

## Opening Remarks:

Holy Cow – The weather has changed significantly. It was just a short while ago that ice filled the lake. Now the leaves are returning and the water is warming. Who among you has taken their first plunge? It's a pride thing to get in before June first.

Welcome back to those who come for the summer only. This year is starting off great. I hope to see you at any or all the events. -- Bill

## Septic Secrets Event Thur June 28!

DLA and Itasca Waters are hosting **Septic Secrets** Thur June 28 at Wabana Town

Hall. <https://goo.gl/maps/BhQmZj7hH642>

4pm potluck supper, 5pm seminar. Please mark this event on your calendar and plan to attend. Learn the components of your septic system, how they contribute to clean water, and how to care for and maintain your system so it lasts through or beyond its expected

life. <http://deerlakeassociation.org/MP/images/file/Septic%20Seminar%20Flyer.pdf>

## DLA 2018 Septic Offer

DLA is offering to pay the \$ cost of septic inspections for eligible property owners to help reduce algae in Deer Lake. More

info <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=282026>

## DLA 2018 Shoreland Offer

*\*New this year\** Need help solving for shoreline erosion and water runoff? Like to know what landscape improvements you could make that would contribute to improved Deer Lake water quality? DLA is offering expert consultation services, free and with no obligation. In addition, DLA is also offering cost-share incentives to help you pay for project implementation. More info

<http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=282027>

## DLA FiveStar Initiative

Help keep Deer Lake AIS free. **Please consider patronizing DLA FiveStar lake service providers, marine dealers, and resorts/camps.** They're working hard to keep AIS out, Deer Lake water quality high, and to earn your business.

<http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

## Create a Deer Lake Legacy

The Deer Lake Endowment was initially created by generous Deer Lake benefactors to purchase Bear Island. Now it helps fund clean water and other Deer Lake initiatives in perpetuity. Up to 5% of the endowment can be spent annually on Deer Lake as directed by the DLEAP Committee and DLA Board.

We'd like to grow our Endowment to help us fund clean water initiatives now and into the future.

Please consider remembering Deer Lake in your will or estate plan. Address: DLA Endowment, 36264 Christmas Point Trl, Grand Rapids, MN 55744 More info and a library of examples here <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262012>

## FiveStar Lake Stewardship

By Diana Lieftring

In 2008, volunteers from the Camp Hiawatha community on Deer Lake created a **buffer zone** along part of the camp lakeshore, planting small trees and native flowers like Bees Balm and Joe Pye Weed. The camp received a certificate of recognition in 2009 from ICOLA (Itasca Coalition of Lake Associations) and SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) for this stewardship effort.



It is now ten years later. The buffer zone has thrived, **catching and filtering water runoff, stabilizing the bank, and providing habitat for wildlife.**

Community volunteers join

together each spring at the camp for grounds clean-up, window washing, and buffer renewal (pruning and more plantings). However, spring 2018 was very late with a blanket of frost greeting the crew on the morning of clean-up. New plantings could not be done until June, but there were other buffer renewal tasks that could be done.

Some of the white pine seedlings landed in spots allowing free growth. Other seedlings were not so lucky. They were weakened and choked by faster growing, volunteer shrubs and trees like Alder. Deer grazed on some of the saplings too.



The work crew decided to identify those white pine seedlings that could be saved and helped with orange flags. The volunteers then began work on a procedure called 'tree release'. This involved clearing a 5' radius around each marked tree. And in the fall, the tips of the released trees would be 'clipped' with paper sleeves to prevent any further deer grazing.



Camp Hiawatha has earned DLA's FiveStar designation for their stewardship work. The FiveStar initiative includes Deer Lake resorts and camps that agree to implement safeguards regarding AIS, septics, water runoff, and shoreline erosion. DLA appreciates, celebrates, and is grateful for Camp Hiawatha's stewardship. To learn more about Camp Hiawatha and the DLA FiveStar initiative, please see the DLA web-site. FiveStar initiative. Camp Hiawatha FiveStar page <https://goo.gl/Dy9hqj>

## 2018 DLA Events

June 16, *Saturday*

### **DLA Membership Meeting**

10AM at Camp Hiawatha, Baldwin Commons  
Agenda includes Beautiful DL Water Quality Initiative

June 28, *Thursday*

### **Itasca Waters Septic Meeting and Potluck**

4pm Potluck, 5pm Seminar. Wabana Town Hall.  
Septic system care and maintenance <http://deerlakeassociation.org/MP/images/file/Septic%20Seminar%20Flyer.pdf>

July 14, *Saturday*

### **DLA Potluck and Annual Business Meeting**

4:30pm at Deer River Town Hall  
Agenda includes election of Officers and Board Members, and info about FiveStar, septic, storm-water run-off, and shoreline erosion property owner incentives and initiatives.  
Potluck at 4:30pm, business meeting during dinner.  
*Please bring a dish to serve eight- suggestions: A-J (vegetable dish/salad/ dessert), M-Z (meat/ fish/potato/rice/bean dish)*

**Need to hire someone to install your dock and lift?** Consider a DLA FiveStar lake service provider who takes AIS precautions <https://goo.gl/EeCVQf> .

August 25, *Saturday*

### **DEER LAKE FROLIC**

5pm gather; 6pm-dinner At Camp Hiawatha  
The Annual Deer Lake Frolic will be held at Camp Hiawatha on Saturday, August 25th. Games, food, prizes, silent auction. The Frolic is a great opportunity for the entire Deer Lake community to come together, including residents, guests, and visitors both from Deer Lake and the surrounding communities. The Frolic also serves as the primary annual fundraiser for the DLA. Please mark the date!

September 1, *Saturday*

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

5pm at Camp Hiawatha  
Our END of the SUMMER SOCIAL annual gathering will be on Labor Day weekend. For all Lake families and children, as well as your guests. 5pm Social hour, 6 pm Dinner. Free will offering.

## Creative Endeavors

Planning meeting will be 9am Tue June 12 at Pam Brown's home, 34910 Deer Path Dr.  
Anyone interested welcome. For questions call, Lovelle Meester [612-240-2175](tel:612-240-2175) or Elise Widen [218-246-2708](tel:218-246-2708).

## DLA Road Cleanup:

June 1, Friday

September 8, Saturday

DLA road clean up combines community service and fellowship! Gather 9:30am in Baptist church parking lot. <https://goo.gl/maps/7fd9J5frn5o>  
Cleanup takes about an hour. When we're done we come back to our cabin for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Please call Kerry or Barb Glader if you are able to join us! [218-246-8397](tel:218-246-8397) or [320-761-0195](tel:320-761-0195)

## Bear Island Clean-up

June 8 – Friday 9:00 AM

July 6 – Friday 9:00 AM

August 3 – Friday 9:00 AM

September 6 – Thursday 9:00 AM

**(In the event of rain - 'Rolex' 24 hours)**

Bear Island monthly clean-up is again coordinated by Bob Baker. Bear Island was donated to the State of MN by DLA, who purchased it with contributions from lake residents plus State matching funds. Now it's protected for all to enjoy. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking

trail open and cleaning up any trash left by Mother Nature or people. You can call Bob Baker at 999-5823 to see if it is still planned or just arrive on the south end of the island at 9 AM on the scheduled day. **Bob will not be calling people -- if we have a bad storm during the month -- please give some extra thought to helping.** Bring gloves, wear long pants, and bring any equipment you have (chain saw, clippers, loppers, small saw and/or garbage bag). We hope to see you!

## DLA Golf Scramble

We play once each month at a different course. This is a fun day 9-hole scramble with some light competition. *If spouse/significant others do not play golf, they are welcome to join us for dinner.* - Fees will be negotiated in the Spring and will include 9 holes and 1/2 a cart, all players ride to keep the game moving-- we will collect \$2 per player to go towards prizes -- see schedule as follows: **Please RSVP and do everything possible not to cancel, as it makes team assignments extremely difficult -- Thank you** [tjbogie@paulbunyan.net](mailto:tjbogie@paulbunyan.net) 218-326-3824 or [joanandger@aol.com](mailto:joanandger@aol.com) 218-246-9652  
**NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - JUST GIVE US A CALL!!!**

June 19th --Tuesday - 1 PM @ Blueberry Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf at 6 PM at Cedar Creek Grille RSVP by June 12th

July 17th --Tuesday - 2:30 PM @ Sugar Hills (Rutgers) Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf (approximately 5:30 PM) at Otis Grill RSVP by July 10th

August 21st - Tuesday - 1 PM @ Eagle Ridge Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf at 6 PM at Cedar Creek Grille RSVP by August 14th

September 13th -Thursday - 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner after Golf (approximately 5:30 PM) -- RSVP by September 6th

**Need boat or engine service from a marine dealer?** Consider a DLA FiveStar marine dealer who takes AIS precautions. <https://goo.gl/zE8YaN>

## “Deer Readers” Book Club

**June 26**, Tues: Colin Woodward, AMERICAN NATIONS: at Peltons on Moose Lake. Leaders: Alice and David Stark

**July 24**, Tues: Al Franken: GIANT OF THE SENATE at Mariers. Leader: Abby Marier

**Aug 28**, Tues: J. D. Vance, HILLBILLY ELEGY at Grimsruds on Amen Lake. Leader: Dave Johnson

**Sept 11**, Tues: Frederick Backman, A MAN CALLED OVE, at Arderys. Leader: Jan Hill

Sessions begin at 4pm. At about 6pm we adjourn to go out to dinner, most often to Cedar Creek Grille. Please RSVP to David Johnson so our hosts know how many to expect and we can make dinner reservations for those planning to attend. [johnsond@umn.edu](mailto:johnsond@umn.edu) Please contact David with questions.

**Need space** for a meeting, family reunion, retreat, family celebration or other special event? Want to send your child or grandchild to camp on Deer Lake? Consider Camp Hiawatha <https://goo.gl/Dy9hqj>

## DLA Membership Request:

We invite you to join or renew your DLA Membership. [Join the DLA](#)

## Key Links:

**DLA**

**Website:** <http://deerlakeassociation.org>

**Facebook:** “Deer Lake Association”

Simply request to become a member of the ‘Closed Group’ or have someone invite you directly. It is a fun way to share information as well as pictures. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426038024368278/>

**Twitter:** [@BeautifulDeerLK](#)

**Quote:** “The longer I live, the more I read, the more patiently I think, and the more anxiously I inquire, the less I seem to know...Do justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly. This is enough.”

— John Adams

