

***DLA will be monitoring and following recommendations from the MN Center for Infectious Disease and the MN Dept of Health regarding whether to hold, postpone, or cancel spring and summer 2020 DLA events listed in this Newsletter. DLA plans to communicate schedule updates via email, Facebook, Twitter, and our web-site. Stay well everyone!** -- John Davis*

Deer Lake water quality serves as a foundation for family life and lakeshore property values. All property owners can unite around a goal to maintain and improve water quality. Is Deer Lake water quality important to you and your family?

If so, **time to join DLA or renew your membership for 2020.** It's only \$25. Join DLA even if only to support our water quality work. DLA is a 501(c)(3) MN all-volunteer non-profit. We're not political. We have no employees and no member gets paid to work. That means your \$25 membership fee goes directly to our water quality and other Initiatives. **Please complete the membership form on page 4 and return it by May 1** to take full advantage of our summer activities, initiatives, communications, and to be listed in our 2020 DLA Member Directory. Postage paid return envelope enclosed. Thank you!

Beautiful Deer Lake Water Quality Initiative

Our Initiative runs 2017-2021 and is meant to arrest decline in Deer Lake water quality. Deer Lake is greening and nearing a tipping point. People often associate lake water quality problems with large-scale agriculture, or forestry, urban development, or industrial practices... but **property owner actions have a significant impact on lake water quality.** The impact of land use decisions on one lake lot may be relatively small, yet the cumulative impact of small decisions on many lake lots can result in significant water quality decline.

How You Can Help:

- Reduce or eliminate rain and other water runoff from your property into Deer Lake. Leave forested shoreline and ice ridges in place, or install a buffer or low berm near your shoreline.
- Solve for erosion at your shoreline
- Pump your septic tank every 3 years or as recommended by your pumping service.
- Order a septic inspection every 10 years.

Phosphorus is a nutrient that drives green algae and undesirable weed growth. Deer Lake is highly sensitive to additional phosphorus. Additional phosphorus causes a disproportionate decrease in water quality. *Just 50 lbs. of additional phosphorus would decrease Deer Lake water clarity by as much*

as 12" throughout the entire lake. The good news is that this sensitivity also means that *if we reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Deer Lake, water quality will increase disproportionately.*

Your individual action could make the difference.

DLA offers to help you. Learn more <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=221974>

FiveStar Initiative

FiveStar lake service providers that install/remove docks/lifts seasonally:

- **Grand Rapids Marine** 218-326-0351
- **Thousand Lakes Dock & Lift** 218-398-7553
- **JJ's Barge Service** 218-244-5194
- **Northland Lake Svcs/Chad Schumacher** 218-256-9691
- **Matt Almquist/38Outpost** 218-259-9997
- **Paul Grooms/Grooms Property** 218-259-2157

DLA asks you to move your business to a FiveStar dock installer this spring.

Dock installers can unwittingly infest Deer Lake with invasives (AIS) when coming here from infested waters. FiveStar providers are DNR-certified, sign a contract agreeing to apply additional AIS safeguards, and agree to help us disseminate best practices. Learn more about FiveStar <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

Create a Deer Lake Legacy

Up to 5% of Deer Lake Legacy Investment Fund assets can be spent annually on Deer Lake. Right now, the Legacy Fund pays for additional AIS inspection hours at the public access. We'd like to grow our Legacy Fund for clean water initiatives now and into the future. Please consider a *planned gift* to this fund. Planned gifts can be immediate or accomplished through a will or estate plan. A planned gift can provide a current income tax deduction, can enable you to avoid capital gains tax, and can reduce your estate taxes. ***There are many ways to create a Deer Lake legacy without writing a check.*** Examples include:

1. From an IRA if age 70½+
2. Appreciated stock
3. Donor advised fund
4. Beneficiary designations
5. Life insurance
6. Charitable Gift Annuity or Trust

Deer Lake Association of Itasca County, 36264 Christmas Point Trl, Grand Rapids, MN 55744.

More info and a library of examples here <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262012>

2020 DLA Events

June 13, Saturday

DLA Membership Meeting

10AM at Camp Hiawatha, Baldwin Commons.
Agenda includes a **presentation by MN Raptor Center**. Bring the kids and grandkids, young and old! www.raptor.umn.edu

June 25, Thursday

**** New this year** DLA Dinner Social**

5pm at Doug and Elise Widen's home. Potluck dinner. Paper plates, paper cups, and plastic utensils provided. Coffee, lemonade, and water provided. Bring a dish to share, A-M salad, N-Z protein. No grill available, so please don't bring anything to grill. **RSVP Required**. Space constraints limit us to 30 guests only. RSVP to e.widen70@gmail.com. Event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Check your email the day of the event.
36085 Co Rd
19. <https://goo.gl/maps/SmvPSJjuT5Jnrl2G8>

July 11, Saturday

**** Back this year** Deer Lake Pontoon Nature Talk**

6pm. Jeff Hines, retired DNR Wildlife Manager and Deer Lake resident will lead a Pontoon Nature Talk and tour of Deer Lake. **Please RSVP** to Elise Widen at e.widen70@gmail.com. If you can drive your pontoon for this event, please let Elise know in your RSVP. Elise will organize attendees, an appropriate number of pontoons, and a meeting spot. Event will be postponed if weather is inclement. Check your email the day of the event.

July 17, Friday

**** New this year** Music on the Lawn and DLA Spaghetti Dinner/Annual Business Meeting**

5pm DLA Business Meeting, 5:30pm Spaghetti Dinner, 6:30pm Music on the Lawn. At Camp Hiawatha. Musical guests TBD! Free-will offering at dinner for DLA, free-will offering during Music on the Lawn for Camp Hiawatha.

August 13, Thursday

DEER LAKE FROLIC

5pm gather; 6pm-dinner at Camp Hiawatha

Music, games, food, silent auction. The Frolic is a great opportunity for the entire Deer Lake community to come together, including residents, guests, and visitors both from Deer Lake and the surrounding communities. All are welcome! The

Frolic also serves as the primary annual fundraiser for DLA. **Please mark the date & plan to attend!** **Need space** for a meeting, family reunion, retreat, family celebration or other special event? Want to send your child or grandchild to camp on Deer Lake? Consider **Camp Hiawatha**, a Deer Lake FiveStar steward. <https://www.northwoodsretreatsmn.com>

DLA Yoga at the Loggy Dome

**** New this year****

11am-Noon for eight summer Wednesdays, June 24th-August 19th (no class on July 1st), at the Loggy Dome on Tom Nelson's property. Cost is \$80 for 8 classes. **RSVP Required**. Limited to 15 participants. Minimum sign-ups required for class to go forward is 6. Yoga led by Liz Power Hawkinson, new DLA member and Deer Lake property owner. Liz has been a registered yoga teacher since 2000. Liz is planning to teach gentler classes, with a focus on balance, flexibility, and bone/muscle strength. Beginners welcome. Please bring your own yoga mat. Other equipment needed for yoga, such as blocks, straps, bolsters, etc., are available at the venue. Liz has taught in studios, at an active retirement community, and at Mayo Clinic Health System, where she was employed prior to retiring. For more information and to reserve your spot in the class, contact Liz directly at lizpower.873@gmail.com

DLA Acoustic Music Group

**** New this year****

For anyone who likes to play/perform acoustic music in a jam session venue. Acoustic instruments (and their owners) are welcome, and exceptions may be made for things like an electric bass. The intent is to play music and have fun. Non-performers welcome to attend and listen in. Being a "jam", we encourage fellow performers to take leads and improvise on their instruments, although it is not mandatory. First jam **Tuesday June 2nd, 7pm**, 39645 West Thorpe Ave. At that gathering, we'll determine interest/schedule for future jams. All kinds of musical transgressions will be forgiven to those who bring snacks/treats. More info including basic jam rules on DLA website <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=312062> Contact Kelley Manbeck directly with questions or suggestions km2km3@yahoo.com

Bear Island Trail Maintenance

June 12 – Friday 9:00 AM

July 10 – Friday 9:00 AM

August 7 – Friday 9:00 AM

(In the event of rain - 'Rolex' 24 hours)

Coordinated again this year by Paul Askegaard. Bear Island was donated to the State of MN by

DLA, who purchased it with donations from lake residents plus State matching funds. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking trail open and removing trash. RSVP not necessary, just arrive on the south end of the Island at 9am on the scheduled day. If conditions are questionable, call Paul at 651-230-3361. **Please volunteer, especially if we have a bad storm during the month.** Bring gloves, wear long pants and bug spray, and bring any equipment you have (chain saw, clippers, loppers, small saw and/or garbage bag). Paul will provide coffee/donuts. Hope to see you there!

Creative Endeavors

Planning meeting will be 9:00am Tuesday, June 16th at Elise Widen's home, 36085 County Road 19, Deer River. Anyone interested welcome. For questions call, Lovelle Meester [612-240-2175](tel:612-240-2175) or Elise Widen [218-246-2708](tel:218-246-2708). More info <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=8966>

DLA Hwy 62 Clean-up:

May 30, Saturday

September 12, Saturday

Coordinated again this year by Barb and Kerry Glader. Please join us for DLA Hwy 62 clean-up where we combine community service and fellowship! Gather in the parking lot of the Baptist Church at 9:30 am, corner of Hwys 62 and 177 on the east side of Deer

Lake. <https://goo.gl/maps/7fd9J5frn5o>

Clean-up takes about an hour. Afterward, you're invited to Barb and Kerry's cabin for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Please call Kerry or Barb if you're able to join us! [218-246-8397](tel:218-246-8397) or [320-761-0195](tel:320-761-0195).

DLA Golf Scramble

We play once each month at a different course. This is a fun day 9-hole scramble with some light competition. Fees will be negotiated in the Spring and will include 9 holes and 1/2 a cart, all players ride to keep the game moving-- we will collect \$2 per player to go towards prizes -- see schedule as follows: **Please RSVP and do everything possible not to cancel, as it makes team assignments extremely difficult -- Thank you -- we look forward to seeing you!**
tjbogie@paulbunyan.net 218-326-3824
or joanandger@aol.com 218-246-9652
NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - JUST GIVE US A CALL!!!

5/19/20 - 2 PM - Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner at Pokegama Grille approx. 5:30 PM. RSVP by 5/12

6/16/20 - 1 PM - Blueberry Golf Course - Dinner at Cedar Creek Grill @ 6 PM. RSVP by 6/9.

7/21/20 - 2 PM - Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner at 17th Street Grille approx. @ 6 PM. RSVP by 7/14.

8/11/20 - 1 PM - Eagle Ridge Golf Course - Dinner at Cedar Creek Grill @ 6 PM. RSVP by 8/4.

9/8/20 - 2 PM - Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner at Forest Lake @ approx. 6 PM. RSVP by 9/1.

New golfers always welcome to join us on the golf course and former golfers, spouses and significant others who don't golf welcome to join us for dinner!!

Need boat or engine service from a marine dealer? Choose a DLA FiveStar marine dealer like Ray's Marine or Grand Rapids Marine who takes AIS prevention seriously. <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

"Deer Readers" Book Club

Tue May 26, 4pm. Book: Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Leader: Dave Stark. Host: Jo Landwer. To Cedar Creek for dinner following.

Tue June 23, 4pm. Book: The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World. Authors: Dali Lama, Desmond Tutu, Douglas Abrams. Leader: Alice Stark. Host: Glenda Kleinkauf. Appetizer pot luck.

Tue July 21, 4pm. Book: America's Stolen Narrative. Author: Robert Parry. Leader: Eric Grimsrud. Hosts: Ray & Mary Helen Pelton. Appetizer pot luck.

Tue August 18, 3:30pm (earlier start time so we can select books for summer 2021). Book: In the Midst of Winter. Author: Isabel Allende. Leaders: Don & Abby Marier. Hosts: Don & Abby Marier. Appetizer pot luck.

Wed September 9, 4pm. Book: Where the Crawdads Sing. Author: Delia Owens. Leader: Jo Landwer. Hosts: Don & Ellen Ardery. To Rapids Brewing Company for dinner following.

Deer Readers meetings begin at 4pm except the August session, which starts at 3:30pm. Following May and September meetings we adjourn about 6pm to go to dinner at a nearby restaurant. For June, July, and August, instead of going out for dinner, we have an "appetizer pot luck". Please RSVP to Alice Stark for each meeting so our hosts know how many to expect and so we can make dinner reservations (May and Sept). Please contact Alice with questions adstark@goldengate.net



New or Renewal Membership Application rev 03062020

Please renew by **May 1** to take full advantage of our summer activities, initiatives, and communications, and to be listed in our annual DLA member directory. **New Members welcome anytime.**

____ \$25 **Annual Membership:** Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity owning property or residing during all or part of the year within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Deer Lake. Definition: "Family" shall mean any two adults who reside in the same household.

____ \$500 **Lifetime Membership:** Any person or family owning property or residing during all or part of the year within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Deer Lake may purchase a Lifetime Membership via a one-time non-refundable payment. Definition: "Family" shall mean any two adults who reside in the same household. Valid only for the lifetime of the one or two persons named on the original Lifetime Membership application. Not transferable.

____ \$12.50 **Associate Annual Membership:** Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity not qualifying for Annual Membership. Associate Annual Members have all the rights of Annual and Lifetime Members except the right to nominate candidates for Board of Directors or officers of DLA, or any vote of the membership unless actively serving as a director at the time vote is taken.

Name: _____

Mailing Address _____ Lake address _____

City/State _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

eMail address (please print clearly) _____

Please list here whatever personal e-mail address or addresses you wish us to use in our communications to you.

Our privacy promise to you: We will use your contact information only for official DLA communications, will NOT share it with any other organization, nor will we display it on our web-site.

DLA periodically creates and distributes a members-only Directory showing DLA Members and contact information as you've listed it above. If you do **NOT** want your contact information to appear in the DLA Directory, please check here ____.

*The DLA is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer Minnesota non-profit organization. **Donations** of any amount to support our lake-water quality efforts and other work are encouraged, **welcome** at any time, and tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. You may include a donation if you wish. Donation amount _____.*

DLA is an all-volunteer non-profit service organization. Please consider volunteering! Check your areas of interest below:

DLA Officer___ Board Member___ DLEAP Legacy Fund Committee ___ Lake Conservation Committee___ Yoga___ Music___
DLA Neighborhood Communicator___ Golf ___ Book Club___ Creative Endeavors___ Bear Island___ Road Clean-up___

Special interest: volunteer to form a new committee: _____

Be sure and visit the Deer Lake Assn web site <http://deerlakeassociation.org/>, the DLA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426038024368278/>, and follow us on Twitter [@beautifuldeerlk](https://twitter.com/beautifuldeerlk)

Please complete and mail application and check to: Herb Lieftring, DLA Treasurer, 36264 Christmas Point Trl., Grand Rapids, MN 55744