworks show.

You can place an early order by sending them to OHOPfireworks@gmail.com. You will pay for early orders when your shirts are dropped off. We will also be traveling the lake on June 26 and July 3 selling them. Adult sizes are available in S through 2XL. We have a limited number of youth size t-shirts in medium and large.

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!

Additionally, Shannon Becker set up the Go Fund Me site for this year's show:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/ohop-lake-fireworks-show-](https://www.gofundme.com/f/ohop-lake-fireworks-show-2021?qid=086e4edc2dafc8e64ba65cf7cc76bef3)

[2021?qid=086e4edc2dafc8e64ba65cf7cc76bef3](https://www.gofundme.com/f/ohop-lake-fireworks-show-2021?qid=086e4edc2dafc8e64ba65cf7cc76bef3). If you donate through the site, there are no fees.

However, you will be asked if you would like to leave a tip/donation to Go Fund Me, but that is your choice. Donations can also be sent directly to our treasurer. See <http://www.ohoplake.org/> for more info. We appreciate all your donations and support to put on the show. Costs are increasing every year as you might imagine and without your monetary support, the show will not go on.

The day of the show, we will also have the annual 50/50 raffle. Look for the boat(s) cruising the lake for raffle ticket sales. This is one of our largest fundraisers and a great opportunity to win some \$\$ and have a little fun! If you are willing to help with the sales (we need more folks to help sell tickets!), please text Tom Taylor at 253-579-4483.

This year, we were saddened to lose Erv Krause, an Ohop legend. To honor Erv, Karen Leming is organizing a boat parade for July 3. Let's make it a great turnout! All boats, decorated or not, are welcome! See Karen's comments below.

For those of you who do not own an ERV'S boat, you may not know the history and significance of his boats and Ohop Lake. Erv's love of fishing and the lake brought him to Ohop Lake in 1960. He had built the first pontoon in 1959 as a way for disabled and elderly to still get out on the water and fish. He began building pontoon boats at Erv's Boats in Eatonville before retirement and built many boats over the years. You can see many of his boats on Ohop Lake and other surrounding lakes. Erv loved Ohop Lake and loved the July 4th activities. We want to honor him with a tribute boat parade (July 3rd) to include Erv's boats as well as other boats. This will not be the time to throw water balloons but, if someone else wants to organize that, feel free to do so as a separate event. We will gather at the boat launch area at 3:45 p.m. and line up with the ERV boats hopefully in the front of the parade. We plan to start at 4 p.m. The lead boat will have Shawn, our Ohop bagpiper, playing tunes as we cruise to where ERV's family will be. Following our visit with family, we will then cruise past the rest of the cabins and then depart towards our own destinations. I have no idea how many ERV'S boats there are on the lake, but it would be awesome to see a strong showing from those of you who have one!! Thank you for your time and interest.

Thanks everyone for making Ohop a very special place!

Lake Health – Brad Maddox, Chair (253) 381-4150

A little about Ohop Lake health... In the month of May, the OLIC board put together a committee to begin testing lake health on a monthly basis. We met with Isabel Ragland of the Pierce County Conservation District to be trained and update our lake testing equipment. On May 22, the team gathered onto Bruce Amer's pontoon and tested water clarity, temperature, depth and algae in various areas around the lake. The findings seem to be fairly consistent with previous testing. We then forwarded the results to the conservation district who will collect and analyze the data for us

over the coming months. We hope to share more with you regarding results at the time of our annual meeting.

We will be testing monthly throughout the summer if anyone is interested in joining us. Please feel free to contact me at madharley@hotmail.com for more information. Thanks.

Fish and Wildlife

You all have likely noticed the DFW research buoys throughout the lake that were placed this spring. As mentioned previously, a significant number of stocked fish were 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. This research project remains ongoing and we hope to have an update from our DFW contact, Tara Livingood-Schott, at the time of our annual meeting this fall after when have had a chance to look through the data they will have collected. In the meantime, please avoid the buoys on the lake. If you have questions, you can reach out to:

Tara Livingood-Schott
WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Area Fish Biologist – Pierce County
(360) 628-4223 cell

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.
P.O. Box 566, Eatonville, WA 98328-0566**

*****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.

