

The Loon Talk

Neighbors Flocking Together

Shore Acres Estates Home Owners Association

Hi Neighbors! What an amazing summer! The weather has been beautiful, allowing more of us to enjoy more days at our beloved Loon Lake this year. Hasn't it been wonderful for us all to meet again this season?! Some of us continue to build on generations-long traditions of celebrating family and friendship in this incredible, natural, little piece of heaven. Others of us are just beginning to create new family traditions, neighborly friendships, and treasured memories sure to last a lifetime. As one of our neighbor's signs reads: *If you're lucky enough to live at the lake, you're lucky enough!*

We're a small, tight-knit community that watches out for one another. We all pitch in to ensure our neighborhood is safe, clean, and enjoyable for *all*. Need a helping hand? We in Shore Acres Estates know our neighbors always have our backs. This isn't the kind of culture that exists in most neighborhoods today. How lucky we are indeed; and we have each and every one of you to thank for what we've been able to create together.

As we look across the US, we are also lucky that our HOA requires relatively few rules, and has very low dues thanks to a community culture of respect for our neighbors, and pride in maintaining our common spaces. Every now and then, however, the HOA Board receives community feedback regarding concerning activity in our collective (not individual) spaces, namely the beach. We are writing to you today with a list of these concerns, which at times have sadly served to "bully" neighbors and families off of the beach that we *all* own and share. **We are all responsible adults, and trusted members of a very special community. As such, we thank you for being aware and vigilant of the following issues reported this summer:**

- Extreme public intoxication: Please refer to WA state law
- Drug use, including marijuana: Please refer to WA state law
- Lewd and rude public behavior
- Driving under the influence of alcohol: Noted in cars, golf carts, and other motorized vehicles
- Speeding: Noted in cars, golf carts, and other motorized vehicles
- Use of fireworks: Fireworks are not permitted within the boundary of Shore Acres Estates
- Abuse of community garbage cans: Provided for our convenience, but are not for household trash, or for the exclusive use of individual parties
- Littering on the beach: Including party supplies, cigarettes, and more
- Glass containers and bottles: Not permitted at the beach for your safety, should they shatter
- Dogs: No dogs are permitted in the swim area. Dogs must be kept on a leash in common areas, including the beach, unless fetching/swimming in the water
- Guests: Some reported "guests" are making free use of the beach without a homeowner present. Some guests are violating the respectful culture of our family-oriented community. Please be sure to review beach and boat launch rules with your guests, posted at the entrance to the beach; and invite them to exercise respectful, good judgment as guests of our community
- Parking: Please be respectful and considerate of your neighbor's private property, when choosing to park your vehicle
- Unreasonable noise levels, particularly after 10 pm
- Wildlife harassment: Some children were witnessed torturing turtles and ducks. Don't we all love to see the beautiful wildlife in the area? It makes life at the lake particularly special and magical. Please respect all life at the lake

**For safety concerns, call the Stevens County Sheriff 24-Hour Non-Emergency Line: 509-684-2555 / Toll-Free: 800-572-0947
Dial 911 in the case of an emergency**

Member and Guest Rules

Shore Acre Estates is fortunate to have one of the nicest beach and boat moorage facilities on Loon Lake. The rules listed below are intended to preserve our beautiful common areas and protect our investments. A set of rules cannot cover all potential situations. Use of good common sense, and acting as respectful neighbors can help keep problems to a minimum-- allowing us all the peaceful enjoyment of our common areas.

1. All dogs must be leashed in the Shore Acres Estates common areas; including but not limited to the beach, docks, and grassy picnic areas; unless they are actively fetching or swimming in the water under the control of the owner. No dogs are allowed in the swim area, this includes all of the beach and picnic areas to the north of the boat launch.
2. Pet owners are responsible for removing and disposing of pet feces. Plastic bags are available next to the trash cans.
3. Please clean up any garbage created while using the common areas. The trash cans on the beach are for beach trash only, no household trash allowed.
4. For safety reasons, no glass bottles or containers allowed on the beach.
5. Please dispose of cigarette butts in containers provided at the picnic tables or garbage cans.
6. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult while on the beach, docks, or in the swimming area.
7. No running or horseplay on the docks.
8. No parking (Cars, Trucks or ATV's) allowed on the boat launch or beach. Golf carts are allowed to park on the sides of the boat launch as long as they do not interfere with the use of the launch.
9. Members and guests who launch watercraft must park their vehicle and trailer at the property of the homeowner.
10. No fireworks are allowed within the boundary of Shore Acres Estates INC.
11. No fires are allowed on the beach or common areas.
12. No motorized vehicles or bicycles allowed on the beach or docks.
13. Boat slips are for the use of the assigned members only. All boats or watercraft moored on the dock must display a Shore Acres Estates sticker on the left side of the windshield.
14. Members may allow guests to temporarily moor a boat or watercraft in their assigned boat slip provided the vessel displays a guest pass as provided by the Association.
15. Moorage is not allowed on the ends of the docks or on any other part of the docks. Boats must be moored in an assigned boat slip.
16. Do not use a boat slip other than your assigned boat slip without the permission of the member to whom the slip is assigned.
17. Boats and other watercraft must obey all "No Wake" zones.
18. For the safety of members using the swimming area, no fishing is allowed in the designated swimming area when swimmers are present.
19. Use the boat launch for access to the beach and docks. Please do not cut across private property to access the lake.
20. Approximately a 10 foot wide strip of grass adjacent to the concrete bulkhead on the beach is available for use by the membership and their guests. All property beyond the 10 foot wide strip is private property and is not available for use by other members or their guests.
21. It is the responsibility of each member to inform their guests of these rules and enforce these rules on their guests. Guests who fail to comply with these rules will be asked to leave the beach.

Thank you for respecting the rules-- keeping our beach and common areas clean and safe --so that everyone can enjoy them.