

# ILA News

## The Official Newsletter of the Ida Lake Association

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

### 2019 Fall Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting **Saturday, August 24 at 9 a.m.** at the Ida Township Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. District Directors plan to meet at 8 a.m.

With this being an odd-numbered year, the offices of President and Secretary are up for election and the Districts that are odd-numbered will be electing District Directors. In addition, with the split of District 3 into two districts (District 3 and District 18) District Directors will be elected. A special *Thank You* to those who have served so thoughtfully.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Ida Township Hall, located at 4700 County Road 6 NW.**

### Annual Due\$

It is time to remind you to send in your annual Ida Lake Association dues of \$25. Your support helps the ILA preserve and protect the serenity, quality, and natural beauty of Lake Ida. ILA uses the money for various projects. Check the mailing label under your name; it will remind you when you are paid through.

You now can pay your annual dues online at <https://www.lakeidamn.org/join-or-donate.html>. Other options would be to bring to the Meeting August 24<sup>th</sup> or remit with the form included in this newsletter.



### 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](http://www.lakeidamn.org) to find your Board Members and your District Directors – or better yet, see you at the meeting

### From The President

Swiftly flies the arrow of time, as has the summer of 2019. The quality and quantity of lake enjoyment have been outstanding. Also, the lake association efforts have been intense. By the time this newsletter is out, we hope that a major step in taming the notorious Ditch 23 will have been taken. In July the ILA board received the engineers report on Ditch 23 with options for mitigation of the phosphorus loading of the lake.

This report did not include cost estimates. By the time you receive this newsletter, the final report with costs should have been presented to the Douglas County Soil and Water District Board. Potentially they approved an option and application for a state grant for completion of that option. A full report will be given at our August 24 annual ILA meeting.

The DNR walleye survey result should also be available then.

This spring we treated about 31 acres of Curley Leaf Pondweed at a cost of about \$3700 after receipt of a grant from the county.

The members, directors and officers have worked hard on these and other projects. Thank you so much. It has been especially gratifying to have new volunteers for import jobs. Deb Hertzog has assumed the role of newsletter editor after long and remarkable service by Diane Achterkirch. Tamara and Jeff Peterson have volunteered for the water collection job previously assiduously done by Jerry McClure and Wes Smith. Love of the lake is best shown volunteering.

For the last four years I have been privileged to serve as ILA president. It has been rewarding and educational. Thanks again for your support. At the annual meeting a new president will be chosen, so please plan to attend.

Dick Sudmeier • President Ida Lake Association

## Docks and Watercraft Lifts

Docks and watercraft lifts are commonly used access structures on Lake Ida. If you own waterfront property, a temporary structure that provides access to a lake or river is preferred to a permanent structure. Permanent structures are more likely to sustain ice damage, and a snow-covered structure over the ice poses a hazard to recreational vehicle users.

No permit is needed to install, construct, or reconstruct your dock on shoreline property you own if you comply with the following:

1. A dock is a narrow platform or structure extending toward the water from the shoreline. A dock may provide access to moored watercraft or deeper water for swimming, fishing, and other recreation.
2. The structure, other than a watercraft lift or watercraft canopy, is not more than 8 feet wide and is not combined with other similar structures to create a larger structure.
3. The dock is no longer than needed to achieve its intended use, including reaching navigable water depth.
4. The structure is not a hazard to navigation, health, or safety.
5. The structure will allow the free flow of water beneath it.
6. The structure is not used or intended as a marina.

## 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 nineteen area lakes, including Lake Ida. Litter! Goes without saying, please pick up after yourselves and keep garbage from flying out of your boats.

## 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.

## Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Starry Stonewort is a macro-algae meaning it does not have a vascular system like true plants. This AIS is a prohibited invasive species in Minnesota. The Starry Stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*) grows in August and September and is a threat to Minnesota waters. It is a bushy, bright green macro-algae. The thin, bright green branch-like structures can be variable in length and are arranged in whorls (radiating out from a single point) around them. If members see pretty pink flowers in shallow areas, it may be a newer AIS. The DNR link to the Starry Stonewort: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquaticplants/starrystonewort/index.html> Please report any Starry Stonewort or other aquatic invasive species to our AIS Detectors via the link on the website: [www.lakeidamn.org](http://www.lakeidamn.org).

## Filamentous Algae Bloom

Many people have noticed long strings of algal cells around their docks this year. This algae is NOT an invasive species but a naturally occurring algae called filamentous algae and will often float on the lake surface or attach to plants in the water. While filamentous algae growth does not occur every year, it is likely a result of the heavy snowpack in our area which resulted in significant snowmelt runoff, bringing additional nutrients into the lake with the high spring water level we experienced. This species of algae is nontoxic and should be dying and sinking in the coming weeks.

## Boat Parade – July 4, 2019

July 4<sup>th</sup> began with a rainy start to the day, although the rain stopped in time for 35 boats to participate in the parade. The parade departed from Pilgrim Point at 10 a.m. and proceeded to the north end of Lake Ida. Jim



Conn led the group through Big Horn Bay and along the East side in his classic Chris-Craft as fans waved at the decorated boats from shore.

Many positive comments were received such as, “This was our first boat parade, can’t wait until next year.” “Thank you! This was the biggest and the best!” “Fantastic!”

Watch the spring newsletter for the direction and location of the 2020 July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade.

## Memorial Donations Received

In addition to annual dues that members contributed, several Memorial

Donations were received, primarily for loved ones who have departed. The following donations have been received since last August. In Memory of:

- Brook Brown by Pat Brown
- Sheryl Brakken-Freely by Jim & Shirley Brakken
- Tish Drenttel by Cliff Drenttel
- Albert William “Bill” Goblirsch by Lynn & Keith Stone Family

- Margaret Grenson by John & Kathy Ed
- Susan Grothe by Michael & Terri Steidl
- Cecil Hauri by Beth (Hauri) Bell
- “Harry” Hayer by June Hayer
- Ed & Cleo Karl by Greg & Wendy Schultz
- Hank Bahe by Ben Stroh

# 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:**  
Ida Lake Association  
P.O. Box 175  
Garfield, MN 56332-0175

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