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# Friends of Diamond Lake Washington Foundation

June 2021



## Upcoming Events

- Annual Road Cleanup: **Saturday, June 26, 2021**, at **5962 Northshore Rd** beginning at **9:00 AM**.
- Annual Ice Cream Social: **Saturday, June 26, 2021**, at **5962 Northshore Rd** beginning at **1:00 PM**.
- Fireworks Show: **Sunday, July 4, 2021** beginning at **10 PM**.
- Annual Meeting: **Saturday, August 21, 2021**. More details to come.

## President's Message

Welcome to the beginning of summer at the lake! It's nice to see all the ducklings and goslings on the lake joining our neighbors out fishing. The brisk water temperatures have not dissuaded a few of our neighbors' children from dipping their toes in. It has also enticed others to go out and enjoy water sports—paddleboarding, kayaking, water skiing, wakeboarding, and jet skiing to name a few. On that

note, our website has updated and improved its photo-sharing capacity so if you have taken a couple of photos of your enjoyment of the lake, please take a minute to upload them to the website to share your fun adventures with others!

I'll take this opportunity to ask you to help us all take care of our lake by checking your boats and watercraft for any milfoil or other invasive species before launching or re-launching into our lake and asking your friends and guests to do the same. Our lake host, Jenny, and her partner are again at the boat launch inspecting boats most days of the week.

However, we do ask people to inspect their own boats on days/times that she is not there. In an effort to maintain the beauty of our lake and its surroundings, the road clean-up will be held on June 26th at 9 o'clock. Dan and Paula Holman have offered to host the road clean-up information/supply tables at their garage at 5962 Northshore Road. The ice cream social will also be held there following the road clean-up at 1 o'clock. I hope to see you there! And finally, I ask if you have not donated to the FDLW Foundation, please take a moment to go to the FDLWF website <https://friendsofdiamondlake.net/id-love-to-help/> and donate to the general fund. Most of our activities are funded through the general fund.

Fireworks, as always, are paid for through donations specifically made to the fireworks fund. No money from the general fund or any other funds support the fireworks, so if you enjoy the show, please also consider making an additional donation specifically to the FDLWF fireworks fund.



Thank you so much for being part of our community. I hope to see you on the water!

Paul

## Help Make Magic Happen at Diamond Lake!

There are so many awesome people who live around Diamond Lake! Have you ever thought you would like occasions to get to know more of them? Well, you're not alone! Because there is so much interest in expanding opportunities for good times around the lake, a committee has been started to organize community activities and gatherings. The Good Times Committee is still forming, but some great ideas have already been suggested, such as block parties, wine-tasting, paint-the-lake lesson with a teaching artist, and a parade of homes. Do these sound fun to you, or spark ideas of your own? Would you be willing to help plan and run an activity? Please email Robin Gelhausen at [rwgelhausen@gmail.com](mailto:rwgelhausen@gmail.com). We hope you'll consider helping make the magic happen for the residents and visitors of Diamond Lake.

## Courteous Boating Tips

- When wake surfing, please drive down the center of the lake. The large waves that are created by this fun activity can cause damage to some residents' beaches. Driving down the center of

the lake when wake surfing will help prevent shoreline erosion and dock damage and will be appreciated by your neighbors!

- When possible in busy areas of the lake, please drive counterclockwise in order to reduce congestion.
- When entering bays, please reduce boat speed to 5 mph or less for the safety of swimmers.
- The residents of North Bay dredged their bay a number of years ago. So, in order to maintain the environment that they have created, please drive your boats around the perimeter of the bay rather than down the center.

## Annual Meeting Auction Donations

We are excited to announce that this year we are going to have a silent auction at our annual meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Funds raised will go to the FDLWF into the general fund which covers noxious weed control, boat launch hosting, etc.

### Items we are looking for:

- **Crafted items**
- **Lake decor**
- **Water and lake related items**
- **Sunset cruises**
- **Gourmet food items**

Items must be new, think about items you'd like to bid on and see if that will spur something you can donate. Please contact Robin Gelhausen at 509-710-8433 or email [rwgelhausen@gmail.com](mailto:rwgelhausen@gmail.com) with the type of item you are going to donate by June 25<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have all items collected by August 7<sup>th</sup>.



**\*\*\*Disclaimer\*\*\*** With COVID still in play, there is always a chance we will not be able to have the annual meeting. In the event that we are not able to have a meeting, the items collected will be auctioned off at the 2022 annual meeting.

## Annual Fund Drive Update

If you have already given to the Friends of Diamond Lake Washinton Foundation this year, thank you for your contribution! Your generosity provides FDLWF with the funds to keep Diamond Lake a great resource that allows us to enjoy wildlife, boating, fishing, and so many other activities on and around the lake. To date, you have contributed \$28,780 to FDLWF this year and we have met or nearly met our goals in all categories except one—the general fund. If you have not given yet this year or plan to contribute again, we urge you to designate those contributions to the general fund line that pays for much of the work that needs to be done to keep the lake healthy. Below is the breakdown of the fundraising campaign as of May 24th. (Note: Even though the fireworks goal is not yet met, there are sufficient reserves to fund the fireworks display for July 4th. The show will go on!)

Budget Item	2021 Goal	Donations to Date	Donations Versus Goals
<b>General Fund:</b> Pays for aquatic invasive species control, boat launch inspections, streetlights, and operating expenses.	<b>\$27,800</b>	19,850	(7950)
<b>Fireworks:</b> Only used to pay for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display	<b>7,000</b>	\$6400	(600)
<b>Fish Pen:</b> Funds expenses for the FDLWF fish pen.	<b>200</b>	\$1,205	1005
<b>Scouts:</b> Anticipated donations to FDLWFdesignated for donation to Camp Cowles.	<b>500</b>	\$340	(160)
<b>Fire Department:</b> Anticipated donations to FDLWF designated for donation to DL Station #31.	<b>1000</b>	\$985	(15)
<b>Total FDLWF Fund goals</b>	<b>\$36,500</b>	<b>28,780</b>	<b>(7720)</b>

The donations committee has also established goals for non-resident donations (25) and for the Brown family endowment (\$5000). Please urge family and friends to become part of FDLWF by donating to the organization and consider a separate donation to the endowment that, eventually, will provide a steady stream of income. As always, donation information and the link to the Brown endowment are found on the website at [I'd love to help – Friends of Diamond Lake Washington Foundation](https://friendsofdiamondlake.net/id-love-to-help/) <https://friendsofdiamondlake.net/id-love-to-help/>.

Again, thank you for your loyal support through your contributions to FDLWF.

## Website Update

The Friends of Diamond Lake Washington Foundation website has a newly updated photo upload feature! Please upload any photos you wish to share with the community and they will be featured on our website. Photos of any era are welcome as long as they were taken at Diamond Lake.

## SHARE YOUR FUN WITH OTHERS!

We recently added a feature where you can share photos you've taken at Diamond Lake so they can be enjoyed by others viewing this website. We would love to include your photos!

 [UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS HERE](#)

 [VIEW ALL PHOTOS](#)

