FISHING SEASON OPENS
April 28th, 2018 (4th Saturday in April)

WASHINGTON FREE FISHING WEEKEND
June 9-10, 2018

BOATING SAFETY CLASS
April 28th or the 29th
Fire Station Hwy @ 0830
Call Charlie Schaefer to register
(509)447-2279

LAKE CLEAN-UP
A tentative date, Saturday, June 23rd to perform a clean-up of the roads around the lake. Time to be determined.
Please come join us at the Diamond Lake Fire Station to pick-up safety vests, trash bags, and get assigned areas.
Afterward, join us for a social. Details will be provided later.

ALL LAKE GARAGE SALE
June 23rd If you are not holding your own garage sale--- Donate to FDLWF! Call Robin Gelhausen at 509-710-8433 to coordinate a drop before June 10th.

FDLWF BOARD MEETING
The board meets the second Tuesday of every month April to November.
Annual meeting August 19, 2018. Meeting will be held at Carbon Lodge. Time to be determined.
From the Friends of Diamond Lake Washington Foundation

Springtime is the launch of so many exciting things at the lake! After a long winter season, we are all very ready for warmer weather and sunshine. Speaking of exciting things, FDLWF is pleased to announce that we have commenced with our Diamond Lake Boat Launch Project. As most of you know, this project has been in the works for many years. It is a huge step forward in our efforts to keep our lake clean and free of AIS (aquatic invasive species). We’ve received donations from many people on and around Diamond Lake in order to fund this project. To all of you who have donated, thank you very much for recognizing the importance of taking action now to protect our lake for generations to come. Our private inspection station for AIS will be the very first of its kind on the east side of Washington State. We are creating a single, full service RV site. This beautiful lakefront location will be available to be occupied by a volunteer RV host(s), in exchange for carrying out AIS inspections of incoming vessels. We hope to be finished with the project by the opening day of fishing season. Contact presdiamondlake@gmail.net if you are interested in being a volunteer RV host. Marc Davis, owner of 3-D Enterprises, Inc. is the contractor for the project. Along with Marc, Northern Lights Electrical, Diamond Lake Water and Sewer, Pend Oreille County PUD, and last, but certainly not least, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife have all worked with us to make this project possible and successful. We would like to give a special shout-out to Dave from Diamond Lake Water and Sewer for all of his extra help and support.

Save the Date!

On Saturday, June 23rd, FDLWF will hold our annual “Diamond Lake Clean Up and Social Hour”. Plan to meet at the Diamond Lake Fire Station to pick up safety vests, trash bags, gloves, and to get assigned to a specific area to clean up. Afterwards, you can join us for a social hour with food and beverages provided. The Foundation Board of Directors will be there to share ideas and meet other “Friends of Diamond Lake” It’s a great way to meet your lake neighbors and to keep the roadways around the lake free of trash.

4th of July!

We are sincerely hoping to have our Annual Diamond Lake Fireworks Display on the evening of July 4th. This display is entirely payed for by donations from our community. At the time of this writing, we are not fully funded for this event. We have high hopes that we will be able to carry on this wonderful community tradition. Please visit our website, https://friendsofdiamondlake.net/, or send a check to PO Box 889 Newport, WA 99156, to donate. If we don’t receive adequate funding to pay for the show this year, the monies will stay in the fireworks fund and will carry over to 2019.

We hope that this long awaited spring season is safe and fun-filled for everyone!
The new facilities at the boat ramp will supply water and electricity to our lake hosts.

Advertising for lake hosts to camp at the boat ramp for boat inspections has been underway as a measure to prevent invasive species from populating our lake waters. These volunteers should be on the job first day of open fishing season.
Julie, mother to 8 month old Charlotte, who was diagnosed with cancer shared the following, “The Ronald McDonald House has been a place of rest and therapy for our family to be together while Charlotte battles Neuroblastoma. The house has also been a place that has given us strength through others. We have met many other people who are also in difficult situations. We have shared positives with each other and lots of hugs and tears when things are rough. We really appreciate the volunteers and the staff for the safety, comfort and care we are receiving. I can’t stress how much the meals have been a blessing and is something that has taken a big burden off of me. Thank you for everything you are doing for us.”

Diamond Lake homeowner, Julie Delaney, has spent the past 17 years working for non profits in the region. She is also a current board member for the Friends of Diamond Lake Washington Foundation. Currently Julie is the Director of Marketing and Communications for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest. We asked Julie to share with us a little about the Ronald McDonald House and the impact that they are making in the region.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Inland Northwest has been serving the region for the past 30 years. Our mission is to keep families close together while they are seeking medical treatment for their critically ill or injured children at a local hospital. “The Ronald McDonald House in Spokane has 22 rooms, which are consistently full, with a waiting list. Staying at the house provides these families with the comforts of a home (a room with 2 queen beds and a private bathroom, kitchen, laundry, living room, playroom, outdoor courtyard and playground) along with the community of others who are walking through similar situations. The support the families find in each other is an important part of their journey and healing process” states Julie Delaney, Director of Marketing and Communications.

As we look ahead to our next decade there are numerous opportunities to serve more families. A Ronald McDonald Family Room will open at Deaconess Hospital for parents with premature infants in the hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. This family room, like the one at Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital will serve over fifty parents a day and provide overnight accommodations for up to nine family members. Also in June, ground breaking will occur for a Ronald McDonald House on the campus of Kootenai Health in Coeur d’Alene. Last year a family breakroom was established for the Kootenai Health NICU. These are just some of the ways that RMHC will serve more families over upcoming years.

Community support is crucial to the success of our mission and desire to serve more families. There are many ways to get involved and show your support! You can sign up to make a meal for the families, volunteer in the house, become an event volunteer, purchase items from our monthly Wishlist, or make a financial donation. For details or additional information please call 509-624-0500 or visit our website www.rmhcinlandnw.org.
**Fish Pen**

Contact FDLWF to participate in managing the lakes fish pen. We need you!

Many thanks to those currently involved in managing and raising our fish!

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**Raise and Release**

This year there were 12,500 fish raised in the Diamond Lake fish pen, these fish were released on 4/14/18.

The WDFW will be releasing:
- 16,000 Brown Trout in April classified as Put, Grow & Take. (April release)
- 200 Jumbo Rainbow Trout (April release)
- 15,000 Triploid Rainbow Trout (April Release)

**Put, Grow & Take:** Trout that have been reared at WDFW facilities and are 2.6 to 10 fish per pound in size.

**Jumbos:** Trout that have been reared at WDFW facilities that weigh 1 pound or more each. Note: includes brood fish.

**Triploids:** Triploid trout that have been purchased by the WDFW. Each fish weighs about 1.5 pounds.

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**HIGH WATER?**

**LAKE LEVEL ASSESSED**

The lake level measured on April 3rd was at **2342.30**. By comparison, the level was at 2342.53 last year at about that same time. This finding puts the lake level at 2 3/4 inches lower than last year’s reading. Though while newsletter in process, new measure on April 21st determined the level rose to 2342.60 due to the recent rainfall. Homeowners have already been anticipating and working to minimize possible high water damage.
Manresa Grotto

By Faith McClenny

Summer Days will soon be here and along with warm days come visitors from far and wide eager for a bit of adventure, something different and a story. How about a visit to a cave on the side of the cliff a few miles north of Newport?

Walk up the narrow winding path into the dark cavernous openings on the side of rocky cliff beside the LeClerc Creek Road. Step inside. The air is cool. It is quiet. It seems you are in a timeless place. You can almost hear the murmur of soft voices, quiet drumming and the melodious words of old hymns. Many years ago, this was the primitive chapel of the St. Ignatius Mission. Later the caves were named the Manresa Grotto after a grotto in Spain.

For years devoted Catholic missionaries ministered to the Kalispel Tribe.

In 1841, Father Jean Pierre DeSmet, met members of the tribe. He was impressed by their honesty, generosity and kindness. He directed Father Adrian Hoecken to establish a mission among the Kalispels.

For almost ten years the Jesuits taught and ministered to the Indians. They built houses, farm buildings and a beautiful chapel. They cleared 160 acres of land and were taught to plant crops and gardens. Father De Smet and Father Hoecken hoped the Kalispels would be self-supporting and would embrace a settled life. However, things did not go well and during the early 1850s the Indians almost starved because of poor crops and depletion of game. They became restless and discouraged. In 1854 devastating high water flooded the land and washed away the mission buildings.

The Jesuits felt the tribe should move to Montana south of Flathead Lake and establish a new St Ignatius Mission. The Kalispels were torn with the idea of leaving their ancestral home and hunting areas. About 200 followed the priests but most gradually returned to their old home.

---For further information check with the Kalispel Tribe----