



Deer Tales

Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter
Spring 2014

President's Message

Welcome to Spring!



Wow, do we ever deserve some nice weather. This past winter was a "Doozy". I had never heard the term "Polar Vortex" before and if I never hear it again it will be too soon.

The good news is we had Ice Out April 28th almost 2 weeks sooner than 2013. I saw a few boats out for the fishing opener but not many docks or boat lifts in yet, including ours.

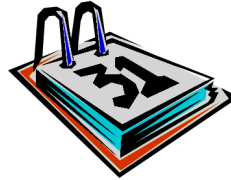
Your DLIA Board is hard at work planning this year's activities on the lake. Check out the schedule on the following pages. A refrigerator magnet with the schedule will be arriving in the mail with your dues statement. Please renew your membership don't forget to support the "Water Quality Fund".

Our Spring Party this year will be on Saturday, June 21st. I know that's the first day of summer but we are trying to insure a nice warm evening. The event will be a Dinner Boat Excursion on the St Croix River. We did this several years ago and it was a great time. Reservation slips are included in this Deer Tales. I hope you will sign up. It's a great time to make new friends from the lake and reconnect with old friends.

SO LET THE SUMMER FUN BEGIN!

Best wishes for a safe and fun summer on Deer Lake.

Bob Spinner, President
Deer Lake Improvement Association



2014 Event Calendar

Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Tournament	June 14th	9 am
Music on the Lake (Hungerford Pt—Bay)	June 14th	7 pm
Kick-off Party (Spring/Summer)		
Taylor's Falls Scenic Boat Tour (Departure time)	June 21st	6:30 pm
Light Up The Lake	July 3rd	10 pm
Boat Parade, Lagoon	July 4th	1 pm
Music on the Lake (Hungerford Pt.—Bay)	July 4th	7 pm
Fireworks, Hungerford Pt (storm date July 12th)	July 4th	10 pm
Pontoon Party (Hungerford Pt.—Bay))	July 11th	6 pm
Annual Meeting (Trollhaugen)	July 12th	9 am
Flagstad Farm Event	July 26th	6 pm
Music on the Lake (Hungerford Pt.—Bay)	August 2nd	7 pm
Festival Theater Night	TBD	
Holiday Party (Lake Elmo Inn)	Dec. 6th	6 pm

Environmental Committee Report

As a sub-committee of the **Deer Lake Improvement Association**, our main objective is to improve and maintain the water quality of Deer Lake from shore to shore. The **Deer Lake Conservancy** improves the water quality of Deer Lake by reducing or restricting pollutants that flow into our lake. Our DLIA has three main on-going tasks from year to year and they are as follows:

1) **Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP)** control. We have a 50% matching fund grant through 2014 up to \$39,000.00 for this treatment. This year, 7 sites covering 33 acres will be treated. This must be done before the water temperature reaches 60 degrees (CLP is growing then and vulnerable to chemical treatment but desirable plants are not vulnerable yet).

2) **Filamentous algae** control. As per the permit approved by the DNR, only surface algae may be treated. Any filamentous algae below the surface will not be permitted. Because copper sulfate is used to treat algae and copper can concentrate to a detrimental level if too much is added to the lake, the DNR strongly discourages treatment of algae. The existing copper concentration in Deer Lake is within safe limits at this time.

3) **Clean Boats and Clean Water** program. We have a grant from the DNR for this program also. In years past, we have been very fortunate to have Dr. Mark Thayer essentially draft, coordinate and arrange for the staffing of personnel at the boat landing. Hired staff at the landing would monitor and educate boat owners both incoming and outgoing on the proper checklist regarding the possible transportation of invasive species. Regrettably, Dr. Thayer can no longer continue in this capacity. We are all deeply indebted to all of his work on this project and are currently looking for a replacement. If any of you have an interest in helping with this program, please contact us!

We are proud to boast that our lake is, locally, without equal in water clarity and purity and wish you all a great summer enjoying this wonderful natural treasure!

-Steve Schletty,
Environmental Committee Chair

Deer Lake Tales — A Look Back at Deer Lake:

There are many stories about the camaraderie that was formed from the lagoon restaurant. I would like to compile a list of happenings from the restaurant. For those of us that are newer on the lake we didn't have the pleasure of going to the lagoon restaurant, please share your memories with us. I will protect the innocent and leave out all names!

Because of this restaurant and all the friendships that were formed it has made this lake a very social lake, thus the parties!

Please email Laurel Fermanich at laferm@earthlink.net or call (612)-810-8832 (cell).

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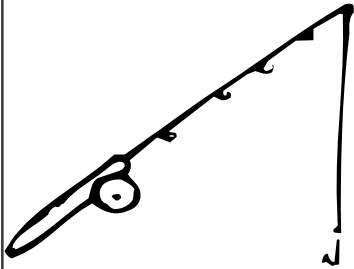
If you haven't had a chance or have forgotten please visit our web-site. There is a schedule on there in case there are last minute changes to events.

There are many different items of interest on the site from: history, pictures from past events, a link to the Deer Lake Conservancy web-site, and many other resources. Some of the resources are for severe weather, buckthorn, native plants and restoration, controlling runoff checklist, and a source for native seeds.

We also have a facebook page!

Deer Lake is slowly moving into the 21st century.

Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby



Looking ahead to **June 14th**, another memory-making day for kids fishing on **Deer Lake** as part of the eleventh annual **Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby** is in

the planning stages. This is a free event for kids sponsored by family and friends of Neil McKenzie (1930-2003) and the Polk County Sportsmen's Club.

Kids and volunteers are asked to pre-register by using the online registration form on the web at www.NeilMcKenzieYouthFishingContest.org or by calling Joyce McKenzie, 715-646-2060. Mark your calendars for June 14th (with June 15th as the rain date).

GET A FREE TREE FOR THE LAKE



The Deer Lake Conservancy is offering free trees and planting for your Deer Lake property. These beautiful 3-4 foot white pines will be professionally installed by Palmer's Landscaping.

All you need to do is select a good spot on the lakeside of your dwelling. More information will follow in a special mailing later this summer, and trees will be planted in early fall. If you know you are ready to go, call or email Cheryl at harmonyenv@amerytel.net or 715-268-9992, and you will be placed on a list for a tree. There are a limited number of trees and the program is first-come, first-served. Trees are available to all Deer Lake residents.

Spring Clean Up Day on Deer Lake



Saturday, May 31st, we will have the annual Deer Lake Spring Clean Up Day. Meet at the boat landing at 9:00 am and we will split up and go out to clean up the trash left over from winter. This is very important to maintaining the beauty of our lake and surrounding area, please do your best to come out and pitch in. The more people we have working the less work we will all have to do. Bring a pair of work gloves and wear a good pair of boots. We have a beautiful lake, let's keep it that way

Music On The Lake



On Saturday, June 14th, we kick off our 2014 season of "Music on the Lake". Please come out and enjoy the good music with family and friends floating on the beautiful water of Deer Lake. The music begins at 7:00 pm on the calm side (leeward) of Hungerford Point.

We will continue with Music on the Lake on July 4th and also Aug. 2nd.



Cruising Down the River

Kick-Off Party (Spring or Summer?)

It seems very hard to call our Spring Party “spring” when it’s on the first day of summer. So to “Kick-off” the season please join us at the Taylor’s Falls scenic Boat Tours on Saturday, June 21st at 6:30 pm, (220 South St Taylors Falls, MN 55084).

Come for dinner, drinks and a cruise, down our beautiful St. Croix River. The Deer Lake Improvement Association Spring/ Summer opener will kick off the season with a Chicken and Rib dinner and a two hour ride down the scenic St. Croix River. There will be homemade desserts and coffee to cap off a delightful

evening with family and friends. Please make your reservations early and join us on the Queen. A boatload of fun for only \$40.00 per person; this includes the boat ride, chicken and rib dinner with vegetables, salad, potatoes, rolls and butter, and coffee. Homemade desserts will be a bonus, made by some of our own bakers from around the Lake.

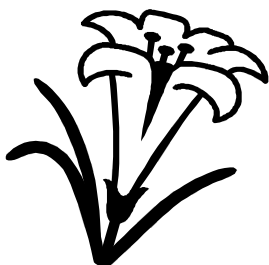
Do you bake? Let Cookie know if you would bring a dessert! (651-645-8880.)

See you there!

Send checks (\$40.00 per person) made out to DLIA to:

Cookie Jandric
1709 Portland Ave.
St. Paul, MN. 55104

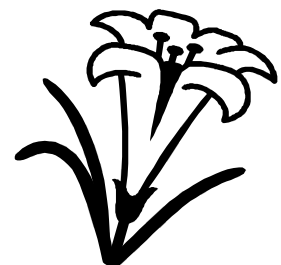
(By June 5th)



In Memoriam

Edie Soderberg

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Kick-off Party

Please join the Deer Lake Improvement Association
For a beautiful scenic cruise and dinner on the

St. Croix River

Saturday, June 21st

6:30 p.m.—Boat leaves dock promptly
Dinner is served with friends and a beautiful ride down the river
8:30 p.m—Boat returns to dock

\$40 per person includes the boat ride, chicken and rib dinner with vegetables, salad, potatoes, rolls and butter, and coffee. Homemade desserts will be a bonus, made by some of our own bakers from around the Lake.

Do you bake? Let Cookie know if you would bring a dessert! (651-645-8880.)

Total Cost: \$40.00 per person includes the boat ride and dinner.

Name

Phone

Number in party: _____

X \$40.00/ea = TOTAL DUE: _____

Please make checks payable to "DLIA"
And RSVP by June 5th

Send check with bottom of this form...

To: Cookie Jandric, 1709 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Questions can be directed to Cookie at 651-645-8880

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