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*Annual Dues \$20*

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# **Island Mud Lake Property Owners Association**

## **Spring 2020 Newsletter** *May 2020*

### **Greetings!**

Another winter has come to an end on Island / Mud Lakes. Winter started early with Ice-Up in mid November followed by poor ice conditions for most of the winter. However, the seasons have changed. Loons, Common Mergansers, and Wood Ducks appeared on April 6th and we had Ice-Out on April 16th. Cabins are opening up, loons are in residence. Note that our summer events have been redesigned with social distancing concerns in mind. Our summer event details are highlighted on page 2.

**Watch for the Loon Nests and Loon Chicks.** While you're out and about this summer, keep an eye out for the natural and floating loon nest platforms put in place on each lake. Remember to give them their space and remember **"NO- WAKES"** by any natural or floating platform nests, please. Also, be watchful of the Loon chicks as you are out boating, they are cute to see but also fragile.

### **COVID—19 Impacts on our Summer Activities**

We have all endured a long winter of "Social Distancing" in our effort to minimize the impacts of the virus that has disrupted our daily lives. In anticipation of continued social distancing requirements, we have redesigned our regular IMLPOA sponsored summer events in order to respect that some hesitation may exist to gather in large groups as we move thru the summer. Our BOAT PARADE and FISHING CONTEST will continue with few modifications. Our ANNUAL PICNIC / MEETING is tentatively scheduled as a "Business meeting" only and we will provide "virtual" access for anyone not wishing to attend in person. Please watch our web site for details to these events.

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# 2020 IMLOPA Upcoming Events

## ***Annual Boat Parade*** Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> , 2020 • 1:00 pm

Spruce up your boat with patriotic decor at this just-for-fun event! Please display an American Flag somewhere on your boat. Boats line up near the public access prior to the 1:00 pm start time. No prizes will be awarded. Please cheer on your neighbors from your docks if you are not participating in the parade.



2019 Parade participants

## ***Annual Fishing Contest*** Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> , 2020 • 7:00 to 10:00 am

Join your neighbors at this fun event! To register, please call/text Jerry Finnerty at 612-987-2275, with names and ages of participants. Contest rules have been modified with social distancing in mind and will be posted at the Public Access and also on our web site. In case of severe weather, the contest will be held Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 am. Remember to follow all DNR fishing regulations and WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!

2019 1ST Place - Wyatt Spindler



## ***Annual Meeting***

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> , 2020 • 5:30 pm

Our annual meeting will ***tentatively*** be at Levi's Field on Walworth Road. In light of the uncertainties with COVID-19 we will only have a business meeting this year. For those physically attending the meeting we will have adequate physical distancing, but no meal, games or guest speaker, and we will also facilitate a 'virtual' meeting via ZOOM or other virtual access. Please check our web site for notices on how to access the virtual meeting. We want to respect everyone's concerns with the current uncertainties, and feel it is important to keep our members informed of issues affecting our Association. ***All property owners are welcome to attend.*** In lieu of raffle prizes we will contribute funds to the EMILY FOOD SHELF in an amount of \$250, our last years food costs.



2019 Picnic Guest Speaker - Crow Wing County Deputy Todd Holk

**IMLPOA Membership Signs** Last year we received mixed interest in developing “Membership Signs”. We determined that they could not be secured to our address posts and we needed a minimum order of 50 signs. We have tabled this project pending further research.



**IMLPOA Website.** We encourage you to stay up to date on lake happenings by visiting our website. The web address and QR code shown on front page sidebar, will take you there. Residents are welcome to post on the community board and share photos from the lakes. *email us at : islandmudlake@gmail.com*

**IMLPOA -DID YOU KNOW?** Our Association was organized in 1979 when residents were concerned with issues that could affect the quality of life on Island and Mud Lakes—that’s 41 years of active involvement by our property owners!! In 2019 we had 91 members—an all time membership high. A sampling of IMLPOA activities include:

- Channel cleanup and erosion control between the lakes
- Creating and maintaining homeowner name signs
- Encouragement of DNR walleye stocking every 3 years
- Monitoring Water Quality by local residents working with the DNR
- Garage sales, and Junk Day cleanup
- Annual picnic with food , games, informational speakers / presentations to our membership
- Boat Parade on July 4th, and Golf outings
- Fishing Contests to remove smaller Northern Pike from the lakes, and have a fun outing
- Monitoring land use development applications affecting our lakes
- Pontoon Trailer for use only on our lakes and reduce risk introduction of Invasive Species
- Encouraging placing buoys over submerged features
- Placing and maintaining Loon nesting platforms
- Informational material on: Lake living, shoreland landscaping, and Aquatic Invasive Species
- Working with other associations on water quality and promoting lakeshore stewardship



• **IMLPOA Membership Benefits !**

- ◆ FREE use of the association Pontoon Trailer
- ◆ FREE custom engraved name lake sign
- ◆ Annual Association Picnic and Prizes (held on the, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July)
- ◆ Annual Newsletter and updates on “happenings” on our lakes
- ◆ Addressing local lake issues and Protection of our lake resources.

IMLPOA is a non-profit association dedicated to the protection and improvement of Island and Mud lakes, our environment and our properties. The Board of Directors is composed exclusively of your fellow property owners, who serve without compensation. **Check out our website: [www.islandmudlake.com](http://www.islandmudlake.com)**

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER ON ISLAND and MUD LAKES .**

Please respect our fellow lake residents and businesses who require special ‘distancing’ efforts during these unique times.

Remember: be safe and enjoy our wonderful resource. We look forward to your participation at future Association events!

**ISLAND /MUD LAKES ICE OUT DATES**

Our “Ice-Out” dates are similar on each lake. Ever wonder about when it happens?

2015—April 12

2016—March 29

2017—April 8

2018—May 1

2019—April 22

2020— April 16

Six Year Ave -April 14

## PONTOON TRAILER REMINDER

To prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), the Association provides a pontoon trailer for members at no fee, and non-members at a nominal fee, for use ONLY on Island and/or Mud Lake. Check out our web site for information for the trailer guidelines. Please contact Joe Banks to reserve a usage time or contact a Board Member for more information.

### DID WE MISS YOU ON OUR ENTRANCE SIGNS !

The Island Mud Lake Property Owners Association is continually updating our property owners "Name Signs". If your name is not on the current signs, maybe you choose not to have a sign or we missed you or you are new to the lakes. We are encouraging owners to participate and are providing a FREE sign with your 2020 membership. On the attached Membership Card please indicate your interest in a name sign.

**Have we missed anyone interested in our Newsletter?** Have you recently purchased your property and the prior owners or maybe any of your family members would like to receive our newsletter? We will gladly include them in our email distribution list. If you know of anyone wanting our newsletter please provide us with their email address and we will include them in our mailings.

**Are you a new Lake Resident** and want a 'welcome packet'? Please review our web site, it has information you may find useful, or feel free to call any Board member to visit about the lakes and our Association!

### Annual Dues.

Annual dues of \$20 can be paid to Jerry Finnerty, IMLPOA Treasurer. If you are sending cash, please note on the attached card. Electronic payments are also available by going to our website under the "Member Dues" tab. Your renewal card is shown below and a return envelope is enclosed for dues payment.

..... CUT HERE AND RETURN – Thanks for your Continued support of IMLPOA! .....



**Island & Mud Lake  
Property Owners  
Association**  
2020 Membership

check  cash  
 PayPal/Credit Card

please return this card to:  
Jerry Finnerty, IMLPOA Treasurer  
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Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lake Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Email 2 : \_\_\_\_\_  
 YES, I would like a name sign. Name to show \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO, I do not want a name sign  
Newsletter / correspondence preference : \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_ regular mail  
 Yes, I'm interested in serving on the IMLPOA Board—please contact me  
**If you choose not to become a member, please return this card so we have your current contact information**