



Plan to attend the Annual FILIA meeting June 16 from 9:00am – 11:00am

The annual association meeting is held at Hazelton Town Hall, which is 2 miles south of Tame Fish Lake Rd / Hwy 11. You do not have to be a paid member to attend.

We have guest speakers who cover information pertinent to lake owners. Other activities, to name just a few: walleye re-stocking updates (when available), attendees can discuss concerns and happenings around the lake, vote for board association member when a board member’s term is expired, ACLARA updates, AIS updates, water clarity, etc.



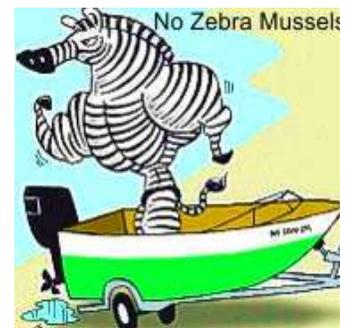
This year’s guest speaker will be from Landsburg Landscape Nursery



Guest speakers usually present at the start of the meeting. Coffee and pastries or cookies are provided. This is a great time to meet your neighbors and be involved with the lake.

Cabin Burglaries

There were 2 reported burglaries early this year on the northwest side of Dahle’s Bay. Read below for preemptive actions suggested by the Aitkin County Sherriff.



2017 AIS Inspection Final Results

- Farm Island Lake had 2,614 total in/out inspections. Only one (1) boat was turned away due to water in the hull. There were 17 incoming boats with plugs still in.
- TOTAL inspections for all lakes was 10,603, with 14 boats turned away due to water needing to be drained.
- **There were no zebra mussels found in Farm Island Lake in 2017**
- The 2018 plan is to have staffed landings for opening fishing. We hope the weekends before also.
- Check your newsletters and website for more detailed information.

Board of Directors Elections

Three Board of Directors positions are up for election. Incumbents are: Cindy Chuhanic (Secretary), Bill Haroldson (V.P.) and Denny Kraimer.

Nominations will be accepted before the vote. This is for a 3-year term. Your vote will count at the annual meeting!

Board membership is voluntary. See list of board members on the website and below.

As of April 17, 2018, Farm Island Lake is frozen solid with about 30 inches of ice and a foot of snow on top. The latest ice out date on record has been May 13, 2013 (see chart below).

Farm Island

2017 ice out date: April 5

Median ice out date: April 18

Earliest ice out date: March 27, 2012

Latest ice out date: May 13, 2013

Period of record: 1978 to 2017

[Click here](#) for past ice out dates on our FILIA website.

Click for:
[DNR Boating Guide](#)
[2018](#)

SCOTT A. TURNER **SHERIFF OF AITKIN COUNTY**

217 Second Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

218-927-2138 Emergency 911
Sheriff Fax 218-927-7359 / Dispatch Fax 218-927-6887
TOLL FREE 1-888-900-2138

Life Around the Lake

While the lakes remain ice-covered and winter is slow to release its icy grip, it will not be long before we will be enjoying all that life around the lake has to offer.

As has been mentioned before, Stewardship can also mean how we conduct ourselves in relation to others on the lake. The lakes are for all to enjoy. Be tolerant of others legally using the lake in a manner that you may not like. Conversely, be understanding of others activities and do not let your usage detract from their enjoyment of the lake.

We can also all work together to make our communities safer. Over the last several years we have seen an overall decrease in burglaries and much of that can be attributed to you being the eyes and ears of your neighborhood. Simply by engaging you to notice suspicious activities and report them to each other and to law enforcement has worked to reduce crime in all neighborhoods. Just a few of years ago, burglaries were at an all time low in Aitkin County.

The prevention of crime – particularly crime involving residential neighborhoods – is a responsibility that must be shared equally by law enforcement and citizens. Implicit in the motto, “To Protect and Serve,” is the concept of cooperation with the citizens. What can the citizens do to begin the process?

- Get to know your neighbors and the persons and vehicles that should be at their home or cabin
- Report suspicious activity such as:
 - Unusual noises: gunshots, screaming, breaking glass |
 - Suspicious Persons: persons going door to door, loitering, or present at unusual times
 - Suspicious Vehicles: parked or occupied in unusual locations or at unusual times, abandoned vehicles, out of place vehicles (i.e. service vehicles at night?)

We look forward to all that this new summer season has to offer and to working together to help keep our neighborhoods safe for all who come here to live, work and play.

As always, enjoy that great natural resource that you have just outside your door ---- but do so Safely!





News from the DNR

Electrofishing survey on Farm Island Lake

In early October 2017 the DNR did their fall electrofishing survey on Farm Island Lake. Very similar results compared with last three years (about 30/hour) with decent numbers of young of the year that are a very nice size (mean length 6.2 inches). Yearlings looked better than the last couple years too, suggesting the 2016-year class is decent too.

REPORT INVASIVE SPECIES

Following information from [DNR website](#)

One of the keys for a rapid response to invasive species is the early identification of new occurrences. Please report occurrences of invasive species in Minnesota to the following:

- “Arrest the Pest” at: 888-545-6684. Please call to report suspicious pest species arriving on plants or articles from foreign countries or other states. Get the latest updates on invasive species such as gypsy moth, soybean rust, sudden oak death, Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, bark beetles, and other destructive insect, plant, and disease pest species at: www.mda.state.mn.us/arrestthepest.
- DNR Invasive Species Program at: 651-259-5100 or 888-646-6367 to report invasive aquatic plants or wild animals such as Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels, invasive carp, round goby, nonnative deer, and mute swans.
- EDDMapS Midwest website or Great Lakes Early Detection Network app at: www.eddmaps.org/midwest.
- Or, as specified for individual species in the calendar on the DNR website, [click here](#).

Note: When government, local agency and county information is included we are serving as the messenger to keep you informed of their activities on Farm Island Lake.



**FARM ISLAND LAKE IS FROZEN SO HOPEFULLY
THE LOONS WILL NOT BE HERE SOON!**

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

FYI – If you have a Kidde Fire Extinguisher in your house, car, boat or cabin – this is worth checking.

Kidde has recalled plastic handle fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017 and some previously recalled units.

- These units are typically used in homes, cabins, garages, etc.
- Also recalled are eight push-button models manufactured between August 11, 1995 and September 22, 2017 typically used in boats and personal watercraft.
- To submit your recalled units, go to Kidde.com (see link below) and follow the instructions or call toll free 855-271-0773.
- They ship a new unit in 10-20 business days and you will have to ship the old unit back after you receive a new one, they provide a shipping label and free shipping.
- It doesn't seem to matter what condition they are in.

<http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/>



Deer standing on southwest side of lake, eating dormant jewel weed.

“Send your dues”



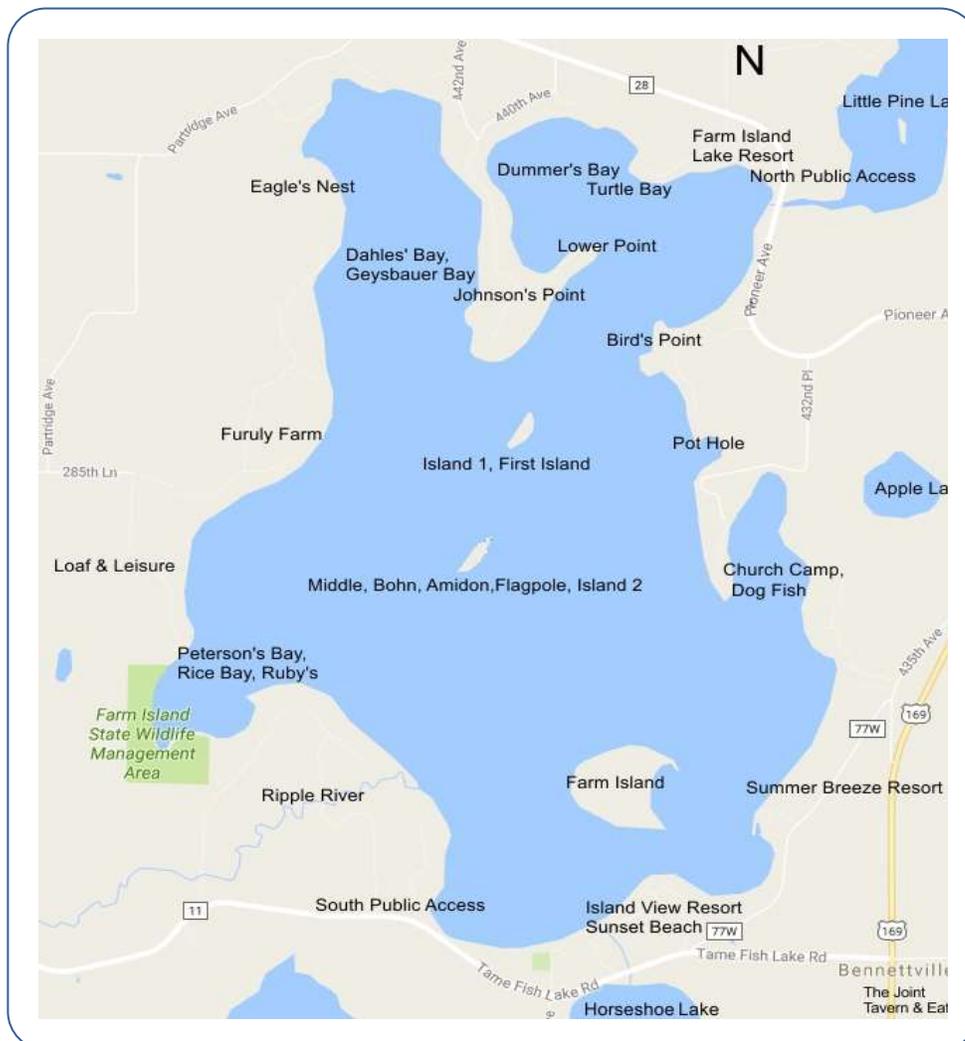
Paid association members, in recognition of their support, are posted on the [FILIA website](#) and periodically are listed in this newsletter. At the end of year 2017 we had 177 members.

14 people have already mailed in their dues and more are coming. Membership dues for year 2018 are accepted through end of the year; for record keeping purposes, the earlier the better.

A membership application form can be found on our [website](#), and is also included with this mailing. Voluntary dues are \$25 a year and are welcome any time. The FILIA mailing address is at the end of this newsletter.

In an effort to keep you updated with Farm Island Lake Improvement Association (FILIA) happenings, association members will periodically receive emails with pertinent information.

Please be sure we have your email address so you can receive FILIA newsletters and updates.



This map is on your [FILIA website](#) in a more printable format, with the most up-to-date information.

Blue Fire Number



The **Blue Fire Number**, which is your address number, is used by **emergency responders** to locate your property. This could save your life or property. If you are in an association you need your own number, placed by your individual house, so you can quickly be located. To order, contact the Aitkin County Highway Department 218-927-3741.

GPS doesn't work well in our area. In an emergency, be able to give detailed directions on how to reach you. Write it down, and post it so everyone at your house can see it.

Important Phone Numbers

Aitkin County Sheriff

218-927-7435 Or 911

DNR Information Center

651-296-6157

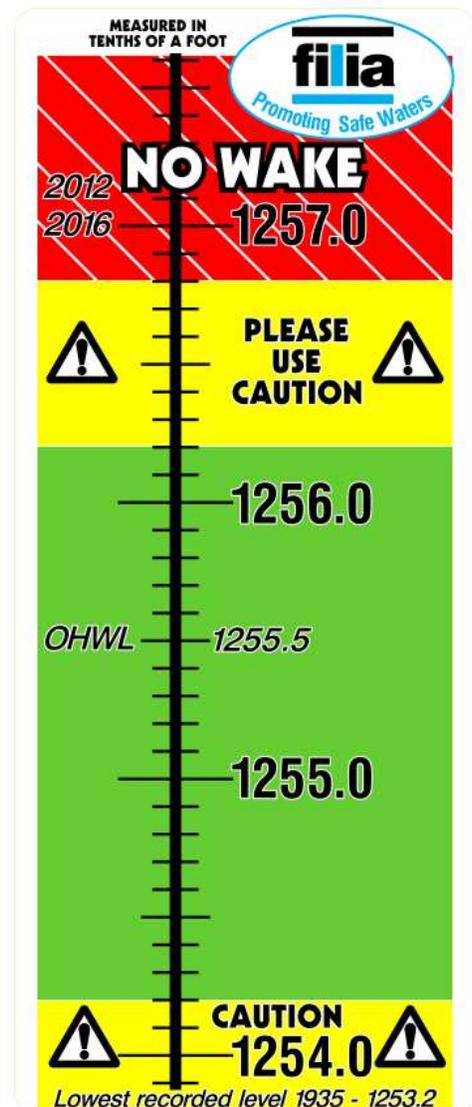
OHWL Sign

A new Lake Level sign will be placed by the Little Pine Lake culvert. Look for it after the water warms, and the lake level recedes a bit.

OHWL stands for Ordinary High Water Level. The DNR's definition is: the ordinary high water level is an elevation delineating the highest water level that has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly the point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial.

Click here for the complete definition as stated by the DNR.

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/surfacewater_section/hydrographics/ohw.html



FILIA Mission Statement

The mission of the Farm Island Lake Improvement Association is to:

- 1) Promote the safety and common good of the Farm Island Lake (FIL) community.
- 2) Improve and preserve the quality of the land and water in the FIL area for its members, the community and future generations.

Some examples of how we strive to meet our mission are:

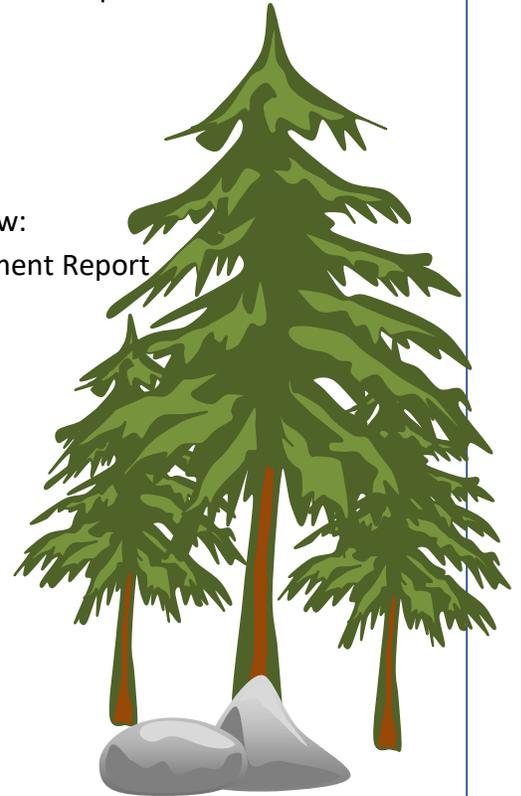
- Work with DNR, ACLARA and Aitkin Soil and Water Department on Invasive Species Prevention, includes efforts to monitor public accesses
- Provide opportunities (Farm Island Lake Boat Parade, annual meeting, AIS updates, etc.) for members to get to know each other. This will foster a safer community setting.
- Improve boating safety via the lake buoys
- Provide an opportunity for members to give feedback to the DNR on issues such as walleye slot limits, invasive species, and boat access
- Provide members feedback on safety issues from the Aitkin Sheriff Department
- Loon nesting program
- Water quality monitoring
- Lake weed control
- Improve walleye spawning area

The FILIA [website](#) contains useful information – to name just a few:

- * 2015 Aitkin County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Risk Assessment Report
- * [FILIA Membership Application Form](#)
- * Contact information - Board of Directors and Shore Captains
- * Financial Reports
- * Previous Newsletters and other reports
- * Map of Farm Island Lake
- * Lake information, i.e. Lake clarity, ice out dates
- * Contact information for
 - Aitkin County Government
 - MN DNR
 - Aitkin County Sheriff
 - Minnesota Waters home page

Check it out at <https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia>

Among other activities, we have been working closely with the DNR, ACLARA, Aitkin County Soil & Water, etc. to help prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) infestation



2017 End of Year Financial Report. You can also [click here](#) to view it and past reports on our website.

FILIA Financial Reports			Year End December 31, 2017		
REVENUE			REVENUE		
	Year End 2017				
REVENUE	ACTUAL	%			
Membership Dues	4,150	76%			
AIS Fund/General Lake Fund	1,115	20%			
Future Membership Dues	150	3%			
Interest Income	31	1%			
TOTALS	\$5,446				
EXPENSES			EXPENSES		
	Year End 2017				
EXPENSES	ACTUAL	%			
Lake Level Sign	333	16%			
2016 AIS Inspection	1,555	76%			
Dues Paid	25	1%			
Meetings	55	3%			
Rentals	87	4%			
TOTALS	\$2,055				
ASSETS			ASSETS		
	Year End 2017				
ASSETS	ACTUAL	%			
Checking	8,033	18%			
Money Market	21,869	49%			
Savings	2,643	6%			
Fixed CD	12,367	28%			
Petty Cash	35	0%			
TOTALS	\$44,947				



FILIA DOES NOT ADVERTISE AND WILL NOT SELL OUR MEMBERS' CONTACT INFORMATION.

FILIA Board Members

All board members can be emailed using the FILIA email address:

FILIALake@gmail.com

Jim Hausauer	President	Dennis Kraimer
Bill Haroldson	V.P.	Gordon Vetsch
Cindy Chuhanic	Secretary	Patrick Holder
Cheryl McDonough ...	Treasurer	Greg Anderson
		Julie Anderson

Board membership is voluntary.

2018 Calendar of Events

*Spring Board Meeting	Saturday, May 5, 9:00am	The Joint Tavern & Eatery
Annual Association Meeting	Saturday, June 16, 9:00am	Hazelton Town Hall
4th of July Boat Parade	Saturday, July 7, Noon	FIL South Public Access
*Fall Board Meeting	Monday, Sept 3, 9:00am	The Joint Tavern & Eatery

Hazelton Town Hall is located on east side of US Hwy 169, a few miles south of Tame Fish Lake Rd.

**Only board members attend the Board Meetings.*

Members can email the board at any time and we will try to address your questions in a timely matter. The best way to contact us is with the FiliaLake@gmail.com email address.

Have fun this summer!

Sincerely,

Your Board Members

Your questions and comments are welcome.

FiliaLake@gmail.com

New website link!

FILIA
PO Box 135
Aitkin, MN 56431

<https://filialake.wixsite.com/filia>



Please be mindful of your pets. Before heading out for a fun-filled day on the lake verify that your dog won't bark while you are gone. Be sure your pet has water and food if you'll be gone for any length of time. As a courtesy and for safety, do not let your pet wander unattended. Your neighbors and your pet will appreciate the thoughtfulness.

Farm Island Lake Improvement Association Membership 2018

[Click here](#) for the most current list of paid members on our website.

14 members as of April 17, 2018

Althoff, Chad & Tresa
Barnes, Stan & Karla
Bohn, James Kelsey
Engh, Jim & Julie
Iverson, Dave & Lisa
Johnson, Rick & Babs
Knotek, Mikal, Kelle, Bob & Jan
McDonough, Kevin & Cheryl
McPheeters, Dick & Mavis and Jeff & Tammy
Netz, David & Barbara
Poser, Richard & Sue
Rasmussen, Jim & Roma Lee
Trick, Carol & John
Zumwinkle, David & Family