

ILA News

The Official Newsletter of the Ida Lake Association

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

2023 Spring Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2023 Spring Membership Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27th. We will provide updates on runoff improvement projects, fish stocking, and management of nuisance aquatic vegetation near docks.

Saturday, May 27
9 a.m.
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Road 6 NW

Message from the President

Lake Ida – Thanks for the legacy and the great memories....

My family and friends have been able to make great memories on Lake Ida for almost 25 years now. When I first purchased a cabin on the lake, I kind of took things for granted - I assumed someone would always coordinate the 4th of July boat parade, the lake was always going to have superb water quality, and all I had to do was pay my dues and just show up and enjoy the lake. Well, it still is pretty much that way for a lot of people, and that's probably ok. The big "however" for me, and maybe for you as well, is how little I knew about the Ida Lake Association and all the great people that did all of this year after year. I think if you asked past and present association directors, they would all say it's been their pleasure to volunteer. They would also probably say that they wished more people would come to the two annual meetings so they could be informed. Surprisingly or not, that's my wish as well. So, on Saturday, May 27th, my hope is that you have an hour to spare to come meet your neighbors and learn more about this great lake that we all love.



Before You Work on Your Shoreline, Be Sure You Have the Right Permit

Lakeshore owners take note –natural rock riprap can only be used for the stabilization of an active erosion problem. Natural rock riprap must be consistent with standards set by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and it must be placed within the lakeshore use area. A shoreland alteration permit is required in Douglas County for the following items:

- Retaining walls.
- Ice ridge removal.
- Sand beach areas.
- Stairs, patios and decks.
- Removal of any trees, shrubs or vegetation (limited removal) or alteration of vegetation in shore and bluff impact zones.
- Movement of up to 10 cubic yards of fill or soil in the impact zones or steep slopes.

Money Available for Erosion Projects and Shoreline Improvements

The Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) currently has money available for landowners with erosion problems that otherwise would not be addressed due to the high cost of the projects. The SWCD currently has funding to provide a 60-75% cost-share to landowners on or near Lake Ida. Qualified landowners utilizing this funding only have to pay 25-40% out of pocket for their project.



This money is to be used for reducing erosion, shoreline protection, shoreline bank correction, establishing native vegetation, and increasing pollinators and wildlife to promote healthy lakes and rivers. If you're interested in learning more about this program, please visit the SWCD web site at: <http://www.douglasswcd.com/services/cost-share-opportunities/>

Native Aquatic Plant Management

Do you know that in addition to dealing with vegetation that is an Aquatic Invasive Species, which ILA treats (see article below), there are numerous plants in the lake that are an important part of the lake's ecosystem? However, sometimes those native plants can become a nuisance, especially in the warm summer months when their growth interferes with access to the lake from our docks and shorelines. There are remedies for dealing with this overgrowth, but permits may be required from the DNR when it comes to control of certain types of aquatic vegetation, the use of weed rollers or harvesters, and the use of herbicides in public water. Your safest bet is to check with the DNR for help determining whether a permit is required. More information about this will be available on our website soon. Come to the May meeting to hear more!

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management

The ILA will continue our successful Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP) management program. In previous years, PLM, our treatment company, used Aquathol K in its treatment program. However, long term use of Aquathol K can show signs of damage to favorable native pondweeds, and Aquathol K has become extremely costly, with prices rising 30% in the past two years.

PLM has been utilizing Flumioxazin ("Flumi") for years on homeowner treatments and has received several DNR permits to study the efficacy of Flumi on Curlyleaf Pondweed in 2022. Freshwater Sciences (our surveyor) has been involved in these studies. PLM says initial data on Flumi for Curlyleaf control are promising. Flumi may also have less impact on native plants.



The DNR, PLM, and Freshwater Sciences feel that Flumi would be a good choice for Lake Ida going forward, though the DNR has not yet determined optimal application rates, depths, and temperatures. Therefore, the DNR will be providing follow-up surveys at no cost to monitor treatment effectiveness and impact on native plants. Costs for Flumi will be around \$6,000 compared to \$21,000 for Aquathol K. The AIS Committee unanimously voted to use Flumi in 2023. We will be meeting on-site with the DNR and PLM in late May to finalize plans and establish a potential treatment date.

Important Ditch 23 Update

As mentioned in our fall newsletter, the Ditch 23 project was supposed to start last winter. The project unfortunately had to be postponed because it was discovered that the DNR permit didn't contain some needed information. The permit has been updated and is currently being reviewed by the DNR. We're hopeful that the project will be constructed next winter when conditions are favorable for this type of work.

Ready for Some Fun?

Have friends and family visiting this summer and looking for something to do, or for additional equipment? Alexandria Community Ed has a new Outdoor "Gear Library" with inexpensive rentals of yard games, dunking booths, fishing/camping gear, kayaks, and mountain bikes, as well as winter activities. They can be rented by calling 320-762-3310, ext. 4242. Equipment can be picked up at Shenanigans, 1410 S. McKay Ave. See <https://www.alexschools.org/Page/7173> for more information.

Do You Have a Few Hours to Spare?



Do you enjoy fishing, swimming, and just enjoying the gorgeous lake views? Could you spare a few hours each year to help protect and improve the lake? There are many ways that you can help, and some take very little time. Each spring and fall we clean up the 3-mile stretch of Co Rd 34 from Pilgrim Point to Co Rd 5. In addition, the Ida Lake Association has various committees that could use your help, including the Fish Stocking and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) committees. You don't need to be an expert (or a District Director) – you just need a love for the lake. I promise you it will be rewarding, and you will likely learn something about this great lake of ours.

Ida Lake Association is comprised of 18 districts, consisting of two Directors for each district, representing and serving the property owners of Lake Ida. Get to know your neighbors and your Directors – together we can keep our lake healthy and enjoyable for generations to come. There are currently several Director positions open – please consider volunteering to ensure your district is represented at board meetings. Directors meeting once a month from April through September, so you can be a Director even if you are a snowbird! You can get additional information from any of the Officers or Directors at the May membership meeting. We currently need one Director each for districts 3, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18, and two Directors for district 6. **Visit our website www.lakeidamn.org** (a great resource).

4th of July Boat Parade!

The annual Lake Ida 4th of July boat parade will be held on Tuesday, July 4th at 9:00 am (rain date is the 5th). This year the parade will be led from Pilgrim Point by Duane Doucette with his pontoon decorated as a '57 Chevy and will cover the northern parts of the lake (exact locations dependent on wind and time).



Annual Due\$

Is your membership current? The address label on the Newsletter tells you what year you are paid through. We appreciate your financial commitment supporting the Ida Lake Association's mission of preserving our lake by keeping it clean and healthy. Water quality directly affects property values and the enjoyment of lake activities for all 760 property owners and visitors! It takes manpower and dollars to keep our lake beautiful, and your dues help to fund treatment for AIS and provide leverage to obtain grant monies for runoff and water quality improvement projects. The annual membership is only \$30. You may pay in person at the Spring membership meeting on May 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!

Memorial Donations

ILA received several memorial donations since the August newsletter through April 30, 2023. Thank you for your generous donations!

Amy Burdeau for Dean Jahnke
Terry & Dean Kobberman for Dean Jahnke
Nancy Hales & Dean Rau for Dean Jahnke
Mark & Grace Alberg for Dean and Jan Jahnke
Ronda & Rodney Wescott for Dean and Jan Jahnke
Karen Bonebrake for Jan Jahnke
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Dennis & Mary Pierson, Joann Roach, & Mark & Beth Krohn for Donald Vinger
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Beth Bell for Dean Jahnke
Marsha & Roger Gille for Dean Jahnke
William & Karen Bonebrake for Dean Jahnke
Steve & Cathy Shonka for Dean and Jan Jahnke
Terry and Elmer Kobberman for Jan Jahnke
Brenda Martin (Gunderson) for Jan Jahnke
Rod & Becky Saar for Ron Hamby
Mary Ann & Glenn Dettman for Ron Hamby
Gregory Johnson for Inez and Jack Stanton

Become a 2023 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: \$ _____

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