

**Happy Holidays to all!**

**Thank you to the 232 members who have paid dues for this year!**

## Membership Update

**We need 4 more members to pay their voluntary dues to beat last year's membership count of 235.** Can't remember if you paid? See current paid member list at end of this newsletter and the current list is also on your website. <https://www.farmislandlake.org/membership>.

A membership application form can be found on our website and is also included at the end of this email, or you can pay online. You can send in your check without the application, just make sure we have your contact information (FILIA address below). Yearly dues are \$25, and membership is voluntary. Be sure to include your email address on the application (or email it to us) so you can receive newsletters. We are currently at 61% paid membership out of 382 property owners on Farm Island Lake.

**The lake has a thin layer of ice but the wind breaks it up so the lake is not frozen over yet. But, it will be soon.**

Trumpeter Swans and geese are sitting and resting on the edge of the ice on their migration journey.

## DNR: Caution vital as open water begins to freeze

DNR News Release November 23, 2021 <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/news/2021/11/23/dnr-caution-vital-open-water-begins-freeze>

With a deadly open-water season nearly in the rearview mirror, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone that lakes and ponds throughout the state have started to freeze – and that where ice hasn't formed, the water is dangerously cold. It's up to all people to choose to stay safe around the water or ice, according to the DNR. Where there is ice, its thickness this time of year is highly variable and subject to the whims of Mother Nature. And where ice hasn't formed – or where it freezes at night and opens during the day – the water temperature is so low that an unexpected fall in can be deadly.

### General ice safety guidelines

No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

- Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).
- Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.
- Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.
- Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.
- Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.
- Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.

The minimum ice thickness [guidelines](#) for new, clear ice are:

- 4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.
- 5-7 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.
- 8-12 inches for a car or small pickup.
- 12-15 inches for a medium truck.
- Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.

For more information, visit the [ice safety page](#) and the [cold water danger page](#).

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- The FILIA Board Members, in order to fulfill our mission of stewardship for Farm Island Lake, strive to maintain good communications and collaborative efforts with lake association members and Aitkin County and state agencies such as the DNR, Aitkin Area Fisheries, Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Invasive Species Specialist, to name a few.
  - When government, local agency and county information is included we are serving as the messenger to keep you informed of their activities concerning Farm Island Lake.
  - The FILIA board members act in good faith as volunteers and assume no responsibility for the boat parade or any other FILIA activity.
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**Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!**

Sincerely,  
*Cheryl McDonough & Board Members*  
FILIA Treasurer/Secretary  
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**Farm Island Lake Improvement Association 2021 Members** As of December 2, 2021  
**232 members**

Accola, Mikel & Melanie  
Althoff, Chad & Tresa  
Amrhein, Terry & Dorla  
Anderson, Greg & Diane  
Anderson, Julie  
Anderson, Mark  
Anderson, Marty & Karen  
Anderson, Ric & Connie

Anderson, Todd & Lorie; Vander Vorste, Merlin & Jean  
Archambeau, Judy  
Arndt, Dave & Jennifer  
Arndt, Joseph, Farm Island Lake Partnership  
Bakken, Michael & Lisa  
Balko, Tim & Tracy  
Ball, Dennis & Sharon  
Barnes, Stan & Karla  
Bateson, George & Ann  
Bencini, Lon & Deb  
Bensen, Mike & Paula  
Blake, Gary & Kelly  
Boudreau, David & Laura  
Brandt, Robert & Dorothy  
Brewster, Linda & David  
Brown, David & Renea  
Buechele, Don & Doreen  
Burnison, Russ & Trish  
Campbell, Charles & Melissa  
Cannady, Doug & Judy  
Carbone, Catherine & John Buchmeier  
Carroll, Wade & Linda  
Chmelik, Marvin & Joanne  
Christy, Judith  
Chuhanic, Ed & Cindy  
Cowan, Rob & Pam  
Dahle, John  
Dahlquist, Christopher & Jeanie  
Danielson, Stephen Jr. & Katy  
Danielson, Stephen & Roxanne  
Diaker, Deanne  
Dickison, Kevin & Kim  
Diedrich, Bill & Karen  
Ditty, Dave & Angie  
Dosser, Carolyn  
Dosser, Paul & Linda  
Doty, Gary & Jody Nelson  
Doty, Tom & Jeanette  
Elkin, Bill & Alice  
Engh, Jim & Julie  
Englebert, Erin & Brookes Williams  
Erickson, Ron & Helen  
Fahey, Mike & Linda

Feldstein, Thomas & Mary Ellen  
Feltmann, Doug & Sandy  
FIRM Farm Island Repair and Marine, Scott Boyd  
Fjerstad, Mark & Kim Curless  
Foley, John & Shari  
Fragodt, Brian & Joy  
Frederick, Todd & Keri  
Freeman, Maurice & Arlene  
Fritz, Robert & Susan  
Furth, John or Allison  
Furuly LLC (Martinson, Sotnak, Utschig)  
Geist, Gary & Mary Joan  
Gilson, Pamela & Scott  
Girolamo, Dan & Sheri  
Gracek, Ray & Alice  
Grailer, Tom & Traci  
Griesel, Wayne  
Green, Mark & Julie  
Hackett, Duane & Diane  
Ham, Darrell & Carol  
Hanna, Connie; Scott & Jen Nordquist; Brian & Laurie Klepinger  
Haroldson, Bill  
Haroldson, Debbie  
Harrington, Michael & Wendy  
Hasbrouck, Chris & Meg  
Hausauer, Jim & Nancy  
Hayes, Jim & Cindy  
Henrickson, Dennis & Candy  
Hesse, Steven & Sally  
Herbst, Dale & Nancy  
Hoelzer, Greg & Marybeth  
Holder, Pat & Maryann  
Highum, Andrew & Sonja  
Hoffman, Michael & Denise  
Holter, Steve and Lynn  
Holst, Brad & Vickie  
Hoppe, Russ & Roxie  
House, Nate & Susie  
Hreha, Blake & Amanda  
Hutterer, Vincent & Doreen  
Iverson, David & Lisa  
Jaeger, Doug & Laura  
Jamar, Jeff & Laura

Jelsing, Vicki & Doyle  
Johnson, Dennis & Kelley  
Johnson, Larry & Janet  
Johnson, Richard & Phyllis  
Juntti, Glen & Barb  
Keatts, Andy & Deb  
Keisling, Stephen  
Kise, John & Kayla  
Klein, Doug & Stacey  
Koehler, Jim & Audrey  
Knotek, Mikal & Kelle  
Kobielush, David & Linda  
Kraimer, Dennis & Chris  
Kuchenmeister, Randy & Tracy  
Lallier, Richard & Kathi  
Landgren, Ted & Jeanne Jauss  
Larson, Lowell & Carole  
Larson, Sean & Linda, Mike Lund  
Larson, Tom & D'Ette  
Larson, Tom & Rachel  
Lavigne, Larry & Jule  
Leafblad, Tricia  
Lensegrav, John & Lisa  
Leonard, Gary & Rea  
Lien Bruce & Patty  
Loew, Patrick & Nancy Jo  
Long, Gerry & Judy  
Long, Lisa & Lori Long  
Luker, Rebecca & Ed Stabno  
Lux, Ron & Carol  
Maciej, Scott & Lexi  
MacLeod, Les & Judy  
MacMillan, Mike & Carol  
Martin, Craig & Rebekah  
Martin, Ron & Wendy  
Martinson, John & Sara Fisher  
Matthias, Don & Judy  
Mattison, Robert & Sharon, Ulstad, Karen  
McDonough, Kevin & Cheryl  
McCormick, Joe & Ashley  
McPheeters, Jeff & Tammy  
McLain, Janis  
McGuire, Curt & Jenny

Meyer, Tim & Deb  
Meyer, Rob & Beth  
Michaelis, John & Mair  
Mikkonen, John & Carolyn  
Moey, Lee  
Morris, Fay Closuit Bard & Richard  
Moormeier, Reed & Jayne  
Moser, Todd & Amy  
Muelhbauer, Pam & Gerald  
Murray, Barry & Joyce  
Munzel, Jeffrey & Victoria  
Nardini, Gene & Donna  
Nelson, Reed & Joan  
Netz, David & Barbara  
Noling, Dennis & Denise  
Norberg, Richard & Nathalyn  
Norgren, Jim & Judy  
Nungesser, Fred & Jill  
Oare, Leslie & Susan  
Oare, Scott & Robbin  
O'Brien, John & Karin  
Olson, Shawn & Heather  
Perrine, Pat & Judy, Aaron & Stephanie  
Peters, Gordon & Muriel  
Peterson, Joe & Laurie  
Peterson, Rozanne  
Peterson, Steve & Pat  
Pierson, John  
Poser, Richard & Sue  
Rachey, Loren & Dianne  
Rasmussen, Roma Lee  
Reinhard, Arnie & Connie  
Reinke, Robert & Diane  
Reisetter, Tom, Doreen, Dan & Ann  
Remme, Susan  
Rezac, Terrance & Janet  
Roiger, Lavonne  
Rolley, Jeremy & Leah  
Romenesko, Stuart & Sherry  
Ronhovde, Jim & Janice  
Rose, Mike & Family  
Ryan, Tim & Sue  
Scharmann, Phil & Lori

Scheele, Scott & Cheryl  
Schiffler, Roger & Sharon  
Schifsky, Mark & Peg  
Schifsky, Steve & Dawn  
Schlichte, Robert & Kathy  
Schwartz, Don  
Scott, Thomas & Diana  
Scott, Tom & Cindy  
Seiger, Gary & Cheryl  
Seltun, Jay & Kelly  
Sherburne, Jim & Mary  
Sherf, Dale & Barbara  
Shikowsky, Steve & Pam  
Smalley, Matt & Angela  
Smith, Danny & Jayne Bergquist  
Smith, Trevor & Jenn  
Steffl, Neil & Nancy  
Stevenson, Gary & Mary  
Stippel, Roger & Lucy  
Stovern, Lauren  
Streetar, Jim & Carol  
Strohmayr, Tim & Chris  
Sullivan, Nancy or Sheila Sullivan  
Swenson, Don & Barb  
Sylvester, Kathleen  
Thoen, Larry & Cindy  
Thomas, Ward & Joyce  
Thorson, Doug & Cris  
Trick, Carol  
Tyson, David & Jane and Daleiden, Doug & Antoinette  
Ulseth, Randy & Jackie  
Utterberg, Tom & Carol  
Vollmer, Steve & Cindy  
Vetsch, Thomas & Connie  
Vetsch, Gordon & Laurie  
Vojtech, John & Barbara  
Von Bargaen, Dennis & Annette  
Walter, William & Karen  
Weslander, Dennis & Eunice  
Westendorf, Dean & Mary  
Whalen, Tom & Kellie  
Wilmo, Wesley & Sylvia  
Wilson, Stephen & Julie

Yaeger, Scott & Julie  
Young, Keath & Lesley  
Yunker, Matt & Tara  
Zazverskey, John & Mary  
Zeien, Debra  
Zeilinger, Ken & Deb  
Zelixon, Lily & Alex  
Zingsheim, Tom & Mimi  
Zumwinkle Family

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## FILIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FarmIslandLake.org

**BECOME A MEMBER AND HELP PRESERVE AND ENHANCE FARM ISLAND LAKE**

Dues are **\$25.00** a year per property owner from January to December.

You can pay online at your FILIA website, or bring this form to the annual meeting, or mail it to:

**Farm Island Lake Improvement Association ( or FILIA )**  
**PO Box 135**  
**Aitkin,**  
**MN 56431**

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

*No need to write your home address if your correct address is on your check.*

**Lake Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone**-best year-round contact phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email**-best year-round contact email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*Your email addresses will be used to send you newsletters and other FILIA news. It will not be sold or shared.*

**Additional money for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your membership!*