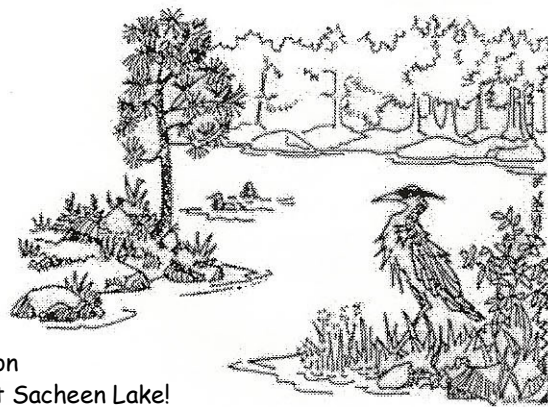


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Heating Season is Here

By Capt. Alex Arnold, SPOFR

Another season of change is upon us here in beautiful Pend Oreille. The days are getting shorter and the nights colder. We all use different forms of heating to take the chill off. I would like to offer some safety pointers to help you stay warm and safe.

When using a wood stove, there are two primary concerns to be aware of this time of year: a clean chimney and the type of wood used. You should always have your chimney cleaned and inspected before you burn for the first time in the season. During the summer months of non-use, "critters" may find your chimney a satisfying home. They may get in there and build nests. This can lead to substantial blocking and not allow the gasses to escape.

The second concern is burning well-seasoned dry wood. This time of year you should burn hot and fast. Many times we get a good fire going at night and then damp it down in the morning, if it is still going. Because of the warm days the smoke thickens in the flue pipe which leads to creosote build-up in the chimney. This can quickly become a problem and cause a chimney fire. So be sure to use seasoned dry wood and burn it completely.

Some homeowners use other forms of heat such as electric, propane, or some alternative fuels. Each of these has separate concerns that need to be addressed. If you are using electric heat, you should have your furnace checked before extensive use. Basic maintenance of these are changing the filter, removing any dust build-up in/on the unit. There are companies in our community that will perform a scheduled maintenance for you. Make sure that all registers and baseboard heaters are clear of any combustibles.

Propane heaters have specific concerns. If you use propane heat, then you need to know what the specs are for your tank, make sure that the heaters are clear of debris and dust, and that your pilot light system is functional. Check with your propane supplier on the need for maintenance for their system.

If you are using space heaters this time of year to "take the chill off", then you need to be cautious. Space heaters are a nice efficient way to use "zone" heating. This way, rather than warming the whole house, you are just warming the rooms being used. When plugging space heaters in, do not use extension cords or surge protectors. They should be plugged directly into an outlet. They should have safety devices, like a tip-over switch that will turn off the heater if it falls over. And just like electric baseboard heaters, they need to be clear of all combustibles.

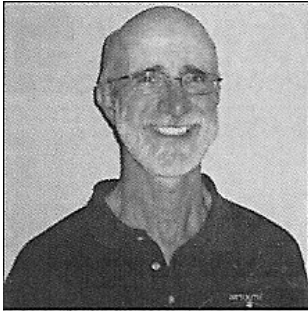
These three specific means of heat are common and have their particular needs for use and maintenance. You should become familiar with these needs and perform the maintenance regularly. If you are ever in doubt, contact a certified service provider and have them inspect your heating unit. It may cost you a couple of dollars now, but can save you and your home in the long run. No matter what form of heat you are using always remember to be aware of the possibility of carbon monoxide. If you have a CO2 detector, be sure it is installed appropriately.

In your community recently, there was a structure fire. It has not been determined the exact cause or origin, but it is believed to be from a heating source. This time of year there is the concern of a structure or chimney fire also starting a wildland fire. We have received some rainfall recently -- in fact at the time of writing this we are receiving quite a bit. But things quickly dry within a couple of days of sun and wind. Due to the structure mentioned above being fully involved by the time we arrived on scene, we, sadly, were not able to save the

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The President's Message



Are Your Dues Due?

As autumn gets serious and we start to realize summer really is over, I reflect on the past year and our Sacheen Lake Association initiatives to make things better here at the lake. I'm proud of this Board and our efforts on behalf of the Sacheen Lake community. For example:

- there's a nice new information kiosk at the park
- there are highway signs announcing "Entering Sacheen Lake" to enhance our sense of community
- there's a new large boating safety sign at the launch, and handouts prepared for next spring
- there was a very enjoyable community picnic

- there have been substantial dollars and effort spent towards beaver mitigation and lake-level control
- there were two Adopt-a-Highway cleanup sessions
- there were two boating safety/certification classes, and more being planned
- there are communications such as this SacheenSCOPE newsletter to help you stay 'tapped-in' to the lake community.

These and similar initiatives require at least two key ingredients; 1) volunteers, and 2) money. We cover item 1 with Board member efforts and grassroots support from the community. Item 2 is perhaps a little more difficult these days, but simply boils down to paying your dues as members of the Sacheen Lake Association. Without your dues, we wouldn't have the resources to pursue improvements here at the lake. Please, if you haven't already done so, send in your dues for the current year (and maybe even get a jump on 2011!). There truly is strength in numbers... with your help, we'll have another productive year ahead!

(Take a short break here, get out the checkbook so you don't forget...)

(OK, now are you back....?) Good, now, one final point: Please let us know your thoughts on what YOU would like to see improved at Sacheen Lake! Just go to our web-site, www.SacheenLake.com, click on "contact us", and express your concern or idea for an improvement. Or, just give us a call. Your input helps!

In closing, I know you all join me in expressing sorrow to the Keene family in the loss of their lake home in the fire October 6. We are glad to know that the family escaped safely, but can only imagine the challenge of dealing with the loss of their lake home. All of our hearts go out to the family at this difficult time.

Don Hill
President, Sacheen Lake Association

We're on the web!
www.SacheenLake.com

You Can Shop Year Round!

No need to wait for the annual picnic or Christmas. Call **Virginia Hill at (509) 447-0960** and schedule a time to come to her house and shop for high quality Sacheen Lake merchandise.



News from the Ladies of the Lake

The Ladies of the Lake is a social and philanthropic group formed to promote friendship among the women of Sacheen Lake. They usually meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month year round.

If you are new to the Lake and would like to join our group, go to our web site www.sacheenlol.org or call Jill Short, President, Ladies of the Lake at (509) 447-4499.

The 2011 calendars are here! Perfect for gifts to remind family and friends of the beautiful place we live in. Price is \$10 each. Call Jill Short, (509) 447-4499 to order.

A few Ladies of the Lake Cookbooks are still for sale for \$10. Lots of great recipes! Contact Dorothy (509) 447-3352.

Please Take Online Poll for PO County

How is Pend Oreille County doing? We are interested in hearing from any of you who have dealt with county employees in any department.

Please take our Customer Service Survey. You can fill out the survey online located on the *bottom* of our website's home page at www.pendoreilleco.org

If you would prefer to complete the paper survey they are available at the following locations: Counseling Services, Hall of Justice, Courthouse, Sheriff's Office and the Extension Office.

Emergent Weed Problems -- Part One

by Sharon Sorby



Butomus umbellatus - flowering rush

Flowering Rush and Yellow Flag Iris

Emergent plants grow along shorelines, usually with their roots below the water line. Native shoreline vegetation is critical for bank stabilization and providing habitat - food, resting sites and nesting material - for the animals, frogs, and waterfowl that use this habitat type.

Noxious weed introductions into the emergent vegetation zone are the result of escaped intentional ornamental plantings.

In garden catalogues, flowering rush has an attractive open, pink flower head. However, the genotype that is invading the Upper Columbia Basin rarely flowers. Spread is primarily through water movement assisted rhizome (root) transport. There are two leaf types, one is triangular in cross-section, erect and stands above the water surface. The other is strappy and floats in the water column. It can grow to a depth of 13 feet.

Flowering rush is detrimental to recreational uses including impediment of boat passage due to prop fouling, blockage for swimming, and loss of open water for near-shore fishing. Flowering rush infestations provide ideal habitat for great pond snails (*Lymnaea stagnalis*), which are an intermediate host for the trematode parasite (*Trichobilharzia ocellata*) that causes swimmer's itch.

Flowering rush in Flathead Lake was first noted in 1964 and has now spread to over a 1,000 acres, affecting the shallow bays and altering the lake's morphology. It has also started to migrate down the Clark Fork River and was discovered two years ago in Lake Pend Oreille and this year in the Pend Oreille River at Laclede and in the slough behind Rednour Island.

The flower of yellow flag iris resembles the garden variety of bearded iris. The rhizome root also appears the same as the garden iris variety, however it is chambered with air pockets allowing it to grow in the water where garden iris would drown. It has long, flat and sharply pointed leaf blades, much like garden iris, and it produces large swollen seed pods designed to float on the water. It spreads primarily by seed, although roots that break off can float to new locations and establish new colonies.

Yellow flag iris was intentionally introduced into the West Branch of the Little Spokane River as an ornamental planting in the 1940's. It has since steadily spread upstream and completely infests Fan Lake in Pend Oreille County.

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Typical fan-shaped clump of yellow flag iris.

It is continuing its spread upstream and is colonizing Diamond and Sacheen Lakes.

It also occurs on the Pend Oreille River, infesting both shorelines as scattered clumps from the border with Idaho to Boundary Dam. With cooperation from PUD, Seattle City Light and the lakes' groups, we are planning an aggressive control project to stop yellow flag iris from spreading along the entire shorelines of the river and lakes. We are currently awaiting funding.

When faced with managing infestations, catching noxious weeds at the first stage of introduction is critical to successful mitigation, and before populations begin rapidly increasing is the key to successful eradication. Do your part, never plant noxious weeds into natural waters or into garden ponds where they could escape into natural waterways.

More information about invasive weeds in Pend Oreille County can be found at:

<http://www.pendoreilleco.org/county/weed.asp>

The reason why, in quoting others, we so often change their words, is that we have not understood them.

From "The Permanent Goethe", edited by Thomas Mann, 1948, Dial Press, pg. 627

How to Remove Yellow Flag Iris - (or at least control it)

Now you know that that pretty yellow iris growing profusely along your shoreline is an invasive and noxious weed, but how do you get rid of it?

First of all, be aware that you should use gloves and long sleeves to protect your skin from the sap or milk of the cut stems. It's toxic.

If you deadhead the flowers and fruits each year, the iris will still spread by rhizomes (roots).

However, if you hand cut the plants at the base before flowering for 3 to 4 years, it will stop spreading and die. If you have huge patches, you could mechanically mow down the plants for several years.

Another way is to cut the plants below the waterline in the spring, and theoretically the rhizomes will drown. A permit is not needed for this activity.

However, if you dig out the roots/rhizomes, make sure you don't let any parts of it fall back into the water, or it'll re-root elsewhere. And for that method, you do need a permit -the little Blue Book, "Aquatic Plants and Fish; publication # APF-11-97".

It's always wise to have that little Blue Book (available at the WSU Extension office - call first to make sure some-

one's there and they have the books), which is your permit and guide to removing noxious weeds along the shore. Yellow flag iris isn't listed in the Blue Book, because it wasn't on the Noxious Weed List when it was published. You still need the book regardless of its presence in the book - digging the roots is an invasive activity to a legal classification of plants = noxious weeds. So the permit is needed and does cover the iris. The book is not required for cutting unless a large mower is used below the OHW (ordinary high water) mark. The Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator's phone number is 509-447-2401.

The new master shoreline plan is coming out later this year. It may have very restrictive language about removing shoreline vegetation. The draft plan is available for review on the Community Development web site: http://www.pendoreilleco.org/county/shoreline_master_program_update.asp

The links to the different sections are on the right hand side bar. You may want to check it out first.

This article was written mostly by Sharon Sorby with a little typing by Carol Hood.



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Michael Lithgow

Community Development Director

October 8th, 2010

After over a year and a half of public meetings and many long hours of review by Community Development Staff and the Planning Commission, the Pend Oreille County Commissioners adopted revisions to the Pend Oreille County Development Regulations. The adopted document includes many changes and clarifications. The following list contains some of the more significant changes:

- Adopted the 2009 International Building Code,
- Changed the side yard setback requirement,
- Modified and added many definitions,
- Added Planning Commission By-Laws,
- Added Out Door Lighting Standards,
- Added a Clearing, Grading, and Storm water Management section,
- Added two years to the length of Building Permit (1 year, with 4 extensions = 5 years),
- Added four years to the length of a preliminary plat approval (3 years to 7 years per state law).

The adopted document does not include the addition of a vacation rental chapter. The moratorium on the acceptance of vacation rental applications is still in place until further notice. The adopted Development Regulations are available on the County's website:

<http://www.pendoreilleco.org/county/planning.asp>

If you have any questions regarding these new changes to the Development Regulations do not hesitate to contact me.

Lake Level Report for 3rd Quarter 2010

See chart on page 7

Thanks to Don Hill and his outstanding team of Beaver Buster volunteers (list below) for maintaining the beaver tubes this summer. Despite what seemed like higher than usual rainfall this summer, the team was able to bring the lake level down to within 6" of the target lake level of 7.9, as measured at the gauging station under the Fertile Valley Road bridge. Keeping the lake level down helps to reduce the amount of shoreline erosion and improves lake water quality. If you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time to assist, now or next summer, please contact Don Hill, 447-0960, and ask him to put your name down on his list of volunteers. Using a cadre of volunteers to clean the tubes saves the Sacheen Lake Sewer and Water District from having to hire someone to do it. The money saved is applied to milfoil reduction and other S&WD initiatives. Help your lake. Volunteer now!

Perry Pearman
Joe Pearman (2)
Peggy Johnson (2)
Brad Wear (2)
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Mike Harrison (2)
Mary Maxfield
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Don Hill

A total year-to-date 18 trips downstream, and a total of approx. 90 man-hours, as of October 15, 2010.

Heating Season is Here (continued from page 1)



structure. When we did arrive on scene this structure fire was turning into a wild fire also. The crews recognized this right away and were able to immediately suppress the trees that were on fire. With just a little bit more time we could have potentially had multiple structure fires to deal with. Does your home have a defensible space?

All of us love and enjoy the natural beauties that the Pend Oreille Valley has. This can be a concern, though, when it comes to protecting your home. Educate yourself on building a defensible space and being prepared for an event like this. If you have any questions about heating concerns or defensible space; feel free to contact us at 447-5305 or visit our web site at www.spofr.org.

Burn safely and stay warm. Remember the easiest way to have a fire-free com-

munity is by having an educated one. Do your part in making Pend Oreille County the safest county to live, work and play in.

[Photo by Diane Wear]

Sharing Recipes

ULTIMATE BANANA BREAD by Beryl Pielli

Ingredients:

5 very ripe bananas	2 eggs
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups flour	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup packed brown sugar
1 tsp baking soda	1 tsp vanilla
$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped walnuts (optional)
1 stick melted and cooled butter	2 tsp sugar



from examiner.com

Spray 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch non-stick loaf pan

Preheat oven to 350° F

In bowl whisk 1 3/4 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda and 1/2 tsp salt together.

Place 5 very ripe bananas in microwave safe bowl; cover with plastic wrap and cut several steam holes with knife. Microwave bananas 5 minutes. Place bananas in strainer and drain into bowl about 15 minutes. Transfer 1/2 to 3/4 cup banana liquid into saucepan and cook on medium heat about 5 minutes (liquid reduced to 1/4 cup liquid). Stir liquid into bananas and mash until smooth. Whisk in 1 stick butter (melted and cooled), 2 eggs, 3/4 cup brown sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Pour banana mixture into flour mixture and stir until just combined. Fold in 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional). Place in pre-sprayed 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 inch non-stick loaf pan. Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons sugar.

Bake 350 for 55 to 75 minutes. Cool bread in pan for 15 minutes. Remove and place on wire rack to cool.

Please Renew Your Membership

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

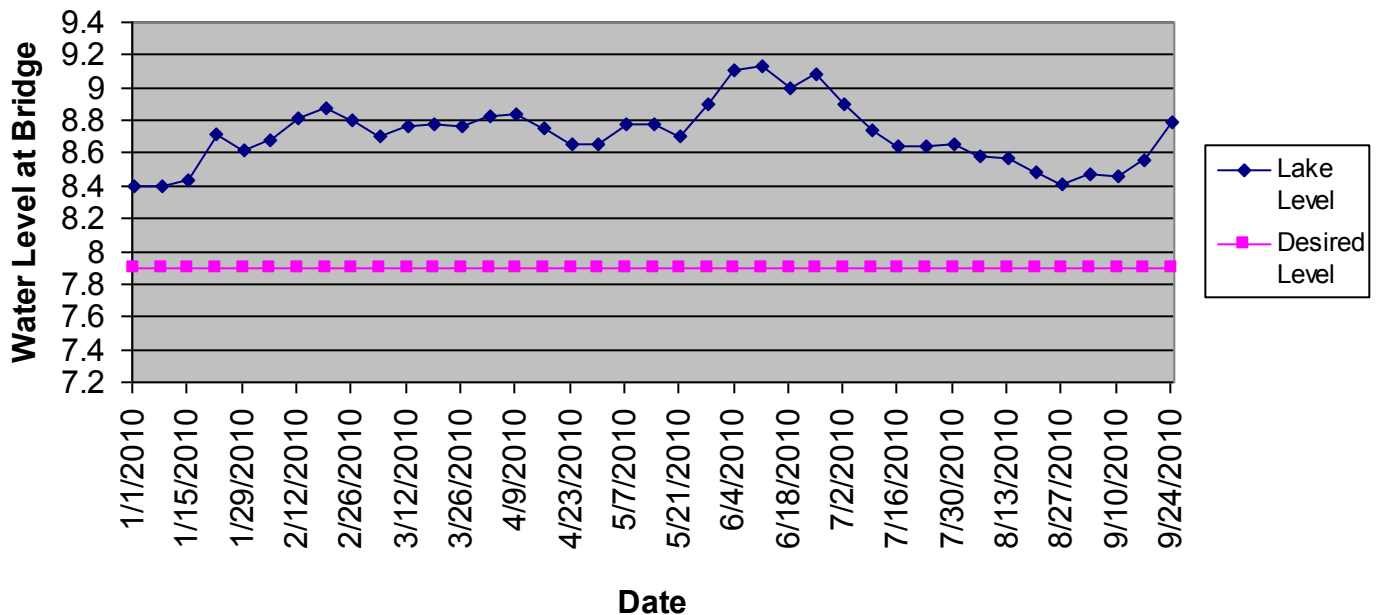
Dues for 2010 are now due: \$25 for a family, and \$10 for an individual.

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Please fill out the form and mail with your check, payable to:
Sacheen Lake Association
 c/o Linda Benzo, Treasurer
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Lake Level Report—Year-to-date 2010

Sacheen Lake 2010 Water Level



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Special dates of interest:

- **December 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11**—Northwoods Performing Arts (Circle Moon Theater) Christmas Chorale "A Thrill of Hope", Dinner shows 6:30. Show only 7:30 p.m. Dinner & Show: \$20/person (Gala night \$30) Show only: \$12/person, seniors & children: \$10
- **December 5**—Annual Community Christmas Party at the Sacheen Fire Station. Call Jill Short for more information (509) 447-4499.