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Friends of Diamond Lake Washington Foundation

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Upcoming Events

- Annual Meeting and Silent Auction: **Saturday, August 21, 2021 Carbon Lodge**
 - Silent Auction starts at 8:00 am
 - Annual Meeting starts at 9:00 am
 - COVID-19:
 - Per state guidance, **all attendees who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear masks for the meeting's duration.** Masks will be available.
 - If you are feeling ill or in the last two weeks have been around others who felt ill, please stay home to protect our community. We will email a recap to everyone after the meeting.
 - Please keep in mind that COVID-19 guidance is evolving. The FDLWF will follow all applicable guidance from state and local health officials, so there may be changes at the time of the meeting.

President's Message

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is able to enjoy our beautiful lake now that the warm summer days and cooler nights have returned. Whether you are involved in water sports or simply soaking in our refreshing waters, Diamond Lake is a beautiful place to be.

In the spirit of keeping Diamond Lake beautiful, the road clean up was a huge success this year. We had a ton of new faces join in with the usual group of suspects to pick up trash along our road ways. While only 120 lbs of trash was collected and taken to the dump, I know many people took the trash they collected and dropped it into their own garbage cans. Thank you to everyone who participated! The ice cream social was also well attended with many folks enjoying frozen treats after the road clean up. Thank you to Paula and Dan Holman for the use of their garage and for coordinating these activities. Also, huge thank you to Jeff and his crew for a spectacular 4th of July show! Jeff has been coordinating the show and working with his team and the pyrotechnics company to keep the shows safe and running for over 20 years! After his long tenure as manager of the 4th of July festivities, Jeff would like to begin mentoring someone to take over parts of this program. So if you or someone you know would like to be involved in this long running tradition and would like to be a part of taking it into the future, please contact Jeff at friendsofdiamondlakewa@gmail.com.

Finally, our Annual Meeting will take place Saturday, August 21st at Carbon Lodge. Doors open at 8:00 am where coffee, juice, and doughnuts will be available. A silent auction with many handcrafted and interesting items will begin at 8:00 am as well. The silent auction will close at the end of the meeting. The meeting begins promptly at 9:00 am please join us, we look forward to meeting you!

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

Paul

Bears!

We are having some issues in northeast Washington regarding bears being too close to human populations, and a lot of it is a result of human actions. For people who live in bear country, we ask that they put their garbage cans in outbuildings if possible, don't feed pets outside (or put away food bowls and food after pets are done eating), put away bird feeders if you know there are bears passing through the area, and don't feed wildlife. We understand that many people enjoy feeding wildlife as they like to both watch the animals and feel that they are helping them, but feeding smaller animals like deer and turkeys can draw in larger carnivores like bears and cougars. Safety is always number one so we want to help people avoid negative conflict with these animals. With the hot, dry summer we are expecting, there could be more animals coming down lower for food and water so we would like to make proactive efforts to get the word out now.

Auction

We will have a silent auction at our annual meeting on August 21st. Funds raised will go to the FDLWF into the general fund which covers noxious weed control, boat launch hosting, etc. The **silent auction starts at 8:00 AM August 21st at Carbon Lodge** before the Annual Meeting.

Please contact Robin Gelhausen at 509-710-8433 or email rwgelhausen@gmail.com with any questions.



Boat Safety

Reminder to people using jet skis and other water crafts, please stay a safe distance from other boats, specifically those pulling surfers, wakeboarders, skiers, etc. Some jet ski operators try to jump wakes produced by boats pulling surfers, etc. This is risky for the person doing the watersport because if they fall and the jet skier does not see them, they are likely to get seriously injured. Most jet skis operate safely, this a general reminder for the safety of our lake community.



Our Loveable Lake

What do you love about the lake? The Friends of Diamond Lake WA Foundation (FDLWF) works to protect our loveable lake and enhance our enjoyment of it. A highly unscientific poll reveals that respondents love these things about the lake:

Water sports of all kinds! Clear sparkling water makes water sports so enjoyable. FDLWF keeps the water clean through several efforts to eliminate invasive species. We arrange for the application of herbicide each year and for divers to manually remove invasive species. In



collaboration with Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), a lake hostess lives at the boat launch and inspects boats before they are allowed to enter the water. Fighting invasive species is the biggest item in our budget, coming out of the General Fund. As of the end of July, we have received \$23,910 for the General Fund, but are still \$3,890 short of our goal.

The awesome people! The FDLWF website, newsletter, and email list help people stay informed and connected. Two annual gatherings, the Road Clean-Up/Ice Cream Social and the Annual Meeting, provides a way for people to gather and meet each other. Operating expenses come out of the General Fund. If you would like to help arrange more social gatherings, contact Robin, the head of The Good Times Committee, at rwgelhausen@gmail.com.



Enjoying nature! Evergreens, cattails, eagles, osprey, herons, deer, moose, otter... flora and fauna especially thrive in the natural area of the Camp Cowles reservation. We accept donations for the Boy Scouts which we pass on directly to them. So far we have received \$410, which is \$90 short of our goal.

Fourth of July Fireworks display! FDLWF arranges a professional fireworks show using donations allocated specifically to that event. We have received \$6,900 which is only \$100 short of our goal.



Fishing! In addition to DFW stocking of trout, FDLWF raises trout in the fish pen which are released in the spring. Volunteers feed the fish through the winter. We have received \$1,255 for the fish pen, which far exceeds our goal of \$200.

The surrounding community! The foundation's annual Road Clean-Up helps reduce litter in our area. Also, we accept donations to the Fire Department which we pass on directly to them. We have received \$1,035 which exceeds our goal of \$1,000.

Sharing the lake with family and friends! Watching sunsets, kids jumping off docks, pontoon boat cruises... these are priceless. The lake lovers in your life may want to contribute to the

maintenance of our lake. We have a goal to receive donations from 25 non-residents. There is no way to know if we have met that goal, but please suggest it to the lake lovers in your life. Relaxing! The lake gives you permission to slow down and savor life. Donors to FDLWF can rest assured that their dollars are well used to protect and enhance the lake culture we love.

Donation Statistics

