



Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter

Spring 2003

Upcoming EVENTS:



May	24	Sat.	Spring Clean-Up Day
June	14	Sat.	Spring Party
July	3	Thurs.	Fireworks
July	4	Fri.	Boat Parade
July	4	Fri.	Pontoon Party
July	5	Sat.	Sailboat Race
July	19	Sat.	DLIA Annual Meeting

President's Message



It is always exciting to begin a new season at the lake, and to see friends we haven't seen since last year.

Soon you will be receiving a membership mailing. We ask for your support as we work together for the betterment of Deer Lake. Also, your donation toward the 4th of July fireworks display can be included with your membership dues. No treasury funds are used for the purchase of fireworks — we rely entirely on your contributions.

The Membership Committee is seeking names of anyone who is new to Deer Lake. If you know of someone please contact any board member so information can be sent to those individuals.

I have been unsuccessful thus far in my attempt to locate a certified water safety instructor. If you know of someone please contact me.

It is important that we keep our lines of communication open. In you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact a board member.

See you on the lake!

Bob Rawlings, President

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Spring Clean-Up Day

Let's cleanup for the new lake season. Meet at the boat landing at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 24. Garbage bags will be available. We'll pick up trash on each of the cabin roads.

Spring Party

Make your reservations now for Trollhaugen on June 14. (See inside for more information and reservation form.)

Fireworks

Fireworks will be at dusk on July 3. Warning shots will be fired in mid-lake. The rain date is July 5.

Boat Parade

The annual Deer Lake Boat Parade will start at 1:00 p.m. on July 4 at the lagoon. Pre-register and pick up your number by stopping at the Phil Foussards' dock between 10:00 - 11:00 on July 4. To identify the dock, look for the signs on the south shore of the big lake.

Start planning your decorating!

Pontoon Party

Meet off of Hungerford Point on July 4 about 6:00 p.m.

Sailboat Race

There will again be a sailboat race as part of the almost annual Deer Lake Regatta. All sailors in all boat classes are encouraged to participate and compete for lavish prizes and the honor of the Deer Lake Yacht Club (the winner gets to be Commodore for the coming year). Weather and wind permitting, the race will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, on a triangular course marked by colorful buoys toward the east end of the main lake. Please assemble between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. to receive instructions and jockey for a good start.

Peter Sammond, Commodore

DLIA Annual Meeting

Put the DLIA Annual Meeting on your calendar, 9:00 a.m., July 19 at the Trollhaugen Chalet. Directories will be available.

Conservancy Corner

The Deer Lake Conservancy continues making progress on a variety of fronts, including:

1. The Flagstad Farm Project - You may recall our three phase plan for this property:

First, we are committed to raising sufficient capital to cover our purchase price, or failing that, to cover our carrying costs for three to four years while we install appropriate conservation practices. Through your generous support, we are making good progress towards this goal. In addition, we have applied for major lake protection and stewardship grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The appraisal obtained in connection with writing these grants confirms that we indeed acquired this property under very favorable terms.

Second, in conjunction with the WI DNR, we are developing a comprehensive conservation plan for the property. During this process we have learned this watershed is much larger than initially anticipated. We see several retention basins and an extensive prairie restoration for this property. A blend of 55 species of native grasses and wildflowers, some extremely rare, is being prepared for planting in early June.

Finally, we are working to ensure perpetual ownership of this property by the Conservancy, thus controlling the ultimate destiny of this marvelous resource. With your help, we will make this happen! Stay tuned, we think you will like what you see.

- 2. Prairie Burn** - In mid-April the WI DNR conducted a controlled burn of approximately 30 acres in watersheds 3 and 4. This maintenance is required periodically to control the growth of noxious and invasive weeds and plants, allowing the native prairie grasses and wildflowers to become firmly established. Watch for an explosion of color in these areas this spring and summer.
- 3. Trail System** - We are very pleased with the response our trail system in Watersheds 3 and 4 has received. If you haven't taken the opportunity to enjoy these trails, please do so this spring. You will see extensive retention projects, a prairie restoration, demonstration and butterfly gardens and glacial rock formations as you stroll the trails. We are seeking a volunteer coordinator to help organize work groups and lead tours. If you are interested, or would simply like to help-out from time-to-time, please contact Jim Miller at 483-3338.
- 4. Future Planning** - Now that the Barr Engineering recommendations of the early 1990's have been completed, we are looking ahead to "what's next." To this end, we obtained a DNR planning grant to hire JEO Engineering of New Richmond to conduct an assessment and prioritization of future challenges and opportunities within our watersheds. We will discuss this in more detail at our Annual Meeting this summer. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for your continued support as we work towards our mission of improving the quality of Deer Lake.

Rob Ilstrup, Conservancy President

In-Lake Survey of Deer Lake Owners 2002

As shown by the survey, the primary concern of Deer Lake Residents was weed control with algae and safety running second.

IMPORTANCE

CONCERN	1	2	3	4	5
WEEDS	65	33	28	6	1
ALGAE	24	46	31	12	5
SWIM ITCH	22	37	32	8	7
SAFETY	24	18	19	24	4
SHORELINE	7	5	14	10	29



Join us at the DLIA

Spring Party

Saturday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.
Trollhaugen Convention Center

Buffet includes:

- BBQ Pork Ribs
- Roast Beef
- Baked Chicken
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans w/Slivered Almonds
- Coffee and Dessert
- Cash Bar

Price - \$20 Per Person

Make Check Payable to DLIA and send by June 1st to:

Joan Leedy
2468 Hillwood Drive
Maplewood, MN 55119



Number of people attending: _____

Name(s) as you would like on nametag:

Please mail by June 1, 2003

Water Quality Program

The Deer Lake Improvement Association has heard from a number of individuals and certainly concurs that water quality and water use issues are a priority. Many hours have been spent addressing these issues of specific needs of Deer Lake and with contractors who are helping us provide the quality that we would like. After many discussions and considerations, Aquatic Engineering, Inc. out of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, phone number 608-781-8770, has been selected as the ecologic and water works service. Mr. Joshua Britton, President, has been included in many discussions.

The Eurasian Water Milfoil Prevention Program will consist of four phases, one in which a plant survey and feasibility study is completed. The second is an implementation of the management plan. Third will be follow up site visits and fourth will be a complete analysis of the management practices. The public access and the lagoon access area will both be treated to prevent the inflow or influx of Eurasian Milfoil and in addition will be closely monitored.

The second management program will include Filamentous Algae with phase one including an initial site investigation. Algae species will be collected and identified, and DNR permitting, will be carried out. The second phase will be implementation of the management program with anywhere from five to seven applications of approximately 15 acres each of copper sulfate to help bind the phosphates from the lake and decrease the amount of Filamentous Algae. The final phase will include analysis and preparation of the report.

The Deer Lake Board will continue in the future to look at new and different ways to achieve the same goal and outcome: excellent water quality and ability to utilize Deer Lake for both recreational and enjoyment activities.

Mark L. Thayer
Water Quality and Ecology Committee

Watercraft Safety

The season for boating is here. We are all concerned with safe operation of boats and jet skis, or personal watercraft (PWC). Wisconsin law states that all "PWC must be registered and display valid...registration numbers" and their "operators must obey all boating regulations." "It is illegal to operate a PWC within 100' of...another boat towing a skier..." or its tow rope or a skier. "No person operating any type of a motorboat that is towing persons...may operate within 100' of any occupied anchored boat, any marked swimming area, or public boat landing." PWC may not be operated "faster than slow-no-wake within 200' of shore..."

Let's use good judgment and drive carefully with regard for others.

Joanna Victor

In Memoriam

Florene Hill

December 9, 1931 -
April 16, 2003

Food Shelf Donations at Our Holiday Party

Eloise Anderson, Director of the St. Croix Falls Food Shelf, wrote:

"Thanks so much for remembering us again with donations of food and cash for the food shelf. We appreciate the wonderful support of everyone in our local communities and surrounding area. The people we serve are very grateful for your kindness and generosity."

Polk-Burnett

The undergrounding of primary electric lines has been completed. Most generators and poles have been removed. Property owners can still request the undergrounding of secondary lines. Call Eric Vitalis at Polk-Burnett to get on the schedule.

Under secondary lines only, minimal clear-cutting as necessary will occur. If clear-cutting is necessary under primary lines in an environmentally sensitive area, measures can be taken to minimize the damage.

For example, if clear-cutting next to a stream increases runoff, a sediment fence can decrease the runoff.

DLIA Board, 2002 - 2003

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DLIA Committee Assignments

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**Family Picnic/
Campout**

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**Holiday/Spring
Parties**

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**New Year's Day Trail
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