

**Phillips Lake Community Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2026
10am @ the Fire Station**

Board Members

Present – Dwain Friedlander, Corey McMillin, Kathy Fox, Connie Carroll, Travis Anderson, Kellie Carney, Mike Fitz, Bill Goheen, Darren Lord, Jane Mahony Hoppe, Kristin Pearson, Bob Sutphin, Ed Valbert
Absent – Jo Potts

Review of Association's Purpose:

- To be a non-governing group to serve & inform the community surrounding Phillips Lake
- To provide lake safety and safeguard water quality
- To foster social and community events
- To enhance and protect our environment
- To further interaction of the Association membership

Phillip's Lake swag - We have our hats, shirts and hoodies available for sale.

Treasures Report

- Checking – \$765.65
- Savings - \$2842.58
- Full Treasurer report posted on website

Review of the Years Activities

- Phillips Lake Community Website – www.phillipslake.org
 - Website is up and running, we welcome suggestions for content and current and historical pictures
- Newsletter – Local news and highlighting people's history on the lake, let us know if you would like to be added to the distribution list. Let us know if you would like your lake story to be highlighted in an upcoming newsletter.
- Water Sampling – Mike Fitz
 - Mike did a test recently -
 - Very clear, over 20 ft visibility
 - Concern about phosphorous, last year was highest it has ever been. Will continue testing the 4 corners, last year the NW section highest reading. We did not do the phosphorus testing before, it's something new we are doing.
 - Will continue testing and report back
- Phillips Lake Survey by Mason County
 - From Heidi Steinbach, Noxious Weed Program Coordinator Mason County - I am reaching out to share the survey results for Phillips Lake. The species list is attached. We found no noxious weeds to be present growing in the lake. However, there are two noxious weeds that we documented growing in yards along the shoreline of the lake, knotweed

(*Fallopia* sp.) and yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*). The yellow flag iris is widespread along the shoreline, and the knotweed was scattered around the lake, but not widespread. Neither of these noxious weeds requires control, but we do always encourage landowners to control them when feasible. I have attached our factsheet about these species if you wish to share them with landowners. We had a beautiful day out on the lake. It is a very nice clean lake.

- Full report is posted on the website
- Opening Day Cider Cruise – another successful year
- Reader Board
- Support for:
 - Golf Cart Run, Memorial Day and Labor Day (Brandon Gilbert)
 - July 4th Festivities (Boat Parade – Travis Anderson, Races – Janet Toney)
 - 11am boat parade start at the boat launch
 - Races SW cove 1:30pm
 - Drop off prize donations at the Toney's 1870 E Phillip Lk Lp Rd
 - Community Garage Sale
 - Any interest this year?
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Book Library
 - Dock Repair Day
 - September mid-week, should post on reader board

Guest Speakers

- KC Whitehouse – Mason County Fire Department
 - Fire danger and burn restrictions – early this week went from Low to Moderate. Implemented the first stage of burn restrictions (no yard debris) still can have recreational fire. Earlier than usual. Likely by early to mid-July total burn ban will be put in effect. 85% of fires are caused by humans. One of driest Aprils and winters on record. Forecast is hot dry summer; fire season will likely run later this year. More outreach and staffing please exercise caution this summer!
 - Fire Protection class 1-10 (1 is best). Everyone on Phillips Lake has been 5, but with work done improving rating to 4 in October, you may contact your homeowners insurance and get a discount.
 - Asking for a Fire Levy Lid Lift as part of the August election, asking to restore the rate to what it was before, we are asking voters to restore the \$1.40 rate – fund staff, training, maintaining and improving operations as well as setting aside an apparatus replacement fund which is really needed for the cost of equipment.
- Ryan Spurling – Mason County Sheriff's Office
 - Boat regulations
 - Legislative branch County Commissioners had a meeting regarding wake enhanced boats (using ballast) and banning them from smaller lake/must be 150ft from shore and 20 ft deep. They have a lot of people complaining about property damage from wake enhanced boats. The commissioners wanted public comment, and the meeting went on for 4 hrs. Have 3 people for and 3 people against and biology team and researching further. Rights of society versus rights of individuals. Marine patrol is very

limited, only people on their off days and there are many lakes. Crimes against people will always take precedence over crimes against property.

- Gang activity – there is some in Mason County, 4 or 5 violent crimes last year. The sheriff's department is doing a good job of pushing out to other counties, but as high activity here as surrounding counties. Low worry risk, usually against other gang members.
 - The sheriff's office solved several major crimes including the burglary of Spencer Lake Bar & Grill which was committed by a local couple
- Homeless situation in the Shelton area – We have a lot of resources locally for people to access what they need, which has the unintended consequences of drawing people from other areas here for those resources. Law enforcement has removed the camps along the railroad tracks. They Can't remove people if an owner allows them on the property, if invited must go through the legal process for eviction. If the property owner says they are not allowed to be there it's criminal and police can take action. We want the criminal vagrants removed because they are the ones that take of resources and continue to commit crimes.
 - Lowest crime rate areas in Mason County – Alderbrook & Lakeland Village - have high population of full time retired in their community to keep a watch out. So, very helpful to have community watch – report any suspicious activity on the non-emergency line they keep statistics/data driven.
- Title Fraud – Mason County has the option of adding your picture, call the Auditors office for help.
- Mental Health help available for those in a crisis - Mason County Lead Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion – Olympic Health & Recovery Services - Crisis & ITA Team 360-754-1338 or 800-270-0041
- Sherriff Spurling hosts a breakfast meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month open discussion Spencer Lake Bar & grill starts at 8:30AM
 - Two other Town Hall meetings at 6pm each year
- Non-emergency line 360-426-4441 or can report online

Board Member Discussion

- Boat Launch Gate – Discussion of ideas, no real solution so far
- Hwy 3 Roundabouts
 - Pickering & Agate – Federal funding has impacted projects. Recent timeline communicated is October 2026 to start advertising, work set to begin 2027 into 2028. Please be careful, there has been an increase of dangerous driving and multiple accidents.
- Donation to Sheriff's Department
 - Motion & Second to donate \$250 - Unanimously approved
- Donation to Fire Department
 - Motion & Second to donate \$250 - Unanimously approved

Open Discussion

- Speeding around the lake
 - Speed bumps not an option due to fire department/ambulances
 - Please call in, especially repeat offenders, and call in each time

- Tell your kids/friends/family slow down on the cart carts
- Last year there was a water balloon fight after the boat parade, let's skip that it's not good for the lake health
- Septic system should be inspected every 3 years, less than 15% are current in the area. Please keep up with inspections and pumping septic systems.
- Also, please be careful with fertilizer, there are some safer ones to use – may be where phosphorus is coming from – google search best practices for lakeside lawns

Elections

Up for Re-Election –

Dwain Friedlander as President

Connie Carroll as Secretary

Corey McMillin elected as Vice President

Kellie Carney elected as Treasurer

Kellie Carney to be added as a signer on the bank account

Kathy Fox to be removed as a signer on the bank account

Dwain Friedlander shall remain as a signer on the bank account

Kathy Fox as Member

Bob Sutphin as Member

Ed Valbert as Member

All Unanimously Approved

Janae Lord has stepped down from board

Next Year's Annual Meeting (tentative) 9:30am doors open June 19, 2027 at Pickering Fire Station

Local websites/social media sites

- Phillips Lake Association Website - <https://www.phillipslake.org/>
- Facebook group – Phillips Lake Community (Shelton)
- Nextdoor.com – Phillips Lake Shelton

The meeting adjourned at 11:31am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Carroll



Phillips Lake Association Secretary