

# Twin Lakes Improvement Association Newsletter



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Debbie Andrews**



2017 was another busy year for the Twin Lakes Improvement Association. The TLIA board members who volunteer their time, talent and energy to help maintain the historic natural resources of Twin Lakes are excellent examples of servant leadership. The board continues to work on projects benefiting the entire watershed. Keeping the channel navigable for recreation by managing the aquatic vegetation was a key step in the continued development of the channel project. The Idaho adjudication has also been a focus for the board encouraging members to review and claim their water rights. Continued work on Fish Creek to reduce sediment loads is a continued priority. I would ask you to reach out and thank your board members for their dedication and commitment to keeping Twin Lakes a place for future generations to enjoy. I want to thank members of TLIA who volunteer, support financially and provide materials for projects impacting the quality of Twin Lakes. We are stronger together making a difference for future generations. Our Annual meeting will quickly be upon us. Please save the date and plan to attend this educational meeting. I look forward to your participation.

Best Regards **Debbie Andrews** President TLIA

## **ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 7, 2018**

We are inviting all association members, property owners, the general public, and guests to attend the Twin Lakes Improvement Association's annual meeting on Saturday, **July 7, 2018**. Sign-in at **9:30 AM** for your opportunity to enjoy the exhibit boots. The meeting goes from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. This annual meeting is an opportunity to address issues and concerns with the Board of Directors.

The meeting location is at the **Twin Lakes Elementary School**, located at 5326 West Rice Road, in Rathdrum.

### **Annual Meeting - Raffle**

With the whole summer yet to enjoy, take a chance to win a **Wheel Barrel of Booze** at the annual meeting. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

### **Annual Meeting – Speakers**

**David Callahan**, Director of Kootenai County Community Development, will discuss the Kootenai County Opt-Out Program that became law on April 30th, 2018. Examples: no building permits required if you opt out and the ability to remodel without needing a permit. Learn what other changes may impact your property. David will also touch on the 86 acres Twin Lakes Reserve subdivision going in at Twin Lakes, at Marilyn Rd, and Twin Lakes Rd.

**Kim Holtz**, Department Of Agriculture, Aquatic and invasive species, Kim will discuss some of the critters that are showing up in our lake and a new creature inhabiting the channel area.

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**Rachel Irish**, Department Of Emergency Management, FireSmart. Rachel will discuss a free Community Chipping Programa for the Twin Lakes area.

**Steve Kolb, (former) TLIA Board Member**, will provide an update on the Fish Creek Restoration Project, what we accomplished in 2017 and what to expect in 2018.

**Doug Jayne, TLIA Board Member**, will discuss the plan for the channel sediment and Lilly Pads. Learn more about how technology will play a role in developing the plan and our engagement with the Department of Environmental Science at Spokane Community College.

## Annual Meeting - TLIA Board Elections

Elections for five (5) 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 of our lake association and projects. We have a need for a website content manager. If you are interested in becoming active on the Board or know of someone who is, please contact your Board President: **Debbie Andrews** at cell #724-553-8779, or Vice President: **Jeff Mott** at cell #850-508-3770.

## FOURTH of JULY Boat Parade!!!!

Come join this year's parade on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, starting at 11:00am. The parade will begin on lower Twin Lake's public boat launch, located at Par 3 Road. Decorate your boat and join your neighbors on the water this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The annual parade is enjoyed by so many people who live and visit Twin Lakes. The narrows is wide open so we hope you will plan to travel both lakes. Depending on the water level, use caution going under the bridge at from lower twin into the channel area.



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.

## FREE Boat Safety Courses

Recreational boating is a great way to make memories and enjoy the water. Think about taking advantage of the Kootenai County Sheriff's free Boating Safety Course. Marine Division Sgt. **Klinkerfus** advises those interested can view available dates and register for the class online via Idaho State Parks and Recreation; <https://idpr.idaho.gov/reced/Home/Search?searchOption=BOAT>

The 2018 classes in Kootenai County are scheduled on: June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, and Sept 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-4pm. Personal classes are available for groups of five or more persons. For more information contact Sgt. **Klinkerfus** at the Kootenai County Sheriff's office, 208-446-1300 (ask for dispatch).

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## FAMILY HISTORY at TWIN LAKES, IDAHO

The Twin Lakes community is like a family. Over the years, we each have a connection to this place and to each other. Each year we like to provide an article of a family that has been involved at the lakes. This year we would like to share two family stories. “A Tale of Two Cabins” provided by the **Jayne** family and the “Lake Park Resort” provided by the **Blaine** family.

### **A Tale of Two Cabins – Twin Lakes, Idaho**

The story of Mary and Doug Jayne’s family; as told by Doug Jayne. We met as 15 and 16-year old teenagers respectively on Echo Beach, Lower Twin Lake during the late summer of 1963. This August celebrates our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mary got her start on Twin Lakes at the age of three when her parents, Hazel and Carl Hofseth purchased one of the original homestead homes on the lake in the fall of 1951. The big white farm house lies on the two large lots directly adjacent to the former Miley’s Store at the bottom of Twin Echo Road.



**Mary’s  
parents lake  
cabin – early  
1970s**

Hazel would bring Mary and her younger

sister, Carol out to the lake for four months of swimming, fishing and playing games every summer. Mary would walk through their gate over to Mr. Miley’s store for worms or penny candy almost every day. Their lake home was often used to entertain friends from Spokane or families of

workers that Carl employed in his lathing and plastering business. Winter time visits to the lake meant hauling water from the spigot located next to Miley’s Lilac Lodge, and watching Mr. Miley winch large blocks of ice up and into his sawdust lined underground storage shed. In the mid-1950s, Carl purchased a very large World War II life raft that they anchored off shore just across from Miley’s boat dock for kids to play on. The big raft was a prominent fixture on the lake for at least 10 years. Phone service didn’t arrive until the mid-1960s.

My history on the lake began about six months after Mary’s when my aunt, Evelyn Sibbald, known to all as “Anty”, purchased a secondary lot on Lakeview Blvd. from Mr. Howard for \$500 in the spring of 1952.



**Anty Evelyn’s lot in 1953 before cabin constructed**

The lot was about a block east of Mary’s parent’s home and was located next to the former Porter family lake home built prior to 1920. The lot was in rough shape as the Porter family had used it for decades as a dump for tin cans. So, the first order of business was to remove the several hundred rusty tin cans and level the site for a cabin foundation.

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**“Anty” Evelyn’s cabin where Doug grew up**

Our first “cabin” consisted of an Army surplus tent set on plywood with an outhouse behind. Evelyn, with help from my dad, Lawrence, poured a concrete slab and constructed the walls out of pumice blocks. Lake access was down the steep nearby road to the dock that four families shared. There, tied up was our first “boat”, which consisted of two World War II airplane fuel tanks welded together and painted a bright yellow and black. It was powered by a five-horsepower Martin outboard engine with a top speed of 2-3 mph.



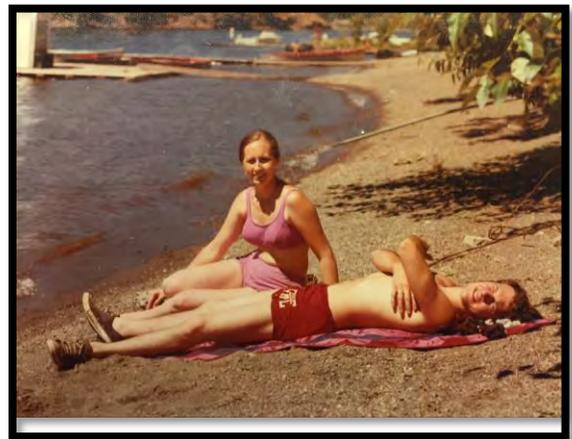
**Doug (center), brother Don (right) and friend on paddle board – 1955**

Mary’s father, Carl used to help her learn how to ride a bike by pushing her down Lakeview Blvd. to visit “Anty” while building her cabin. I probably saw Mary during these neighborly outings, but never really noticed her until several years later.



**Mary and older girls swimming – 1955**

Fast forward to 1963, several of my friends and I were sleeping overnight on our dock one warm summer evening. The old World War II fuel tank boat has since been replaced by a sleek red and white home-built runabout that my brother Don and I, with of course a little help from dad, had built that sported a 50 horsepower Mercury. That evening, Mary and 5-6 friends happened to be 4 or 5 docks over also enjoying the evening on their dock. One thing led to another, so the “boys” decided to go over to meet the “girls”. From the moment Mary and I met that evening we have been together, first as friends for three years, then romantically inclined in our college years and culminating in our wedding at Spirit Lake, Idaho in August 1968.



**Mary & Doug on beach near Miley’s dock – 1971**

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Our marriage that summer really brought our two families together as one big family. Soon, thereafter our three kids, Rob, Bryan and Aryn began arriving. Each of them learned to swim early and have grown up at the lake. Now, each of our kids has two children of their own, six grandchildren in all, who themselves are realizing the joy of spending summers at the lake. And brother Don, he too has a cabin for his family just two docks over from ours.

We have fond memories of all the fun activities our family has experienced here at the lake – the canoe rides, endless hours of water skiing as teenagers, hikes up the mountain across the lake to go huckleberry picking, playing card games at night, listening to old rock & roll 45 rpm records, and camp fires where in the late August evenings we would hope to glimpse the northern lights. Over the years, our two lake homes have hosted numerous family reunions, birthday parties, including my mother Margaret's 101<sup>st</sup>, four 50-year wedding anniversaries and a memorial service.

So, in this tale of two cabins, Twin Lakes has become a magical place we continue to enjoy each season. When its summer time, there is no place on the planet our families would rather be than at Twin Lakes, Idaho.

## Blaine Family Lake Park Resort

Harry and Ethel Blaine Moved to Rathdrum, Idaho in 1930, raising three children, Jin, Don, and Cheri. Mrs. Blaine taught school at the old upper Twin lakes schoolhouse off Twin Lakes Road. This schoolhouse is on the National Register of Historic Places. Most folks today know it as the Twin Lakes Community Schoolhouse. In 1936 the Blaine family moved to Upper Twin Lakes, where Mrs.

Blaine continued to teach school there until its closure in 1947, at which time she continued to teach school in Rathdrum. The Blaine also purchased a gas station on the Upper Twin in 1936. In 1939 the Railroad and track was sold to Japan. The Blains purchased land from the Roth family. Don Blaine always the adventurer enjoyed the lake in the winter on his first snowmobile.



They went on to build 11 cabins around the Lake Park Hotel. Travelers came from near and far to enjoy all the lake had to offer. Today Don Blaine Owns The Lake Park Resort Run By Kim Blaine. The resort has a Duplex and eight camping spots available for rental.



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*If you have a story that you would like to share, please contact any of your TLIA Board members. Selected articles will be included in next year's newsletter.*

## **Fish Creek Restoration Project – 2018 Update**

Twin Lakes Improvement Association's (TLIA), Fish Creek Restoration Project (FCRP) continues addressing and monitoring the sediment and nutrient loading into Twin Lakes from Fish Creek. We strive to continually improve the water quality for Twin Lakes users.

This annual update is provided to TLIA members to remind them of the constant maintenance and volunteer time required when your Board commits to a project like this.

As mentioned in the TLIA's newsletter last year, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) allocated an additional \$1,500 towards the Fish Creek project in 2017. The money was used to purchase additional plants. Over 5 days in late June, 45 volunteers dedicated 355 hours preparing the site and planting approx. 250 plants from DEQ. Several of the volunteers helped on several days.

As with any stream restoration project, Mother Nature will add her imprint with high water flow. During the 2016 snow melt and run off, 2 sections of stream banks partially eroded. As part of TLIA maintenance agreement with DEQ and the Easterday family, we were required to address the issues. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, TLIA Board member Herb Minatre, along with his employees from Bay Shore Systems in Rathdrum, volunteered alongside fellow board members and community volunteers. They spent 105 hours reinforcing the damaged sites.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8 volunteers spent 40 hours moving cattle fencing. This allowed fenced areas originally needed for construction equipment, to be returned to pasture areas needed for the cattle. TLIA Board members and volunteers spend hours each week during the summer, watering the young

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plants to ensure the best chance of survival until there are established.

We are fortunate to have an aerial drone video taken of the project site last year. Pastor Jared Cooksey volunteered his time and talent to put together a beautiful presentation that will be viewed at the annual meeting.

We thank all these volunteers for putting in their time and efforts into a great water quality project. The TLIA also thanks the DEQ for supplying the plants for the stream restoration.

At the time of this article, I am reassessing maintenance issues to be addressed this summer. As always, it is the help of community volunteers that determine the outcome of projects. If you wish to help on the Fish Creek project, you can sign up at the annual meeting or contact your TLIA Board member. Phone numbers are provided later in this newsletter.

**Steve Kolb** – (former) TLIA Board Member

## TLIA 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Fundraiser “Beer, Brauts, and a Band”

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6pm-9pm**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Brats and A Band**

You will want to keep Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> open. TLIA will have its fourth annual Beer, Brats and, Band fundraiser and silent auction. This is a community-wide effort to raise funds to improve the water quality of our lake. I know everyone has enjoyed the results of TLIA’s work so far. The lake water at Twin Lakes is cleaner with reductions in sediment loads and phosphorus. The narrows are navigable for recreational use. This work would not be accomplished without you and the many hours donated by local volunteers.



Last year’s event raised over \$7,000.00 to support stream bank restoration, sediment removal, providing a 50-foot wide navigable lane in the channel, water sampling and additional fencing of Fish Creek. We have a big project ahead to make a 50-foot navigation lane in the mid-Channel between the two

lakes. Most of the projects are continued from year to year to keep the progress going

Pat Hogan Last year’s winner of the Lime Green Kayak, is all smiles with his new watercraft.

This year we will be raffling a paddleboard, the must-have item for all lake people. The auction is always fun as well as dancing to “Driven.” Let’s make this an evening to enjoy our neighbors near and far and support our lake.

Raffle Tickets will sell at \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20 so why not take a chance for a new paddleboard.

Tickets for the event are \$10.00 pre-sale or \$15.00 at the door.

Any questions, or to get tickets, donate an item, or volunteer, please contact:

**Jean Emerson**, Fundraising Chair 760-641-5701  
**Debbie Andrews** TLIA President 724-553-8779

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## Inland Empire Paper Recognized By the Department of Natural Resources for Protecting Fish and Water Resources

Inland Empire Paper Company (IEP) is one of the region's largest landowners which manages 117,000 acres of company-owned timberland in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho, doing their part to enhance fish habitat, and improve water quality. In a ceremony on Brickel Creek, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recognized IEP for successfully implementing a plan to minimize sediment in streams and remove barriers to fish passage.

Over the last 15 years as part of its **RMAP**, Inland Empire Paper successfully:

- Inventoried every single road, culvert, and stream Type on its 60,000 + acre timberlands,
- Removed 67 fish barriers which opened up 38 miles of fish habitat,
- 84 miles of road were either removed or rehabilitated up to modern standards, and
- Removed or upsized 18 culverts on non-fish bearing perennial streams.



“I am pleased to recognize the success of the **RMAP program** and the Inland Empire Paper Company,” said Ken McNamee, the DNR Northeast Region Manager. “IEP completed their projects on time, in spite of the many challenges over the last 15 years, including a devastating recession. Today is another example of the role strong public/private partnerships have in improving our forest lands future generations.”

“Inland Empire Paper Company is dedicated to the sustainable use of our forest lands and conservation of public resources,” said Paul Buckland, the company's Forest Resource Manager. “We're always looking for effective ways to manage the forest resources for the long-term health of the forest ecosystem and the surrounding communities that rely on them.

We're proud to accept this certificate as recognition of that commitment.”

## Inland Empire Paper Company Woods Tour & Recreational Permit



Inland Empire Paper Company owns more than 116,000 acres of timberland in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho. Private timberlands like these provide many of the wood products used by the public. Paul Buckland Forester for IEP will conduct the 2018 Woods Tour on Friday, August 24th at 8:30 am. The group will meet at the mid-Channel Boat Launch. Space is limited, so please plan to sign up during the annual meeting.

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Part of the IEP Forest Management philosophy is to protect the natural resources we all enjoy in these timberland areas and to make these resources available for year-round public recreation and enjoyment. With an IEP Access Permit, you and your family can enjoy: Berry/Mushroom Picking, Firewood Gathering, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting/Fishing, Mountain Bike Riding, Motorcycle/ATV Riding, Snowshoeing/Cross-Country Skiing, and Christmas Tree Cutting

For more information on IEP's Recreational Use Program, or to plan a Group activity, please contact us at (208) 623-2539 or toll-free at 1(866) 437-7711. You can pick up your permit at **Rathdrum, ID -Hico Convenience/Gas Store (Exxon) – 15963 N. Hwy 41 Rathdrum, ID**

**\*\*\* Get your permits at the annual meeting**

## Water Master Steve Neff's 2017 Update



During the late 1800's, Twin Lakes was used for recreation and considered a reservoir for irrigation water to be used around the lake, along Rathdrum Creek, and on the Rathdrum Prairie. For decades the entire water system was managed by

the East Greenacres Irrigation District, still located on McGuire Road. This system of irrigation canals fed by Twin Lakes, would often leave the lake level low by mid-summer and allowed lake levels to vary considerably from year to year due to precipitation and temperatures. After acquiring a system of wells and piping from government funds, the lake water was no longer needed on the prairie. The Army Corps of Engineers developed a new lake management plan, and this responsibility ultimately

ended up in the hands of a newly-formed Water District. Twin Lakes Water District 95-C was put into place and is currently the only active water district north of McCall, Idaho.

Most water districts in the state exist solely for irrigation purposes and charge users based on the actual amount of water used, as well as for the maintenance of the system, often comprised of a network of canals. Our water district is in place to protect our natural lakes and streams for fish, wildlife habitat, and recreation while making the best use of any excess water for the remaining water rights holders that exist around the lake and down Rathdrum Creek. A watermaster performs this management under the direction of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Every year during a The Water District's annual meeting, an election is held to either retain the current watermaster or elect a new one. I was elected to the position of Water Master May 2017.



My responsibility includes water administration while maintaining proper lake levels once the threat of flooding is over. This occurs from April 1 to November 1, leaving control of the dam and water levels to Flood Control District #17 Commissioners and Dam Tender outside those dates.

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Last year I regularly measured stream flow around the lakes and down Rathdrum Creek using a new Doppler-type flow-measuring device. Each measurement takes about an hour to complete and upload, allowing me to accurately deliver the right amount of water according to the rules determined by the 1989 decree long ago while keeping the lake at the desired level for the health of the habitat.

Despite flooding last spring, water delivery downstream of Twin Lakes became a challenge as we entered into an 81-day stretch without measurable precipitation. While measuring stream flows during regular hikes along Rathdrum Creek, many problems areas were identified. Minimizing those losses allowed for higher-than-expected lake levels in late summer, and allowed for the delivery of irrigation water to the Sylte Ranch in September, near the end of the long dry season.

Looking to the future, we are working with IDWR, and the Flood Control District to find ways to make water management easier, more accurate, and more transparent through better communication, training, and equipment. We are also looking to correct the damage done to the lakes and creek beds over the decades in hopes of reducing overall losses.

I have enjoyed interacting with the members of the Water District, IDWR and Twin Lakes Improvement Association over the past year. I'm impressed with TLIA and their contribution to the Twin Lakes area. If I am elected again in May, I will continue to do my best to protect and manage this valuable resource for all members of the Twin Lakes Watershed.

## **The Citizen Volunteer Monitoring Program for Twin Lakes Makes a Difference**

This is a summary of the analysis from the water samples collected by the Citizen Volunteer Monitoring Program (CVMP). This program is run by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). TLIA Board members have collected water samples from Twin Lakes since 1975. The prime objective of monitoring the water in Twin Lakes is to detect any significant change in the "Trophic state" of the lakes over time.

The trophic state of a lake is a classification of its biological productivity, which is the life-supporting capacity per unit volume of a lake. Eutrophication is the process by which excessive nutrients are introduced into a lake from land runoff. Over time, this causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life due to a lack of oxygen.

The three common trophic classifications are oligotrophic, mesotrophic, and eutrophic. Oligotrophic lakes are clear and blue, with very low levels of nutrients and algae. Mesotrophic lakes have moderate levels of nutrients and algae. Eutrophic lakes are green and murky, with higher amounts of nutrients and algae.

The concept of trophic state is based on the fact that changes in nutrient levels (measured by total phosphorus) causes changes in algal biomass (measured by chlorophyll a) which in turn causes changes in lake clarity (measured by Secchi disk transparency). Secchi disk transparency or water clarity measures the depth one can see into a lake. "Chlorophyll a" is a measure of the amount of planktonic algae in the water. Phosphorus is the plant nutrient that controls aquatic plant growth.

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Over the recent years the tributary improvements on Fish Creek have resulted in less sediment entering the upper Twin Lake. Inland Empire Paper has also made some strong improvements in road and land management to reduce erosion and sedimentation of the Fish Creek and upper Twin Lake. This implementation is very important and has reduced sediment and nutrients introduced to the Upper Twin Lake and Fish Creek.

Presented below are the Carlson trophic state index values for Twin Lakes. Summer averages (June - September) are used in the calculations. As seen from the trophic state index values, both upper and lower Twin Lakes can be classified as Mesotrophic. Mesotrophic is the middle range of productivity which is the desirable condition for both Twin lakes. The difference in TSI scores for the upper lake is slight and it still shows the productivity at the midpoint of the range for Mesotrophic (40 to 50). The Lower Lake shows no change and nearly breaks the threshold of improvement. The upper Twin Lake is less likely to achieve the lower end of the mesotrophic scale due to natural conditions (depth, vegetation, wind, and runoff). Again, it may take several years to stabilize the signal from the Upper Lake based on recent years of reduced sediment load.

	TSI average	Trophic State Classification
Upper Twin Lake	45	Mesotrophic
Lower Twin Lake	42	Mesotrophic

## A Few Words from

### Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

#### Douglas Jones, Northern Regional Manager

Perhaps the IDWR activity that most widely impacts folks in the Twin Lakes and Rathdrum Creek area is the progress of the Coeur D'Alene Spokane River Basin Adjudication. Due to the large number of Notice of Error responses to the Preliminary Director's Report, some of which are very complex, the Final Director's Report is not expected to be filed until July-August. This is later than indicated at the public meetings in March. Once recommendations are mailed to claimants and filed with the NIA Court, then the 180 day Objection Period commences. If a claimant finds something is still not right, then please file an objection. You and the Department can informally meet to resolve the objection – maybe there was a missing piece of documentation or a clerical error in the claim or recommendation. Once the recommendation is decreed it is significantly more difficult, time consuming and costly to overcome.

It vitally important for claimants, and permit or license holders to update their address information with IDWR, or submit a Change of Water Right Ownership if property with a claim or right is purchased. IDWR asks for your help in letting prospective buyers know of existing water rights and to remind buyers to file a change of ownership.

Please keep in mind all surface water sources (springs, streams, ponds and lakes) must be authorized for diversion and use by filing out an application for permit. It is recommended that water users get in touch with IDWR if they are making any additional uses from their diversions or changing pump or ditch locations, to learn if an application is needed. Ground water well use for 1 home and/or stock can be claimed in the

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adjudication, even if recently developed, as long as landscaping is less than ½ acre. A claim for domestic is deferrable in the adjudication (not required) but it is the cheapest water right available.

Also of note is the late, wet Spring. Runoff from Fish Creek drainage has been manageable, but please remember there could be sudden changes in lake or Rathdrum Cr flows. Mother Nature (and Murphy) is the final word and sometimes management efforts are confounded. If interested, or have an issue to bring up, plan to attend the Flood Control District meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month.

## Tea Time at the Schoolhouse



Put on your favorite hat and join us June 23rd at the Upper Twin Lakes Schoolhouse (10017 W. Twin Lakes Road) for afternoon tea! The renovations of this 98 year old Schoolhouse are coming along and we will be breaking out

the fancy tablecloths for this FUNdraiser event. No hat? No problem! Visit our hat boutique when you arrive. Space is limited, so reservations are required. We have 2 serving times: 12:00 pm-1:00 pm **or** 1:30pm-2:30pm. Kiddos are welcomed. Call Laura at 208-771-6139 or email

[TwinLakesCommunitySchoolhouse@gmail.com](mailto:TwinLakesCommunitySchoolhouse@gmail.com)

Delectable treats will be served! \$15 for adults and \$8 for 12 and under. Raffle baskets and a chance to win a 70"x 90" handmade quilt and/or two day stay at the Lake Park Resort.

Mark your calendar: **July 21<sup>st</sup>** Rathdrum Days from 10 am -4pm learn the history of the Schoolhouse / Community Center.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** Annual Ice Cream Social

Who we are: Twin Lakes Community Schoolhouse Foundation, Inc. ("TLCS") is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the 98-year-old schoolhouse built in 1920 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. The building was used as a school until 1947. It was also used as a great gathering place for our community. Caring local citizens have volunteered over the years to keep the building painted and the surrounding property maintained; but, the years have taken their toll and the building is in need of many repairs, structurally and to be up to code. Well, all of this takes money, so that is where the TLCS Foundation comes in. Since 2014, we have held numerous FUNdraisers, solicited donations and worked to get "our story" out to as many local businesses and residents as we could. So let's put it in perspective. The "first phase" of our project was to fix a big crack in the NE corner of the building's foundation. Thanks to our donors and a generous grant from Idaho Heritage Trust, we were able to complete this repair the summer of 2017.

But that's not the end of things in store for the 98 year old Schoolhouse. The second phase starting this year will address updating plumbing & electrical, and remodeling the kitchen & bathrooms, etc. Then there is the esthetic part: cleaning, painting, plastering. If you have talents or skills in any of these fields and would like to volunteer your services, please email us. Another way you can help is sharing any of your Twin Lakes history stories and/or pictures. We have a great history display that has pictures of the Schoolhouse when it had students, and Twin Lakes in the "olden days" but we always welcome more.

So our FUNdraising continues to enable us to complete these tasks. And we appreciate your support!

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## **Twin Lakes Improvement Association Board Members 2018**

**P. O. BOX 620 RATHDRUM ID 83858**

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## AGENCY CONTACT LIST 2018

AGENCY	REMARKS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE No.
<b>Kootenai County Sheriff's Office</b> 5500 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Sheriff: <b>Ben Wolfinger</b>  Boat Safety Classes	Emergency Marine Unit Supervisor: <b>Sgt. Klinkerfus</b>	911  208-446-1300
<b>Northern Lakes Fire Protection District</b> 125 W Hayden Ave, Hayden Lake, ID 83835	Fire Chief: <b>Pat Riley</b>	Emergency Business / Administration	911 208-772-5711
<b>Idaho Department of Lands Mica Forest Protective District</b> 3258 W. Industrial Loop, CDA, ID 83815	Residential fire permits online thru the Idaho Department of Lands;	Area Manager <b>Frank Waterman</b> <a href="http://www.burnpermits.idaho.gov">www.burnpermits.idaho.gov</a>	208-769-1577
<b>Idaho Department of Lands Navigational Waters</b> 3258 W. Industrial Loop, CDA 83815	Dock Permits Encroachment Permits	Resource Supervisor, Lands & Waterways <b>Mike Ahmer</b>	208-769-1577
<b>Flood Control District #17</b> Under the Idaho Department of Water Resources, 208-762-2800 7600 Mineral Drive, Suite 100 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-7763	Water level from 6'4" to 10'4" at the dam (high water). Meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Twin Lakes Village Office	Dam Keeper: <b>Laurin Scarcello</b> Commissioners: <b>Chairman: Gordon Sylte - Rathdrum Creek</b> <b>Rathdrum City position vacant</b> <b>Gordon Stephenson- Lower Lake</b> <b>Bill Gumm- Upper Lake</b>	208-661-6090  208-659-3256 208-659-3256 208-659-3256
<b>Twin Lakes Water District #95c</b> Under the Idaho Department of Water Resources, 208-762-2800 7600 Mineral Drive, Suite 100 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815-7763	Water level below 6'4" at the dam. (low water)	Water Master: <b>Steve Neff</b> Assistant Water Master <b>Paul Galyen</b> <b>Chairman: Terry Keifer</b> Vice Chairman: <b>Don Ellis</b>	Steveneff2015@gmail.com 208-659-8131 513-646-7958 208-651-1907 208-755-4880
<b>North Kootenai Water District</b> 13649 N. Meyer Rd., Rathdrum, ID 83858	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month	Board of Directors President: <b>Tom Crimmin</b> District Manager: <b>Chris de Groot</b>	208-687-6593
<b>Panhandle Health District</b> 8500 N. Atlas Rd., Hayden ID 83835	Septic system permits / new & revisions	Division Director: <b>Joseph Righello</b>	208-415-5100
<b>Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)</b> 2110 Ironwood Pkwy. CDA 83814	Environmental Quality issues, i.e.: Hazardous material spills, Water quality, Air quality.	Director CDA Office: <b>Tom Herron</b>	208-666-4631
<b>Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR)</b> 7600 Mineral Dr. #100, CDA 83815	Water Rights	Regional Manager: <b>Doug Jones</b>	208-762-2803
<b>Kootenai County - Building and Planning Division</b> 451 Government Way., CDA 83814	Building permits, codes, storm water runoff	Community Development Director: <b>David Callahan</b>	208-446-1070
<b>Twin Lakes Improvement Association</b> P.O. Box 620 Rathdrum ID 83858	Representing property owners in both upper & lower Twin Lakes and the Mid-Channel.	TLIA Board President: <b>Debbie Andrews</b> TLIA Board Vice President: <b>Jeff Mott</b>	Cell # 724-553-8779  Cell # 850-508-3770
<b>Kootenai County - Parks, Waterways and Noxious Weeds</b> 10905 N. Ramsey Road, Hayden 83835	Boat launch on upper and lower Twin Lakes	Director: <b>Nick Snyder</b> County Weed Superintendent: <b>Bill Hargrave</b>	208-446-1275  208-446-1290
<b>Idaho Department of Agriculture</b> 9699 N. Government Way Hayden, ID 83835	Aquatic Plant Program Mgr. Invasive Species Program, & Watercraft Inspections Noxious Weeds	<b>Kim Holzer</b>  <b>Jeremy Varley (Boise)</b>	Cell #434-249-5824  208-332-8667
<b>Idaho Fish and Game</b> Panhandle Regional office 2885 W. Kathleen Ave. Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Mid channel boat launch Stock fish in both Twin Lakes from Cabinet Gorge Hatchery 208-266-1431	Regional Conservation Educator <b>Phil Cooper</b> Regional Fisheries Manager <b>Andy Dux</b>	208- 769-1414  208-769-1414



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