

Deer Tales



Deer Lake Improvement Association Newsletter
Summer 2021



President's Message

A warm welcome to summer on Deer Lake!

The mission of the Deer Lake Improvement Association is to improve the quality of life on Deer Lake. This year the DLIA Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, July 10th at 9:00 am. Join the meeting to hear reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Environmental Chair. During the meeting we will vote on new, incoming board members. More information about connecting to the meeting online is on page 5 and will also be emailed to Deer Lake residents the week of the meeting.

Want to become a member of the Deer Lake Improvement Association Board? If so, please contact someone currently on the board at https://www.deerlakewi.com/contacts/ to let them know you are interested.

Thank you for your continued donations to the Deer Lake Association! Dues statements have been sent to your homes via email or mail (if you did not give the DLIA board your email). Your contributions help in so many ways, including treating the water from invasive species and allowing us to have amazing events such as Music on the Lake and our annual Fireworks. Check out the calendar of events in this issue of Deer Tales so you can join in the fun. You can also find information about events online at https://www.deerlakewi.com/events/, or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/DeerLakeWI.

Directories are in the process of being printed and will be dropped off at your Deer Lake residences by your road captains in July.

The following roads are still in need of Captains/Co-Captains:

- 135th Ave.
- 182nd St.
- 190th St.
- Bayview Drive
- Hwy 35
- Maple Cove
- South Deer Lake Circle: 1701-1731A.

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2021 Schedule

FireworksFri. July 2 nd 10 pm (Storm dateSat. July 3 rd 10 pm)
Light up the LakeSat. July 3 rd 10 pm
Boat ParadeSun. July 4 th 1 pm
Music on the Lake—Hungerford Pt (leeward side)Sun. July 4 th 7 pm
Pontoon PartyFri. July 9 th 6 pm
DLIA Annual Meeting Sat. July 10 th 9 am (<i>Virtual</i>)
Flagstad Farm Family PicnicCancelled
Music on the Lake—Hungerford Pt (leeward side)Sat. Aug 7th7 pm
Deer Lake Conservancy Annual Meeting (Flagstad Farm—in person)Sat. Aug 14th. TBA

Schedule updates and additions available at www.deerlakewi.com



Environmental



Give Back to Deer Lake: Volunteer for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program!

The Environmental committee is looking for additional volunteers to donate their time at the public boat landing this summer. Teach your kids and grandkids the importance of giving back and help them gain valuable experience, meet volunteer requirements, and build college applications and resumes! This is also a great opportunity for all ages to learn about the impacts of invasive species.

The objective of the CBCW program is to educate boaters about invasive species and how to prevent the spread. The DLIA receives a \$12 credit towards our grant for every hour of volunteer time. Give back to Deer Lake this summer! If you are interested contact Steve McCormack stevemccormackdds@gmail.com or (715) 557-0117.

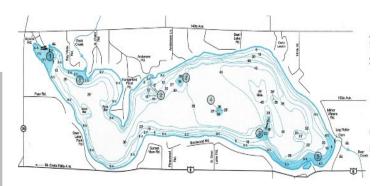
Light Can Be Pollution? Yes!

As we happily return to activities on the lake, and bonfires with friends and family, look out and around. Do you see bright flood lights illuminating an empty yard, or decorative house lights brightly lit with no one outside.

Take a moment to think, does my property shine bright? Do the lights take away from a dark sky with brilliant stars? Especially on the lake side, if no one is outside, turn them off

If lighting is for security, reconsider motion sensors or landscaping lights with tops; directing the light downward. If you are planning a renovation, a landscaping project or a light fixture replacement; look online or at the local hardware store for downward facing lights.

When drinking your morning coffee, tea or juice, look up "Dark Sky Park" or the Dark Sky Association for background and ideas on light pollution mitigation.



DEER LAKE CONSERVANCY









Presents Walk and Learn Prairie Plants on the Flagstad Farm Preserve

Friday, July 16 9:00 to 10 a.m.

Flagstad Farm parking area (Highway 8)

Botanist Barb Delaney will lead this morning stroll to identify and learn more about prairie flowers and grasses present along the Flagstad Farm trails. Mid-July is one of the peak times to see prairie flowers in bloom! We planted more than 50 species of local ecotype prairie species on this prairie.

Barb's 2014 survey of plants on the Johnson Preserve is available at https://www.dlcwi.org (go to projects, major projects, then Johnson Preserve).

Sponsored by the Deer Lake Conservancy with the support of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant

For more information contact Cheryl Clemens

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Photo by Tom McBride

Deer Lake Conservancy

South Trails

Flagstad Farm Trails: 1.03 miles

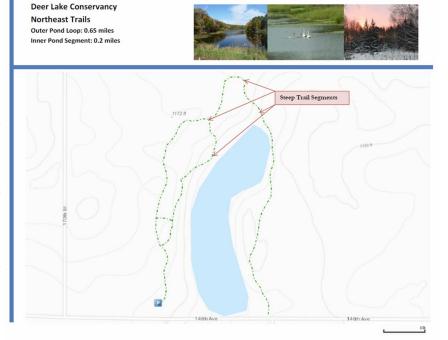
Trails wind through 50 acres of restored prairie flowers and grasses with expansive views of Deer Lake.





New Trails Open on the Watershed 1 Pond Preserve

Deer Lake Conservancy volunteers, under the leadership of Jim Miller, developed trails and cleared buckthorn on the new Conservancy preserve, and it is now open for your use! The Watershed 1 Pond Preserve is located on 140th Avenue just across from 167th Street. The trail circles a pond teeming with wildlife including a nesting pair of trumpeter swans! The trails are a great place to find peace and serenity on a busy weekend, or a quiet morning. Please give the swans and their signets plenty of space so they will return to nest again.





The annual Deer Lake fireworks display will take place on July 2nd at 10 pm, if there is a storm delay (lightning) the fireworks will be moved to July 3rd at 10 pm. If there is questionable weather please check the web page, facebook or your email for the status of the fireworks!

Every year there is a significant problem with large boat wakes that makes making the setup of the display difficult and dangerous. Please inform your kids and your guests to observe the no wake zone on the east side of Hungerford Point. It would be appreciated if all boaters were to avoid this area entirely. All boats should maintain a distance of at least 500 feet from the loading area and the display itself during the show.

Boat Parade

The boat parade starts at 1 pm on July 4th at the lagoon and will proceed clockwise around the lake. It will be handled a little differently this year.



- •Sign-up will be done by phone: call Laurel Fermanich at either (Cell) 612-810-8832 or (Lake) 715-483-9353. Call between 10 and 11 am.
- •You will then be given a number to place on the boat; remember, the parade will be clockwise so decorate accordingly.

As always, judges are strategically placed around the lake. Judging will be on presentation.

There will again be a traveling trophy for first place but we will also add in VISA gift cards in the amounts of \$40, \$30, \$20 and \$10 for the first four places.

If you want to join in the parade but not be judged that's also encouraged!

Sit back and enjoy the parade as it goes by!



Please join us for the first of two Music on the Lake Concerts on Sunday, July 4th, from 7:00 pm—10:00 pm on the calm side of Hungerford Point. Music will be provided by Miss Myra and the Moonshiners.

Please avoid the area of McBride's on the east side of Hungerford Point during the setup for the Band. Also please give a wide berth to the stage as it travels to the concert location. Even small waves can splash up between the boats and cause havoc.

Let's all be considerate of the band and their expensive equipment.

Light up the Lake



On July 3rd, place lanterns/lights on your dock grab the family and go for a late night cruise counter-clockwise around the lake. Or, sit on your dock and watch the flickering lights around you.



LED lights are suggested or a nonflammable light source if leaving for an evening boat ride. If you are sitting on the dock and using lanterns or candles, have a steady flat surface and glass containing the flame.



Be sure to grab your candle/lantern/LED lamp before going inside to bed.

Happy Fourth!

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If you'd be willing to help disperse information to one of the listed roads, please contact Membership Chair, Pam Libertini at 612-578-7163, membership@deerlakewi.com. You could team up with someone on your road to lighten the load.

Safe boating, waterskiing, wakeboarding, jet skiing, paddle boarding, pedal boarding, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, and fishing to all!

Renee Graves

President, Deer Lake Improvement Association

DLIA Annual Meeting Zoom Information

Hi Deer Lake Residents!

The mission of the Deer Lake Improvement Association is to improve the quality of life on Deer Lake. Join the meeting on Saturday, July 10th to hear reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee, of this past year's activities. Below is the link.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jul 10, 2021 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Deer Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting

Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://metroconnections.zoom.us/j/99307171180

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Or One tap mobile:

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Deer Lake Conservancy Annual Meeting

The Deer Lake Conservancy will not be having their meeting following the DLIA meeting, they will be having an in person meeting at Flagstad Farm on Aug 14th.

Boating the 4th of July

The 4th of July weekend is arguably the busiest weekend of the year. The boating days that comprise the holiday weekend also exhibit the worst boating behavior of the year.

Please remind all boaters in your household to observe the rules and proper boating etiquette.

- Large wakes should be confined to the middle of the lake to mitigate shoreline erosion which is becoming a significant problem. Stay at least 150 feet ** away from structures or shore; ride the core, avoid the shore
- State law that all boats/PWC observe the Slow/No-Wake zones with 100 feet of the shoreline or another boat.
- Avoid close passes to other boats, and don't follow other boats closely

Due to its size and shape, there are some practical applications for Deer Lake such as avoiding the channel and swimmers bay which would help ally the aforementioned concerns. Thus, the middle of the larger part of the lake may be more suitable for this type of boating as it allows waves to dissipate before reaching shoreline or watercraft.

Pontoon Party—July 9th

Time to get out on the water and socialize (safe-distancing) with all your fellow neighbors on your boat on Fri., July 9th, at 6 pm.



If your pontoon didn't get out for the boat parade bring it out for the pontoon party, you can always bring any boat, not just pontoons!

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

Road Captains Needed:

We have several vacancies that need to be filled

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- 182nd Ave
- 190th St
- Bayview Drive
- Hwy 35
- Maple Cove
- S Deer Lake Circle (1701-1731A)

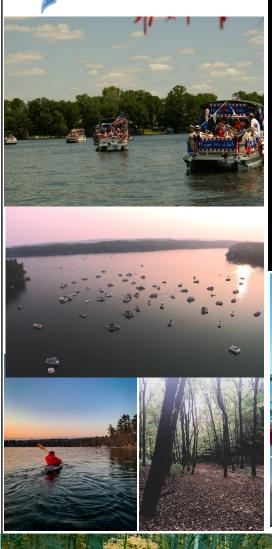
Main duties include handing out the annual directory and informing the DLIA board of new residents. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pam Libertini at 612-578-7163, membership@deerlakewi.com

Deer Lake Improvement Assoc. Dues

A dues statement should have arrived via snail mail or email, please return dues payment promptly if you haven't already.

Thanks in advance!

Reasons We Love Deer Lake













Deer Lake Tales— A Look Back at Deer Lake

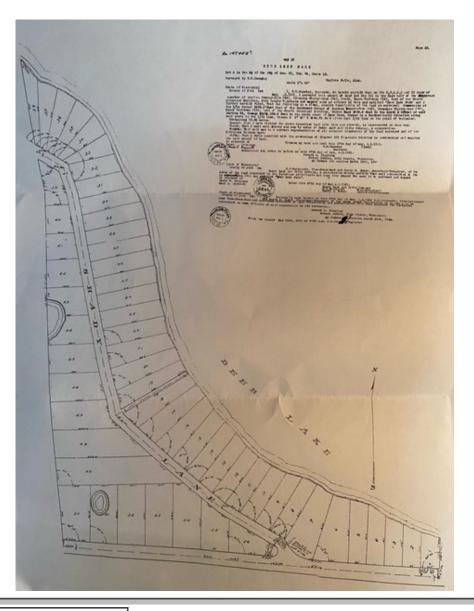
From Durand Blanding

Durand was willing to share with us a piece of history.

To the right is a copy of the plat of Deer Lake Park. Please note that it was filed on May 31, 1921—100 years ago.

The Blanding home has been here for all of those 100 years and there may be others.

Please submit names and photos (if any) of 100+ year residents. Thanks in advance.



Keep Your Information Updated!

To add, change or delete your email or any of your other information please send an email to deerlakeassn@gmail.com or contact any member on the board and we'll update our database.

Information for Deer Lake Tales

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 send them to Laurel Fermanich. Any stories or information is appreciated.

Email: deertales@deerlakewi.com

New Communication Emails

We now have dedicated emails for all the officers/ committees to make it easier to reach us!

You may still use deerlakeassn@gmail.com as the general email for the Association.

- President@deerlakewi.com
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