

# Twin Lakes Improvement Association



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69th Year - 1st Ed.



## 2025 President's Message

Hello Twin Lakes Community,

TLIA's, Twin Lakes Water Advisory committee has been evaluating and prioritizing potential water quality projects for the benefit of wildlife habitat and recreational user. This Committee is co-chaired By Doug Jayne and Mike

Knowles. They have been working with various board and association members along with state and local agency experts to assess the needs of the Twin Lakes watershed.

Mark Your calendar: Annual Membership meeting July 12, 2025 held at Twin Lakes Elementary School . Your membership within this organization is key to TLIA's success. I encourage you to join today for an fee of \$30.00 per year. To help speed up the registration process; I am requesting you to consider paying ahead of the annual meeting via mail or online at: [twinlakesimprovementassociation.org](http://twinlakesimprovementassociation.org)

Great Odds! 1-3500 chance to win ! This years fundraising efforts include the raffle of a Suntracker Party Barge 16 DLX with 50 ELPT Fourstroke Mercury with single axle trailer. Tickets are being sold at a number of venues around town. You can also take advantage of making a purchase online via the website. Drawing held Aug 8, 2025 at 8pm.

Mark your calendar: the TLIA Social and Silent Auction is scheduled for Aug 8, 202 at Twin Lakes Village. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and those who support the TLIA mission. Lots of Food , Folks and Fun ! More details are within this newsletter.

I want to thank members of TLIA and volunteers who, support financially and provide materials for projects impacting the water quality of Twin Lakes. We are stronger together delivering our mission and making a difference for future generations.

Best Regards, Debbie Andrews, President TLIA

## TLIA Annual Meeting

July 12, 2025

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 12, 2025. Sign-in is at 9:00 AM. There will be booths with a variety of information, so come early to check them out. The Actual meeting goes from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. The meeting location is at the Twin Lakes Elementary School, located at 5326 West Rice Road, in Rathdrum.



Back by popular demand, TLIA is offering a brand new beautiful map of Twin Lakes suitable for framing. It highlights important historical locations along Twin Lakes and makes a great addition to any collection. It will be available at our annual meeting for a tax-deductible donation of \$10.00. The maps are also available at the Twin Lakes Market located right at the entrance of Twin Lakes Village.

## Annual Meeting – Speakers

**Jade Clinkenbeard & Craig Nelson** - Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Learn about trends and impacts on the water quality of our lakes.

**Doug Jayne & Mike Knowles** - Twin Lakes Water Quality Advisory Committee

Present water quality project for membership approval.

## TLIA Board Elections

Elections for five (5) positions on the TLIA Board of Directors will take place at the annual meeting. The board is looking for members who can dedicate time and energy to support the association's goals and projects. If you are interested in becoming active as a social media manager or as a member of the Board, or know of someone who is, please contact your Board President: Debbie Andrews at cell # 724-553-8779, or Vice President: Pat Miller at cell # 208-660-3097.

## 4th of July Boat Flotilla!



Come join this year's flotilla on Friday, July 4th 2024 starting at 11:00 am. The flotilla will begin on Upper Twin Lake's public boat launch. Decorate your boat and join your neighbors on the water this 4th of July. The annual flotilla is enjoyed by so many people on 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 from the channel area into the lower lake. This event has a history dating back to the 1900's.

Your TLIA Board wishes to remind participants; although your association does not organize the boat flotilla, we proudly support this grassroots participation in celebrating, on a local level, our country's independence.

We do encourage all in our community, as you are enjoying the festivities of the 4th to please clean up firework & water balloon debris from the lake. Thank you for helping to keep our lake clean and healthy. Please be respectful of those on docks who wish to remain dry.

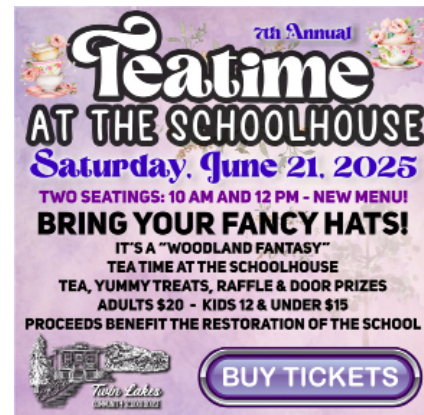
## Fireworks reminders for a safe summer season

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office wants to remind everyone that only fireworks classified as "non-aerial common fireworks" are legal to use throughout Kootenai County. Non-aerial common fireworks are those purchased in local temporary stands and some businesses throughout the many communities in the County.

Fireworks can be very traumatic for pets and many of our combat war veterans. So please be respectful of your neighbors. However, if you do decide to light off some fireworks this year, here are some safety tips the Sheriff's Office suggests you follow:

- Only responsible and sober adults should be lighting fireworks
- Kids should never play with fireworks.
- Buy only legal fireworks (legal fireworks have a label with the manufacturer's name and directions; illegal ones are unlabeled), and store them in a cool, dry place. Never try to make your own fireworks.
- Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents.
- Steer clear of others; fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.
- Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting. Wear some sort of eye protection and avoid carrying fireworks in your pocket; the friction could set them off.
- Point fireworks away from homes and keep away from brush and leaves and flammable substances.
- If a fire is caused by your release of fireworks, call 911 immediately.
- Light one firework at a time (not in glass or metal containers, and never relight a dud.
- Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
- Please Pick up all fireworks trash from the lake shore or water to prevent phosphorus from going into the lake which promotes weed growth.

## Mark Your Calendar!



## **Raffle Drawing, Social and Silent Auction**

Friday, August 8th, 2025

6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Raffle Drawing at 8:00 pm

### **TLIA 10TH Annual Social and Silent Auction Fundraiser**

We invite you to the 2025 TLIA Annual Social and Silent Auction where the winning ticket will be drawn by Hayley Guenther anchor from KHQ, for a 2025 Sun Tracker Party Barge 16 DLX. If you are looking to have fun on the water; be sure to get your tickets now. You have a **1 in 3,500 chance to win**. All proceeds support TLIA and its ongoing efforts to care for the lake we all love.



### **2024 Segway Side x Side UTV Raffle Winner!**

Meet David and Susan Cleek pictured near the lower Twin Lake Boat Launch. They are the winners of the 2024 Segway UT10 P Crew Side by Side. They are thrilled to be driving through beautiful Twin Lakes in their new ride. The winning ticket was drawn by KHQ anchor Hayley Gunther. The raffle proceeds benefit the water quality projects on Twin Lakes.

### **This year's raffle is a Suntracker Party Barge 16 DLX Pontoon Boat Raffle Tickets are available at:**

- Rathdrum Trading Post Hardware
- Super 1 Foods, Rathdrum, Athol, Post Falls, Hayden and Coeur d Alene
- Seright's Ace Hardware, Rathdrum
- Rathdrum Trading Post Hardware
- Twin Lakes Market Gas Station (TLV)
- Miller's Harvest Foods in Spirit Lake

## **From the Watermaster - 2025**

The water level for Twin Lakes fell a little faster than usual last summer, due to below average snowpack during the 2023/2024 winter, combined with a long, hot, and dry season. Snowpack was well above average over the last few months. This should help to keep the water a little higher towards the end of summer this year.

As always, it is important for all water right/license holders in the water district to keep their contact information updated with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR), as the watermaster is not allowed to change personal information recorded in a water right/license. It is possible some property owners may not know they have a water right/license recorded for their property, since the subject may not come up when transferring property between owners. If your information is correct in the IDWR database, you should receive a postcard from IDWR each spring with the details of our annual meeting. Also, if there is a valid right/license on your property, you should see an annual fee assessed on your property taxes, regardless of whether your contact information is recorded correctly with IDWR. Information can be accessed on the IDWR website at [idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/research](http://idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/research). Feel free to contact the watermaster by phone or email with any questions.

In conjunction with the Flood Control District, equipment at the spillway continues to be updated and upgraded. We have received approval for another grant from the Kootenai County Aquifer Protection District this year, and hope to find a way to remotely measure flow down Fish Creek in the coming year.

Please conserve water where you can, and have a safe summer on the lake.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the lake community for another season!

### **Steve Neff**

Watermaster

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## Twin Lakes History: The ice-man of Echo Beach by Peggy Gilbert

The sign which hangs on the dormered roof reads simply STORE. But the building, which faces lower Twin Lake in scenic north Idaho, does not resemble the resort stores which dot the shores of Pacific Northwest Lakes.

It is a steep – roofed farmhouse of the early 1900s. But the old living room is stocked with shelves of canned goods, and bulky glass cases display “Snickers” and “Fritos.” The dark interior smells of spices and fruit, like the neighborhood grocery of the Thirties.”

The Echo Beach Resort is indeed a store, but that isn't all. Another sign on a weathered dock reads GAS AND OIL- BOATS FOR RENT. The Dock moors aging, steel-clad wooden boats.

A gas pump stands by the front porch, but its gauges only go up to fifty cents a gallon, and the proprietor isn't sure he can afford an expensive new pump.

That proprietor is the most interesting part of his business. At 85 years of age, Merl Miley pumps the gas and adds up grocery bills on the antique cash register, as he has for the last 56 years.

With a smile that crinkles the corners of his eyes. Miley say, “Sure we can sell you some ice.”

But if you think he's going to pull your ice out of one of those refrigerated boxes in the plastic bag you're wrong.

At Echo Beach Resort, that ice is probably six to eight months old-- cut from Lower Twin Lake by Miley himself from the thick blanket that covered the lake last winter, and sold block by block out of a shingled, sawdust-insulated shack on the beach — an old-fashioned “ice house” from the days before electricity.

“We didn't get much ice this year only 15 tons.” Merl says, ringing up the sale on the old cash register. “Used to get



*Miley's Store*

about 80 Tons. Not enough slow steady freezes last winter.”

“Seasoning I call it,” adds his wife Ruth, 78, pausing in the making of zucchini bread in the kitchen behind the store.

It was in 1921 that Merl Miley bought the house which later became the store, and Ruth joined him there after their marriage in 1922.

“We were lucky,” he says. “Land was cheap then.”

But life wasn't easy on the lake in the Twenties. The day started early, so Ruth could drive Merl to his Milwaukee Road railroad job by 6:15 a.m. After a few years, this also involved taking the oldest daughter Loreen to school and bundling up the two younger ones, Marilyn and Merleen, to ride along.

Winter snow piles deep in northern Idaho and the Miley's had to shovel the way for their Model T up to the county road, kept clear by horse-drawn plows.



*Merl Miley & Larry Wagonius 1968*

Meryl's work with the railroad came to an end in 1931. A fellow worker, angry at being “bumped” from his job, derailed the train, and it plunged from a bridge. Miley was seriously injured, but no disability pension was forthcoming from the railroad. So, he turned the resort business, which they had started soon after buying the place.

The store in the living room wasn't hasn't changed much over the years. Tourists would like to buy beer on hot summer days, but Miley has also always refused to get a license. “Beer just makes people sloppy and nasty.” Besides they'd litter up the lake, with beer cans.” Says Miley -- and obviously, the beauty of the lake is more important to him than profits.

One of their summer visitors in early days, he recalls, was Bing Crosby. “He use-to camp in a tent up the road... He'd go up and down the lake in a boat, singing and playing his ukulele. Crosby also sang for dances in the big dance hall, which stood where Miley's parking lot is now.

Until the coming of Kootenai Electric Co-op's lines from Coeur d'Alene, in 1938, the Miley's used gas lamps--“the light with so much whiter than kerosene.” Ruth says. Her kitchen today still boasts a wood cooking range.

Self-sufficiency is more than just a phrase for to the Miley's. Their drinking water comes from a spring on the other side of the lake, and is piped under the lake to their house. When a new water system was constructed in the area in the Sixties, Merl had only one question:

"Can you do it for three dollars a year? If you can't, forget it."

The ice harvested from the lake each winter is the best example of their self-sufficient lifestyle. This is the work Merl Miley has pursued for over half a century, cutting and selling ice for ice-boxes before Kootenai Electric helped to bring in the refrigerator; now he mostly supplies ice-chest for visitors to haul beer on the way in, fresh trout or bass on the way out.



*Dwight Egbers 1968 & Merl Miley 1969*

The ice is cut with a cross-cut saw, in square chunks of about four cubic feet, weighing 250 pounds each. These blocks are hoisted onto a truck and driven back to the ice-house on the beach. There they are stacked on eight inches of sawdust, with more sawdust piled on the sides and top of each block. The walls of the ice-house are double, insulated with yet more sawdust.

Ruth worries when Merle is cutting ice. "He's down there alone and I can't see him. He's fallen in a couple of times."

Miley, for his part, worries there might be a new law which will prohibit cutting more than a ten-inch square of ice, for ice fishing.

Ruth seems pleased with that prospect. In years past, Miley remembers, "We used to drive Model T's out on the ice and pull sleds and skaters up and down the lake. Planes even used to land there, with skis.

Merl used to go out with apples for the deer who came, walking carefully over the ice on slender legs, for the nightly handout. He regrets that they don't come anymore — "too many dogs around now, they scare them away."

They still enjoy watching the blue jays on the bird-feeder he has built outside their kitchen window. Raccoons were eating the bird food, climbing up the pipe which supports the feeder. "But we fixed 'em," he laughs "we grease the pole -- and they don't bother us anymore."

The couple had steadfastly refused to subdivide their 62 acres for summer homes.

"We're selfish, I guess, we want to leave it for the deer and birds to enjoy," says Ruth.

Merle adds, "even if you sell a large acreage, they'll just split it up in small lots and resell it."

He still gets up at 5:00 o'clock a.m. to "see what's really pretty," the glass — smooth lake reflecting the ever-changing vista of the hill across the water.

Their three daughters, with their own families — the Miley's have 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren — come back to enjoy summer visits at the lake, when the old rental cabins are put into service again for their use.

Merl and Ruth agree on the secret of a long and happy life.

"Hard work, I'll tell you." Says Ruth.



"Keeps you out of mischief," Merl agrees.

And Merl does indeed manage to "keep out of mischief." Besides cutting and selling ice, renting boats, selling groceries and gas, and keeping up the place, he rents parking lot space to "summer people" who boat across the lake to their cabins on Excelsior Beach, and moor their boats at his dock when they return to Spokane, or wherever. He also shovels the snow from neighbors' roofs in the winter.

"Those people are always afraid we're going to sell out and leave, grins Merl. "They don't know what they'd do..."

More important, perhaps, what would Merland Ruth do?

## Inland Empire Paper Company Woods Tour & Recreational Permit

Inland Empire Paper Company owns more than 120,000 acres of timberland in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho. Private timberlands like these provide many of the wood products used by the public. Gates open May 1st for all motorized access.

### Woods Tour

Paul Buckland Forester for IEP will conduct the 2025 Woods Tour on Friday, Sept 5, 2025 at 9:00 am. Be sure to bring a water bottle and a sack lunch or snack.

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: Sightseeing, Berry/Mushroom Picking, Firewood Gathering, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting/Fishing, Mountain Bike Riding, Motorcycle/ATV Riding, Snowshoeing/Cross-Country Skiing, and Christmas Tree Cutting.

Individual Annual permit is \$55.00 plus tax  
Family Annual Permit is \$85.00 plus tax.  
For more information on IEP's Recreational Use Program, or to plan a group activity, please contact us at: (208) 446-3000 Access recreation Management

### Save Our Lake!

What YOU can do to preserve water quality of TWIN LAKES

While there is never an easy answer or quick fix to protect our lake, there are a number of simple things that we can do AND promote with our lake neighbors. Understanding how our actions affect the long term health of our lake helps current and future generations protect the lifestyle and value of our lake and environment. Limiting phosphorus entering the lake is the key to controlling the growth of toxic algae blooms, excessive aquatic plants and improving water clarity, oxygen content and water quality in general.

### Lake Dos and Don'ts

Dos include:

1. Use zero-phosphorus lawn fertilizer
2. Properly operate and maintain septic systems; pump at least every three years for year-round residents, or 5 years for seasonal residents
3. Use phosphorus-free dishwasher & laundry detergents
4. Clean up pet waste
5. Keep bonfires away from the lake, and clean up all ashes
6. Pick up fireworks debris and residue

7. Ensure your boat engine and gas tank have no fluid leaks. (Consider using a small hand pump or other device to transfer gas from containers to your boat to avoid spills.)
8. Cover loose soil areas with vegetation and remedy any shoreline erosion problems
9. Develop and maintain a shoreline vegetation buffer
10. Inform renters

Don'ts include:

1. Don't add sand along the shoreline-(Sand contains high amounts of phosphorus and destroys the natural filters we need to keep the lake healthy.)
2. Don't bathe, shampoo, or wash boats, pets, or other objects in the lake
3. Do not fertilize within 30 feet of the lake (From 30 feet to 250 feet, use no phosphate, slow-release nitrogen fertilizer on vegetated areas.)
4. Don't feed the ducks and geese (Resident duck and goose populations increase disease causing bacteria in the water. They can also be a significant source of nutrients to the lake.)
5. Don't put leaves, grass clippings, branches or any kind of organic matter into the lake (Plant debris adds phosphorus and other nutrients directly to the lake.)
6. When raking or cutting seaweed, gather up the debris and dispose of it in the garbage.
7. Minimize stormwater runoff entering the lake by diverting it to the ground or using rain barrels
8. Don't leave burnt ashes on beach
9. Don't shoot fireworks into the lake as they introduce phosphorus into the watershed



### Fish Creek Maintenance

The TLIA board and volunteers continue to provide maintenance work on the Easterday Ranch portion of Fish Creek leading into upper Twin Lakes. The evolution of the projects continue to grow from the erosion pictured to the lush green vegetation planted during the bank restoration project. With the expectation of the arrival of the cattle in late May, TLIA's Fish Creek Project Manager Steve Kolb and TLIA Board Members Pat Nelson, Pat Miller, Mike Stohler and Eric Olsen installed cattle panels at the harden cattle crossings preventing cows from standing in the creek or getting into the restored vegetation.



**What's New At the Upper Twin Boat Launch?**

You may have noticed Kooteani Electric has placed a Danger sign at the upper boat launch. The signage is new however the underwater cable is not. It is serving the property owners on boat access only side of the lake. According to Don Bush with KEC during low water the cable was visible. The concern is boaters may accidentally anchor and grab the cable. The new signage is there to warn all who are launching or retrieving their boats.

In other news Kootani County Parks and Waterways which manages the Upper Twin Lakes boat launch is fee-based. For your convenience you can scan the QR code for access to the online payment page. You can choose an annual pass or a day-use launch pass. Keep in mind there is a credit card processing fee when using this transaction form.

**What's Happening at the Twin Lakes Market?**

The Twin Lakes Market and Union 76 Station has new ownership. Meet Parwinder known to all by "Paul" in the Twin Lakes community. Boaters and vehicles will appreciate the competitive fuel pricing and the addition of non-ethanol Premium fuel. The Twin Lakes Market hosts a sundry of groceries, household items, hot foods, self-serve beverage station, beer, wine, soft drinks, cigarettes, lottery tickets and novelty items. This location has a UPS access point, propane exchange, Ice, and live bait.

Paul is supporting the Twin Lakes Improvement Association by making available the 2025 Sun Tracker Party Barge16 DLX Pontoon Boat raffle tickets and Twin Lakes Historical maps at their venue.

Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself to Paul and his manager Laurie.



**Don't Dump Your Dock**

This year there was a record number of loose docks on the lake. Please read the following regarding the ordinance around derelict docks:

**Kootenai County Parks and Waterways Ordinance 6.2.113: Derelict Docks and Float Houses:**

- A. No person shall allow a personal dock or float house to be released on any public body of water under which the county has boater safety responsibility.
- B. Owners of floating devices such as docks and float houses who fail to properly secure them will be subject to payment of recovery and abatement costs.
- C. All docks and float houses shall be permanently marked and labeled with the owner's name, address and department of lands registration number on both ends of the dock. The marking or labeling shall be done in a permanent fashion in letters and numbers greater than two inches (2") in size. (Ord. 379, 8-30-2006; amd. Ord. 571, 10-19-2021)

**2025 Good Steward Award**

The Good Steward award is recognition for the ongoing dedication and service to protecting the historic and natural resources of Twin Lakes. The 2024 recipient was Craig Nelson of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. Craig has been actively working with TLIA through the citizens volunteer water monitoring program. He has helped to train many of our volunteers on how to take accurate readings of the water samples assessing the water quality and overall health Twin Lakes and the impact of the association's water quality projects. Craig continues to upload sample data, proving trends over the past 40 years. Craig continues to mentor the association on how to best impact the water quality and help to evaluate future projects.

Congratulations Craig on this prestigious award.





## Twin Lakes Improvement Association Board Members 2025

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\*Board Members whose term is up for re-election during 2025 Annual Meeting

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Kootenai County Sheriff's Office</b> 5500 N. Government Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Sheriff: <b>Sheriff Rob Norris</b>  Boat Safety Classes	Emergency Marine Unit Supervisor: <b>Sgt. Ryan Miller</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 Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Residential fire permits online through the Idaho Department of Lands;	Area Manager <b>Andrew Smyth</b> www.burnpermits.idaho.gov	208-769-1577
<b>Idaho Department of Lands Navigational Waters</b> 3258 W. Industrial Loop Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Dock Permits Encroachment Permits	Resource Supervisor, Lands & Waterways <b>Mike Ahmer</b>	208-769-1577
<b>Flood Control District #17 Under the Idaho Department of Water Resources</b> 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 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center	Dam Keeper: <b>Laurin Scarcello</b> Chairman: <b>Todd Howe</b> – Upper Lake Rathdrum City: <b>Janet Armstrong</b> Rathdrum Creek: <b>Jack Hern</b> Lower Lake: <b>Adam Kremin</b> Treasurer/Secretary: <b>Renee Miller</b>	208-661-6090 509-209-2687  208-664-2262 208-659-1181 509-216-0176 208-660-3103
<b>Twin Lakes Water District #95c Under the Idaho Department of Water Resources</b> 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> Secretary/Treasurer: <b>Renee Miller</b>	208-659-8131 Steveneff2015@gmail.com 208-660-3102 tlfcd17@gmail.com
<b>North Kootenai Water District</b> 13649 N. Meyer Rd. Rathdrum, ID 83858	Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month	Board of Directors President: <b>Tom Crimmin</b> District Manager: <b>Paul Tucker</b>	208-687-6593
<b>Panhandle Health District</b> 8500 N. Atlas Rd. Hayden ID 83835	Septic system permits / new & revisions	Division Director: <b>Jason Peppin</b>	208-415-5217
<b>Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)</b> 2110 Ironwood Pkwy. Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814	Environmental Quality issues, i.e.: Hazardous material spills, Water quality, Air quality.	Director CDA Office: <b>Bob Steed</b>	robert.steed@deq.idaho.gov 208-769-1422
<b>Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR)</b> 7600 Mineral Dr. #100, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815	Water Rights	Regional Manager: <b>Michelle Richman</b>	208-762-2800
<b>Kootenai County - Building and Planning Division</b> 451 Government Way. Coeur d'Alene, ID 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>Pat Miller</b>	Cell # 724-553-8779  Cell # 208-660-3097
<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>Chris Adam</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	Invasive Animals North Idaho: Post Falls: <b>Jenny Roman</b> Boise: <b>Jeremy Varley</b>	(208) 457-2732  208-332-8667
<b>Idaho Fish and Game Panhandle Regional Office</b> 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>Kara Campbell</b> Regional Fisheries Manager <b>Andy Dux</b> Communication Director <b>TJ Ross</b>	208- 769-1414  208-769-1414

# **Twin Lakes Improvement Association Dues Renewal and Donation Form for Improved Water Quality on Our Lakes**

Please mail to:

Twin Lakes Improvement Association – P.O. Box 620 – Rathdrum, ID 83858  
or donate online at [twinlakesimprovementassociation.org](http://twinlakesimprovementassociation.org)

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

Lake Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues - \$30.00/year, see the address label, dues are paid current through that date.**

2025: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2026: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2027: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues alone are not enough to fund various projects benefiting our lakes. We are counting on members to make additional contributions towards these projects. We are a 501(c)3 organization, which means donations are tax deductible.

I would like to contribute towards the water quality projects that enhance and improve our lakes in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Water Quality Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CHARGES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CVC#: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an ongoing monthly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*All dues and donations can be paid online at [twinlakesimprovementassociation.org](http://twinlakesimprovementassociation.org)*

# OFFICIAL NOTICE OF TLIA ANNUAL MEETING:

## Save the Date

Twin Lakes Improvement Association Annual Meeting

**July 12, 2025**

Registration Sign in: 9:00am - Meeting: 10:00am to 11:30 am

Twin Lakes Elementary  
5326 W Rice Rd, Rathdrum, ID 83858

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