

Twin Lakes Improvement Association Newsletter

twlia@hotmail.com

<https://TwinLakesImprovementAssociation.com>

A 501 C-3 Non Profit Organization #82-0394746 – Incorporated October 4, 1956

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year - 1st Ed.

ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 6, 2013

We are inviting all association members, property owners, and guests to the Twin Lakes Improvement Association annual meeting on **July 6, 2013**. Sign-in at 9:00 AM, meeting at 10:00 to 11:30 AM.

From 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, we have: Sign In and New Member sign up, exhibits and booths where local representatives will be available to discuss water quality, access to Inland Empire Paper property, and invasive species.

New Meeting Location

We will be meeting at the **Twin Lakes Elementary School**, located at 5326 West Rice Road, in Rathdrum. Drive north on Hwy 41 from Rathdrum. Continue north 3.2 miles till you reach Rice Road (Twin Lakes Storage is at the corner). Turn left on Rice Road and continue 0.3 miles. Take the long driveway on the left, to Twin Lakes Elementary School.

This annual meeting provides you the opportunity to address issues of concern with your Board of Directors. In order to facilitate this process, we are asking you to provide us with your questions in advance of the meeting, so we can be prepared to address your concerns. You can either: mail them to our post office box, or e-mail us at twlia@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers From Coming To Twin Lakes

This is a real problem that is getting bigger each year. Aquatic Zebra and Quagga mussels are moving west and into the waters of the northwest. Come to the annual meeting to get a good look at what could be a lake lover's worst

nightmare. **Tom Wolf** from the Idaho Department of Water Resources will be speaking on this subject and invasive plants, providing up to date information that we all need to be aware of.

History of Twin Lakes

Debbie Andrews will provide some historical perspective of Twin Lakes. She was a featured speaker at the Rathdrum Historical Society.

Water Quality

Craig Nielsen, Department of Water Quality will give us an update on the quality of the water at Twin Lakes

Fish Creek Restoration Project / 319 Grant

Mike Knowles will provide an update and next steps needed.

FALL WOODS TOUR

Inland Empire Paper Company will be providing the Woods Tour again this year. The Tour is on September 6, 2013 meeting at the mid-channel boat ramp at 8:00 AM. Come to the annual meeting and sign up. This is a great way to learn of IEP's forest restoration program, and get a close up look at the progress that has been made. See an article from last year's tour on our website.

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

<https://TwinLakesImprovementAssociation.com>

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE!!!!

The Boat Parade tradition celebrates over 100 years of History at Twin Lakes!

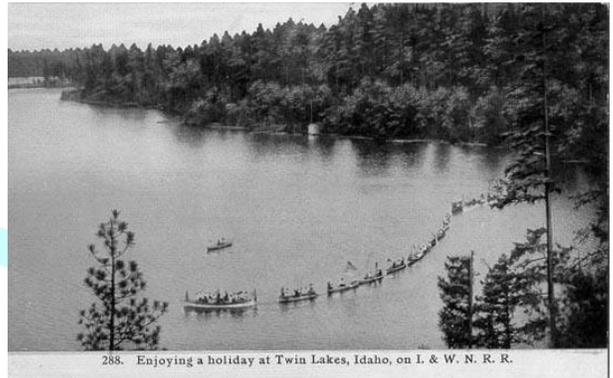
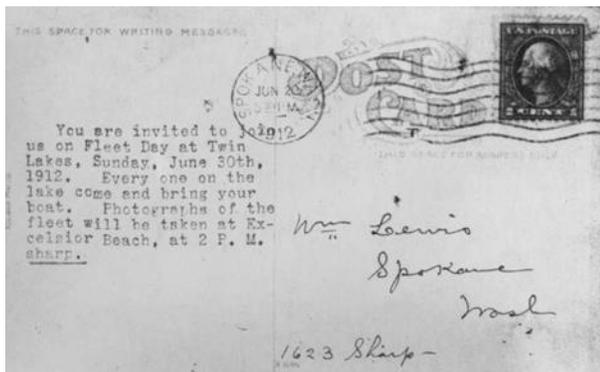
Celebrating the 4th of July on Twin Lakes is filled with holiday traditions; Family gatherings, picnics, barbeques, and water recreation to name a few. One of the traditions that has been going on for over 100 years is the Boat Parade.

The annual Boat Parade on Twin Lakes was originally called Fleet Day. Property owners received a post card invitation to join the Fleet, to show off their boats. Immediately after the parade, pictures of each boat were taken at Twin Echo Beach. While the name has changed and the boats look different, this Twin Lakes tradition continues to live on and brings joy to young and old alike.

Come join this year's Parade on Thursday, July 4th 2013, starting on Upper Twin Lake at 11:00am.

Your TLIA Board wishes to remind participants; although your association does not organize the Boat Parade, we proudly support this grassroots participation in celebrating our country's independence.

Fleet Day Invitation June 30th 1912



285. Enjoying a holiday at Twin Lakes, Idaho, on I. & W. N. R. R.



Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

<https://TwinLakesImprovementAssociation.com>

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

TLIA BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for four (4) positions on the TLIA Board of Directors will take place at the annual meeting. We are looking for members who can dedicate time and energy to support the goals and projects the Board is involved in. If you are interested in becoming active on the Board or know of some who is, please contact your Board President: Debbie Andrews at #724-553-8779 Cell, or Vice President: Steve Kolb at #208-818-4688 Cell.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE NEW TLIA WEB SITE?

Twin Lakes Improvement Association can now be found on the web. Check us out at www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com.

Our web site was developed by Abby Skubbitz, a University of Idaho Marketing student and resident of Twin Lakes. She donated many long hours in the development of the website. On behalf of the Twin Lakes Improvement Association we would like to publically thank Abby for her contribution.

Abby's has made the site available so you can also "like us" on Facebook. There is information regarding projects the association is working on. One new feature of the website is the ability to join the association and pay dues securely through Pay Pal. In addition, donations can be made for the Fish Creek Restoration Project and the Channel Project via the TLIA website. We will show case the web site at the annual meeting.

FREE Boating Safety Classes

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department is putting on FREE Boating Safety Classes. They are held at the Sheriff's Department, Search and Rescue building, located at 10865 N. Ramsey Rd., in Hayden. Upcoming dates of the classes for 2013 are: June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, and September 21st. Other dates and locations can be arranged for groups of five (5) or more. Call

(208) 456-2250 or e-mail rjbjelland@kcgov.us for reservations.

FISH CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

By now most property owners and lake users at Twin Lakes have heard of the Fish Creek Restoration Project. But for those who have not become actively or financially involved, let me talk a little about the restoration project.

Fish Creek is one of the main sources of water into the Twin Lakes. For years, science has shown us that water quality in Twin Lakes has been gradually degrading. A major cause is the increase in sediment and nutrient loading into the Twin Lakes. This has been going on for years. Scientific studies were completed, which identified the sources of these problems. Without intervention, we will eventually lose the lakes. Mother Nature has her own reclamation project that will eventually take over the lakes. That is, unless we do something. For years folks talked about doing something. Now we are doing something about this issue. A lot of research, planning, and organization went into preparing to address the sediment and nutrient loading into Twin Lakes. TLIA formulated a plan and took action.

In 2011 your TLIA Board and community members worked on Phase I of the Fish Creek Restoration Project. We reinforced a fifty (50) foot section of stream banks with rocks, timber, and a lot of native plants. Today, that section is doing great. The erosion stopped and the plants are taking over again. This is good for the environment and fish habitat. The success and lessons learned in Phase I, encouraged your TLIA Board to take on a larger project.

In 2012 we began Phase II of the project. Working in partnership; your TLIA Board, property owners, community groups, business partnerships, and the Idaho Fish & Game, addressed the next four hundred (400) feet of stream banks. With dedication and enthusiasm,

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

<https://TwinLakesImprovementAssociation.com>

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

folks just like you worked hard to address the problem. A cattle fence was placed along the stream banks. Three (3) bank areas were reinforced to prevent seasonal erosion. We completed Phase II in October of 2012. The success of Phase II of the Fish Creek Restoration Project demonstrated by working together, we are addressing the critical issues of sediment and nutrient loading of the Twin Lakes.

A significant amount of funding and personal resources was expended on Phase I and Phase II. Large and small donations came from people who recognized the need for this work. We also received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Idaho Fish and Game. Although it was expensive, the work completed will have a lasting effect on the water quality for years to come.

We want to thank all those who contributed to the success of Phase I and II. Without your financial and personal involvement, these projects could not have been completed. Your help will have a lasting effect on the water quality of Twin Lakes.

Phase I and II are not the final solution. To complete the restoration project we need to continue and complete the entire Fish Creek run thru the Easterday Ranch property. This is a multi-year investment into your health and water quality.

Our goal for 2013 is to start Phase III of the Fish Creek Restoration Project. This will address the next 1,200 feet of stream banks. This work will increase the stability of the stream banks while reducing the sediment and nutrient loading into Twin Lakes. This will include cattle fencing, cattle crossings, bank stabilization, and planting of native plants, trees and shrubs along the stream banks.

BIGGER PROJECTS mean TLIA needs more financial and physical help. It will require the help of volunteer groups to complete this project. For those who didn't have the opportunity to donate in Phase I or Phase II,

please consider helping out in this phase of the project.

This year we have the financial help from a \$140,000.00 grant from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). TLIA expects the grant funding in early June. But here is the catch. The grant is a 60/40 split. DEQ will provide \$84,000.00 (60%), TLIA is responsible for \$56,000.00 (40%). Due to the financial commitment, TLIA membership support is essential. The TLIA can make up its obligation in services, labor, or cash. So by having members and organizations volunteering to help, we can offset our match amount. If you have equipment that can be used, that helps offset the match also. Cash is always an easy way to help if you are not able to assist in planting. All of the funds go to pay for materials and labor needed to complete this portion of the project. Whatever you can do to help will benefit everyone using the lakes for years to come.

Keep in mind, how clean do you want the lake water to be in 5, 10, or 20 years? Whether you use the Twin Lakes for recreation, drinking water, fishing, or just enjoying its beauty, it takes people getting involved, to make things happen.

We will kick off Phase III of the Fish Creek Restoration Project at the TLIA annual meeting. So come to the meeting and get all the information regarding this great work.



Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

<https://TwinLakesImprovementAssociation.com>

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.



TLIA MEMBERSHIP

The Twin Lakes Improvement Association has been in existence for 56 years and has been working on preserving the quality and viability of this beautiful natural resource. TLIA is a non-profit organization with a membership fee of \$10.00 per year. This nominal fee is used for newsletter, mailings, bank fees and other administrative cost.

In March 2013, a donation letter was sent to the existing 600 members of the Twin Lakes Improvement Association. There were an additional 400 donation mailers sent to households around the lake. In light of the TLIA's action in moving forward on the Fish Creek Restoration Project, the TLIA will need to have matching funds to meet the expectations of the grant. Increasing our existing membership is a way to bring in additional cash, as well as, there is power in numbers.

- If you are a current member (thank you). If you are a past member whose dues are not up-to-date; The TLIA would appreciate your current membership.
 - Of the 600 eligible property owners: 150 are active with their dues current. 135 members need to bring their dues current.
 - If the 450 eligible members joined the association, this would bring an additional \$4,500.00 in revenue.

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

<https://TwinLakesImprovementAssociation.com>

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

In a brainstorming session to increase membership, several ideas were proposed:

- Current members: talk to your neighbors about the TLIA & joining this worthwhile organization
- Door-to-door membership drive- meet a board member
- Invite the existing Twin Lakes Village Board/assoc. to be a part of our endeavor
- Increase our Associate membership with:
 - Local fisherman who use Twin Lakes
 - Local boaters who use Twin Lakes
 - Local businesses
- According to the Bylaws, TLIA members can be ½ mile radius of the lake
“Proposed Bylaw change to one mile”
- Your donations are Tax deductible☺

There are several ways to join & pay your dues:

Mail to: P.O. Box 620, Rathdrum, ID 83858,

Visit our website at:

<https://twinLakesimprovementassociation.com/join/donate>, or attend the annual meeting.

TLIA Wants You to Volunteer

We need you to assist in The Fish Creek Restoration Project. The work area will be on stream banks within the Easterday Ranch, at the western end of Upper Twin Lakes. We need people who can perform physical labor along a stream bank, placing rocks (up to 30 pounds), installing and securing rolled fabric (coir logs) with hand tools, and planting small shrubs. Every hour worked goes towards the 40% match for the project. Even a single hour is welcomed.

If you can volunteer your time please contact Angie Murray at 509-845-0019 or email at murrayzone@aol.com

KOOTENAI COUNTY COMMISSONER

The Kootenai County recently sent a notice to all property owners regarding the Unified Land Use Code. This may have an effect on many of our members. TLIA Board has not taken a position on this, however we are looking into this matter. Public Comment needs to be made by 12 noon on June 17th via <http://www.zoningplus.com/regs/kootenai/>; or to Community Development via mail, hand delivery or e-mail at kpcz@kcgov.us. Oral and Written comments may also be submitted during the planning commission public hearing schedule noted below.

Monday, June 17th, 2013 at 6 PM – review of ULUC Chapters 1-2-3

Tuesday, June 18th, 2013 at 6 PM – review of ULUC Chapters 4-5-6

Wednesday, June 19th, 2013 at 6 PM – review of ULUC Chapters 7-8-9

Thursday, June 20th, 2013 at 6 PM – review of ULUC Chapters – Zoning Map

Deliberation Schedule (the public is invited to attend and observe):

Monday, June 24th, 2013 at 6 PM

Tuesday, June 25th, 2013 at 1-5 PM (as needed)

Wednesday, June 26th, 2013 at 6 PM (as needed)

Thursday, June 27th, 2013 at 6 PM (as needed)

Friday June 28th, 2013 at 6 PM (as needed)

Location for Public Comment and Deliberation will be held in Room 1 of the County Administration Building (451 Government Way, Coeur d’Alene)

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

<https://TwinLakesImprovementAssociation.com>

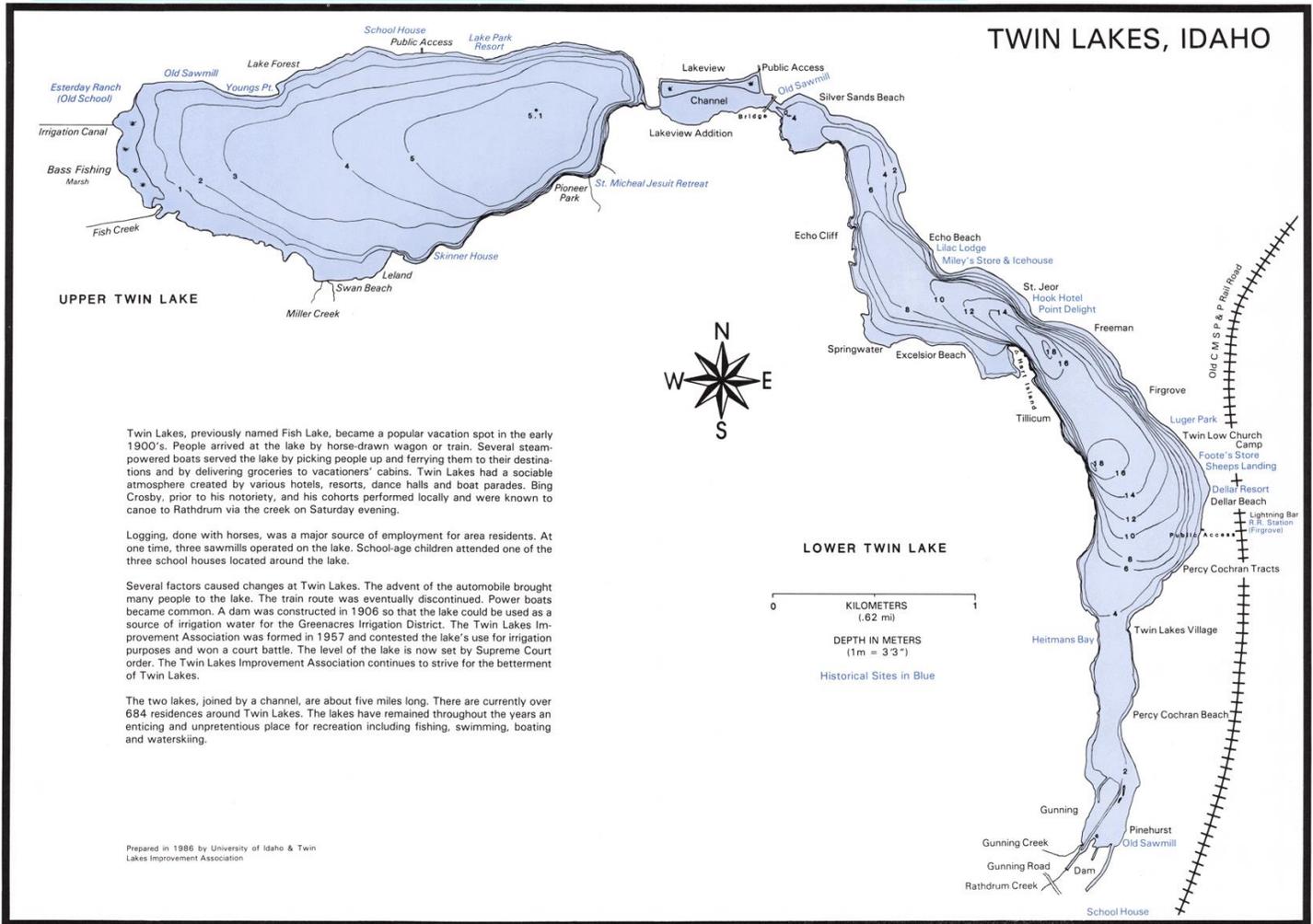
P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

Historical Map of Twin Lakes Available

As anyone who has seen *Antiques Roadshows* can attest, map collecting is an increasingly popular way to own a piece of the past. We offer a beautiful map of Twin Lakes that is suitable for framing. It highlights important historical locations along the lakes and makes a great addition to any collection. It will be available at our annual meeting for a tax deductible donation of only \$10.00



Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

Recommended Bylaw Changes

The TLIA Board is recommending three bylaw changes; we believe these changes will enable our organization to operate more effectively. Most changes are minor in nature. The bylaw changes are to be voted upon at the annual meeting. The full set of bylaw will be available on our web site.

1. In Article III, section 1, we are proposing to extend the reach of the organization to within one mile of Twin Lakes from the current ½ mile. This will accommodate the growth in the Twin Lakes area.
2. In Article IV Section I, We believe increasing the diversity and experience of the board will provide an increase level of governance as we continue to take on greater projects that protect the natural resources at Twin Lakes. We are proposing to allocate one of our current 15 board seats to a candidate that does not meet the membership requirements. Our goal is to seek outside candidates with previous board and corporate experience. We feel this will help to gain a broader perspective and reach to other organizations, expanding our network. We currently have 12 of the 15 board members operating today. This change will still allow for 14 Board Members from Twin Lakes, with one outside board member candidate, keeping our total board seats to 15.
3. In Article V Section 1, we are proposing a minor word change to the annual meeting section. With events like Hoop Feast the last weekend in June, are conflicting with the annual meeting making it difficult to meet the last sat in June criteria. Therefor we are proposing to meet once a year at a time and place convenient to the membership

ARTICLE III - Membership and Voting

Section1. Voting Membership. Voting memberships shall be limited to individual owners, contract purchasers or associations, co-partnerships or corporations titled to one or more parcels of real property within ~~on half~~ **one** mile of Twin Lakes in Kootenai county, Idaho and whose annual dues are current. There shall be one vote per individual or multiple owners. At the discretion of the President, voting shall be by a show of hands and display of the designation symbol of valid voting membership or by secret ballot provided to validated members.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not fewer than nine (9) nor more than ~~fifteen (15)~~ **fourteen (14)** voting members of the Association elected initially for staggered terms at an annual meeting of the Association. **One (1) Board seat will be available to a non-member, bringing the total number of Board Members back to fifteen (15).** Terms of the Directors shall be staggered such that an election of no more than five (5) members shall be required in any one year. At each annual meeting there should be elected directors in number to fill the terms that have expired, each such director to be elected for a three (3) year term. The directors shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. The President, with the approval of the majority of the members of the Board, shall have the authority to remove a board member who has missed two consecutive Board Meetings within one year unless excused by the President prior to the meeting. The President, with the approval of the majority of the members of the Board, shall appoint a successor to fill any vacancy created prior to expiration of an elected term. In such cases, the appointment shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held **each year** ~~during the month of June~~ at a time and place convenient to the membership.

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

AGENCY CONTACT LIST 2013

AGENCY	REMARKS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE No.
Kootenai County Sheriff's Office	Sheriff: Ben Wolfinger	Marine Unit Supervisor: Sgt. Higgins	208-446-1300
Northern Lakes Fire Protection District	Fire Chief; Dean Marcus Residential fire permits	Emergency Rathdrum Sta. Business / Admin	911 208-687-1815 208-772-5711
Idaho Dept. of Lands – Mica Forest Protective District	Boat access only; fire permits / May thru October	Gary Darrington	208-769-1577
Flood Control District #17 Meets the 1 st Thursday of each month at 7 PM – At the Twin Lakes Village	Water level from 6'4" to 10'4" at the dam (high water)	Chairman; John Eixenberger Water master: Tim Sullivan	
Twin Lakes Water District #95c	Water level below 6'4" at the dam. (low water)	Chairman: Don Ellis Water master; Lauren Scarcello	http://www.twinlakesidaho.org 208-661-6090
North Kootenai Water District	Meets 1 st and 3 rd Thursday of each month	Board of Director President Tom Crimmin District Manager: Mike Galante	Call District 208-687-6593
Idaho Department of Lands Navigational Waters	Dock Permits	Jim Bradey	208-769-1577
Panhandle Health District	Septic system permits / new & revisions	Division Director; Dale Peck 8500 N. Atlas Rd., Hayden	208-415-5100 208-415-5200
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	Environmental Quality issues, i.e.: Cattle in lake, Hazardous material spills, ect.	Dan Redline 2110 Ironwood Pkwy. Cd'A,	208-769-1422
Idaho Department of Water Resources	Water Rights	Regional Manager; Keith Franklin 7600 Mineral Dr. #100 , Cd'A	208-762-2800
Kootenai County Building and Planning	Building permits, codes, storm water runoff	451 Government Way., Cd'A	208-446-1088
Twin Lakes Improvement Association	Representing property owners in both upper & lower Twin Lakes and the Mid-Channel.	TLIA Board Pres. Debbie Andrews P.O. Box 620 Rathdrum ID 83858	Cell phone 724-553-8779
Waterways & Parks of Kootenai County	Boat launch on upper Twin Lake	Nick Snyder	208-446-1275
Kootenai County Noxious Weeds		Nina Eckberg Weed Supervisor	208-446-1290

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

TLIA wishes to thank our sponsors of this newsletter and invite you to enjoy their services.



Dollar  Menu
at breakfast

premium roast
coffee

McCafe



i'm lovin' it[®]

It doesn't stretch your dollar, it makes it do yoga.

**New Expanded Dollar Menu
Come By and See What's New!**

McDonald's[®] of Rathdrum

© 2013 McDonald's. All participating McDonald's.

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

buck up.



Who says you can't get much for a dollar?

McDonald's[®] of Rathdrum

© 2013 McDonald's[®]. All participating McDonald's[®].

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.



Twin Lakes Farm and Ranch
*All Natural Grass Fed Beef
Cattle and Hay the Natural Way*
208-691-6542
Farm Raised All Natural Beef For \$3.35 A Pound For All Cuts.
Price Includes Cut & Wrap
Quality calf sales. AFFORDABLE Hay.



**LAKELAND
IMMEDIATE CARE**

TAKING CARE OF YOU, YOUR FAMILY
AND YOUR BUSINESS...

15622 N. Hwy 41
Rathdrum, ID 83858
(208) 687-4878 (HURT)
fax (208) 687-4879

!!! OPENING IN JUNE !!!

Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.

DUES FORM – Please Mail responses to:

**TWIN LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE BOX 620
RATHDRUM, IDAHO 83858**

Please include:

Name: _____

Beach Area for Representation: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Member

Associate Member

Dues: \$10.00 / year 2013 _____
 2014 _____
 2015 _____

(+) General Donation \$ _____

(+) Fish Creek Project \$ _____

(+) Channel Project \$ _____

Dues and Donation Total \$ _____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card _____

Credit card type	
Credit card number	
Expiration date	
CVC #	
Authorized signature	

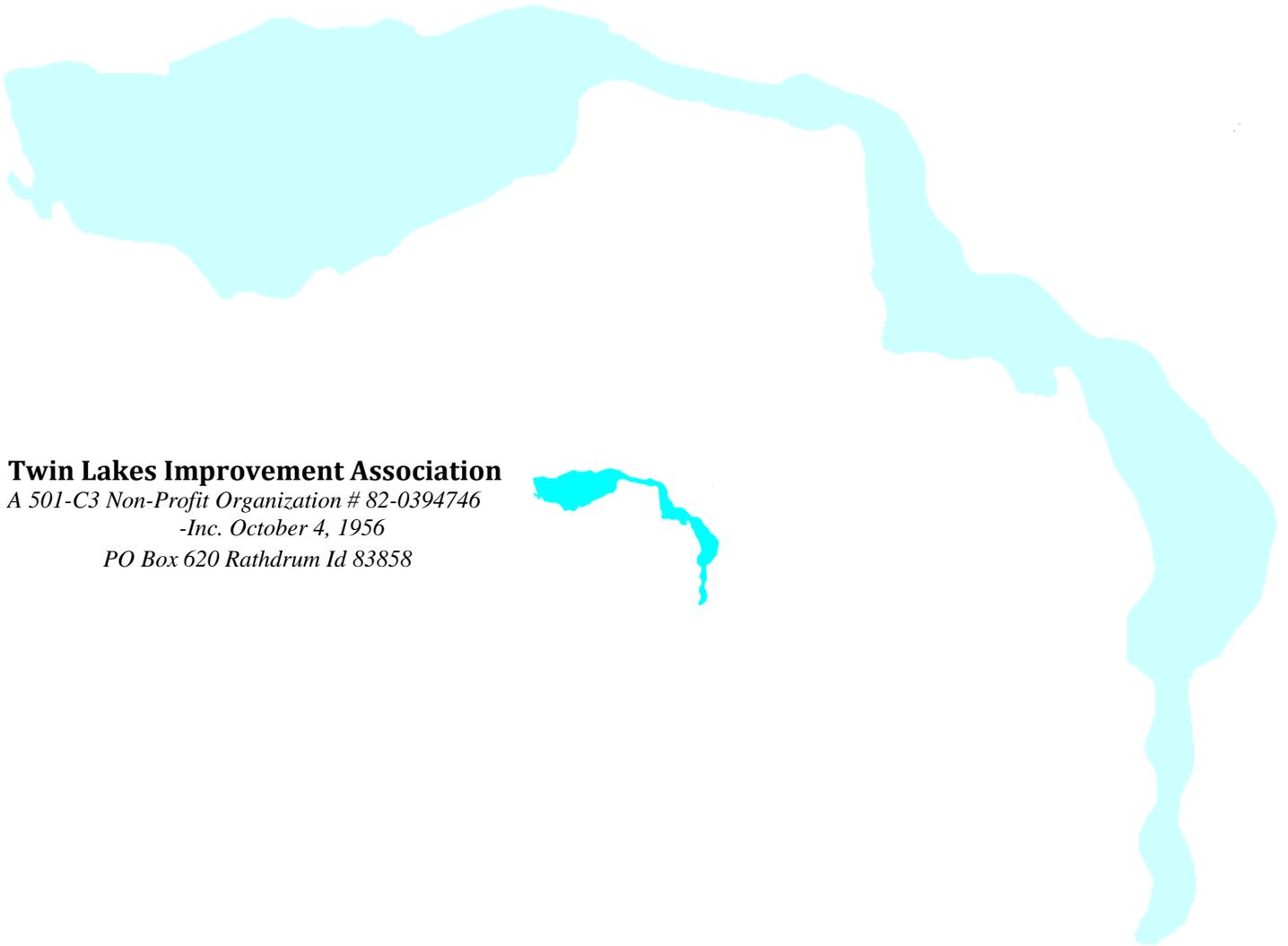
Twin Lakes Improvement Association - Newsletter

www.twinLakesimprovementassociation.com

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Spring/Summer-2013

56th Year – 1st Ed.



Twin Lakes Improvement Association

A 501-C3 Non-Profit Organization # 82-0394746

-Inc. October 4, 1956

PO Box 620 Rathdrum Id 83858

Save the Date; TLIA Annual Meeting July 6, 2013 Sign in 9:00am meeting 10:00a– 11:30 am