

OHOP LAKE IMPROVEMENT CLUB
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2018 Newsletter

Welcome to the **new owners** on Ohop Lake! Twice a year we scan the County Assessor's list to keep our owner records and mailing list updated. We would like our new owners to know that this Newsletter comes from the **OHOP LAKE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (OLIC)**. OLIC has been in existence since 1960's on behalf of lakefront property owners, anglers, and users of the public boat ramp. We monitor lake health and have contracted for treatments of various invasive plants. We e-mail important information to owners. OLIC also seeks volunteers to organize community events.

In the past we have sent out a snail mail Spring Newsletter to those who have not given us an e-mail address. However, beginning 2019, we will only be sending out snail mail **welcome letters** to new property owners on the lake with information about OLIC and how to keep informed. We will continue to send e-mail Newsletters as well as e-mail updates on any information important to owners. The Newsletter will also be posted on the website. So, **now** is the time that you should send us your e-mail. *If there are paid members of OLIC who do not have e-mail OR access to the Internet, we will make an exception and send a printed letter through the mail. You can call Noelle Kimball at 253-677-4398 if you are in this category.

Please send your name, OHOP address & lot number with it. If you have changed your e-mail, don't forget to send us an update! If you are getting this newsletter by mail....., **right now**, send your e-mail address to Noelle Kimball at nikkok@mindspring.com.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE

The OHOP Website is the place where you can get the **latest information** and other information for owners. Just Go To... www.ohoplake.org

Visit the Ohop Lake Residence Page on Facebook.

OLIC ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, June 9, 2018 10:00 A.M.

Eatonville Community Center, 305 Center St. W., Eatonville, WA

There are three Board positions expiring this year. If you are interested in serving as a Board Member, please contact the Nomination Chairman, Bruce Amer at fire17@msn.com. Prospective Board Members must be recorded owners of Ohop Lake property. We always need volunteers for lake health, activities and club administration. Those who volunteer are those who make our community work. Over time volunteers can get worn out...A "fresh supply" of volunteers is needed every year!

If you would like to be involved, this there is an opportunity for you to contribute to our Ohop Community. If you would like to the volunteer opportunities you can contact Bob Kimball at: bob.kimball3@mindspring.com. Look forward to seeing you at the Meeting.

BOAT PARADE

As we promised last year the Boat Parade is canceled due to the dangerous water fights.

As of this date there is no Fireworks Show scheduled.

Community Supported Fireworks is a long Tradition on Ohop Lake. In the last few years donations have not been enough to pay for the show. Also, recently Lonnie Wangen retired from coordinating the show. Therefore, no show was scheduled.

There are a few volunteers that are trying organize fundraising and to schedule a show for June 30. If you can help contact Tom Taylor at multipleventures@comcast.net If it gets scheduled, we will notify our e-mail list and post the information on the website and Facebook.

Other Lake and Club News...

Crime on the Lake

There has not been reports of crime this year.

Always report any unusual activity to the Pierce County Sheriff (Mountain Detachment Office) at the numbers listed below:

- 253-798-4963 office phone
- 9-1-1 Emergency (crimes in progress)
- 253-798-4721 #1 Non-emergency reporting (leave message)

Lake Health

THE PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS LIFTED THE TOXIC ALGAE ALERT AS OF JULY 12, 2017.

This problem is persistent! Do Your part. We have provided information regarding this before in Newsletters and you can find additional information on the Website. But, as everyone should know by now, fertilizers containing phosphorus, failing or non-existent septic systems (outhouses), grey water into the lake, ALL contribute to the nutrients that provide an environment that promotes toxic algae.

If you witness surfacing sewage or pipes discharging sewage or grey water into the lake you can report this directly to the Health Department at 253-798-6440. If you have a system that is failing, there are programs for financial help to make the repair. If you are currently disposing of sewage or grey water in a manner that threatens the lake – there are alternatives and financial help available. There is more information on our website and the Health Department website www.tpchd.org/environment/septic-systems

PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR LAKE HEALTHY!

OLIC was formed to maintain and improve Ohop Lake. Our major project has been controlling weed infestation in the lake. The population of White Water Lily has been almost entirely eradicated. Our fight with Brazilian Elodea goes on; it is being controlled but not eliminated. Lake survey and treatment will occur again this year.

If there are nuisance weeds in front of your property, we can arrange to have them treated for a reasonable cost when the Brazilian Elodea treatment takes place. Contact Mark Silberling at: marknjana@gmail.com.

Dues Reminder

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS!! In 2017, of the 200 plus lots on the lake **only 73 lots** paid their dues last year. The dues cover administrative costs (newsletters, postage, website, insurance etc), and operating costs for social events. Join NOW! \$20 is a small price to pay to foster Community Spirit and be a Watchdog for our Lake! A Reminder, OLIC membership is from Jan. 1 – Dec.31 of a year. You must be current in your dues to vote on any issues at the Annual Meeting. Write your check today and send it in!

Ohop Lake Improvement Club Annual Dues Statement

Attach this form with your check in the amount of:

- \$20 annual dues per lot / tax parcel

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 AN E-MAIL ADDRESS

Please update any changes from last year.

Name			
Mailing Address			
Lake Address/Lot #			
Phone Number			
Email Address			
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