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IT'S 2026 MEMBERSHIP TIME!

Spring is right around the corner and LPA board members are already actively planning this year's LPA sponsored events. Please use the form enclosed or the LPA website to pay 2026 LPA membership dues and make donations to the specific funds you wish to support. Early payment of dues helps the LPA understand the funds available to work with. It's also important to note, the fees you pay at the lake office do not include the LPA membership fee.

To reduce mailing costs and manual processing time we encourage residents to use the newly designed LPA website. Last year the website was updated with a modern design and improved functionality. Most notably, a **secure online payment portal for your Annual LPA Membership Dues and fund donations!**

New & Improved Features

The LPA website has been designed with you in mind! In addition to the new payment portal, we've added easy access to important forms and resources, including:

- **LPA Membership Form –** join or renew your membership effortlessly
- **Donation Form –** support community initiatives with secure online donations
- **911 Sign –** order your 911 emergency address sign for better safety
- **Ice Fishing Sticker –** get your required Ice Fishing Sticker to enjoy winter fishing
- **Association Building Rental –** rent the Association building for your next event
- **Anchor Delivery –** request Anchor delivery via email or USPS
- **Lake Wide Garage Sale Form –** register your sale for maximum exposure
- **Kid's Fishing Derby Registration Form –** sign up the kids for the fishing derby

How to Use Payment Portal:

1. **Visit Our Website –** go to https://www.lakeponderosa.org/
2. **Click on "Membership" –** top right of homepage, next to 'About Us' and 'Contacts'
3. **Online Application –** First-time users need to create an account by clicking 'Online Application' (returning users sign-in)
4. **Account Information –** follow prompts to create account, select Membership level (Annual LPA Membership)
5. **Confirm & submit –** verify your account details for accuracy, click 'Submit'

Reminder – all former methods of paying membership dues are still available. Paying online is in addition to those methods and is designed to make your experience smoother and more convenient. We invite you to explore the new website for yourself to see these exciting new updates. If you have questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out to an LPA board member.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE LAKE PONDEROSA ASSOCIATION!

LPA Bulletin Board

Save the dates for the upcoming 2026 Events!
Watch the LPA website and Facebook page for more fun events!



Watch for new indicators!



NO WAKE

If lake water levels are high, please check to see if the **red** flag is flying on the flagpole located at the boat ramp! The red flag means a "No Wake" restriction is in effect. "No Wake" signs are also displayed at each of the lake entrances and a "no wake" message should be displayed on the lake Ponderosa Association website homepage.

During a "no wake" situation boats must be traveling slow enough to NOT create a wave that reaches docks or the shoreline as it may cause damage. The decision regarding when to implement and remove a "no wake" restriction is made by members of the Ahrens family, via the Lake Ponderosa office. Once issued the office will also announce it on their Facebook page (The Real Lake Ponderosa).

The LPA realizes that when residents decide to take a boat ride, not every homeowner can see the flag at the boat ramp, the entrance signs or Facebook. The LPA is working on possible solutions to display some type of **red** visual indicator which would be placed on each of the no wake buoys. Adding additional visual indicators on the water should help residents recognize a "no wake" restriction is in place. Due to weather conditions, wind, water, etc., finding the best type of visual indicator will likely involve some trial and error.



Lake Beautification

Thank you to the Lake Beautification committee members for their hard work and dedication working on events and projects that make the lake a cleaner and nicer place to live and visit!

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All residents are encouraged to attend the next LPA Meeting June 27th 7:00PM, in the Association Building



Treasurers Corner

Our fund drive mailing for 2026 has been delivered, and donations have started coming in. A fund-by-fund comparison to the prior year as of April 30,2026 follows:

Unrestricted Fund - Available Balance $76,794. The prior year's balance was $68,806. Activity to date in 2026 is comparable to prior year, except for $3,806 expended for boat ramp security.

Restricted Boat Ramp Fund – Available Balance $3,262. The prior year's balance was $2,636. Currently, our Boat Ramp area is in good condition, however this is an area that requires continual maintenance.

Restricted Contingency Fund – Available Balance $43,937. The prior year's balance was $42,887. This fund is restricted to defend and protect our Lake. There has been no significant expense in 2026 to date.

Restricted Fireworks Fund – Available Balance $7,832. The prior year's balance was $22,557. The 2026 Fireworks Display has been funded in the amount of $33,000. With annual revenues which are approximately $20,000 ($15,000 can redemption income and $7,000 member donations), you can see that this fund needs some help if we are going to continue with our awesome display. Consider extra donations to this fund.

Restricted Fish Management Fund – Available Balance $8,081. The prior year's balance was $9,552. No significant expense has been incurred to date in 2026. This is a good fund to target with voluntary donations since we spend this fund down each year in the fall with fish surveys and stocking. The greater the funding, the more we can do.

Restricted Fishing Derby Fund – Available Balance $5,361. The prior year's balance was $3,784. This is one of the LPA's largest annual events so voluntary donations are welcome so we can provide a good event for the kids.

Restricted Lake Beautification Fund – Available Balance $2,970. The prior year's balance was $3,457.

Overall Fund Balance - $148,237. The prior year's balance was $153,679, a decrease of $5,442. The decrease is largely due to the $14,725 decrease in the Fireworks Fund.

We continue to encourage property owners to make voluntary donations beyond the annual membership fee to the unrestricted fund, or target donations to the fund of your choice to keep the LPA viable.

Thanks to everyone for their donations of both money and time to make our Association successful.

STAY INFORMED

The Lake Ponderosa Association website is a GREAT way to stay informed! You can download the Anchor, board meeting minutes, event forms, get up to date reports and much more!

Check it out today! www.lakeponderosa.org



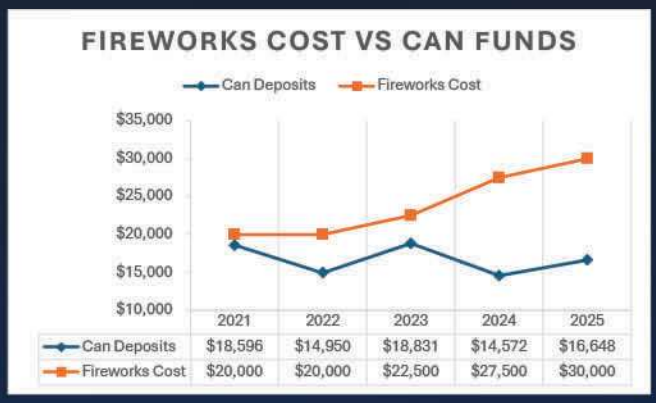
2026 FIREWORKS SHOW

Sat. July 4th

Great news! The LPA Board was able to work with J&M Displays Inc. to confirm **the 2026 Lake Ponderosa fireworks show will be on Saturday, July 4th.** This year July 4th is also the 250th anniversary of our country so there are extra celebrations happening across the country, we are fortunate to be able to have our show that night.

Here are a few important facts to know about the show:

- Start time – Dusk, at the discretion of the J&M lead technician who shoots the show.
- Rain Date:
  - Once the display set up has begun, the decision to proceed with the show or postpone due to inclement weather rests solely within the discretion of the J&M Displays lead pyrotechnician on site.
  - If the LPA postpones the show due to possible inclement weather, that decision must be made Friday night.
  - If the show is moved to Sunday night, there is an additional fee equal to 15% of the total contract price.
- Security – The LPA must ensure spectators remain outside of the safety setback area, rope off and block entry to the cause way and provide adequate police/security protection to prevent individuals from entering the display area.
- Cost – Due to various economic factors outside of our control, the rising cost of the fireworks, event insurance, etc. the cost of the show significantly exceeds the revenue (annual donations) coming in.



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Can Deposits	$18,596	$14,950	$18,831	$14,572	$16,648
Fireworks Cost	$20,000	$20,000	$22,500	$27,500	$30,000

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A FINANCIAL DONATION NOW TO HELP FUND NEXT YEAR'S SHOW!

Calling ALL ANGLERS



1st annual LPA Fishing Contest!

June 5th-Labor Day

$100 for 1st place in each division.

To participate in the LPA summer fishing contest participants will first need to ***download the fish donkey app*** and then register within the app. From the app, contestants must sign up on the app. Once signed up click on "fish in a tournament" in the top corner. Then, search for "Lake Ponderosa Association." This will bring up the tournament. The cost is $25 to enter the tournament and there is a small fee for the fish donkey app. The app will then guide contestants on how to participate.

The LPA will be hosting an online fishing contest!
First place will be awarded for the largest catch in each division. (Bass-Bluegill-Crapple-Catfish-Perch-Walleye)
The winners of each division receive $100 and bragging rights!!!

Any questions please call Kolton (641) 891-4623

LPA BOARD MEMBER

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

If you are a property owner who may be interested in joining the LPA board, please contact Jim Brown (402) 689-6263 or Dedee Lehman (319) 693-9301 for additional information.



Please consider joining the board if you are able to attend most of the nine board meetings per year and would like to be involved in discussing upcoming events and ideas for community improvements. Board members gather information to make decisions, support upcoming projects, recruit volunteers and much more that is needed to help make the lake a better place to live!

MEET MEGAN!!



Hi! My name is Megan Reid and I am very excited to be a part of the Lake Ponderosa Association! I recently moved back to Iowa from Colorado with my husband, our three kids, and 75 cows in June of 2025, it truly felt like coming home. I was born in Iowa, but moved to Colorado when I was ten years old. Even after moving away, Lake Ponderosa was always a special place to me because my great-grandparents and grandparents had homes on the lake while I was growing up. Some of my favorite childhood memories are summer days spent on the pontoon, swimming, fishing, and just enjoying time with family by the water.

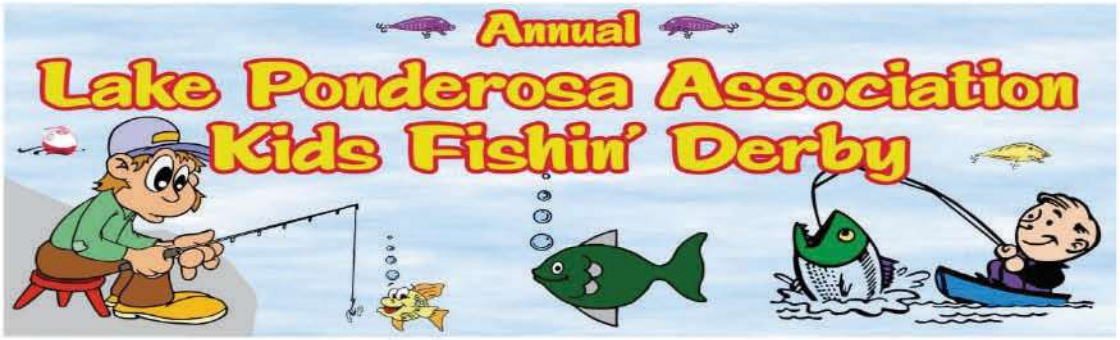
Now my parents live on the lake, and it has been so special getting to share lake life with them and create those same kinds of memories with our own kids. Since we homeschool, we are lucky enough to spend most afternoons by the water together. Outside of lake life, I own an event planning business in Montezuma called PowChic Parties and Planning. I also enjoy running, working cattle, and being with my family as much as possible! I look forward to becoming more involved at Lake Ponderosa and meeting many new faces!

Rent the Association Building

The Lake Ponderosa Association building is located at 175 Woodland Road. The building has a large kitchen (with two refrigerators, microwave, small appliances), bathroom, open gathering space, back-yard deck and lots of tables and chairs. Did you know there are several women and men's groups that meet periodically at the building that are open to all residents with no charge for the use of the building?



Lake Ponderosa property owners may also rent the building for family get togethers, events, etc. Cost for LPA dues paying members is $100.00 and cost to non-dues paying members is $135.00. There is a deposit of $65.00, the deposit is refunded if the building is left in at lease the same condition. For more information about the LPA building or renting the facility please visit the LPA website or contact Tom Bates at 319-330-0635 or email tomkatb@mchsi.com.



28th ANNUAL KID'S FISH'N DERBY

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Lake Association Boat Ramp
Derby Fishing Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Weigh In: 11:00 am - Noon
Lunch starts at 11:00 am
AWARDS AND PRIZES AFTER WEIGH-IN

The derby is open to kids up to 14 years old. At least one adult who is 21 years old and a lake property owner or guest must accompany the kids. Individual anglers can fish from shore or in a boat and there can be more than one angler per boat. Anglers will be fishing for TWO categories, Crappie/Bluegill and Catfish. Trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place for the heaviest total weight of 5 fish of each of the two categories and for Small Fry (smallest fish of all species). Only Bluegill, Crappie, and Catfish can be caught. NO BASS OR WALLEYES! Please do all you can to keep fish alive if you are not going to keep them. If you use a stringer, never hook through the gills, only the mouth.

We will also give away many great prizes, so everyone can be a winner. Anglers must be present to collect his or her t-shirt and gift bag.

Register before June 10th, there will be no same day registration. Register online or complete and return this form via USPS or email. There is no cost to participle in the Fishin' Derby however please consider making a free will donation to be put towards stocking fish in the lake.

To volunteer contact an LPA board member, contact information on the LPA website www.lakeponderosa.org



2026 KIDS FISHING DERBY WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 20TH

28th Year

Donations fully fund the derby and volunteers make it happen.

The derby is a FREE event for all families. The derby is open for kids up to 14 years of age. If they can hold a rod and fish, register them for the 2026 derby. It is especially important to register your kids, so we have plenty of time to order gifts, so all the kids receive one.

We have wonderful sponsors who donate gifts, funds for the T-shirts, and food. We have great individuals who donate their time. The Lake Ponderosa Association cannot do this without your support. Please support the sponsors who support this event.

It is a joy to see the kids' faces when they bring in their fish, grab lunch, and wait for prizes to be given away.

The day before the event. The tent and tables are set up at the boat ramp among other things for the event. There are many moving pieces to make this happen. On the morning of the derby there are several volunteers there to cook the hotdogs, serve food, set up the prizes, T-shirts, weigh in the fish, and sign everyone in.

If you would like to help with the derby in any way just email lakeponderosaalpa@gmail.com

WATER TESTING

In the spring of 2014, the Iowa DNR began a program dubbed **IOWATER**, it was a volunteer group of Iowan's that would take a four-hour class from a DNR ranger that would provide water quality information from any and all waterways in the state. This information would be downloaded from each monitor (volunteer) and accessible to anyone, thus allowing any person to see up to date water quality in any body of water they would have interest in. The class was attended by myself, the Ranger from Diamond Lake, and Jimmy Knoblauch.

Within a year our Governor at the time gutted several state agencies with the DNR included. It was so severe that the **Iowater** program was scrapped, water quality isn't that important, right? I approached the Lake Ponderosa Board and offered to continue the water quality program if they would pay for the chemical agents used for testing. They agreed and here in 2026 we will continue Water Quality testing!

The physical assessment of the water quality at Lake Ponderosa includes air/water temps, wind speed/direction, weather conditions, water clarity, water level, and odor. There are currently 5 sites set up for bi-monthly testing. The following Lake Ponderosa results were taken from a test performed 6/1 at side #1, center of the mouth of "Bay of Pigs"

-Nitrites and Nitrates: Average for Iowa lakes is 0.07mg/L-Site #1 Nitrites 0.0mg/L Nitrates 0.0mg/L

-Dissolved Oxygen: Typical levels for Iowa lakes 8.7mg/L-Site #1 12 mg/L

-Phosphate:Average for Iowa lakes are 0.08mg/L-Site #1 0.0mg/L

-Chloride:Average for Iowa Lakes are 22mg/L-Site #1 0.8mg/L

Testing is done monthly in the same five sites on both East and West lakes, it involves physical assessments and chemical assessments.

Any questions send to lakehartman@gmail.com

Ed Hartman

MONTEZUMA'S LET FREEDOM RING CELEBRATION

7AM- 10AM	**Pancake Breakfast** Montezuma Fire Station | Hosted by Montezuma Shooting Sports Club
9:30AM	**Parade** Entries line up at Montezuma High School parking lot from 7:30AM to 9AM. No preregistration required.
Immediately after parade	**Pioneer Cemetary Commission Presentation** Hear the story of the first woman ordained minister of the Christian Church. Honored and selected by the State Association for Preservation of Iowa Cemetaries.
9:30AM-1PM	**Activities on the Square** Shop local stores! Bounce houses, SUDS foam party, face painting, dunk tank, mini golf, kid's games, and more surprises!
9:30AM-1PM	**Food on the Square** Lions BBQ chicken (Memorial Hall), Yolanda's, Vivarium, Monte Nutrition, Sauce'd, Beer Garage Brewing, Bloom, Katie's Mini Donuts, Ghost Town Kettle Corn, Eatery Island, Clare's Tenderloins, cotton candy, lemonde, sno cones and more!
11AM	**Live Music on the Square** **by:** Jonah Seymour
DUSK	**Fireworks @ Lake Ponderosa** Hosted by Lake Ponderosa Association.

Saturday, July 4th, 2026 | Downtown Montezuma

MONTEZUMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Join us for our upcoming events!

- Monday Night Food Trucks June-August 5PM to sold out
- Summer Nights on the Square 6/18, 7/23, 8/20 5:30-7:30PM
- 4th of July Celebration 7/4 | 8AM-1PM

Follow us on Facebook for more Montezuma events, classes, and community FUN! You can also subscribe to our newsletter by emailing montezumacommunitydevelopment@gmail.com



LAKE PONDEROSA ASSOCIATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We had a great turnout. Thank you everyone for volunteering your time to cook and serve. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the LPA and enjoyed breakfast. This is a free will donation event. If you would like to Volunteer for the 2027 pancake breakfast, it will be the 27th of May 2027.

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UPDATE ON WAKE SURFING HOURS ON LAKE PONDEROSA

After thoughtful consideration and feedback from our lake community, we are updating our Wake Surf hours effective immediately. These changes were made with the safety of all lake users in mind. It is our goal to ensure a safe space for everyone to enjoy their time on the water. As the lake continues to evolve, certain rules may be re-visited over time and evaluated as needed.

Effective immediately, the established hours for Wake Surfing on Lake Ponderosa are the following:

- Monday through Thursday hours will be sunrise to sunset.
- Friday through Sunday and holiday hours will be 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM to sunset.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

PONDEROSA UTILITIES, INC.



New and Improved Can and Bottle Redemption Container Coming Soon!

In an effort to keep our lake community clean, safe and beautiful, we are changing the location and manner in which we collect refundable cans and bottles as a means for supporting our amazing annual fireworks. The current "can cage" on Center Point Drive will be dismantled and replaced by a more permanent and feasible solution. The new storage unit is located off of the main road across from the lake office. The finishing touches are still underway so please continue to use the current collection cage until a start date for the new process is announced. Donations are greatly appreciated!

In order to keep being able to provide this option for our lakers and guests, please review the guidelines and expectations below:

- **ALL items must be refundable** (eligible for IA refund). Please do not bring your recycling items (water or gatorade bottles, milk jugs, tin cans, etc)
- **Refundable glass needs to be separated from cans and plastic bottles.** Glass in the donation bags is dangerous to our volunteers and glass items are processed differently than cans so they must be separated before they can be picked up by our vendor. Keep them in separate bags or boxes and place them in the proper bin at our collection center. There are different areas for glass donations identified with signage.
- **TRASH is yucky and does not belong in our can/bottle collection!** We have far too much trash to sort through in order to prepare for our pick up and refund. We can do better lakers! Please be sure you and your guests are not putting garbage or other items in the can/bottle bags.
- **Clean and Clear bags are best!** We greatly appreciate clean bags, take a minute to dump out remaining liquid and keep the dirt or grime out. Clear collection bags are awesome because we can see what's inside, we understand it's not always possible so following the first 3 guidelines above is extra important. **If you would like FREE large clear can bags to collect your items, please contact Amy Alfrey at alfreya23@gmail.com or 319-215-6137 or Sarah Thomas at bsnrthomas@gmail.com or 515-240-3458. We also have large cardboard boxes to hold the bags available for $11.00 each.**

Our new storage unit will provide us with more room to sort and collect items, a safer place for volunteers to work, better options to manappge weather conditions and will be less of an "eye sore" for our residents and guests. There will be more information available in the near future through the Lake Ponderosa Association Facebook page and website. Thank you for continuing to support our fireworks with safe clean donations!





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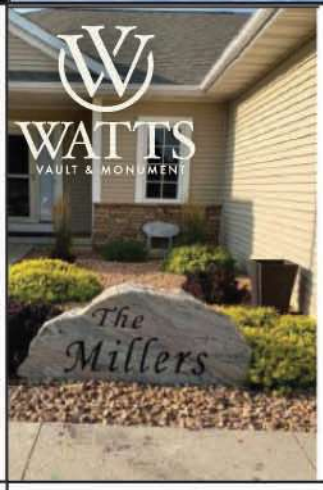
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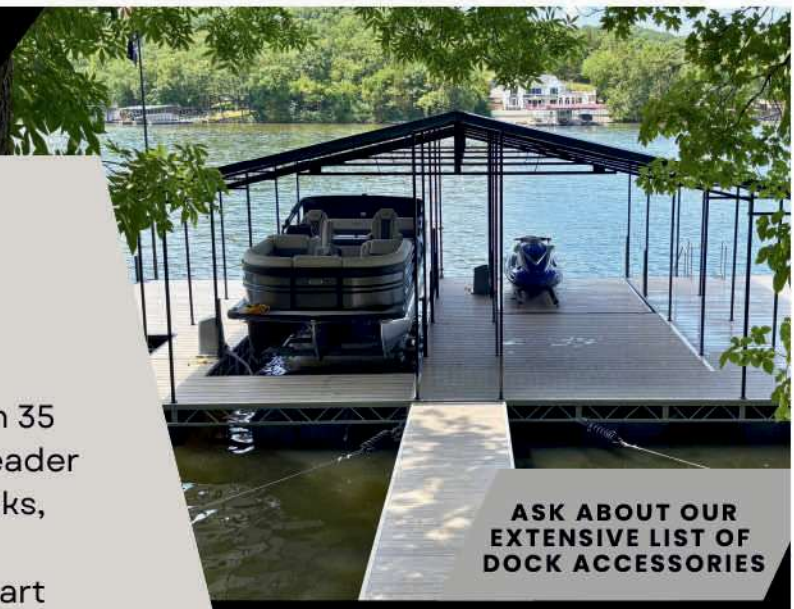
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2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT
FOR
Ponderosa Utilities, Inc.

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is surface water. All of the water is purchased. Purchased water comes from Montezuma Municipal Water Supply and is drawn from Diamond Lake.

Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	DETECTED LEVEL	DATE SAMPLED	RANGE OF DETECTION	VIOLATION	SOURCE
Turbidity (NTU)	N/A	TT	100% of the samples met requirements	2025	.00 - .26	No	Soil runoff
Copper (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	.372	2024	ND-.523	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.64	2025	.42 - .97	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Lead (ppb)	0	AL=15	5.80	2024	ND-6	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate [as N] (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	10	10	.600	2025	N/A	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM (ppb) [Total trihalomethanes]	N/A	80	36.00	9/30/2025	30-46	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Sodium (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	N/A	N/A	10.3	1/15/2025	N/A	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	51.00	9/30/2025	44-63	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDLG =4.0	MRDL=4.0	2.4	2025	1.37 – 2.62	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine dioxide (ppb)	MRDLG =800	MRDL=800	173	2025	10 - 200	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorite (ppm)	0.8	1.0	.53	2025	.06 - .62	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Organic Carbon (TOC) (ppm)	N/A	TT 25%-35% Removal	50% Removal	2025	27% - 71%	No	Naturally present in the Environment
Barium (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	2	2	0.0977	1/4/2022	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb) S/EP Diamond Lake	0	10	1.60	1/4/2022	N/A	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Atrazine (ppb) S/EP Diamond Lake	3 (3)	SGL	.71	8/20/2024	N/A	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Fluoride (ppm) S/EP Diamond Lake	4	4	.2	1/4/2022	N/A	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Montezuma Muni Water Supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at Http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains water from one or more surface waters. Surface water sources are susceptible to sources of contamination within the drainage basin.

Original Supply ID	Original Supply Source
IA7950097	Montezuma Muni Water Supply

OTHER INFORMATION

Turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact Ponderosa Utilities, Inc. at 641-623-5675.

2026 Lake Ponderosa Association Membership Form

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Note: The lake association and Ponderosa Utilities/Development are two different entities.

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Ponderosa Utilities, Inc. has established the following rules for the safety of all property owners and their guests. *Common Courtesy on the water makes it more enjoyable for all.* Lake Ponderosa lot owners are liable for themselves, their family members, and their guests.

1. Only property owners, their children and/or their grandchildren are allowed to have watercraft, motorcycles, ATV's (four wheelers) of any type on Lake Ponderosa.

2. All watercraft, motorcycles, golf carts, ATV's (four wheelers), etc. must have current Lake Ponderosa stickers.
   a. Stickers will be issued at the office. A copy of the State of Iowa registration, title, or bill of sale of owner's watercraft, motorcycle, ATV, golf cart must be registered at the office.
   b. A fee will be charged for the current stickers.

3. According to your abstract, which contains covenants and restrictions on use of Lake Ponderosa property, only one water skiing boat per lot is allowed on the lake at any one time. This restriction includes jet skis, wave runners, or other types of water vehicles.

4. Please Note Hours in Effect Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend:

- **MONDAY – THURSDAY** All activities are permitted sunrise to sunset.

- **Water Ski, Wakeboarding and Knee boarding hours** will be from **9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** Friday through Sunday and holidays. *The definition of skier is a person being towed by a hand-held rope, not being on anything that is inflated.*

- **Jet Skis, Wave Runners, and Tubing hours** will be from **11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.** Friday through Sunday and holidays. *The definition of Jet Ski is a one-person motor propelled stand up water vessel. A Wave Runner is a motor-powered water vessel in which one or more people sit upon. Tubes are defined as any inflatable object that is towed behind a water vessel.*

- **Wake Surfing** will be from **9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.** and **4:00 P.M. to Sunset** Friday through Sunday and holidays. *The definition of Wake Surfing is riding the boat's wake at 11 mph or less, without a tow rope.*

- These hours will be in effect from the Friday preceding Memorial Day through the Labor Day holiday. Wave runners and wake boats may be on the lake during skiing hours, only when they are pulling a skier. These hours will allow time for water skiers to ski before personal water craft are on the water and will allow those who enjoy fishing and riding on pontoons time to enjoy the water also.

5. All Watercraft operators and passengers must obey boating laws of the State of Iowa as well as the restrictions as to hours set forth in this agreement.

6. Reckless driving and operating motorized water vessels while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances are criminal offenses that can be enforced in court. The Lake Patrol Officer who observes an operator who he has reasonable grounds to believe to be intoxicated shall request the operator to leave the lake, and if they do not, he will contact the Sheriff. In cases of reckless driving, which is where a person's conduct is such that a reasonable person would believe it endangers life or property (mere speed is not enough) will receive an oral warning. Second offense, they will receive a written warning, and on the third occurrence the Ahrens family shall be requested to file preliminary information to the County Attorney.

7. No one under 12 years of age is allowed to operate a water craft propelled by a motor of more than six horsepower unless accompanied by an adult (someone who is at least 18 years of age).

8. Operators must pursue a course with the shore on their right. They are not to cut behind or in front of another watercraft, or jump the wake of another watercraft within 100 ft. of that watercraft, or whatever that watercraft may be towing.

9. Operator plus observer is needed when pulling a skier/tuber, etc.

10. Flotation devices, lights and fire extinguishers, horns or whistles are required for all watercraft.

11. Non-powered craft has the right of way at all times.

12. No wake policy will be in effect in inlet areas.

13. No watercraft shall be operated after dark without lights.

14. Dredging will be done in the spring of 2026 and billing for such has been included in the water, road, and aquatic control billings for the year 2025/2026. Dredging will continue as required.

15. No stripped, partially wrecked or junked motor vehicles, trailer, boat, refrigerator, stove, other appliance, or any other salvage item of any kind, or parts thereof, shall be permitted to be parked or kept on any road, and/or residential area or lot, or access area. The Poweshiek County nuisance vehicle ordinance is in effect for Lake Ponderosa.

16. The Aquatic Control portion of your fall billing will be used yearly for stocking fish.

17. Lake Ponderosa is a private lake, but most laws of the State of Iowa apply to the lake. The Poweshiek County Sheriff's department does patrol the lake area and will respond to all calls within its jurisdiction.

18. Please extend the courtesy to your neighbors in regards to noise levels on all watercraft, ATV's (four wheelers), dirt bikes, and off-road vehicles. No modified watercraft, ATV's (four wheelers), dirt bikes or any other off-road vehicles shall be on the lake area. Please also be courteous of your neighbors in regards to late night fireworks, parties and loud music. If a problem does occur and you are unable to talk to those persons involved, it is best to contact the Sheriff's department.

The following items have been suggested in addition to the rules above:

- Contractors and/or lot owners should install silt fencing when performing any land disturbing activities such as building, landscaping, clearing, grading, filling, excavating, riprap work, driveway installations, terracing and septic work.

- Contractors and/or lot owners should remove any soil or debris tracked or deposited on the roads during construction or building of any kind.

- Lakefront lots should be properly protected by riprap of some sort.

- Parents shall make all efforts to see that children are old enough to operate land craft that includes ATV's, golf carts, and utility vehicles of any kind. Please refer to the State of Iowa laws for age requirements.

Members of the John L. Ahrens Family