



# Deer Tales

*Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter  
Summer 2014*

## President's Message



I hope you are all enjoying the beginning of our Deer Lake summer season. This issue of Deer Tales is packed with reminders of the DLIA activities for the next several months.

I would like to underscore two very important upcoming activities. First, is to encourage you to attend the DLIA and Deer Lake Conservancy combined Annual Meetings on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-11AM at the Trollhaugen Ski Hill Convention Center. It is your opportunity to hear first hand from the two organizations how they are working for you to keep the beautiful and valuable resource of Deer Lake one of the finest lakes in the upper Midwest.

Secondly, I want to encourage you to respond to the membership renewal notice you have received. Please renew your membership at \$50, make a contribution to fund the fireworks display and a contribution to support the Water Quality Fund. We have had great support over the years and for that we thank you and hope you will continue.

Again, Best Wishes for a fun and safe summer at Deer Lake.

Bob Spinner, President  
Deer Lake Improvement Association

## Spring/Summer Party

### *Last Chance*

IF you didn't have a chance to send in your form for the party, you're in luck. Call Cookie at (651-645-8880) and let her know that you can come.

This will still give you a chance to be with old friends or meet new ones; we would love to have you join us. We have the boat rented out at Taylor's Falls and would like to have a lot of people on board to enjoy the cruise.

The buffet will include a Chicken and Rib dinner with vegetables, salad, potatoes, rolls and butter, and coffee. Home made desserts will be a bonus made by some of our own bakers from around the lake.

The cost is \$40/person and the time is from 6:30-8:30 on Saturday, June 21st.

## Annual Meeting Reminder:

Deer Lake Improvement Assoc.  
and Deer Lake Conservancy

July 12, 2014

Trollhaugen 9-11 am

## Info on the Cell Tower Proposal:

Some homeowners on Maple Cove and Peer Avenue received a notice concerning a "Conditional Use Permit Application / SBA Towers, V, LLC, Verizon Wireless / New Wireless Multi-tenant Communication Tower Facility."

The long and the short of it is that SBA Towers and Verizon have proposed a project that calls for the construction of a cell tower at the NW corner of the intersection of Hwy 35 and Hwy 8 off of Peer Ave, this will be an unmanned tower and communications facility. The site is located in the woods so it will limit the visual impact of the compound area of the tower. The tower will have lights but will be medium to low intensity lights that are white during the day and red at night. The lights will be designed to shine upward as to not shine on the ground and provide better viewing for air navigation (so much for star gazing). The tower will not be painted but will be galvanized in color so that it will blend in with the sky.

The town of St. Croix Falls Planning commission met on June 11th at 6 pm to review the land use aspects regarding construction and hours of traffic associated with operations. There will be another meeting on June 18th at 9:30 am at the Polk County Government Center. While the law allows very few options in the opposition of the tower, a strong showing may be helpful in placing some restrictions on design criteria.

## Deer Lake E-mails:

The Deer Lake Improvement Association would like to have your email address so that we can create a Deer Lake email list to allow us to be more responsive to emergent issues like the cell phone tower that is going up on Peer Ave. It will be used to communicate new information that has a very short lead time that may be of interest to all residents of the lake. We would also like to use it for any last minute schedule changes. A change to the fireworks or a change to "Music on the Lake."

The emails will NOT be included in the Deer Lake Directory. We will NOT sell or issue the email list to anyone.

Having people call everyone is very time consuming and we are finding out that a lot of the numbers in the directories are of phone numbers that no longer exist, the owners use only their cell phones.

## Facebook Users:

Attention Facebook users! Deer Lake, WI is on Facebook. Please stop by and **"like"** our page, then when updates are made on the Facebook page they will appear in your Newsfeed.

This is a great way to keep informed of the activities on Deer Lake. Any last minute changes to scheduled events would appear here. For those without facebook access this is where the email list for all of the Deer Lake residents comes into play.

Any questions or concerns on new ideas/articles can be addressed to Laurel Fermanich.

Email: laferm@earthlink.net

Cell: 612-810-8832

Address: 8267 Horizon Drive  
Shakopee, MN  
55379

## 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](mailto: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.



## Cruising Down the River

*Time is running out—  
last chance to go, please call  
Cookie asap at (651-645-8880).*

If you would like to go with old friends or meet new and you didn't have a chance to return your form we would love to have you join us. We are looking for more people to cruise with us down the river on the 21st of June. If you would like to go please call Cookie asap at (651-645-8880).

The party is at the Taylor's Falls Scenic Boat Tours from 6:30–8:30 on the 21st of June. The boat leaves the dock promptly at 6:30 pm.

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.

## Thanks

### Spring Clean-Up Day Crew

Saturday, May 31st, was the annual Deer Lake Spring Clean-Up Day. There were a few hands doing all of the work, feel free to thank them when you see them again. Those helping clean were: Jim Miller, John Patterson, Jeanne Rochford, Steve Berestka, Phil Foussard, Bob Fedderly, John Wright, Mason McBride and Tom McBride. The areas cleaned up include: Rock Creek, Dry Creek, Flagstad Farm, and the entire length of 140th St.



## In Memoriam

*Leo Fautsch*



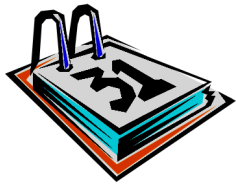
## Our Apologies

In the last issue we had Leo Faustgen listed in the "In Memoriam". Leo Faustgen is the grandson of Leo Fautsch who passed away in November.

The last newsletter stated the Fireworks were on the 4th. They are actually on the 5th of July at 10 pm.

We receive a much bigger fireworks show if we are willing to avoid the date of the 4th!

Storm Date for the fireworks is the 12th of July.



## 2014 Event Calendar

### Neil McKenzie Youth Fishing Tournament

June 14th 9 am

Music on the Lake June 14th 7 pm  
(Hungerford Pt.—Bay)

### 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 July 4th 7 pm  
(Hungerford Pt.—Bay)

Fireworks, Hungerford Pt **July 5th** 10 pm  
(storm date July 12th)

Pontoon Party July 11th 6 pm  
(Hungerford Pt.—Bay))

Annual Meeting July 12th 9 am  
(Trollhaugen)

Flagstad Farm Event July 26th 6 pm

Music on the Lake Aug. 2nd 7 pm  
(Hungerford Pt.—Bay)

Festival Theater Night Aug. 16th 6:30 pm

Holiday Party Dec. 6th 6 pm  
(Lake Elmo Inn)

## Environmental Committee Report

I'm sure some of you have noticed those funny looking "bags" anchored at various places around the lake. These are the markers that Lake Management placed after treating our lake for Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP). Most if not all of these markers should now be gone. We have enjoyed a tremendous reduction in CLP as detailed in our year end 2013 analysis report. It will be interesting to see how the year-end report looks this year.

Some of you may have received some mailings of solicitations concerning a service offered involving scuba divers extracting weeds from the root system and immediately bagging and hauling them from the job site. All of this is done without chemicals and is allowed by the WI DNR. The DLIA is not anti small business. We do not want to be in a position to tell our members what they should do or not do. However, we on the environmental committee are admittedly biased towards keeping our lake as healthy and protected as possible. Our respectable response to this weed pulling service is as follows:

1) The pulling of native weeds from the lake bed will be disruptive to the soil and allow otherwise inactive phosphates, copper particles, and other deleterious chemicals to be re-introduced to the lake. This may allow algae blooms and more fertilizer drifting around to increase weed growth.

2) The removal of native plants is a "window of opportunity" for invasive species of plants to gain a foothold. This is why the DNR prohibits chemical treatment of plants. Our native Deer Lake plants are working 24/7 to displace and prevent the introduction of invasive plants. We on the environmental committee view our native plants to be good stewards of the lake and fish!

Enjoy our beautiful clear lake!

-Steve Schletty,  
Environmental Committee Chair



## *The Lagoon*

The Lagoon on Deer Lake served the lake and kept the social life alive at the lake. It boasted the finest food, liquor and music. They offered water skiing, good fishing, trailer park, gas and oil, boat rentals and launching! A sample of the menu is below. Prices are great!



### *Lobster Snack*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$5.50**

### *Shrimp Snack*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$3.25**

### *Chicken Snack*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$2.95**

### *Rib Snack*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$3.95**

### *Steak Sandwich*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$3.75**

### *Ham Snack*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$3.10**

### *Chicken Livero*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$2.90**

### *Pork Chop Snack*

French Fries, Baked Potatoes or Hash Browns  
Salad - Toast - Coffee

**\$2.95**



*Deer Lake Improvement Association  
presents an evening at the  
Festival Theatre  
as they celebrate their 25th Season*

# *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

Please join us Saturday, August 16th at  
Festival Theatre in downtown St. Croix Falls

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

7:30 p.m. ~ *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to  
the Forum*

Book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart

Based on the plays of Plautus

Music by Stephen Sondheim

Directed by Mark Baer

A slave in Ancient Greece, Pseudolus is dead set on gaining his freedom through whatever means necessary. What ensues is a raucous mix of mistaken identity, invented maladies, and mischief that won the original production Tony awards for Best Musical and Best Book of a Musical.

Tickets are \$25 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.**

## The Week of the 4th

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)	<b>July 5th</b>	10 pm
Pontoon Party (Hungerford Pt.—Bay)	July 11th	6 pm

## Fireworks

On the evening of July 5th at 10 pm there will be fireworks over the lake by Hungerford Pt and the main part of the lake. Enjoy the fireworks from your boat. If there is lightning then we will move the date to the storm date of July 12th.

The best way to find out about last minute changes is to like us on facebook or send in your email so you can be updated in real time of any changes that may be happening on the lake.

## Pontoon Party

Make good use of that pontoon boat at your dock this summer. The weekend of the 4th, decorate it and put it in the boat parade.

The following weekend bring the boat and tie up with others to meander from one boat to the next socializing, eating, etc. starting at 6 pm. This will be located off of Hungerford Pt.



## Light Up The Lake

On the evening of July 3rd by 10 pm please put out three luminarias on your dock. Then you along with all your neighbors can take a slow ride around the lake and enjoy the quiet lights of the night.

## Boat Parade

The boat parade will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Register your boat at the Fermanich's dock from 10:00-11:00 a.m., this is located on the bay side of Hungerford Point.
- Meet at the Lagoon at 12:45 pm.
- Parade will begin at 1:00 pm and will run clockwise.

There will be judges around the lake positioned at strategic points, this is to encourage boats not to cut corners.

Boats will be judged by theme, presentation and enthusiasm. The winner receives bragging rights and a traveling trophy for one year. The Sinclear family clan won last year.

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



## Music On The Lake

On Saturday, June 14th, weather permitting we hopefully kicked off our 2014 season of "Music on the Lake". The best way to check if the Music On The Lake is still a go on questionable evenings is to check the facebook page!



We will continue with Music on the Lake on July 4th and also Aug. 2nd. The Music begins at 7 pm on the calm side (leeward) of Hungerford Point. Come ready to enjoy the music while relaxing in your boat or swimming in the water!



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