

# Twin Lakes Improvement Association Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Debbie Andrews

Hello, TLIA Members and potential members; TLIA is a fantastic organization taking on monumental tasks impacting and improving the water quality at Twin Lakes. The mission of this organization is to protect the historic natural resources located at Twin Lakes. I have the privilege of working with 15 dedicated board members who devote hours of service on behalf of property owners and the community of recreational users at large. TLIA is active in engaging all aspects of the watershed. We work from the top of the water shed with Inland Empire Paper Company, onto the Easterday Ranch with the bank restoration and cattle exclusion fencing on Fish Creek, water monitoring on both lakes testing water quality, opening the narrows to allow the lakes to turn over, down to the dam and working with the water and flood control district to maintain water flow down Rathdrum Creek and finally delivering water to recharge the aquifer. These types of activities take a lot of time and energy. I would ask you to thank your board members for their dedication.

I want to thank personally all of the members of TLIA who volunteer, support financially and provide materials for projects impacting the quality of Twin Lakes. If you are not currently a member and reading this newsletter, I want to encourage you to join this worthwhile

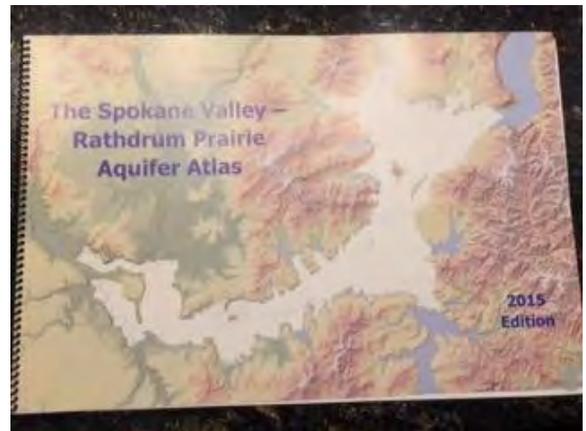
organization. Together we can make a difference.

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 2, 2016

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 2, 2016**. Sign-in at **9:30 AM**; meeting goes from **10:00** to **11:30** AM.



**Come early and receive this newly updated 2015 Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Atlas free!**

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

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This annual meeting provides an opportunity to address issues and concerns with the Board of Directors. To facilitate this process, please send questions in advance of the meeting, so the board can be prepared to address your questions. Please mail to TLIA, P.O. Box 620, Rathdrum, ID 83858, or e-mail us at [twlia@hotmail.com](mailto:twlia@hotmail.com).

## **Annual Meeting - Speakers**

**Deputy Bob Bjelland** of the Kootenai County's Marine division will come and speak on laws affecting the lakes, boating safety, off road vehicles on private and public roads. He will also address Animal control.

**David Callahan**, Director of Kootenai County Community Development will discuss the Kootenai County Interim Land Use and Development Code, formally known as the Unified Land Use Code. Learn what changes impact use of your property and how TLIA influenced change in the code.

TLIA Board Member **Adam Kremin** will discuss the \$240,000 Fire Smart Grant and what property owners in the Twin Lakes and Spirit Lake areas can do to help meet its \$19,000 in kind match.

TLIA Board Member **Steve Kolb** will provide an update on the Fish Creek Restoration Project, what we accomplished in 2015 and what to expect in 2016. He will also give an overview of the completed Narrows Reclamation Project.

TLIA Board Member **Mike Knowles** will discuss the next steps regarding the sediment removal in the channel.

## **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. If you are interested in becoming active on the Board or know of some who is, please contact your Board President: **Debbie Andrews** at cell #724-553-8779, or Vice President: **Steve Kolb** at cell #208-818-4688.

## **Annual Meeting - Raffle**

With the whole summer yet to enjoy, take a chance to win a **Barrel of Booze** at the annual meeting. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. TLIA Board wishes to express its thanks to the **Rathdrum Trading Post Hardware** for their generous donation of the barrel used in the raffle.

## **FOURTH of JULY Boat Parade!!!!**

Come join this year's parade on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2016, starting 11:00am. The parade will start on lower Twin Lake. Last year, numerous boats were unable to navigate the "narrows" area of the mid-channel. This was an unfortunate event as the parade is best enjoyed when everyone travels thru both lakes. This year, the narrows is wide open. So 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.

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.

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Who are these patriots? We would like to thank them for their yearly contribution to the parade.

## **FREE Boat Safety Classes**

Recreational Boating can be a great way to make memories and enjoy water. Think about taking advantage of a free Boating Safety Class, presented by the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, Marine Division. Classes are offered at the Marine Division building, located at 5500 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene. The 2016 classes are scheduled on: June 18, July 16, Aug 20, and Sept 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-1:30 pm.

**Contact Deputy Bob Bjelland at the Kootenai County Sheriff's office 208-446-2250.**

## **The "Narrows" Project Sediment Removal and Bank Stabilization.**

Have you been thru the "narrows" area leading from the mid-channel to the upper lake lately? If not, you will notice some dramatic changes.

During last years' 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade, most boats were not able to make it through to the lower lake. This was due to a high level of sediment that had collected over the last 40 years.

Due to drought conditions and historically low rainfall, the water level during

October in the narrows was down to a few inches. This exposed the thick layer of sand that had settled over the years.



This provided a unique opportunity for your TLIA Board to take action. But, the window of opportunity was narrow, and action needed to be taken immediately. Property owners next to the "narrows" joined with TLIA and allowed unprecedented access through their private property to the site. A call for help and funding was put out and many of you answered with enthusiasm. Your generous donations made the timing of this project possible.

A joint permit was issued from the Idaho Department of Lands & the US Army Corps of Engineers.

We want to thank the North Kootenai Water District. The water line for lake residents was exposed and a hazard to boats. The line was also susceptible to damage from boat propellers which would cause water interruption to local residents. At their expense, NKWD replaced the line with one that is now deep in the lake bed, under the channel, free from any potential damage.

The project was completed within 3 days, with excellent results. The scope of work included the removal of the sand and bank stabilization preventing further erosion at the narrow part of the channel. We are pleased with the professional level of work provided by the contractor; Jim Brown Enterprises.

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There is now better navigability through the narrows, providing access to both lakes for recreation use.

Come to the annual meeting to hear the full story, and see additional photos of the project.

**Steve Kolb, VP TLIA**

## FAMILY HISTORY- 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 would like to provide an article of a family that has been involved at the lakes. This year we would like to share the story of the **Heindselman** family provided by **Rita (Heindselman) Stoess**.

## LOAFALOT

### (The Heindselman Cabin)

Contributed by **Rita (Heindselman) Stoess**

My parents, Vera and Heiny Heindselman, purchased our lot on the upper lake in 1933. They



had driven to the Lake Park Resort for the day and planned to rent a boat and go fishing. However, when they arrived at the resort it was unusually crowded so they walked down the beach toward the

channel to find a spot where they could enjoy their picnic lunch. They came to a sandy beach on an empty lot where they ate their lunch and then walked up to the road where, to their surprise, they found a "For Sale" sign with a Spokane phone number. They wrote down the number but having just purchased a grocery store in Spokane and being in the early years of the great depression, they weren't sure why. After returning to Spokane Dad got up his nerve to make that phone call. The owner



*After the Screened-in Porch was Added  
1935*

said he would sell the lot to them for \$100 and take it out in groceries. My brother and I are so glad he did.

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Total taxes for 1933 were \$3.74. Dad built the one-room cabin during the summer of 1934 and added on a sleeping porch in 1935. After losing at least a couple of outhouses to Halloween pranksters, a corner of the garage was partitioned off to include the “latrine.”

My brother came along in 1942 and I joined the family in 1944 so we have enjoyed Twin Lakes ever since we can remember. A guest book was begun in 1937 and continues today—we are now on our 4<sup>th</sup> volume—with many humorous and interesting entries.



Art and Rita - c 1946

In the early 1950s, Dad began the arduous project of digging out below the cabin to add a basement that would house the kitchen and a bathroom. Following the completion of the basement, the open ceiling in the original cabin was framed in to create a sleeping loft. In addition, windows were added to the screened-in sleeping porch to provide more comfortable sleeping accommodations. The name “LOAFALOT” has been questioned many times; because, as many of you know, having a lake cabin means anything but loafing most of the time.

Mom passed away in August of 1963 and we lost Dad in July of 1988. Ownership passed to me, (Rita Heindselman Stoess of Lake Stevens, WA) and my brother, Arthur Heindselman of Boise, Idaho.

In the summer of 1983, we celebrated the 50-year birthday party of the cabin by inviting everyone that had signed the guest book to the cabin for a reunion. Over 80 people were able to attend over the two-day event.

Cover of  
the  
Invitation



In 2013 the family celebrated the cabin’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a “cousin’s reunion.”



Art and Rita Cutting  
the Cake for the  
Cousins Reunion  
“Happy 80th  
Birthday, Loafalot”

I, along with my husband, Howard, have recently completed *Loafalot — The First 80 Years*, a book that details the history of the cabin.



The Cabin  
Today

Vera and Heiny’s five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren now also enjoy the cabin! However, they do not have the beautiful beach that Art and I enjoyed as youngsters.

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My brother and I have so many good memories of Twin Lakes. It has been a wonderful journey of swimming, water skiing, ice skating, fishing, boating, good friends, good food and wonderful neighbors.

*The TLIA Board wishes to thank Rita (Heindselman) Stoess for sharing her wonderful story of their family home at Twin Lakes.*

*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 – 2016 Update**

The Twin Lakes Improvement Association's, Fish Creek Restoration Project (FCRP) committee continues its endeavor of addressing and monitoring the sediment and nutrient loading into Twin Lakes from Fish Creek. The ultimate goal is the improvement of water quality for all Twin Lakes users.

We are fortunate to have so many energetic volunteers continue to be involved in this project. This includes community volunteers, Boy Scouts, church groups, and your TLIA Board members. During the 2015 work season, over (630) volunteer hours were worked on this project. This is significant and greatly appreciated, for without your help these projects would not be possible. This project, along with other future TLIA projects, will require the assistance of volunteers. Think about volunteering some of your time to your community.

During 2015, work on the FCRP included planting, completion of the lower cattle crossing, a few repairs and maintenance. TLIA Board members and volunteers completed planting on the last remaining stream banks (bank #11,

#11A, and #12) located at the eastern end of the Phase III project site. We completed the second (lower) cattle crossing across Fish Creek, which will be available for use this year (2016) by the cattle to move from one pasture to the other. The cattle did their best to gain access to the fine assortment of green plants within the project area. The cattle fencing prevents them from doing so most of the time, however there are times when they will find their way inside the fence line. In response, we repaired and fortified fencing in areas that failed. Maintenance work included clearing areas around young pine trees, organizing supplies and lots of watering. Watering is important to the new plantings to give them a chance for survival. As the years progress, watering is lessened and eventually discontinued. The remaining plants will be self-sufficient with a little help from Mother Nature.

We've noted a significant drop in erosion occurring, which results in less sediment flowing into upper Twin Lake. This was one of the major goals when this project was started. This should ultimately help with the mid-channel area, which is addressed in another article in this newsletter.

2016 work will include a few repairs, fence line adjustments along with maintenance of the project. We need to repair of a small area of erosion at bank #12. This should take only one day and a few volunteers. Over the past several years, heavy equipment was required to move tons of rock, dirt and restructure the stream banks. To protect the cattle from the construction areas, we installed cattle fencing. Now that work is completed and the heavy equipment is no longer needed, the large fenced construction areas are no longer needed. We will move fence lines to reduce the project area

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along the stream banks and return pasture areas needed for the cattle. As with any large restoration project, there is always the maintenance. This is to ensure that all the work and money expended has continued value for many years (and generations) to come. This is part of our obligation when we obtained the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) §319 Grant and our agreement with the Easterday family. Maintenance will include the removal of Canadian Thistle plants, clean-up, organization of supplies, and watering. So for 2016, we are still in need of assistance with the physical labor in completing this work. Let any of your TLIA Board members know if you or your group is available to assist with this work.

Grant funding is nearly expended with the exception of a few thousand dollars. This money is reserved to address future maintenance and repairs that we are obligated to complete over the next several years. Part of the funding will continue to go to water quality testing of Twin Lakes which is planned to continue for years to come. The TLIA has not submitted applications for additional DEQ §319 grants at this time for further work on Fish Creek. Conversations are taking place with the Easterday family to address any future work on that portion of Fish Creek that runs thru their ranch property.

We want to thank all those who provided financial and physical help with the project last year. This includes the ID DEQ, volunteers and the Easterday family.

Come to the TLIA Annual Meeting for more information and pictures on what we completed and what is coming up next.

**Steve Kolb** – TLIA V.P. / Chairman, Fish Creek Restoration Committee

## **Migrating Quagga Mussels & Idaho Inspection Stations**

A New population of Quagga mussels was discovered in Canyon Lake, Arizona. This is an area of water circulation therefore all the adjoining reservoirs potentially have them. Arizona has a limited prevention program and all boats traveling from Arizona are considered high risk for the transportation of these mussels to other lake systems.

Idaho intercepts and decontaminates more boats compared to any other Northwest state. Data for 2015 showed 25 fouled watercrafts were intercepted with 17 destined for Idaho. 11 boats were out of a fouled waterbody for less than 30 days. Eighteen had been recently purchased, 14 were commercially transported and 16 gave prior arrival notification.

Incoming data for the month of May 2016 shows five fouled watercraft coming from Lake Havasu, Arizona and intercepted at the Hwy 93 station. Boats owners on Twin Lakes who take their boats to other lakes should ensure the boat gets cleaned to prevent cross contamination between Lakes. It is also important to get all weeds off as well. Currently Twin Lakes is free from mussels and Eurasian Milfoil. Let's keep it that way.

**Debbie Andrews**, President TLIA

### **FireSmart**

### **Kootenai County**

### **Office of Emergency Management**

Wildfire is a natural component of North Idaho's forested ecosystems and in fact is often beneficial; however, it can be a dangerous and costly issue for homeowners. In 2015, Idaho fires burned 75,000 acres at a cost of around \$80 million dollars to tax payers with \$60 million of that total coming from state appropriations.

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To help mitigate some of this cost locally, as well as help homeowners prepare for wildfire, the Kootenai County FireSmart Program provides education and financial assistance through federal grants to residents of the county. As part of ongoing education efforts, Kootenai County's FireSmart program, in cooperation with the University of Idaho's Extension Program, will offer classes to local homeowners on the topics of "Fire in the Wildland Urban Interface", "Effective Pruning and Reducing Ladder Fuels", "Fuel Treatment Maintenance", "Landscaping for Fire Prevention", "Vegetation Removal to Modify Fire Behavior" and "Maintaining Defensible Space."

Homeowners' desiring assistance with mitigation of vegetation around their property is offered as a free property review. This will specifically identify what actions to take to prepare their home and property for wildfire. Funding is currently available for defined areas of the county and, contingent upon a property owner's approval, properties that are reviewed and found to qualify for financial assistance will be eligible for mitigation actions to be completed by FireSmart contracted services. Upon completion of that work, homeowners agree to provide the necessary means to maintain the project for a period of 10 years.

If you wish to have information on University of Idaho's Extension classes or if you have general questions about the FireSmart program and wish to have an assessment, contact Kimberly at 208-446-1616 or by email to [khobson@kcgov.us](mailto:khobson@kcgov.us).

**Kimberly Hobson**, Program Specialist  
Kootenai County, Grants Management Office

## Educational Opportunities

As part of ongoing education efforts, University of Idaho's Extension Program, in cooperation with Kootenai County's FireSmart program, will offer classes to local homeowners on the topics of "Avoiding Pine Engraver Beetle Infestation",

"Fire in the Wildland Urban Interface", "Effective Pruning and Reducing Ladder Fuels", "Fuel Treatment Maintenance", "Landscaping for Fire Prevention", "Vegetation Removal to Modify Fire Behavior" and "Maintaining Defensible Space." Each class requires a minimum of 10 people and is only \$5 per person. For more information or to sign up for a class, please call Kimberly at 208-446-1616.

**Kimberly Hobson**, Program Specialist  
Kootenai County, Grants Management Office

## Bark Beetles are here!

Have you seen your pine trees turning brown and dying? Periods of drought can do more than stress trees; they can make them susceptible to Bark Beetle infestation. According to Randy Brooks of the University of Idaho Forestry Extension, you should look for:

- 1) Popcorn shaped masses of resin (pitch tubes) on the trunk where the beetle enters the tree, though pitch tubes are not always present.
- 2) Boring dust or frass in the cracks and crevices of the bark.
- 3) Foliage turning yellowish to reddish throughout the crown of the tree. This usually occurs 8-10 months after a successful attack.
- 4) Presence of live MPB (eggs, larvae, pupae, and/or adults) as well as galleries under the bark. Galleries will have a "J" hook at the start of the gallery.
- 5) Evidence of woodpeckers feeding on the trunk. Pieces of bark are removed and are often visible on the ground below the tree."

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Once Bark Beetles have attacked a tree, there is nothing you can do to save it, according to the

United States Department of Agriculture. There are no chemical insecticides for treating trees and killing Bark Beetles and the vast majority of trees die once infected. If you suspect Bark Beetles, call Kimberly at 208-446-1616 to inquire about University of Idaho Extension Courses to help you identify and mitigate Bark Beetle damage or about any other courses like "Fire in the Wildland Urban Interface", "Effective Pruning and Reducing Ladder Fuels", "Fuel Treatment Maintenance", "Landscaping for Fire Prevention", "Vegetation Removal to Modify Fire Behavior" and "Maintaining Defensible Space." Each class requires a minimum of 10 people and is only \$5 per person. For more information or to sign up for a class, please call Kimberly at 208-446-1616.

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## 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 2016 Woods Tour on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am. The group will meet at the mid-Channel Boat Launch. Space is limited so please plan to sign up during the annual meeting.

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

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## June 11<sup>th</sup> is Idaho Free Fishing Day & Rathdrum Youth Fishing Derby



Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> is Free Fishing Day. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game invites veteran & novice anglers of all ages, residents, nonresidents alike, celebrate the day by **fishing anywhere in Idaho without a license**. Though fishing license requirements are suspended for this special day, all other rules, such as limits or tackle restrictions, remain in effect.



"Free fishing day provides a great opportunity for novices to give fishing a try and perhaps develop it into a life-long pursuit," Fish and Game regional fish manager Joe Kozfkay said. "Parents are encouraged to bring their children out for a

day of fun fishing excitement.

The Rathdrum Parks and recreation Department will sponsor the Rathdrum Youth Fishing Derby, This event will be held at the Rathdrum Park on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am -1pm. Bait will be provided and the creek will be stocked. Bring your kids and a pole for a great day of fishing fun. You can get a registration form at [www.Rathdrum.org](http://www.Rathdrum.org)

## TLIA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Fundraiser "Beer, Brauts, and a Band" Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6pm-9pm



Last years' event was enjoyed by all with live entertainment, good food, and a great auction. The event was a financial success raising money to fund your TLIA projects, benefiting residents and Twin Lakes' recreational users.

Get ready for this year's event with an evening of Food, Folks and Fun! Dance the night away with Live Entertainment provided by the Tom Pearson Band playing good old Rock and Roll. It will be held at the Shrine Club located at the corner of Ramsey Road and Lancaster Road. Your \$10 ticket will include a Braut or Polish Sausage with all the sides and a beer or soda



beverage. Additional food and drinks are available for purchase.

Silent Auction opens at 6pm and closes at 8pm.

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Bid on your favorite items while enjoying the company of your friends and neighbors. This is a great opportunity to snag something fun, while helping your Twin Lakes Improvement Association improve the water quality of Twin Lakes.

If you have items you would like to donate, or have a relationship with a business who would donate, please contact Jeff Mott at 208-755-8571.

Tickets purchase options are; purchase from a TLIA Board member, at the annual meeting, or payment along with your dues via the newsletter form.

## Jeff Mott

TLIA Board Member / Fundraising Chair

## Idaho Mission Project



Twin Lakes outside of Rathdrum Idaho might not cross most people's minds in our country. However, for the last three summers youth groups from all over America have traveled to our little oasis for one purpose: to serve.

Idaho Mission Project was started in 2013 as a re-direction of an old program—Pacific Northwest Cross Connection—by Twinlow Camp. The purpose of Idaho Mission Project, or IMP as it is commonly called at camp, is to serve our local community by partnering with existing

organizations. Youth groups from church congregations pick Twinlow for a number of reasons, but there is no doubt that our lovely lake doesn't hurt their decision.

IMP has worked with a variety of projects ranging from the very local Fish Creek Restoration to 2nd Harvest in Spokane. This mission/camp hybrid is the perfect opportunity for youth to get out in the beauty of North Idaho and serve a community that might look something like their own. Often we forget that we don't need to travel too far to find some good to do. IMP participants also get a great camp experience after they return from working for the day. Twinlow is one of the oldest camps in the Pacific Northwest and after a hard day of serving it's nice to play in the lake, sing around a campfire, and run on a grassy field playing Frisbee.

Summer 2016 is fully booked for Idaho Mission Project, however we still have room for campers in our regular summer camp programs. Twinlow has called lower Twin Lake home for almost 90 years, and we are humbled by the opportunity to give back to our community by facilitating Idaho Mission Project and hosting youth mission workers from all over America.

**Tyler Wagner** TLIA Board Member

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## Meet Your Flood Control District #17 Commissioners



The Twin Lakes-Rathdrum Creek, Flood Control District 17 is made up of four districts, Upper Twin Lakes, Lower Twin Lakes, Rathdrum City and Rathdrum Creek. Each District is represented by a commissioner; pictured above from Left to Right John Eixenberger, Rathdrum City, Eva Maxwell Upper Twin, Gordon Stephenson Lower Twin, and Gordon Sylte Rathdrum Creek. The district is funded by local taxes, operating under Idaho Code Title 42 Chapter 31.

The flood control District is responsible within its boundaries to monitor & control the lake levels between 6'4" and 10' 4 "in accordance with its water storage rights, (95-973). The District continues to manage / control flooding protecting life and property, for downstream users along the Rathdrum Creek down to its end into the Rathdrum Prairie aquifer. The commissioners monitor the snow pack at the snow tell site and take core samples to understand and predict what the water flow through the tributaries into Twin Lakes and then out the dam to Rathdrum Creek.

During the fall, Flood Control District #17 and Twin Lakes Water District 95C worked with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor and water master Laurin

Scarcello to brush out the creek, plug the holes and obstruction which were preventing water from reaching the downstream users. This spring the 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor and the Dam Keeper Laurin Scarcello have worked to remove all of the debris, docks, trampolines etc from blocking the flow at the dam.

The Flood Control District (High Water) also works with Twin Lakes Improvement Association who has a water stock right (95-974) from 0 FT to 6'4FT. TLIA works to ensure that the water storage is maintained for its constituents and the recreational users. Water District 95C (low water) is responsible to ensure water delivery to all downstream users. The above three entities are working closely together to balance the needs of the water rights users while effectively managing the water resource within the Twin Lakes Watershed.

There is a link to the daily lake levels data on the district website at [www.twinlakesidaho.org](http://www.twinlakesidaho.org)

The Flood Control District Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month; 7PM at the Twin lakes Village office. This meeting is open to the public.

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**Twin Lakes  
Community  
Schoolhouse  
Foundation, Inc.**

Ready for another fun summer! Twin Lakes Community Schoolhouse Foundation (TLCS) welcomes spring & is looking forward to seeing friends & neighbors at the 3 upcoming summer FUN events!

**\*\*\*Summer of 2016\*\*\***

**July 15-17. Rathdrum Days** Free goodies, handouts, raffles & lots of history & information on the Schoolhouse!

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm – 4pm Schoolhouse Open House** Fun, refreshments and idea sharing. Schoolhouse tour.

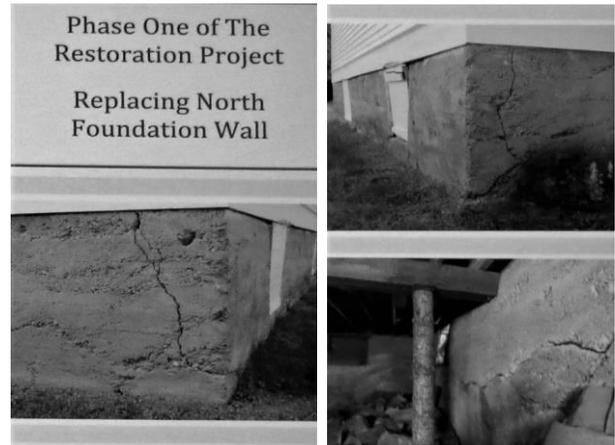
**August 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm FUNdraiser Ice Cream Social**  
Enjoy Ice cream cones, floats, games, prizes, music, & friends

TLCS is a local nonprofit organization consisting of Rathdrum/Twin Lakes area residents who are dedicated to the preservation of the 95 year old registered schoolhouse located at Upper Twin Lakes, and to secure building usage for future generations.

TO re-cap summer of 2015; June was an awesome community Yard Sale, Bake Sale, Plant Sale. Thanks to all who donated their time and used clothing, furniture, tools, etc. Lots of gently used items and beautiful plants found new homes. This fundraiser sale was a huge \$4,726 success! July was the month for the Preservation Picnic. Everyone enjoyed a hot dog, chips, cookie & soda while visiting with both "old" and new friends and neighbors. The highlight of this event was the raffle of great "themed" filled baskets, showcasing lots of area business donations. Some lucky people took home fun gifts that net TLCS \$1,345!

August was when over 100 people came and enjoyed the Ice Cream Social. All gathered for ice cream cones and floats, kids' games, pictures, music and raffles. The skies had been smoke-filled for weeks, keeping many people inside. But on this day it was bright,

clear blue skies giving everyone a fun filled community day raising \$1,852 for the schoolhouse. All of these fundraising events were held on the schoolhouse lawn. Folks were able to tour the schoolhouse and see pictures and artifacts of its



history; then sit in the shade under tents and trees to chat with neighbors and make new friends!

Severe cracks and the angle of the foundation requires the north wall to be replaced. Therefore, many friends and families of the Twin Lakes community have donated generously. The outstanding local business donations are very gracious. Also, the community's awesome support at the fundraising events are great. We will continue to fundraise and do grant applications throughout 2016 to accomplish the \$25,000 goal. TLCS community has raised \$12,658!

***Look us up on Facebook: Twin Lakes Community Schoolhouse. "Like" us and "Share" TLCS on your page. Volunteers & Donations are enthusiastically accepted!***

**Twin Lakes Community Schoolhouse 687-8371  
10017 W. Twin Lakes Rd. Rathdrum, ID 83858.  
TwinLakesCommunitySchoolhouse@gmail.com**

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## "Since you asked"

From Time to time the association is asked a number of questions we wanted to provide you with the information:

### What is the boating speed for upper and lower Twin Lakes?

Lower Twin is 35 m.p.h. during the day and 20 m.p.h. at night Upper Twin is 50 m.p.h. during the day, 20 m.p.h. at night,.



### How do I sign up to get the emergency alerts on my phone?



With the storms and power outages affecting our area having alerts coming to your phone can be a useful tool in an emergency. The information and sign-up can be located on the Kootenai County website at: <https://kootenai.hiplink.com/kCWebSignup/wsudesc.html>

The Kootenai County Emergency Notification System for Citizen Notification is a free citizen voice and text alert notification service used to contact you during urgent or emergency situations with useful information and updates by sending voice, text or email messages to your:

- Home and Work Land Line Phones including VOIP
- Personal Cell Phones, Pagers, or Smartphones
- Email Accounts

Although there is no charge to activate this service, interested citizens are encouraged to check with their wireless service provider

regarding fees they may incur for incoming text messages.

The Emergency Notification Service is designed to notify you of emergency situations that affect your immediate community such as emergency incidents, road closures, neighborhood crime alerts, severe weather alerts, threats to school safety, community events, among others.

### How to Register

Citizens interested in receiving alerts from this Service must register and complete a user profile online. The registration process allows you to identify how you want to be notified and verifies the address in the County. Subscribers can edit their user profile or unsubscribe online at any time.



### Did Idaho Fish and Game stock the lake?

The short answer is yes. The Idaho Fish and game department did stock the lake during the week of May 19, 2016 with 1,080 rainbow trout ranging from 10-12 inches in length. You can go to the Fish and game website to see the stock report for all of Idaho's Lakes. <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov>

### Where can I get my fishing license locally?

Fishing licenses are available at the Rathdrum Drug store and Steins Super Markets on Hwy 41, or online at <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. The cost for a resident adult cost\$25.75 and a Fishing Junior 14-17 is \$13.75. If you need further assistance or information please contact Idaho Fish and Game, Panhandle Region office at 208-769-1414.

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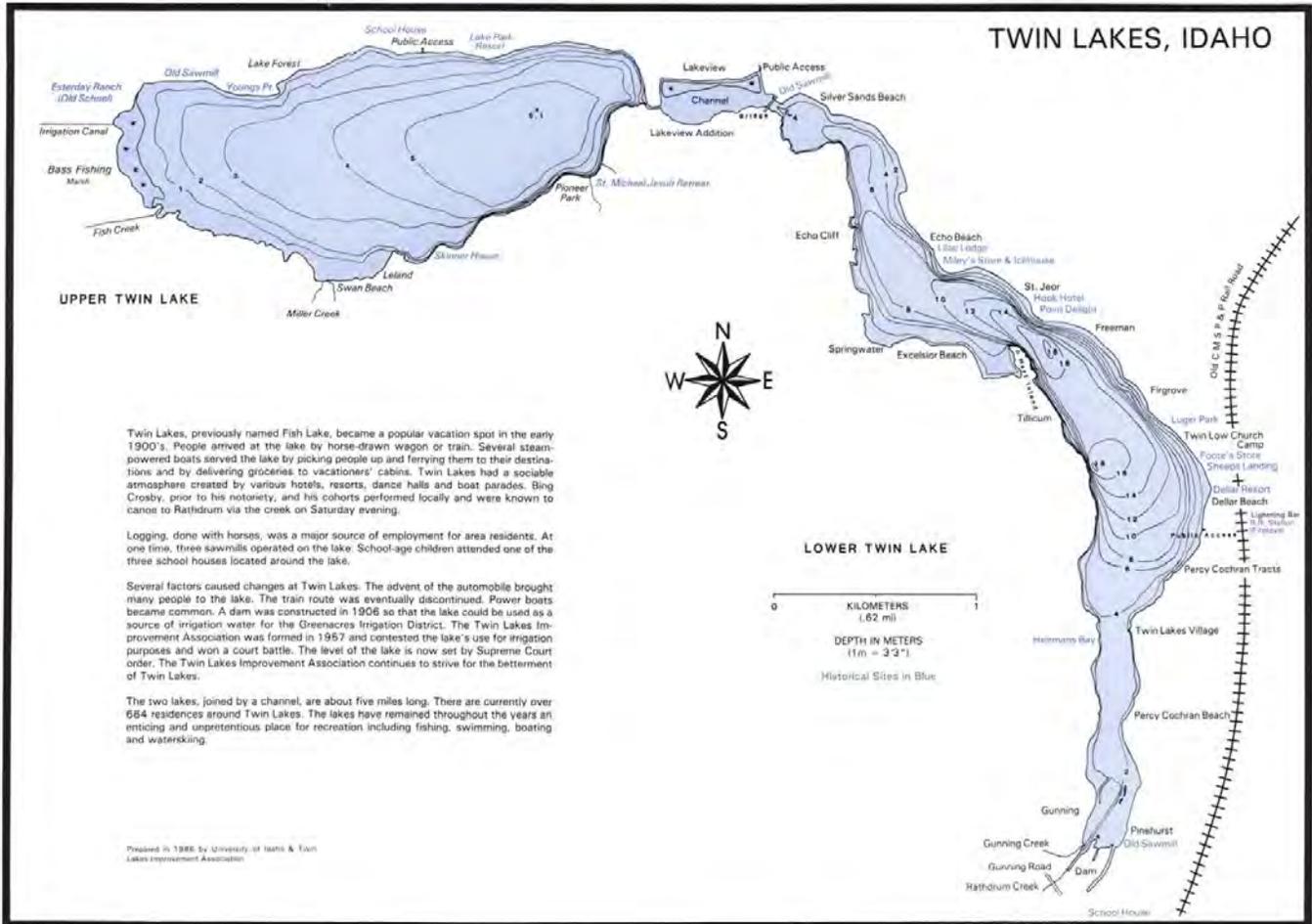
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## Historical Map of Twin Lakes Available

By popular demand, TLIA continues to 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.



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## **Twin Lakes Improvement Association Board Members 2016**

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<http://twinlakesimprovementassociation.org>

[twlia@hotmail.com](mailto:twlia@hotmail.com)

Position	Name	Term	Email	Phone
President	<b>Debra Andrews*</b>	2016	<a href="mailto:fordebto@aol.com">fordebto@aol.com</a> or <a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 724-553-8779
Vice President	<b>Steve Kolb*</b>	2016	<a href="mailto:kskitroom@aol.com">kskitroom@aol.com</a> or <a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 208-818-4688
Secretary	<b>Judy Mott</b>	N/A	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 850-508-3770
Treasurer	<b>Kathy Clark</b>	N/A	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	none
Board Member	<b>Colby Clark*</b>	2016	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 208-277-6822
Board Member	<b>Laurin Scarcello*</b>	2016	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 208-661-6090
Board Member	<b>Vacancy</b>	2016		
Board Member	<b>Doug Jayne</b>	2017	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 509-710-6791
Board Member	<b>Mike Knowles</b>	2017	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 509-863-4359
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Board Member	<b>Adam Kremin</b>	2017	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 509-216-0176
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Board Member	<b>Mary Jayne</b>	2018	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 509-710-6791
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Board Member	<b>Tom Pearson</b>	2018	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 208-691-6543
Board Member	<b>Tyler Wagner</b>	2018	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 541-968-6791
Board Member	<b>Rene Lacroix</b>	2018	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 208-818-5447
Board Member	<b>Jeff Guske</b>	2018	<a href="mailto:twlia@hotmail.com">twlia@hotmail.com</a>	Cell: 509-336-1516

**\* Board Members whose term is up for re-election during 2016 Annual Meeting**

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## AGENCY CONTACT LIST 2016

AGENCY	REMARKS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE No.
<b>Kootenai County Sheriff's Office</b> 5500 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID	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	Fire Chief: <b>Dean Marcus</b> Residential fire permits	Emergency Business / Administration	911 208-772-5711
<b>Idaho Department of Lands Mica Forest Protective District</b> 3258 W. Industrial Loop, Cd'A	Boat access only; Open Burn permits / May 10 thru October 20, 2016	Area Manager <b>Frank Waterman</b>	208-769-1577
<b>Idaho Department of Lands Navigational Waters</b> 3258 W. Industrial Loop, Cd'A	Dock Permits Encroachment Permits	Resource Supervisor, Lands & Waterways <b>Jim Brady</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	Water master: <b>Lauren Scarcello</b> Commissioners: <b>John Eixenberger - Chairman</b> <b>Rathdrum City</b> <b>Gordon Stephenson- Lower Lake</b> <b>Eva Maxwell- Upper Lake</b> <b>Gordon Sylte- Rathdrum Creek</b>	(Emergencies) 208-661-6090  208-659-1701  208-659-3256 208-659-3256 208-659-3256
<b>Twin Lakes Water District #95c</b> <a href="http://www.twinlakesidaho.org">www.twinlakesidaho.org</a>	Water level below 6'4" at the dam. (low water)	Water Master: <b>Lauren Scarcello</b> Assistant Watermaster <b>Dan Park</b> Chairman: <b>Don Ellis</b>	208-661-6090  208-755-4493 208-755-4880
<b>North Kootenai Water District</b> 13649 N. Meyer Rd., Rathdrum, ID	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month	Board of Director President: <b>Tom Crimmin</b> District Manager: <b>Mike Galante</b>	208-687-6593
<b>Panhandle Health District</b> 8500 N. Atlas Rd., Hayden	Septic system permits / new & revisions	Division Director: <b>Dale Peck</b>	208-415-5100
<b>Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)</b> 2110 Ironwood Pkwy. Cd'A	Environmental Quality issues, i.e.: Hazardous material spills, Surface water quality, Air quality.	Regional Administrator <b>Dan Redline</b> Director CDA Office <b>Tom Herron</b>	208-769-1422  208-699-5042
<b>Idaho Department of Water Resources</b> 7600 Mineral Dr. #100, Cd'A	Water Rights	Regional Manager: <b>Keith Franklin</b>	208-762-2800
<b>Kootenai County - Building and Planning Division</b> 451 Government Way., Cd'A	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>Steve Kolb</b>	Cell phone 724-553-8779  Cell phone 208-818-4688
<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> PO Box 790 2270 Old Penitentiary Rd Boise, Idaho 83701		Aquatic Plant Program Mgr. Invasive Species Program <b>Tom Woolf</b>	208-608-3404
<b>Idaho Fish and Game</b> Panhandle Regional office <a href="http://2885.W.Kathleen.Ave">2885 W. Kathleen Ave.</a> 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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## FIRESMART ACTIVITIES MATCHING FUNDS RECORDING SHEET

*Can be used to record activities for matching funds and other FireSmart purposes*



What qualifies for matching funds for FireSmart grants? Any time or money you spend on your home and/or surrounding property for the purpose of reducing the probability of wildfire loss. Examples of activities that will qualify related to homes and outbuildings are (but not limited to) the following:

- Removing trees, brush, grass from around your structures
- Cleaning gutters of pine needles and other debris
- Cleaning the roof and clearing anything flammable from within three feet of the base of the structure
- Removing tree limbs less than six-ten feet from the ground around structures
- Replacing a shake-shingle roof with a non-flammable alternative

The following volunteer activities will also qualify for FireSmart matching funds. Volunteer time is recorded at the rate of \$20.21 per hour.

- FireSmart Board meetings
- FireSmart community events
- Family preparation for wildfire

To record your time, fill in the following:

Activity	Date Performed	Amount of Time

To record your costs, fill in the following:

Activity	Date Performed	Attach Invoices

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to:

Kimberly Hobson

[khobson@kcgov.us](mailto:khobson@kcgov.us)

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**DUES FORM – Please Mail responses to:**

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POST OFFICE BOX 620  
RATHDRUM, IDAHO 83858**

Please include:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Beach Area for Representation: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$20.00 / year      2016 \_\_\_\_\_  
   2017 \_\_\_\_\_  
   2018 \_\_\_\_\_

(+) Dues                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(+) General Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(+) Fish Creek Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(+) Channel Project    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Save the Date; TLIA Annual Meeting July 2, 2016 - Sign in: 9:30am - Meeting: 10:00am to 11:30 am**