

ILA *News*

The Official Newsletter of the Ida Lake Association

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

2022 Annual Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting. We will have important updates on Ditch 23 and water quality issues, as well as elections of Vice President, Treasurer, and even-numbered District Directors.

Saturday, August 27

9 a.m.

Ida Township Hall, 4700 County Road 6 NW



From the President

Bring Your Neighbor and Kids to the Annual Meeting



Since becoming involved in the Association as your president, I have really come to appreciate all the hard work past and present directors and officers have put into the association. It also made me realize that we need to make certain we continue to have a strong presence at our annual meetings to inform everyone of lake activities, and just as important, we need to make certain we continue to have new people wanting to get involved in the association, no matter if it's just for a few hours a year.

Ask yourself – do you enjoy the boat parade, do you find comfort knowing people are trying to maintain and improve lake water quality, fishing, and other lake amenities? If so, all I ask is that you come to the annual meeting to be informed. I'm not asking you to volunteer for anything, just come to the meeting and consider bringing a friend, neighbor, or your older kids. My kids are in their 30's and love Lake Ida as much as I do!

I hope to see you on August 27th!

Lee Gustafson

Important Ditch 23 and Water Quality Improvement Discussion

This is one meeting you are not going to want to miss! We have several water quality improvement projects and initiatives that we are going to discuss at our annual meeting.

We first have Jerry Haggenmiller, District Coordinator from the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District talking about the Ditch 23 project that will be starting this winter. Jerry will be explaining how the project will benefit the lake and what area residents should expect to see for construction activities. This is a very important water quality improvement project for Lake Ida!

Part two of this presentation will include a very informative - high level introduction of the drainage areas leading into and out of Lake Ida, and how Lake Ida is classified within the watershed area. We will also discuss new initiatives the Association has for continuing to improve the water quality of Lake Ida. If you're at all interested in maintaining the great water quality of our lake, you will not want to miss this discussion.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Update



The Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP) management program continued in 2022 with the delineation survey done on May 26 and treatment completed on June 6. Douglas County commissioned a meander survey executed on June 27 to search for CLP, Eurasian watermilfoil (none found), and Starry stonewort (none found). The meander survey shows that the CLP management program is successful. Between CLP killed by treatment and natural die-back in June, CLP is almost absent by the end of June. See <https://www.lakeidamn.org/aquatic-invasive-species.html> and click on the link in the list of documents for “2022 Delineation, Treatment, and Post-Treatment Meander Survey Maps.”

Election of Officers and Directors

The Officer positions of Vice President and Treasurer and District Directors for even-numbered districts will be elected for 2-year terms at the Annual Meeting. 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.

The Vice-President performs the duties of the President in their absence or inability to perform the duties of the office. The Vice-President arranges for any desired or available guest speakers. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President automatically becomes President, and a Vice-President will be elected at the next Board meeting. The Treasurer collects all dues and assessments, receives all contributions for the Association, keeps accurate accounts, and reports all financial transactions at each meeting of the Association and Board of Directors.

Newly elected Officers and District Directors will assume their responsibilities in April of 2023 for a 2-year term. Please consider volunteering to serve as an Officer (Treasurer needed) or a District Director for one of our vacant slots (Districts 6 (two), 8, 10, 16, and 18), or running against incumbents up for re-election. If you are interested in serving as an Officer or Director, please contact us at webmaster@lakeidamn.org. We will also take nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting (nominees from the floor must agree to be nominated).

Pilgrim Point Park Use and Pets



It is exciting to see happy boaters and families enjoying Pilgrim Point Park and its beach now that it is a county resource available for our use. Lake Ida is big, and often wind affects the ability to swim or boat in certain areas of the lake, while other areas, like Pilgrim Point, remain calm and protected. It's also a great way to gather and socialize with other Lake Ida boaters. What a jewel we have in the use of this land!

It has been brought to our attention, however, that some people who beach their watercraft at Pilgrim's Point are allowing their dogs to run free and are not picking up their waste. Douglas County park ordinance 4.3 refers to animals in county parks. Pets brought to the park or beach area must be accompanied by their owner and restrained at all times by a suitable leash not more than six feet long or confined to a suitable cage. Signage to this effect will be posted this fall at Pilgrim Point per park supervisor, Brad Bonk. Responsible pet owners should pick up their animal's waste and dispose of it properly. Let's maintain a clean, safe park for all to enjoy!



Those Aren't Headlights??? I Would Never Have Guessed!

It is counter-intuitive, but the white lights on the front of most new pontoon boats are **not** headlights; they are **docking lights** and should only be used when approaching a dock or boat lift when landing the boat, according to MN statute. You should not use them while you are out on the lake.

While moving on the water, the only lights that should be visible are the red and green side lights on the bow (front of the boat) and a single white stern (rear) light that can be seen from any direction. While anchored, you do not need to have the colored side lights turned on, but the white stern light must always be on anytime you are on the water between sunset and sunrise.

Boating: Red/Green Bow Lights and White Stern Light all required

Anchored: White Stern Light required

These requirements are intended to ensure that other boaters can see you and know where your boat is. Having docking lights on while moving can interfere with other boaters' ability to see your side lights, and that is why they are prohibited from being used while underway. (MN DNR Boating Guide 2022, Pages 21-23)

About Us ~ ILA

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

Ida Lake Association does its best to limit the number of emails sent to members. We send out emails reminding members of upcoming events (boat parade, highway clean-up, CLP treatment dates, meetings), as well as important reminders from the DNR (wake restrictions, burning bans, etc.). In addition, as a courtesy to residents, we send out lost-and-found notices. If you are not getting our emails, be sure to add webmaster@lakeidamn.org to your address book and/or your trusted/safe email list with your service provider. Check your junk/spam folders to be sure the emails are not going there. If you are not on our email list yet, be sure to include your email address when you submit your dues (and indicate your district) or email us directly requesting to be added.

Annual Due\$

As a property owner on Lake Ida (760 of you!) you have a major interest in the well-being of your lake, as water quality directly affects property values and your enjoyment of lake activities! The Ida Lake Association has a vested interest in keeping our lake clean and healthy. As residents on Lake Ida, we appreciate your financial commitment to support the mission of the Ida Lake Association to preserve our lake. It takes effort and dollars, and your dues help to fund treatment for Aquatic Invasive Species, as well as provide leverage for grant monies for runoff and water quality improvement projects. The annual membership increased to \$30 for 2022. You may pay in person at the Annual membership meeting on August 27th, remit a check with the form included in this newsletter, or pay with a credit card through the website (<https://www.lakeidamn.org/join-or-donate.html>). This is YOUR Lake Ida!

Memorials

ILA received several memorial donations since the May newsletter through August 3, 2022.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Nancy Carlson for Donald W. Carlson
James & Shirley Brakken for Sheryl Brakken-Feely
Wesley Smith for Muriel Smith
Greg & Wendy Schultz for Josh Schultz
Kevin & Beth Montgomery for Floyd Montgomery & Francis Hunt
Richard & Suzanne Sudmeier for Richard & Dorothy Sudmeier
Naomi Gargaro for Sam Gargaro

Doug Kinney for Jon & Laura Ward
Jack & Inez Stanton
Deb Oleson for Rose Ann Maloney
Hank Wessel for Bing Wessel
Gregory Johnson for Jack & Inez Stanton
Barbara & Artie Peterson-Malesci for Bastie

Become a 2022 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: \$30.00

Memorial: \$ _____ for: _____

Walleye Stocking: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Comments:

Remit payment to:
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Garfield, MN 56332-0175

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