

ILA News

The Official Newsletter of the Ida Lake Association

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

2023 Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 26
9 a.m.
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Road 6 NW

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting. We will have an update on the plans for the improvement of the Pilgrim Point Park area. In addition, following the meeting, it's time to elect our President and Secretary for the next two years. In addition, members of odd numbered districts will stay to caucus and select their district directors for the next two years.

From the President's Daughter

My dad, Lee Gustafson, asked for my input the other day on what type of message to send out for this newsletter. He mentioned that the association needs to get more young people involved and provide opportunities to do that with our busy family schedules. I gave him lots of ideas!

My sister and our families truly love this lake and want to be a part of it for many more decades. We've gone from, as my dad would say, teenagers just showing up and expecting mom and dad to have everything ready at the cabin to young adults understanding the importance of protecting this great resource. You may have seen us in the boat parades with all of our dogs dressed up in red, white and blue. It's an annual tradition for our family, including the dogs. We love it! Make certain you wave next time you see us!

You may have also seen me and my kids over at Pilgrim Point cleaning up trash on the beach area. My kids call it treasure hunting! The last few weekends we've filled the front of the jetski full of all kinds of garbage, including dirty diapers. I realize you can never eliminate trash from the environment (wish we could), so I consider it our small effort in trying to keep the lake clean. Dad always smiles when we return from our treasure hunting adventure because the kids rush to tell him stories of what each one found, and he sees me in the background unloading these so-called treasures.

I realize my target audience for writing this may not be reading this newsletter. So, for those who are, I would ask you to reach out to your kids, grandkids and other family members to have a discussion on how we can all help protect this great lake we all enjoy. Maybe there are ways you can help and just have not thought about it. Do you have a few spare hours (this is coming from my dad now) to possibly help with the newsletter, website, social media, and yes, taking minutes at meetings? As you will see within this newsletter, the association also needs other volunteers - like directors. The meetings are monthly, April through September, and if you can't make them all - that's ok. You can stay involved electronically.

Thanks for listening. It was fun reaching out to all of you. If you see my dad, you can tell him he should let me do this again! ☺

President's Daughter - Andrea



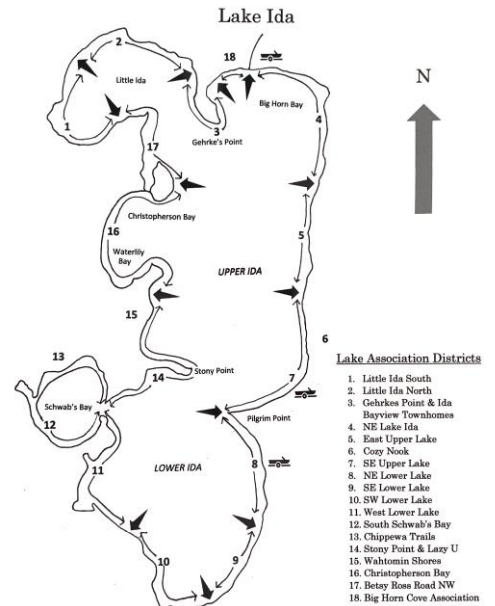
Election of Officers and Directors

Ida Lake Association is comprised of 18 districts, represented by two District Directors for each district who serve the property owners of Lake Ida along with four officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary).

The Officer positions of President and Secretary and District Directors for odd-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. Those who can't attend all meetings are kept abreast of key issues by emails and sharing of minutes. The Association carries liability and "misrepresentation" insurance for all members serving on the Board.

The current Secretary is ready to step down after serving for 5 years. The Secretary takes the minutes of any ILA meetings and presents the minutes for approval at regular meetings.

Newly elected Officers and District Directors will assume their responsibilities in April of 2024 for a 2-year term. Please consider volunteering to serve as an Officer or a District Director for any of the odd-numbered districts, but particularly those with vacancies- Districts 3, 5, 13, 15, and 17 (two are needed). If you are interested in serving, 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). Although elections aren't being held for even-numbered Districts at this meeting, please consider volunteering to help fill vacancies in Districts 6 (two are needed), 16, and 18.



Newsletter Editor Needed

Do you like to write from the comfort of your home or cabin? We have an opening for creating and editing the ILA Newsletter. The newsletter is published in May and August, and it only takes a few hours of your time. Training and lots of support will be provided. It is simple, as the directors provide articles for the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Lee Gustafson, President, or Pamela Phillips, current Newsletter editor, for further information. Please visit the website www.lakeidamn.org for contact information.

Ditch 23 and Pilgrim Point Updates

As we mentioned last year, the Ditch 23 project was supposed to be completed last winter. There was unfortunately a hang up in the DNR permitting process that prevented this from happening. We are hopeful that this will be cleared up soon and that the project will be completed this winter.

Lots of construction has occurred on Pilgrim Point this past year. Homes are being built and the county has completed many improvements in the park area. A more detailed update of park activities will be given at our annual meeting on August 26. Please attend to hear more about what to expect at the park, and to ask any questions that you may have.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management

Ida Lake Association continued our AIS management program, with the delineation survey and the treatment completed in late May. The DNR and PLM (our treatment provider) recommended that we switch to the herbicide

Flumioxazin, due to its lower cost than using Aquathol K. The cost was \$2,350 for the survey and \$3,692 for the treatment, for a total of \$6,042. The county reimbursed \$4,906.50 (75%), so the total cost to ILA was \$1,510.50. Costs in previous years were far higher. Please remember to thank the county commissioners and Land & Resources for their generous support.

As many of you see, aquatic plant growth is abundant this year. PLM and Freshwater Sciences (our treatment and survey companies) tell me that this is a phenomenon across the state. If you do remove any aquatic plant material to facilitate boating or swimming, remember to obtain the appropriate permit from the DNR and to dispose of any plants removed off the lake. It is illegal as well as unneighborly to dump plant material into the lake.

Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) Report

The DCLA Board met on July 12th at the Public Works building. The Board consists of one voting member from each area lake association (each lake association elects two representatives - the second becomes the voting member if the first is not present). ILA's current rep is Dian Lopez. Please consider volunteering as second rep. DCLA is looking for leadership positions. Please volunteer if you would like to help them! You do not have to be a representative to do this - just be interested in helping the County's lake associations work together on projects. Two members of the DCLA Board are members of the Water Quality Legacy Fund Board. The Ida Lake Association has received several grants from the Legacy Fund, the largest being the grant for the Ditch 23 project. The next DCLA Board meeting is on August 9th (4 pm at the Public Works Building). They meet monthly from April through October. Come and learn about the wonderful projects that are keeping the County's lakes beautiful.

Personal Watercraft (PWC) Rules and Courtesy

Personal watercraft are considered motorboats under the law, so they must follow all the regulations that govern other motorboats. In addition, personal watercraft:

- Are required to have rules decal in full view of the operator
- Operators and passengers must wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket
- Are required to carry a USCG approved fire extinguisher
- Must travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of shore, docks, rafts, etc.
- While towing a person on water skis or other device, must have observer on board or wide-angled rearview mirrors
- May only operate between 9:30 a.m. and one hour before sunset

As with boating, please be courteous and respectful to homeowners' property by reducing speed to prevent shoreline erosion. This is just a friendly reminder to slow down, obey the rules, and please be courteous!

Annual Due\$

Is your membership current? The address label on the Newsletter tells you what year you are paid through (we apologize for a printing error in May that omitted this information). 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 annual membership meeting on August 26th, 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 July 27, 2023.

Thank you for your generous donations!

Leon & Shelia Bresley for Mel & Ruby Jasmen
Jim & Monica Oberle Family for Francis Hunt
Greg & Wendy Schultz for Son, Josh Schultz

Leon & Shelia Bresley for Rex & Goldie Bresley
Dick & Suzanne Sudmeier for Dick & Dorothy Sudmeier

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
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