



Deer Tales



Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter
Summer 2016



President's Message

Summer is upon us! As I write this I am eagerly anticipating the Summer Solstice and a rare occurrence of a full moon, known as the Strawberry Moon. This hasn't happened since 1967 and will not occur again until 2062. I know that by the time you read this it will be over, but I hope that many of you will have noticed it when it happened.

As if that isn't enough to kick off summer, we have more. We had our Summer party last weekend at Wild Mountain and it was very successful. This was a different party format that included families. As a board we try and offer enticing events, particularly when they are off the lake, to encourage people to come out and meet new people and see old friends from the lake. We always welcome ideas for these events, so please, if you have an idea for a good lake party, let us know. You can reach any of the board members via the website (www.deerlakewi.com) or you could post on our Facebook page.

If you are interested in serving on the Deer Lake Improvement Association Board, please contact me for more information.

Before signing off I'd like to remind everyone to pay close attention when you are out on the water. Remember, if your kids were born after 1989 they must have completed the Wisconsin Boat Safety course and carry their certificate with them when they operate the boat. This is important. No one under 16 years of age can legally operate a personal watercraft. Many of the PWC's operated on Deer Lake are being piloted by kids under 16 years old. If they are caught, the fine is steep. If they cause an accident, you as parents are responsible. We would like to keep our lake as safe as we possibly can, so please pay attention to the rules.

We have a great list of Fourth of July weekend activities lined up. Check Deer Tales and check the schedule page on the website for updated details.

Here is hoping everyone has a safe and happy summer. See you on the water!

Tom McBride, President
Deer Lake Improvement Association

Remember Annual Meeting July 9th - 9 am



2016 Event Calendar

Light up the Lake	Fri.	July 1st	10 pm
Fireworks	Sun.	July 3rd	10 pm
(Storm date)	Sat.	July 9th	10 pm
Boat Parade	Mon.	July 4th	
Register (Fermanich's dock) -			10-11 am
Meet at Lagoon			12:45 pm
Parade Begins			1 pm
Music on the Lake—Hungerford Pt (leeward side)	Mon.	July 4th	7 pm
Pontoon Party (off Hungerford Pt.)	Fri.	July 8th	6 pm
Annual Meeting Sat. (Trollhaugen)		July 9th	9 am
Flagstad Farm Family Picnic	Sat.	July 30th	6 pm
Music on the Lake—Hungerford Pt (leeward side)	Sat.	Aug. 6th	7 pm
Festival Theatre night (Steel Magnolia's)	Sat.	Aug. 20th	7:30 pm

Schedule updates and additions available at
www.deerlakewi.com

Environmental Report

The DLIA Environmental Committee has developed an education plan for the 2016 season. Our goal is to educate all of the people that use Deer Lake on invasive species and what they can do to help prevent the spread of these invasive species. As a resident, we would like you to know how to identify our two biggest concerns- Eurasian Milfoil and Zebra Mussels.

Below is a picture of Eurasian Milfoil – there is also a Northern Milfoil which is native to Wisconsin. The Eurasian Milfoil has 12 to 21 pairs of leaflets as shown here, while the Northern Milfoil typically has 5 to 9 pairs.



Invasive Eurasian Milfoil (12 to 21 pairs of leaflets)



Native Northern Milfoil (5 to 9 pairs of leaflets)

Eurasian Milfoil has difficulty becoming established in lakes with well-established populations of native plants. This is why it is so important to allow the native plants to grow in our lake.

Zebra Mussels are the only mussel that attach to hard surfaces so if you see a mussel attached to a dock, boat lift, etc. make sure to take a sample of it and submit it for identification.



Zebra Mussel

Our goal is to identify Eurasian Milfoil or Zebra Mussels as soon as possible should they make their way into Deer Lake. This requires all residents to familiarize themselves with these invasive species and collect them for identification if spotted. Simply place them in a baggie with water and give me a call at 651-230-1177. Joan Leedy

Joan Leedy (651) 230-1177 Cell
Environmental Committee Chair

Annual Meeting of the Deer Lake Improvement Association and Deer Lake Conservancy on July 9th at 9 am at Trollhaugen Convention Center

Lake directories will be distributed at this time, please come and get one or arrange to have someone pick it up for you.

This year there will be a representative from the WI DNR to talk to us. It should be a good meeting and we look forward to seeing you there.



Festivities

July 1st—10 pm : Light Up the Lake
 July 3rd—10 pm : Fireworks
 July 4th— 1 pm : Boat Parade
 July 4th— 7 pm : Music on the Lake

Light Up the Lake



Start your holiday weekend with our fourth annual Light-Up the Lake Cruise. This will be held on Friday, July 1st at 10 pm. Families please put out at least three enclosed candles or luminaries on your dock(s). Boaters please go slowly around the lake **counterclockwise** to enjoy the lake being lit up and this relaxing special family time.

Boat Parade



The boat parade will be July 4th at 1 pm and will run **counterclockwise**.

- Register at the Fermanich's dock between 10-11 am on the 4th. Fermanich's dock is located on the end of the point on the bay side, it will be marked.
- Meet at the lagoon at 12:45 pm
- Parade begins at 1:00 pm and will be going counterclockwise this year.

Grab a flag, put it on your boat and participate in the parade! By being in the parade you can see how everyone on the lake celebrates the Fourth.

We encourage all to participate and follow the shoreline around the entire lake counterclockwise.

Boats will be judged by theme, presentation and enthusiasm and the winner will be given a traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year. Certificates will be given to all.

Come out and be part of the parade or just enjoy it from your dock. Have fun!



Fireworks on July 3rd

The annual fireworks for Deer Lake will be held on Sun., July 3rd at 10 pm. The storm date (only if there is lightning) will be Sat., July 9th at 10 pm. The fireworks are made possible because of all the donations that are given by lake residents.



We hope that you, your families, and all your friends enjoy the fireworks!

Happy 4th of July!

Music on the Lake



Come join your friends and neighbors on Monday July 4th and Saturday August 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for this season's Music on the Lake Concert series. Look for the Stage on the calm side of Hungerford Point.

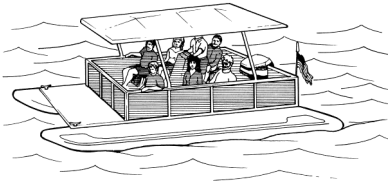
Last year on the 4th of July an estimated crowd of 600 plus people came out to enjoy the music. There was swimming, dancing, eating, drinking, and folks generally having a fabulous time in a very unique setting.

Summer Picnic Recap



The 18th of June turned out to be a hot, sunny afternoon- the perfect day for the water slides, alpine slides and go-carts at Wild Mountain. Also great for a picnic under a canopy at the base of the hills. We enjoyed brats with all the fixings, beer, and fantastic homemade desserts! Thank you to all those who brought a dessert! As we watched the water sliders, we caught up on peoples' winter escapades, summer plans, grandchildren, and latest jokes! It was a very fun afternoon!

Pontoon Party



Time to get out the pontoon boats and socialize with all your fellow neighbors on your boat.

If your pontoon didn't get out for the boat parade bring it out for the pontoon party.

Bring a dish to share and tie up with others to meander from one boat to the next socializing, eating, etc. The party begins at 6 pm and is located off of Hungerford Point.

Deer Lake Tales— A Look Back at Deer Lake:

This article will be back next issue.

The article "Deer Lake Tales—A Look Back at Deer Lake", is made possible by the residents of Deer Lake who are willing to share their stories with others.

If you have pictures, stories, memories, etc. that you would be willing to share with others please feel free to email me, send me mail, or phone me. Any stories/ information would be appreciated.

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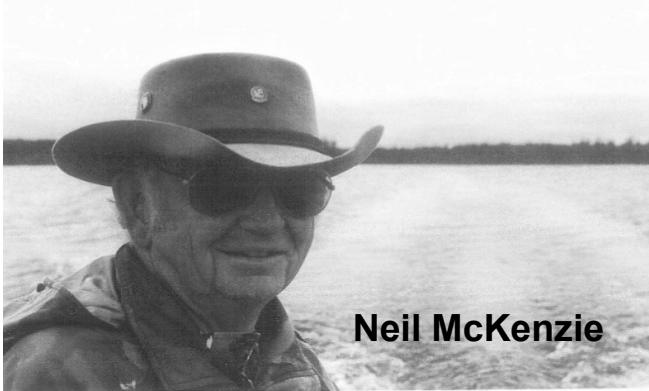
Drop by and visit one of these two places on the web where you can learn more about Deer Lake.

Wisconsin Boating Law Highlights



- A PWC may not be operated at faster than "slow, no wake speed" within:
 - 100 feet of any other vessel on any waterbody
 - 200 feet of shore on any lake
 - 100 feet of a dock, pier, raft, or restricted area on any lake
- When a vessel is towing a person on water skis, a surfboard, or other device, the operator must have another competent person on board to act as an observer.
- Boat driver rules as they relate to different ages:
 - A person under the age of **12** may not operate a PWC.
 - A person at least **16** years old may operate a motorboat **only** if he or she has completed a boating safety course that is accepted by the Wisconsin DNR.
 - A person born before January 1, 1989, is exempt from the safety course requirement.





The **Annual Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Derby** is co-sponsored by his family and friends, and the Polk County (Wis.) Sportsmen's Club and is gratefully hosted on the grounds made available by The New Lagoon Campground & Condominium Association. Additionally, generous contributions of time, equipment, door prizes, and donations from people like you who respect the mission of this event helped make for another enjoyable learning experience for kids! The team efforts of many volunteers, this year especially, helped ensure the day was another success for the kids. **Thank you!**

A huge thanks goes out to all the volunteer drivers/guides, boats, prizes, pontoons, lunch, fun and trophies!

Your support helped to *Keep Kids Fishin'* at
the
**13th Annual Neil McKenzie Youth
Fishing Derby**

"Neil and I were always of the opinion that a **Thank You** was so important when receiving anything in life. Those two little words seem inadequate when experiencing the volunteerism, in-kind contributions, and donations all these 13 years. You guys and gals are the best! And, to the fisher-kids, you are to be commended for your conduct and the respect for your environment... the land, the water, each other, and us adults. Thank you, everyone, for doing what you do to **Keep Kids Fishin'!**" ~ Joyce McKenzie

**The Deer Lake
Improvement
Association**



Presents an evening at the theater...

Steel Magnolias
by Robert Harling

August 20th, 7:30 pm at the Franklin Square Black Box

Truvy's beauty salon serves as a gathering place for an eclectic group of Southern women who come together for friendship, gossip, therapy, and celebrations. Most specifically, we watch as Shelby (the prettiest girl in town) prepares to marry and start a family while living with diabetes. She risks and eventually sacrifices her life in order to have a child and the women are forced to examine their own mortalities and draw upon the underlying strength present in all of us to move forward while being irrevocably changed.

Please join us **Saturday, August 20th** at Festival Theatre in downtown St. Croix Falls

6:30 p.m. ~ Social Hour in the Act Two Café
7:30 p.m. ~ Steel Magnolias

Tickets are \$26 per person
and includes a beverage of choice (Chateau St. Croix Wine, Import or Domestic Beer, wine coolers, coffee, soda, etc) and a gourmet cookie!

Call the Box Office directly for reservations at 715-483-3387 and ask for the special Deer Lake Social Event package! Seating is limited.

P.O. Box 801 ~ 210 N Washington St, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
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