



IDA LAKE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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The mission of the Ida Lake Association is to preserve and protect the serenity, quality, and natural beauty of Lake Ida.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT, ROB AUDEL

There are several activities that deserve our attention this year. May I suggest that you start by reviewing this news letter, follow up by renewing your membership for 2009, and make plans now to attend the property owners meeting coming up in just a few weeks. It is at this meeting where you can begin to see what the directors have been working on, hear what needs to be done now, and get the feel for what the future may entail. Please note that there are needs this year where we are going to be spending the association's money. While it is great that we currently have a healthy balance to work with, we need to keep the membership near the record high levels to maintain this working balance. In fact, the association may need to go after some grants shortly to maintain the current lovely, clean, weed free waters that we know as Lake Ida. It is with this determination that we will continue to need the volunteer help of the directors, the officers, and the membership of the Ida Lake Association.

While we plan to work hard, we also plan to celebrate. In July, we will have a membership picnic at Pilgrim Point. I hope to include information about rain gardens, lakescaping, etc. from the Land and Resources available on that day. In August, we will celebrate with an evening dinner again. This year, we will acknowledge several individuals. This will include our past newsletter editor, Gary Gibbons, for his contributions since the formation of this association. Also, with this year's issues, we will be acknowledging all of our current and past water clarity monitors, along with our outgoing officers.

I know I am looking forward to a summer on Lake Ida. Hopefully, you are too. Enjoy!

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- Membership dues in the amount of **\$25.00** are payable on an annual basis. **Please check your mailing address label to verify your district number and the last year for which your dues were paid.** If you recently paid your label may not reflect the current year. Included with this newsletter is an insert for Annual Dues Payment. Please complete the form and mail it, with your check, to Ida Lake Association, P. O. Box 175, Garfield, MN 56332-0175. You may also pay your dues during the Spring meeting on Saturday, May 23rd.

SPRING MEETING:

- The Annual Spring Property Owners Meeting will be held **Saturday, May 23rd** at 9am. Please join your Lake Ida friends and catch up on Lake news. Agenda includes reports from the following committees: Fish/Water Clarity, Communications, Rules and Regulations, and Roads and Ditches, and more. We need you to help with keeping our lake safe and clean. We also will be planning our Spring Picnic.

Worm Spraying

- This looks like a bad year for army worms. Ida Lake Association will be spraying where districts have requested spraying, release forms have been signed and there is evidence of worm infestation. A release form is included with this newsletter. Please sign and return it. If your area does not need spraying, none will be done. If you do NOT want your lot sprayed, please let us know right away. This also means that your neighbors on either side will also not be sprayed. If you have not already done so, please sign a form either way and send it to the address given.

TEMPORARY STRUCTURE PERMITS

- If you plan on placing a structure in a lake, river or waterway (other than a dock or boat lift) within Douglas County for a period of time greater than one day (sunrise to sunset), you are required to first obtain a Temporary Structure Permit issued by the Sheriff's Office. Some permits are valid for three years, some are renewed annually, please note the specific regulations of each permit. The most common types of structures that require a permit are swim/dive rafts, water trampolines, designated swim areas, mooring buoys, boarded ice skating rinks, water ski, and wake board or jet ski courses. See http://www.co.douglas.mn.us/Sheriff_Water_Patrol.htm for more information.

Serious Reminder: (Burning)

- As you begin Spring and Fall work on your yard, please remember that the Douglas County Ordinance prohibits burning within 100 feet of the ordinary high water level of a general development and recreational development lake. The only exception would be a recreational wood burning campfire with a fire ring less than three feet in diameter, designed to enclose ash for removal.
If any amount of burning is done (other than a recreational campfire) a fire permit must be obtained. EPA doesn't allow burning of any garbage including paper and cardboard. Only allowed burning would be vegetative matter such as leaves, brush, and unpainted and unstained wood.
Home owners are responsible for smoke control. If you are burning, and the wind changes, and smoke is going to a neighbor's home, you must immediately Stop Burning.

LEAVES AND GRASS

- **PLEASE DO NOT DEPOSIT LEAVES OR GRASS INTO THE LAKE OR DITCHES. THESE ARE POLLUTANTS AND ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASED LEVELS OF PHOSPHORUS AND TO EXCESS ALGAE AND WEED GROWTH.**

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROJECT

- Rob Aul has recruited some volunteers from Alexandria Tech to clean the roadside for us this summer. A big Thank You to the students.

FOURTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION PICNIC

- The fourth annual Ida Lake Association picnic has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 25, 2009** at Pilgrims Point Camp from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. **Mark it on your calendar now!** It is a really fun social event with great food and hospitality.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

- There will be a social hour and dinner to be held on Saturday **August, 22** at the Corral Supper Club in Nelson to wrap up our summer, honor jobs well done and to have a good time with our friends and neighbors on Lake Ida. Further details concerning this event will appear in future newsletters. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

NEW DIRECTOR

- A big welcome to our new Director for District 15 – Mike Elias

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Association General Assembly meeting, **Saturday May 23**, 9:00 a.m.
- Third Annual Association Picnic, Pilgrims Point Camp, **Saturday July 25**, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Association Annual Meeting, **Saturday August 22**, 9:00 a.m. with election of Directors/Co-Directors for odd numbered districts.
- Annual Awards Dinner, Corral Supper Club, in Nelson **Saturday August 22**

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- Your Board of Directors will be meeting on the 4th Saturday during the months of April through September at the Ida Township Hall:

Saturday April 25, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 23, 8:00 a.m

Saturday June 27, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday July 25, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday August 22, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday September 26, 9:00 a.m.

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