



Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

Spring 2012

President's Message



The ice is out, we've had some good rains, and the trees and flowers are blooming. Summer can't be far behind. The water levels look good, the dam at the creek is flowing, and the water is pristine clear.

Your DLIA Board and Committees are meeting and planning, they have approved expenditures for weed control, and boat monitors at the public landing are ready to go.

The planning and calendar of social events and lake activities are set for another exciting summer season.

The dues statements will be mailed shortly, and we hope you will renew your DLIA membership, make a contribution to the Fireworks event, AND encourage neighbors and any new lake home owners to join in the funding of our Improvement Association.

A refrigerator magnet with the full listing and dates of this year's events will be included with your dues statement.

One of the first activities will be the Spring Party at the Chateau St. Croix Winery on Saturday, June 2nd. After the rave reviews received from last year's party, we will again enjoy dinner, wine, music from a live band, and a beautiful vineyard setting with the opportunity to reconnect with lake friends.

SO LET THE DEER LAKE FUN BEGIN!!

Best Wishes to you all for a safe and fun summer at Deer Lake.

Bob Spinner, President
Deer Lake Improvement Association

Events Calendar

Spring Party: Sat. Jun. 2 6:00 pm
(Chateau St. Croix)

Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby:
(Lagoon) Sat. Jun. 16 9:00 am

Music on the Lake: Sat. Jun. 23 7:00 pm
(Bay)

Boat Parade: Wed. July 4 1:00 pm
(Lagoon)

Music on the Lake: Wed. July 4 7:00 pm
(Bay)

Light Up the Lake: Thu. July 5 10:00 pm
(counter-clockwise)

Fireworks: Fri. July 6 10:00 pm
Storm Date: Sat. July 7 10:00 pm

Pontoon Party: Fri. July 13 5:00 pm
(off of Hungerford Pt.)

Annual Meeting: Sat. July 14 9:00 am
(Trollhaugen)

Flagstad Farm Event:
(Bay) Sat. July 28 evening

Music on the Lake: Sat. Aug. 11 7:00 pm
(Bay)

Festival Theatre Night:
(St. Croix Falls) Sat. Aug. 18
Social Hour: 6:30 pm
Play: 7:30 pm

Winter Party: Sat. Dec. 1 6:00 pm
(The Dalles House)

Web-Page

This is a reminder to check out the Deer Lake website for pictures of all the events that occur on the lake, and changes/additions to the calendar.

www.deerlakewi.com



There is also a link to the Deer Lake Conservancy web-site.

What Do You Want to See?

If there are any articles you would like to see in the Deer Tales please let us know.

Contact Laurel Fermanich,
Email: laferm@earthlink.net
or call: 612-810-8832 (cell).

Sail Boat Regatta

Sail Boat Regatta to be held on July 6th. Do you like to sail? Would you like to participate in a Regatta on Deer Lake? If so, we will plan for the event on

Friday, July 6.

If interested, please contact Dee Peterson by **June 6** at 715-483-3383 or email: dapeterson2@gmail.com.

Pontoon Party

Friday, July 13th, 5:00 p.m., bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage and head over to the leeward side of Hungerford Point. All the pontoons will be tied together and easy to spot. Be prepared to have some fun as you meet up with old friends and new friends. You don't need a pontoon boat to come, just head on over and have a wonderful time.

Light Up the Lake

A few years ago, while cruising around our beloved lake at dusk, a family friend shared one of his fondest childhood family memories. His memory included going around in the family pontoon at dusk enjoying all the candles and luminaries that families around the lake had put out on their docks for everyone's enjoyment. He stated that it was a peaceful family time where most of the younger children in their nightclothes would fall asleep after a long, fun-day on the lake. I am hoping that you would join us in creating this fun and meaningful activity on our Deer Lake.

Our first-ever Light-Up The Lake Cruise will be held on **Thursday, July 5th.**

Families please put out at least three enclosed candles or luminaries on your dock(s) around 10 pm. Boaters please go slowly, counterclockwise, around the lake to enjoy the lake being lit up. I hope this event is well received and creates a special family tradition we can look forward to every summer.

Denise Sinclair

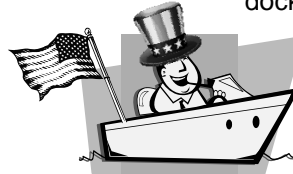
Boat Parade

Use your imagination, grab some family and friends, and participate in the boat parade. If you can't participate just come and have fun being a spectator.

The parade will be on **Wednesday, July 4th.** Dress your boat in any type of theme you would like, and be prepared to have fun. We hope that a lot of people will be able to be at the lake and can take part in the parade.

The parade starts at 1:00 p.m., from the lagoon, and will be going clockwise this year.

You can register your boat at the Fermanich's dock, on the bay side of Hungerford Point. We look forward to seeing you for a fun parade!



Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby

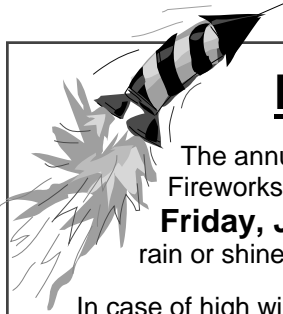
The Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby for Polk County Youth will be held

Saturday, June 16th, 2012.

If you are interested in helping during the day by either donating your pontoon or being able to be a fishing guide, please let Joyce McKenzie know by June 1st. The boats would be used from 8-4 on Saturday, with someone coming to pick up your boat and drop it back off.

Joyce's contact numbers are:
715-646-2060 (home), 715-557-0771 (cell),
or joyceannmckenzie@gmail.com (email).





Fireworks

The annual Deer Lake Fireworks are scheduled for **Friday, July 6th at 10 pm**, rain or shine.

In case of high winds or lightning the fireworks will move to July 7th at 10 pm.

Thanks to all the contributions from the residents of the lake that allows us to bring the fireworks to you every year.

Music On the Lake

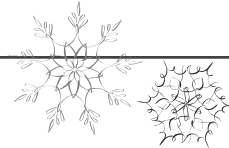
Based on the success of the last few years, the Music on the Lake concert series will once again return to Deer Lake this summer. If you have not attended this very unique experience, please join in on the fun.

The concept is simple. **We** put a live band on a floating stage and anchor it in the calms waters on one side or the other of Hungerford point from 7-9pm. **You** load all of your favorite people in the boat, grab some snacks and your favorite beverage, and sail on out to enjoy the music and fun.

Show dates are: June 23, July 4, and Aug 11.

And don't forget your dancing shoes

Winter Party



All the reports I received about the Christmas Party at the Lake Elmo Inn were glowing! Great ambiance, added to by a gorgeous snowfall that evening, wonderful, friendly service, and yummy food, made for a lovely holiday event.

Cookie Jandric, Events Coordinator

Light Pollution

A few years back an article ran in the Deer Tales regarding the problem of light pollution at Deer Lake. In the months that followed there was a significant reduction in the number of all night yard lights, spotlights aimed directly out into the lake, and landscape lighting turned on when properties were not in use. With many properties changing hands in recent years, the time has come again to call attention to this ever increasing problem.

One of the special things at Deer Lake is the ability to sit outside and gaze at the starlit sky free from the glare of city lights. While safety, security, and the protection of your property is very important, there are ways to accomplish this with very little impact on the surrounding environment. When choosing illumination for your property, please give consideration not only to those who live next door, but also to those who reside across the lake. Dusk to dawn yard lights obtained from the power company do a great job of showing off what you have of value, but do little to deter thieves. A properly adjusted motion sensing light is far more effective at drawing your neighbor's attention to activity on your property and preventing crime. The proliferation of solar lighting on docks and in yards is a fast growing problem. These always-on lights contribute significantly to overall light pollution. A better alternative would be low voltage landscape lights. This option is relatively inexpensive, easy to install, and allows the lights to be switched off when not needed. When lighting the beach area please consider aiming lights down or across the area to be covered to prevent the lights from reflecting across the lake.

If we all continue to consider the big picture when making decisions about our properties, Deer Lake will retain the character of a northern Wisconsin getaway as opposed to an overdeveloped urban setting.

Deer Lake Improvement Association
Environmental Committee
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Environmental Report

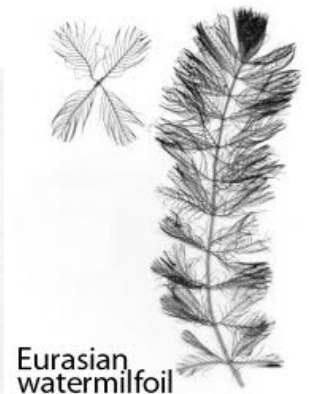
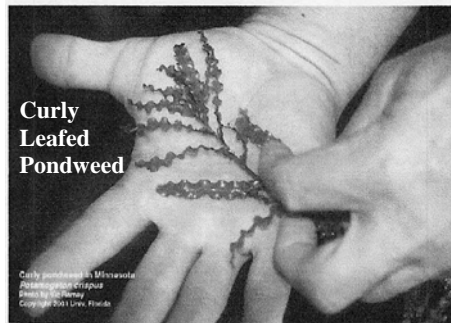
The Deer Lake Improvement Association has been awarded a grant from the DNR to allow us to provide interns at the public landing. This Clean Boats and Clean Waters grant will allow the interns to provide appropriate direction for boaters entering and leaving Deer Lake. The grant is for two years and we have been awarded almost \$10,000 in regards to cost share considerations. The Deer Lake Improvement Association also has been awarded an additional grant from the DNR in regards to implementation of an aquatic plant management plan and invasive species management, specifically curly leaf pond weed. This grant is for three years and amounts to 50% cost share of \$38,000.

The invasive species management will include identification, application, and pre and post monitoring of curly leaf pond weed in the Deer Lake basin. This is an invasive species that we have been studying and managing for a number of years. We hope to continue to control its spread within the lake.

We have been working with Lake Management, Inc. in regards to the use of Aquathol K and Endothol for curly leaf management, copper sulfate regarding algae control as needed up to 15 acres per application and a program regarding Eurasian water milfoil prevention.

This year we will be spending up to \$25,000 to help manage curly leaf pond weed, up to \$5,000 in regards to the clean boats and clean waters program, along with up to \$8,000 for management and control of filamentous algae.

It appears from secchi disk readings that the clarity of Deer Lake has continued to improve and we are doing all that we can in association with the town of St. Croix Falls, the Wisconsin DNR, the Conservancy, as well as Lake Management, Inc. to provide safe, clean, useable waters within the Deer Lake basin.

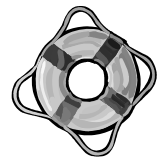


Boating Safety and Etiquette

We are now approaching the busy boating season at Deer Lake and we wanted to remind everyone to be respectful of each other and operate your watercraft within the established rules of the State of Wisconsin.

Many of us have seen or experienced close calls on the lake and we want to prevent any serious incidents. If everyone is attentive and cautious we should all be able to have a safe and enjoyable boating season.

- A minimum distance of 100 feet must be kept between boats
- There is a slow-no-wake zone 200 feet from every shoreline.



Many of you may not be aware that in 2007 the Wisconsin Legislature passed a Mandatory Boating Education bill. This bill requires anyone born after 01/01/1989 and at least 16 years of age to have a boating safety education certificate to operate a motorboat on Wisconsin waterways.

The Deer Lake Improvement Association strongly recommends all persons, both adult and youth operating watercraft on our lake, to take the Wisconsin boating safety course available online. A link to the **FREE** practice test and online boating safety course can be found on the Deer Lake website. Give it a try,

www.deerlakewi.com

Spring Fling

Please join the Deer Lake Improvement Association
for an enchanted evening at the

Chateau St. Croix

Saturday, June 2nd

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Our wildly successful Spring Party will be held again at the Chateau St. Croix.
Sam Salter and his band will be back as will the wonderful food from
Johannes at the Village Catering.

The buffet will include: Roast beef, Spitini (sirloin wraps with hard salami & provolone),
Italian sausage and roasted pepper pasta, and Champagne chicken breast. Also, Garlic
mashed potatoes and a Caesar salad, with Brownies and coffee for dessert.

Total Cost: \$33.00 per person, includes dinner, music, tax and tip

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____



NUMBER IN PARTY: _____

X \$33.00/ea = TOTAL DUE: _____

Checks to: "Deer Lake Improvement Association"

RSVP by May 26th

Send check with bottom of this form...

to: **Cookie Jandric, 1709 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104**

Questions can be directed to Cookie at 651-343-1071

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