

ILA News

The Official Newsletter of the Ida Lake Association

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

2020 Spring Meeting

NO SPRING ANNUAL MEETING – Due to COVID-19 and Ida Township restrictions for use of the Township Hall, there will be no Spring Annual meeting. Questions/concerns can be submitted to District Directors. Visit our website www.lakeidamn.org to find your Board Members and District Directors. District Directors plan to meet virtually at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2020. Watch for potential video recording to be available after the meeting.

Spring Cleanup

Typically, ditch cleanup of County Road 34 between Pilgrim Point and County Road 5 is done by a group of volunteers each spring. Due to social distancing requirements, spring clean up will not be done as a group. We ask that those who live along this stretch of highway or walkers along this route, please take a trash bag with you, pick up trash and place in your own trash cans. Thank you for helping to keep our lakes area clean.

Shoreland Owners – Douglas County



Cost-share opportunities for Shoreland Owners in Douglas County are available. The Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has applied for federal and state dollars to be used to address erosion and water quality issues throughout the county. Douglas SWCD currently has funding to provide 60-75% cost-share to landowners which includes Lake Ida. Qualified landowners utilizing this funding pay 25-40% of the cost of the project out of pocket. The goal is to reduce erosion, shoreline protection, shoreline bank correction, establish native vegetation, increase pollinators and wildlife to promote healthy lakes and rivers. To apply, contact the Douglas SWCD

office at: 900 Robert Street, #102, Alexandria, MN 56308 or call (320) 763-3191.

ILA Directories Available

Directories of ILA will be available May 16, 2020. Thank you to Tina Lindstrand, Mike Kleve, Jim Peterson, Betty Cichy-Anderson and Lynette Dempsey for completing this in-depth project. Property owners are listed by lake address, as well as by district. District Directors will deliver the directories to paid members in the next few weeks.

Annual Due\$

As a property owner on Lake Ida (761 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 leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil, it takes effort and dollars to maintain good water quality.

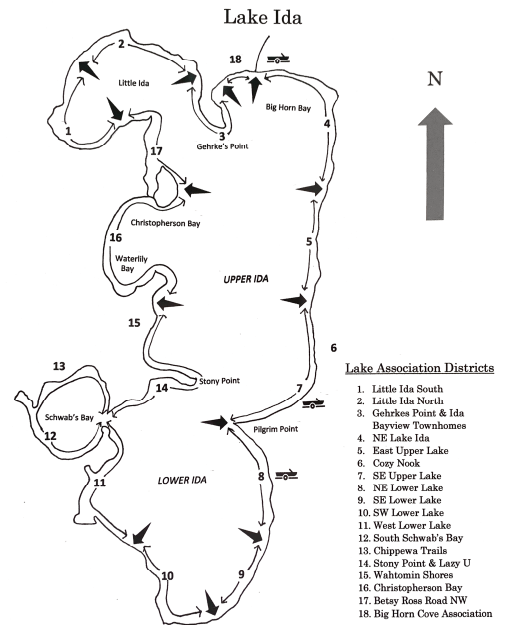
Please make a commitment to support water quality and protect your property values by joining the Ida Lake Association. **The annual membership is only \$25!** Please remit with the form included in this newsletter or pay on line (see www.lakeidamn.org website). This is YOUR Lake Ida!

ILA – Directors Needed

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.

We currently have District Director vacancies in Districts 5 and 15 in which **two** directors are needed. Districts 2, 3, 4, 10 and 18 need **one** additional director. If your district is needing a district director, please consider being a director to help keep our lake clean and get to know others on the lake.

ILA elects two District Directors to represent each of the districts for a two-year term. The District Directors serve on the ILA Board of Directors along with the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board meets the 4th Saturday of each month from April through September, so even if you are not a full-time resident, the time commitment is minimal. The Directors promote the care and improvement of Lake Ida and adjoining properties, disseminate information to the membership from the Board, encourage membership in the organization, serve as the voice of the membership in matters of concern, and promote the welfare of lake and watershed management interests. The Association carries liability and "misrepresentation" insurance for all members serving on the Board.



From The President



The Coronavirus has greatly affected our lives as we approach the fond activities of summer on Lake Ida. I feel grateful, especially in quarantine, to be able to look out my window and enjoy nature and all the beauty that living on the lake provides. The Ida Lake Association will be doing business differently, such as virtual meetings, but we will be moving forward with our important projects such as Curly Leaf Pondweed control, grants, and fish stocking to enhance our mission. Information will be shared through area directors, in newsletters, and our website at www.lakeidamn.org.

Thanks to the many volunteered hours, we are pleased to be able to distribute the 2020 ILA directories to all paid members. I am grateful for the amazing officers, Board of Directors, committees and Past President, Dick Sudmeier, for their support as I learn my new role. Remember to be a good neighbor, be grateful, be safe and be a good steward of our lake.

Elaine Greer • President Ida Lake Association

Curly Leaf Pondweed

Curly Leaf Pondweed is a non-native invasive submerged aquatic weed found in more than 750 Minnesota Lakes. This weed can interfere with recreational uses by producing dense mats at the water's surface and can displace native aquatic plants. Curly Leaf Pondweed was identified in Lake Ida several years ago. A three-year treatment plan is recommended. The AIS Consulting will again do a survey in the spring of 2020 to determine where additional treatment is needed. Bob Reed and David Geddes are our trained AID Detectors. They are available for questions about other aquatic invasive species questions and identifications. In addition to CLP, the primary plants to look for are Eurasian watermilfoil and starry stonewort.

Wake Zone – Buoys

With more than 820,000 registered boats across the state (roughly one boat for every six Minnesotans), the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters to "Own Your Wake." A 200-foot setback distance is sensible because it addresses concerns over environmental impacts on shorelines from homeowners and local residents. We all share the lake – with residents and visitors alike...please be courteous!

NOTICE ANYTHING NEW ON LAKE IDA?? Red and green buoys have been placed at the shallow section between big Ida and little Ida. Please travel between the red and green buoys, as it preserves the shoreline of homeowners near there. Homeowners do appreciate your courtesy!

Dispose of Waste Properly

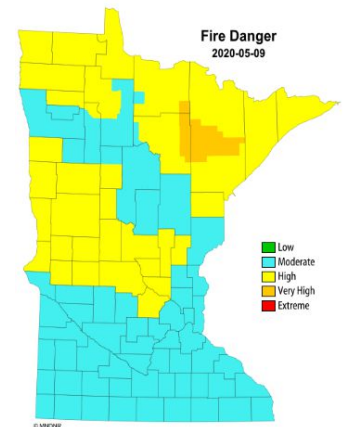
Not sure what to do with your recycling or hazardous waste? Visit the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management website www.popedouglasrecycle.com or call and ask at 320-763-9340. Dispose of unwanted items safely!

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.



Douglas County currently is under a burning restriction. There should be no burning, other than contained backyard bonfires, at this time. As you do your spring clean-up, please observe these restrictions and do not burn your brush and leaves.

ILA Membership Emails

ILA Membership email aliases have been updated. If you have provided us with your email address and are NOT receiving ILA emails, please check your junk/spam folds. Please also add: webmaster@lakeidamn.org to your address book. Emails you provide for ILA will not be shared publicly. Please note that we have issues with ILA emails not reaching members with apple emails (@icloud.com, @me.com, @mac.com). These can get rejected and we are NOT notified of the kickback. Please contact the ILA webmaster if you wish to have your email updated or removed.

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. Thank you for your generous donations!

In Memory of:

Hank Bahe from Ben Stoh
Mark Bratrud from Dan & Angeline Bratrud
Harry Bedman from Marilyn Bedman
Harry Bedman from Morris & Nancy Mueller
Harry Bedman from Lauren Davis
Brook Brown from Pat Brown
Tish Drenttel from Cliff & Margaret Drenttel
Sheryl Brakken-Feely from Jim & Shirley Brakken
Roger Gaddes from Glenn & Mary Ann Dettman
Roger Gaddes from Becky Saar
Earle & Margerat Gleason from John & Kathy Ed
Gaylene Susan Grothe from John & Kathy Ed

Albert William "Bill" Goblirsch from Lynn & Keith Stone Family
Margaret Gleason from John & Kathy Ed
Susan Grothe from Michael & Terri Steidl
Cecil Hauri from Beth Bell
"Harry" Hayer from June Hayer
Ed & Cleo Karl from Greg & Wendy Schultz
Malcolm McLean from Bernie & Becky Shea
Denny & Sue Triplett & Barb Russel from Edward & Eileen Kohn
Norma Vinger from Joann Raach
Norma Vinger from John, Joann & Jason
Bing Wessel from Henry & Bernie Wessel

Become a 2020 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

Return Service Requested

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