

# Ohop Lake Improvement Club

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## Ohop Lake Owners:

Welcome to all who own property on Ohop Lake and especially all of our new owners who have purchased within the last year. There has been quite a bit of turnover and we hope we can help you get to know a little more about Ohop Lake Improvement Club. In addition to this newsletter, it looks like OLIC will finally, after two years, be able to have our annual meeting again on Saturday, June 11th at 10am.

Ohop Lake Improvement Club was established in the 1960's for the purpose of maintaining and improving Ohop Lake and is open to all individuals who are legal owners of property abutting, or with private access, on Ohop Lake. Those who have paid their annual dues, are considered *members in good standing* and are entitled to one vote per parcel for which the dues have been paid.

Throughout the year, the all-volunteer OLIC Board and Committee Volunteers have been busy with issues involving lake health and testing, scheduling invasive weed control, safety, and organizing events and activities, including the annual 4th of July Fireworks Show, held on the Saturday before the 4th (or on the 4th if it lands on a Saturday).

As an all-volunteer group we are always in need of more help. This year, especially since we have been limited in the ability to meet for over two years, we will be looking for several new Board Members and will also need new volunteers for the organization's committees. Please, give serious consideration to how you may help serve.

*For better unity, help your community! Things get solved if you get involved!*

*Please consider volunteering for the Ohop Lake Improvement Club!*

## Upcoming Events

### OLIC Annual Meeting

Sat., June 11th, 10am  
Eatonville Comm. Center  
305 Center Street W  
Eatonville WA 98328

### Annual Fireworks Show

Sat., July 2nd, at Dusk

## OLIC Membership Dues

Dues for membership to Ohop Lake Improvement Club are \$35.00 per tax lot/per year. If you have not already paid, we have included a Dues Statement. Please pay as soon as possible and we encourage you to do this **before** the annual meeting to prevent a delay in the meeting start time. Thank You!

## ***Please Attend the 2022 OLIC Annual Meeting***

The meeting is on Saturday, June 11th @ 10 am , at the Eatonville Community Center. We hope all owners will attend. We need your input on issues related to Ohop Lake. Topics to be covered will be the election of the OLIC Board, the financial report, as well as issues related to lake health and weed control. Additionally, there will be discussions related to each committee.

If you would like to run for a Board position please contact us at ***Ohoplake.org*** and we can add your name to the ballot. Positions are three-year terms and any member in good standing is eligible, even if you are new to the lake. The Board generally meets 3-4 times per year. It is a great way to be involved and to get to know your Ohop neighbors.

### ***Committee Updates***

#### **Lake Health/Testing, Ellen Hull**

Throughout the 2021 summer months a group of OLIC members religiously met once a month to collect lake health data that was supplied to Isabel Ragland of the Pierce County Conservation District. Isabel had put in decades of work at Pierce County Conservation District and had monitored Ohop Lake throughout her tenure there. She retired this past December. Prior to her departure, she collated the 2021 data supplied to her and provided an in-depth comparison report of recent data to that of the past. If you have not yet read her report, check it out on the OLIC website.

The lake health monitoring group will join together again in May and test through October. We need new members willing to learn and record data so we can capture ongoing lake health. Please reach out and contact us if you are interested.

#### **Safety Committee, Sheryl White, Chair**

Volunteers are wanted to participate on the OLIC Safety Committee. It would be great to get at least four lot owner volunteers representative of all areas (North, South, East, and West) on Ohop Lake I am located at the very South West corner of the lake, next to the boat launch.

Bring your concerns and ideas for improvement opportunities regarding Safety on Ohop Lake and the surrounding streets in our community. I will provide my home, on the lake, and snacks for the meetings! I look forward to meeting with you and facilitating this activity. Note: Meeting dates and schedule to be determined by the Safety Committee volunteers.

If you are not sure about committing to volunteering for this opportunity, but have a strong interest in Safety on and around Ohop Lake, please feel free to join in for our first meeting. (Schedule to be established with volunteer input.) Kind Regards, Sheryl White

If interested, please call or text me at ***(360) 304-3608***.

## ***More...Committee Updates***

### **Fireworks/Activities, Tom Taylor, Chair**

The 2022 Ohop Fireworks Show is fast approaching! Per tradition, this year's show will be held on the Saturday prior to the 4th (except for those years where the 4th occurs on a Saturday) which is July 2nd this year. The show will start at dusk (around 10 pm). The Ohop "4th" is always an exciting day for our lake.

As you can imagine, with inflation and supply chain issues, the cost of the show has gone up significantly. The good news is that we are fully funded for this year's show. The challenge going forward will be the need to keep our focus on fundraising to support future events. To this end, we typically have a 50/50 raffle the day of the show and also a poker run on Labor Day, both fun social events on the lake. The plan is to also set up a Go Fund Me page.

This year, we will need individuals to step up and lead those events, along with other fundraisers. **To ensure enough funds for a down payment for the 2023 show, fundraising will need to occur this summer and fall. Right now, we do not have leaders for our fundraising, or overall coordination, which means we will not be in a position to put on a show for next year, 2023.** Other than the fireworks, no other events (Parade, BBQ, T-Shirts) are planned for the 2nd, unless volunteers step forward.

Finally, this is the last year I plan to organize the fireworks show. I am looking for a volunteer to step forward. I'll help "mentor". The reality is, it's pretty easy! Hopefully the tradition can continue as the event really brings our community together. Also, there is a ton of opportunity to do more social events, BBQ's, etc., in coordination with fundraising. We just need some new folks and energy.

Here is what we need to continue the show (and new approaches are welcome):

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| 1) Overall coordinator/"head pyro"              | 4) Raffle coordinator   |
| 2) Poker run coordinator                        | 5) T-shirt coordinator? |
| 3) Go Fund Me and other fundraising coordinator |                         |

If you are interested in volunteering, please text me at **253-579-4483** or drop a note to my wife, Karen Taylor, on the Ohop FB page. We will have more updates at the June annual meeting.

I want to thank our team of fireworks volunteers - all of them make the show possible!

Finally, it has been rewarding for me to be part of this activity and I'm sure it will be for those of you who decide to volunteer. It is a great way to meet fellow lake homeowners. See you all this summer!

### **HELP NEEDED**

**OLIC** is an all-volunteer organization. Without the help of community members we would not be able to function. Please consider making our Ohop community stronger by volunteering for one of the opportunities listed below.

**Board Members:** There will be several Board of Trustee positions open this year. Due to our inability to have our annual meetings the past two years, all 9 Board positions will be up for election .

To provide experience and continuity, a few of the current Board Members have indicated they would be willing to serve again if elected.

In addition to holding the Annual Meeting, the Board conducts the business of the organization through their 3-4 additional board meetings during the year.

**Committee Members:** Looking for a fun way to get involved and meet neighbors? Several active OLIC committees are seeking new members.

If you have an interest in :

- Lake Testing/Health
- Safety
- Fireworks/Activities

### **WE CAN ALL DO OUR PART TO**

#### **Keep Our Lake Healthy** (ecology.wa.gov)

- *Maintain your septic system*
- *Manage Waterfowl*
- *Use recommended landscape practices*
- *Control runoff and soil erosion*
- *Reduce or eliminate use of fertilizers*
- *Properly dispose of pet wastes*
- *Wash vehicles away from the lake*
- *Reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides*

#### **Water Quality:**

Goose droppings can pollute ponds, lakes, and streams. On average, one goose produces a pound of droppings per day. The goose feces can result in elevated bacteria and nutrient levels, which can contribute to excessive algae growth and closure of public swimming areas.

Geese are susceptible to the same bacterial infections that affect other birds, such as *Salmonella*, *E-coli*, and Listeria, and can transmit these bacteria to humans through their feces. Additionally, geese can carry the strain of bird flu which can infect humans. Geese can also carry parasites like *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* which can be passed to humans who come into contact with water contaminated with goose feces. So, please refrain from sweeping goose droppings off your dock, deck or beach into the lake out of respect for your neighbors and the overall health and water quality of the lake.

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