

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the leaves begin to change color and cooler weather rolls in, I think back to summer at the lake. This summer was spectacular.

Our events and Friday Night Social Hours were great and these community programs were enjoyed by hundreds of our members. In fact, we saw record breaking numbers of participants at some of our events this year. Thanks to all the volunteers who, under the leadership of Jesse Tieman, brought our friends and neighbors together to socialize and celebrate.

I wish to recognize our Lifeguards and the beach management staff. This summer our association had an amazing group of lifeguards. These dedicated members of our community spent the summer doing everything from teaching our children to swim to ensuring our beach was clean and serving snacks. Most importantly, though, they ensured that all of us were safe as we enjoyed the beach. A special thanks is extended to Lauris Eglitis, who spent countless hours providing leadership and support to the beach operations on behalf of the executive council.

Our association is supported by the many members who volunteer their

time to make our community a special place to live. The executive council has brought an amazing amount of passion and dedication to this community and our Association. They work tirelessly to make Shongum Lake a wonderful place to live I applaud their commitment and thank each of them for their continued leadership. A final thanks to our professional staff and consultants lead by Missy & Anthony Iemmello who consistently go beyond the call of duty to support the council and our association.

As we look to the future, challenges continue to face us and there continues to be much work to do. In the coming year, the council with the help of many volunteers and our professional staff will continue to work to address the long term sustainability of our natural resources, ensure the financial stability of our association and the continued growth our community programs and events. I invite each of you to join me on this journey as the Shongum Lake Property Owners Association continues to address the needs of our members and the community.

Get involved, contact us at council@shongumlake.org and please join us at our Annual Election meeting on October 20th at 7:30pm

BY-LAW CHANGE NOTIFICATION

The Executive Council of the Shongum Lake Property Owners Association hereby makes notification to the general member of proposed changes to the association by-laws.

A detail of the proposed bylaw changes is included in this mailing.

**ALL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING:
Tuesday
October 20th
7:30 PM
@ The Clubhouse**

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

OCTOBER 20

- ✓ 7:30pm: Elections and Association Meeting

OCTOBER 30

- ✓ Halloween Party

NOVEMBER 1

- ✓ Boats must be removed from Docks

DECEMBER 6

- ✓ Wassail

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for e-mail alerts at
www.ShongumLake.org*

A MESSAGE FROM THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long Range Planning Committee recently met with Dr. Stephen J. Souza of Princeton Hydro, LLC about caring for and managing health and ecology of our Lake. The fundamental element of long term effective lake management is “don’t just treat the symptom, correct the cause”. While it might sound more attractive to discuss the positive attributes of lake health and ecology, focusing on the practical aspects of what will destroy these attributes is the most effective way to ensure the long term sustainability of this natural resource. Specifically, we discussed how to identify problems in our lake and their root causes leading to the development of a Lake Management Plan.

During the meeting the group learned more about recommendations of ongoing monitoring of such items as nutrient loads, water quality and hydrological budget (how quickly water flows through the lake) as well as the collection of Lake morphometry and the watershed land use. This information will help us develop a trophic state analysis to understand the biological, chemical and physical interactions that impact lake health.

The long range planning committee and the executive council are committed to continuing to learn about additional steps our community can take to ensure the long term health of Shongum Lake. As we do so, we will bring our findings to the membership and make recommendations for appropriate projects to restore and preserve our natural resources.

In the mean time there are steps you can take right now to help keep our lake healthy. Most lake problems are directly linked to excessive nutrient loading, primarily having too much phosphorus but there are other problems like invasive plant growth, sediment and leaf deposits and low oxygen levels.

- Ensure that all cleaning and fertilizing products are phosphorus free
- Do not allow leaves or grass clippings to enter the lake or storm drains

Candidates for 2010 Shongum Lake Property Owners Association Council

WENDI ZIMMERMAN

I have been part of the Shongum Lake community for a long time. I was lucky enough to be a kid growing up here and now I’m lucky enough to be raising my two children, Samantha (12) and Jack (10) here with my husband Pete.

For the past 4 years I have been a council member and served as chair for both the Beach and Conservation and believe that I added value in both those areas. I would like to continue contributing to this neighborhood and serve on council again as this community and the health of our lake is important to me.

Lauris Eglitis

My name is Lauris Eglitis, and I have lived in Shongum Lake for 5 years. I have been on the SLPOA council for 2 years. Initially as Membership Director, and since 2008, I have been the Beach Chairman. I am seeking re-election to the Council to continue building on the safety; swim lesson; staff management; recreation; and recycling programs and improvements we launched this past summer. I would be honored to serve the Shongum Lake community for another term.

JESSE TIEMAN

Hi my name is Jesse Tieman, I am looking to run for council again for our great community of Shongum Lake. I have lived on Beaver Dam Rd for 11 years with my Family and served on the council for six years.

Please vote and support our community

ELECTIONS & VOTING AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual process of electing next year's executive council has begun. This year there are three council members to be elected for a two year term. Per the SLPOA By-laws, The Nominating Committee has proposed a highly qualified slate of candidates to fill the open slots on the council. Please take the time to read each of the candidates' information in this Lakeline

A Few Notes on election procedures:

- ✓ In order to hold an election, 10% of the voting membership must be at the meeting.
We need your attendance
- ✓ Only fully paid limited and full members may vote on association business or be considered for a quorum
- ✓ Proxy votes can be submitted to the recording secretary, Missy lemmello, BEFORE the start of the meeting

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
OCTOBER 20TH @ 7:30PM
SLPOA ELECTIONS AND ASSOCIATION MEETING**