

ILA News

The Official Newsletter of the Ida Lake Association

TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE SERENITY, QUALITY, AND NATURAL BEAUTY OF LAKE IDA

2019 Spring Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2019 Spring Member Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend! District Directors plan to meet at 8 a.m.

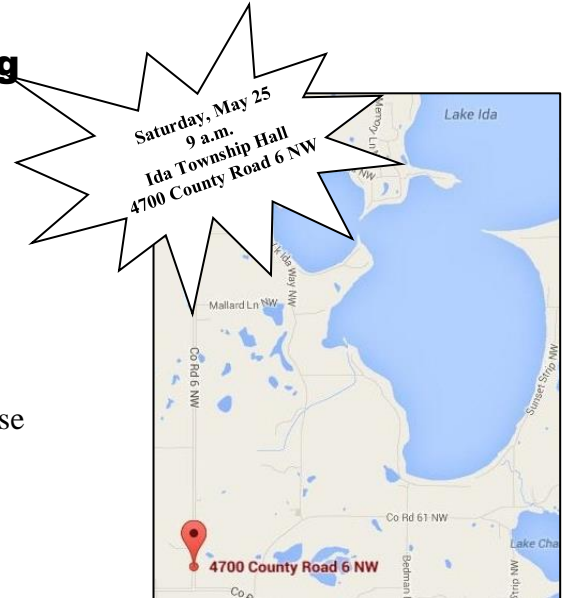
Saturday, May 25

9 a.m.

Ida Township Hall, 4700 County Road 6 NW

We realize this is a family holiday, especially for lake owners, we promise to keep it short and we'll provide the coffee!

We look forward to seeing you! Take stake in your lake – and help keep Lake Ida looking healthy, beautiful...and blue!



Annual Due\$

As a property owner on Lake Ida (760 of you!) you have a major interest in the well-being of your lake. The property values are directly affected by the water quality. The Ida Lake Association has a vested interest in helping keep our lake clean and healthy. It is important as a resident on Lake Ida that you are a financial supporter of the Ida Lake Association. With the invasion of zebra mussels, curly pondweed and Eurasian milfoil it takes effort and dollars to maintain good water quality.

Please make a commitment to support water quality and protect your property values by joining the Ida Lake Association. **The annual membership is only \$25!** Attend the Annual Meeting May 25th or remit with the form included in this newsletter. New this year...you may pay by credit card – the fee is \$26 (to cover the processing fee). Remember... This is your Lake Ida!

About Us ~ ILA

Ida Lake Association is comprised of 18 districts, consisting of two District Directors for each district, representing and serving the property owners of Lake Ida.

It is important to get to know your neighbors and your District Directors – together we can keep our lake healthy and enjoyable for generations to come. Visit our website www.lakeidamn.org (a great resource) to find your Board Members and your District Directors – or better yet, see you at the meeting May 25th!

From The President

Many members have worked this year to carry out our mission to preserve and protect the serenity, quality and natural beauty of Lake Ida. Our enjoyment of this special environment depends on all of us, so thank you again.



At the Member Meeting May 25th, we will report on several association projects to protect the lake. All of us should do what we can on our own properties to help prevent runoff and its effects on our lake environment. Buffer zone plantings along the shore are one option. There is grant

money available from the Douglas County Soil and Water District for this, but they must be notified and review your plan before the work is started to qualify.

Last fall the association supported the stocking of 1,000 pounds of walleye fingerlings in the lake. The condition of our lake fishery has been an issue this year so at our meeting we plan to have a speaker from the DNR to report on the issue.

In June we hope to have the Lake Ida watershed study done and recommendations prepared.

Dick Sudmeier • President Ida Lake Association

Volunteers!

The ILA exists because of VOLUNTEERS – like YOU! It is a great way to meet your neighbors, assist with the preservation of Lake Ida and help a great cause! ILA is looking for volunteers: someone to take on the newsletter, collect water quality samples and much more! Want to help? Contact Dick Sudmeier at: president@lakeidamn.org.

www.LakeldaMN.org

Looking for a resource to learn more about ILA? Visit our new website. Many THANKS and hats off to Andy Lopez for his dedicated work on maintaining our website for so many years! And a shout-out to Pam Phillips for all of her work on this new site. *“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”*
~Elizabeth Andrew

Curly Leaf Pondweed

Last year the DNR found more Curly Leaf Pondweed in our lake. The ILA treated 28 acres last spring and had another survey completed at the end of June 2018 after the treatment. AIS Consulting did the survey and found no curly leaf pondweed in the areas treated. However, to maintain the elimination of curly leaf pondweed, it is recommended that treatment run over a three-year period. Good news - Douglas County Land and Resources Management gave ILA a grant for 75% of the cost of survey and treatment of curly leaf pondweed this year.

Organics Recycling Program

Want to recycle your food waste and/or other products for organic recycling? You now can. A new **Organics Recycling Program** is available through Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management.

At the Fall Meeting last year, Nathan Reinbold, Environmental Coordinator at Pope/Douglas introduced us to this new service of **Organics Recycling**. About 38% of our garbage is of the ‘wet’ variety of food waste. Examples that can be recycled our food scraps, fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, bones, eggs, dairy, peels, pits...and more! Currently, this food waste is put into a gas fired incinerator to dry this material out, so that it can be burned. Composting on the other hand becomes soil for farmers, and eliminates the CO2 from burning. How many of us clean fish and throw the remains into our garbage?

Summer Fun

Join in some fun without ever leaving your lawn chair! The **11th Annual Lake Ida Fourth of July Boat Parade** will take place Thursday, July 4 (more information to come). Watch from shore, or decorate your boat and fall in line. Make sure you are a part of the tradition and fun celebrating at the lake!

Please Be Courteous

We all share the lake – with residents and visitors alike...please be courteous! Many boaters enjoy stopping for a swim at several areas around the lake. They have a right to use the water, but not to set foot on the land. Douglas County has established no wake zones, 300 feet from shore for eight area lakes, including Lake Ida. Litter! Goes without saying, please pick up after yourselves and keep garbage from flying out of your boats.

Dispose of Waste Properly

Not sure what to do with your recycling or hazardous waste? Visit the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management website www.popedouglasrecycle.com or call and ask at 320-763-9340. Dispose of unwanted items safely!

Beach Work

Cleaning up your lake shore after the ice has gone out – please dispose of leaves and debris properly! Planning beach work or a landscaping project near your shore line or bank? Please contact Douglas County Land and Resource Management at 320-762-3863, to ensure that your project is in compliance with county regulations. Though major projects may require a conditional use permit, the departments will issue permits for smaller projects.

Do Not Burn Near the Lake

Did you know that burning leaves or wood near the lake destroys the organic matter releasing the phosphorus, which could be washed into the lake? Phosphorus entering lakes and rivers feed the growth of algae, bacteria, and other tiny organisms. Water bodies require some nutrients to be healthy, but too much can be harmful. When lakes receive an overabundance of nutrients, they can become polluted by excessive amounts of algae. Die-off and decomposition of algae blooms can reduce dissolved oxygen and suffocate fish and other aquatic life. Some forms of algae (blue-green) may produce toxins that can be harmful if ingested by humans and animals.

Please do NOT burn your leaves near the lakeshore. **Douglas County Ordinance prohibits burning within 100 feet from the lakeshore.** The only exception is a recreational wood-burning campfire. Make sure you locate your fire pit at least 50 feet away from the lakeshore and remove ashes from the fire pit to prevent the ashes from being blown or washed into the lake.

Fish Stocking

After 2 years of being unable to obtain walleye for stocking, ILA observed the weigh-in and distribution of 1,000 lbs. of walleye fingerlings into our waters. Last year the DNR stocked 875,000 fry (teeny) and 11,000 yearlings (659 lbs.) and 20 adults. ILA has just over \$4,000 remaining in fund for this fall. Information and discussion will follow in the summer.



We all need to understand that there is little natural walleye reproduction in Lake Ida. The pan fish and the huge schools of shiner minnows will consume any fry that do hatch. We do not fully understand the long-term negative effect that Zebra Mussels will have. Ida had very few walleyes when this area was first settled. It was stocking that created the excellent walleye fishing. Most of the funds committed to stocking does come from donations from dedicated fisher folks and local Sports Clubs.

Memorials

In addition to the annual dues member contributed, we received several memorial donations since those posted last May, primarily for loved ones who have departed.

In Memory of:

Jeffery Dahl from John & JoAnn Dahl
Tish Drenttel from Drenttel Family
Maxie Lou Hanson from Rod & Becky Saar
Henry Hayer from Brian Hayer

Don Mattson from Margaret J. Mattson
Wally Sax from Rodney & Becky Saar
Wally Sax from Paul & Pamela Tauer
Josh Schultz (Son) from Greg & Wendy Schultz
Denny & Sam Triplett from Ed & Eileen Kohn

Thank you for your generous donations!

Become a 2019 dues paying member!

Ida Lake Association Annual Dues and Fees Statement

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First Name(s): _____ Last Name(s): _____

Lake Address: _____ Lake Phone: _____

Preferred Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Other Phone: _____

E-mail (list any and all e-mail addresses you wish to be used for ILA business only): _____

Annual Dues: \$25.00
Memorial: \$ _____ for: _____
Walleye Stocking: \$ _____
TOTAL: \$ _____

Comments:

Remit payment to:
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