

# ILA News



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

## 2016 Spring Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now to attend the 2016 Spring Annual Meeting **Saturday, May 28 at 9 a.m.** at the Ida Township Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Directors plan to meet at 8 a.m. Topics for discussion to include and update on Ditch 23, Comprehensive Manure Plan and Aquatic Invasive Species.

We realize this is a family holiday, especially for lake owners, we promise to keep it short and we'll provide the coffee!

We look forward to seeing you at the **Ida Township Hall, located at 4700 County Road 6 NW**. Take stake in your lake – and help keep Lake Ida looking healthy, beautiful...and blue!



## Protect Our Waters

Everyone has heard of aquatic invasive species (AIS), but not everyone realizes what they can – and must – do to follow the law. We need everyone who enjoys Minnesota's vast water resources to get on board and help stop the spread of AIS. It is illegal to transport any aquatic plants, zebra mussels, New Zealand mudsnails or other prohibited invasive species, or to launch a boat or trailer with these species attached. Minnesota waters are threatened by aquatic invasive species.

Your lake association dues at work – ILA has committed funds to increase personnel hours for inspectors at our Lake Ida landings. The Minnesota DNR's goal is to prevent the spread of invasive species within Minnesota through boater education, watercraft inspections and watercraft decontaminations at public water access.



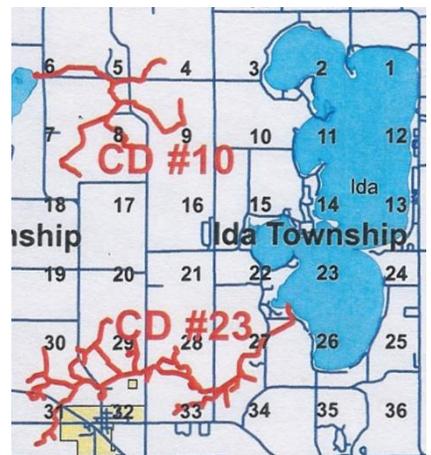
Inspectors can visually and tactilely inspect water-related equipment including the removal, drainage, decontamination or treatment of water-related equipment to prevent the transportation of aquatic invasive species.

- Inspectors can prohibit the launching or operation of water-related equipment if a person refuses to allow an inspection, or doesn't remove water or aquatic invasive species.
- Inspectors can require a watercraft to be decontaminated prior to launching into Minnesota waters.

Help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Let's make it our goal too!

## Ditch 23

Ditch 23 has caused Lake Ida problems for many years. This ditch, running into southwest Lake Ida, is formed from tiles used to drain farmer's fields and from treated sewage from Garfield. The tiles run into a ditch which runs through DNR land, where it is supposed to be filtered, and then into Lake Ida. Samples were taken all last summer of water before it enters the DNR land and right before it enters Lake Ida. The DNR land, which is supposed to filter the water, has been filled with sediment and instead acts like a dirty sponge which sends the sediment along with the ditch water into Lake Ida.



A ditch tax is charged each year and is used to keep the ditch filtering the water properly. After discovering that the water in the ditch was not filtering at all and instead was adding to the pollution going into Lake Ida,

the County Commissioners directed the Ditch Inspector last fall to correct the problem as soon as possible. We are hopeful that the Ditch 23 problem will be fixed early this summer.

A long term solution to this problem is to filter the water much further away from Lake Ida so that the sediment pond on the DNR land would be the last ditch filter. A grant was written by the USDA Soil and Water office to fix the problem for at least twenty years. This grant was supported by the Douglas County Lakes Association (DCLA) as well as the Ida Township supervisors. Unfortunately, the grant was not funded even though it was well written. The Soil and Water office and the DCLA are looking into the reasons the grant was not funded and are hoping to rewrite and resubmit it next year.

The Douglas County Lakes Association meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm in the Public Works Building, 526 Willow Drive, in Alexandria for anyone wishing to learn more about lake issues.

## Keep our Lake Clean and Healthy

Not sure what to do with your recycling or hazardous waste? Don't want to transport it in your vehicle going home? Visit the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management website and dispose of unwanted items safely. [www.popedouglasrecycle.com](http://www.popedouglasrecycle.com)

## Summer Fun!

Alexandria has long since been a great place to live and spend free time. Visit the Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce website to see what's happening while you're at the lake: <http://www.alexandriamn.org>

Join in some fun without ever leaving your lawn chair! The **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Ida Fourth of July Boat Parade** will take place Monday, July 4 (more information to come). Watch from shore, or decorate your boat and fall in line. Make sure you are a part of the tradition and fun celebrating at the lake!



That same week, Lake Ida will be a part of the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Big Ole SUP-athon** is a two-day Stand Up Paddleboarding event, designed to strengthen the connection between the people and the lakes of West-Central Minnesota while raising funds for local 501(c) charities. The Big Ole SUP-athon offers courses of 2, 6, 10 and 26 miles to be enjoyed by paddlers of all skill levels.

On Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> the 26 mile Big Ole SUP-athon, begins at 7 a.m. at the East Lake Milona Public Access and spans 13 lakes, including the length of Lake Ida, and ends at the Lake Victoria Public Access. Watch and cheer the procession of paddleboarders on the waters of Lake Ida!

## Stocking ~ Donate to the Cause

When done well, stocking can work wonders. Hundreds of Minnesota walleye lakes would today offer little or no walleye fishing were it not for regular stocking. Lake Ida was stocked with 700 pounds of fingerlings this past year half in the fall and half in the spring at the two public boat landings on the east side of the lake. The 700 pounds represents about 9,000 walleyes at an average length of 8" which have a very good survival rate. Let's help Lake Ida benefit from our donations!

## Annual Due\$

It is time to remind you to send in your annual Ida Lake Association dues of \$25. Your support helps the ILA preserve and protect the serenity, quality, and natural beauty of Lake Ida. ILA uses the money for various projects. Come to the Annual Meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> and receive your ILA Directory.

The 2015 membership reached 463, which was better than the previous year of 442! We are going in the right direction, but we are still short of the **757 property owners** along our shores – please bring to the Annual Meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> or remit with the form included in this newsletter.



Two men are sitting in a boat fishing. Suddenly Bill confesses, "I think I am going to divorce my wife. She hasn't spoken to me in nearly six months."

Earl feels a bite on his line. "You better think it over. Women like that are hard to find."



### Household Hazardous Waste Facility



**Pope & Douglas County Residents/Homeowners**  
Bring in your paints, bulbs, chemicals & more!  
Call or visit website for hours.

### Dispose of Medications Properly.



- Alexandria Police Department
- Brandon City Hall
- Douglas Co. Sheriff's Office
- Osakis Police/City Hall
- Pope/Douglas Solid Waste
- Starbuck Police/City Hall
- Pope County Courthouse/Glenwood

### Recycle Agricultural Plastics.

**New Program!**  
Drop-off at Recycling Center  
April 1st - November 1st  
Silage/Bale Wrap  
(Keep these items in same sort)  
Bale Netting/Poly Twine  
(Keep these items in same sort)  
Keep items free of gravel/manure/straw



### Recycle Wherever You Are.

#### Recycling Drop-Off



**ACCEPTING:**  
Aluminums & Tin Cans, Corrugated Cardboard, Glass Bottles & Jars, Paper /Boxboard, Plastics #1-2 & #3-6.  
**NO GARBAGE** will be accepted, non-recyclable items will be returned.

For more information call 1-800-972-6318(toll free) • 320-763-9340

## Manure Management

Per most recent Douglas County Feedlot records, there remain 502 livestock farms in operation throughout the entire county. This includes dairy, beef, swine, poultry, and all other livestock sites down to 10 animal units (as few as 7 large livestock animals). 93% of these farms are owned by either an individual or family. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, MPCA, has two primary concerns about feedlots in protecting water in our agricultural areas:

1. Ensuring that manure on a feedlot or manure storage area does not run into water;
2. Ensuring that nutrient-rich manure is applied to cropland at a rate, time and method that prevents nutrients and other possible contaminants from entering streams, lakes and ground water.

The MPCA works with farmers to make sure their feedlots are environmentally safe. It provides technical assistance to farmers, and conducts inspections at feedlots to be certain they comply with environmental requirements. Some of those requirements for feedlots include:

- Construction specifications that ensure the feedlot will properly contain the manure;
- Manure management plans for many medium and large-sized feedlots;
- Requirements for the amount and placement of nutrients spread on fields.

The ILA is helping with an improvement to the manure management of a local farm which will reduce the nutrient runoff that makes its way to Lake Ida. The project is to build a concrete slab to store manure on during the winter months. Then the manure can be spread when weather and soil conditions are more appropriate for applications to his fields. We have contracted to pay \$2,450 when the project is completed and inspected. The farmer and a grant will pay the much larger balance of the cost. An additional benefit will be to improve relations with the farm community and county.

## What is Curly-Leaf Pondweed?

Curly-leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*) is a non-native, invasive submersed aquatic plant that was first observed in Minnesota in about 1910. Distribution in Minnesota Curly-leaf pondweed is known to be present in more than 750 lakes in 70 of the 87 counties in Minnesota. Curly-leaf pondweed can interfere with recreational and other uses of lakes and rivers by producing dense mats at the water's surface. Matted curly-leaf pondweed can displace native aquatic plants. In mid-summer, curly-leaf plants usually die, and dying plants accumulate on shorelines. In a number of Minnesota lakes, low water clarity and algal blooms are found in mid-summer after the curly-leaf pondweed dies.

Problems caused by curly-leaf can be managed by treatment with herbicides or mechanical removal of plants. Lake Ida has discovered a 2.5 acre area of curly-leaf pondweed. ILA is paying for R&B Labs to treat the curly-leaf pondweed. A grant for this was rejected so the association is covering the cost estimated at \$1,198.

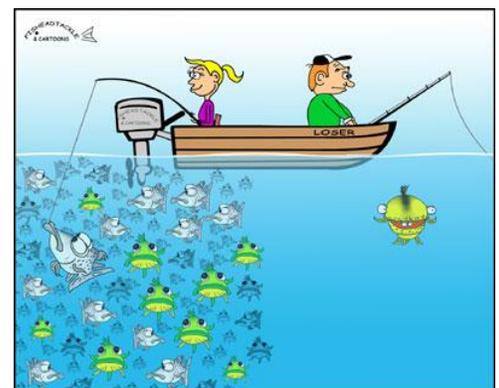
Curly-leaf is believed to spread from one body of water to another primarily by the transfer of plant fragments, primarily on trailered boats. The most important action is to remove all vegetation from your watercraft before you move it from one body of water to another. Curly-leaf pondweed is classified as prohibited invasive species in Minnesota. It is illegal to possess, buy, sell, transport, and introduce a prohibited invasive species.

## 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.

In Memory of:

- Patty Lorsung from Darrell Lorsung
- Don Carlson from Mary Ann Carlson
- Rex & Goldie Bresley from Leon Bresley
- Merle Peterson from Doug & Teresa Karsky
- Sheryl Brakken-Feely from James and Shirley Brakken
- Tixh Drenttel for walleye stocking from Cliff Drenttel
- Clyde & Beulah Peterson from Barbara & Artie Peterson & Malesci
- Our son Josh Schultz for Invasive Weed Control from Greg & Wendy Schultz
- Brook Brown from Mike & Pat Brown
- Norm Gillette JR. from Don & Norma Vinger
- Donald W Carlson for walleye stocking from Paul, Pam and Joe Tauer
- Donald W Carlson for walleye stocking from Marilyn Carlson
- Mel Broz for walleye stocking from Dean & Diane Hergert
- Frank C Raasch for walleye stocking from John & Joan Dahl



# Become a 2016 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  
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Garfield, MN 56332-0175

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