

Opening Remarks:

July has brought some absolutely gorgeous days. The water has warmed up to a perfect temperature. The fishing has been exceptional. Well, at least for me – sorry dad. (He is getting older and his hands are not what they used to be). I have recently also noticed some beautiful sailboats out on the water.

August brings thoughts of the season ending. Many have kids needing to return to school. Others need to return to work and normalcy. Sadly, our summers are shorter than desired. Regardless, I hope that you enjoy the rest of the time here on Deer. **(Come to the Deer Lake Frolic Thur Aug 15!)**

-- Bill Routt

Thank You, Bill

Thank you Bill Routt for preparing the DLA newsletter for the past several years! Bill is retiring from newsletter duty ... if you are interested in serving in this volunteer role for 2020 please send a note to beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com

DEER LAKE FROLIC

Please join us 5pm Thursday, August 15 at Camp Hiawatha. Dinner Tickets \$12, children age 6 and under free. All welcome.

We'll cook for you and your guests! Grilled Chicken, corn-on-the-cob, corn bread, salad, and DQ ice cream treats for dessert! <https://goo.gl/maps/gn7ziSvNufu>

We will be serving lemonade and coffee at the Thur Aug 15 DLA Frolic. If you plan to bring your own beverages please know that Camp Hiawatha has a **new alcohol policy** this year. Attendees are allowed to bring beer in cans only (no beer bottles), and wine (wine bottles okay). Hard liquor not allowed. Thank you for your understanding and for respecting Camp Hiawatha policy.

If you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing Frolic tickets anyway in order to support DLA's water quality work!

Best to buy dinner tickets in advance so we can create a good estimate for food. **Dinner tickets available from DLA Board Members, Neighborhood Communicators, from beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com, or at the door.**

2019 \$\$ Septic and Shoreland Incentives

DLA raised funds and offers to partner with Deer Lake property owners during 2019:

1. DLA offers to pay the cost for voluntary septic compliance inspections for eligible property owners with systems 15+ years old.

2. For those whose systems fail that voluntary inspection, three incentives totaling up to \$6000+ are available:
 - DLA offers to write you a cost-share check for 10% of the cost of your septic replacement up to **\$2000**.
 - A local reputable licensed septic installer is offering a **\$1000** discount to his usual fee.
 - Itasca County is offering zero-interest 10-year-term loans for eligible property owner septic replacements. Loans are secured by the property itself and paid back through the property tax process. Interest savings compared to a conventional loan could total **\$3000+**.
3. DLA offers you a disinterested shoreland expert to provide an assessment and options to reduce or eliminate rainwater runoff and shoreline erosion. **Free and no obligation.**
4. DLA offers to write you a cost-share check for 25% of project cost up to **\$1000** to help you pay for an eligible runoff or erosion mitigation project.

Funds are limited. Please contact beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com to learn more and determine if your property is eligible.

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Deer Lake Station

DLA is constructing an aquatic invasives prevention station at the Deer Lake public access. Deer Lake Station provides tools to help arriving and departing boaters perform Clean, Drain, Dispose, and Dry as required by law. Fresh rinse-water and hand-tools are available to help boaters clean and flush the mud, weeds, and standing water from boats and trailers that transport invasives from one lake or river to another. The Station also provides tools meant only for use by the Itasca AIS Inspection Program, including 140°+ decontaminating hot water. DLA thanks **Fidely Bros Well Drilling/**Kevin and Troy Fidely, and **S&S Excavating/**Corey Salisbury, **Pokegama Electric/**Dwight Flohaug, and **Mark Wohlrahe/Deer River Plumbing & Heating** for their work constructing the Station. Station powered by **Lake Country Power** wind energy

Create a Deer Lake Legacy

Up to 5% of Deer Lake Legacy Investment Fund assets can be spent annually on Deer Lake. For example, that's the source of funding for additional inspection hours at the public access. We'd like to grow our Legacy Fund for clean water initiatives now and into the future. Please consider a *planned*

gift to this fund. Planned gifts can be immediate or accomplished through a will or estate plan. A planned gift can provide a current income tax deduction, can enable you to avoid capital gains tax, and can reduce your estate taxes. **There are many ways to create a Deer Lake legacy without writing a check.** Examples include:

1. From an IRA if age 70½+
2. Appreciated stock
3. Donor advised fund
4. Beneficiary designations
5. Life insurance
6. Charitable Trust, Charitable Lead Trust, Charitable Remainder Trust.

Deer Lake Association of Itasca County, 36264 Christmas Point Trl, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. More info and a library of examples here <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262012>

If you are interested in making a planned gift or learning more, please send a note to beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com

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Frolic Silent Auction

Deer Lake Frolic is Thur Aug 15. **Please consider donating items for our Silent Auction.** Examples include created or purchased works of art, including paintings, photographs, pottery, jewelry; handcrafted items of value such as quilts or knitting; creative gift baskets, antique furniture, other treasures from your cabin that someone else could use, or services provided. We're especially looking for items that might sell for \$100 or more. Examples of services could include air-plane-ride, chef-for-an-evening, fishing guide-service, etc. Frolic attendees bid on these items during the Frolic, with highest bid winning the item. Funds go to DLA. Donor can set a minimum bid. We ask only that if your Silent Auction item does not sell you take it home with you at the conclusion of the Frolic. If interested in donating, pls send a note to beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com

2019 DLA Events

August 15, Thursday

DEER LAKE FROLIC

5pm gather; 6pm-dinner at Camp Hiawatha

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Bear Island Trail Maintenance

August 9 – Friday 9:00 AM

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

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 and available for all to enjoy. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking trail open and cleaning up trash left by Mother Nature or people. Paul Askegaard will provide coffee/donuts. RSVP not necessary, just arrive on the south end of the Island at 9am on the scheduled day. If conditions are questionable, call Paul at 651-230-3361. **Please volunteer, especially if we have a bad storm during the month.** Bring gloves, wear long pants and bug spray, and bring any equipment you have (chain saw, clippers, loppers, small saw and/or garbage bag). We hope to see you!

DLA Hwy 62 Clean-up:

September 7, Saturday

Coordinated again this year by Barb and Kerry Glader. Please join us for DLA Hwy 62 clean-up where we combine community service and fellowship! Gather in the parking lot of the Baptist Church at 9:30 am, corner of Hwys 62 and 177 on the east side of Deer

Lake. <https://goo.gl/maps/7fd9J5frn5o>

Clean-up takes about an hour. Afterward, you're invited to Barb and Kerry's cabin for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Please call Kerry or Barb if you're able to join us! [218-246-8397](tel:218-246-8397) or [320-761-0195](tel:320-761-0195).

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 -- we look forward to seeing you!**

tjbogie@paulbunyan.net 218-326-3824
or joanandger@aol.com 218-246-9652

NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - JUST GIVE US A CALL!!!

August 13th - Tuesday - 1 PM @ Eagle Ridge Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf at 6 PM at Cedar Creek Grille -- RSVP by August 6th

September 10th -Tuesday - 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner after Golf @ Forest Lake (approximately 6:15 PM) -- RSVP by September 3rd

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

- **August 20**, Tues: Joseph Heller, Catch 22 at Jan Hill's (pot luck dinner). Leader: Don Ardery
- **September 11, Wed at 3pm**: Terri-Lynne DeFino, The Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers (And Their Muses) at Grimsruds on Amen Lake. (dinner afterwards at Cedar Creek) Leader: Ellen Ardery

Sessions begin at 4pm, except the September session, which starts at 3pm. Following May and September meetings we adjourn about 6pm to go out for dinner at Cedar Creek Grille. For June, July, and August, instead of going out for dinner, we have either a pot luck (June and August) or extended appetizers (July). Please RSVP to Alice Stark for each meeting so our hosts know how many to expect and so we can make dinner reservations (May and Sept) for those planning to attend. adstark@goldengate.net Please contact Alice with questions.

DLA Board Meetings Calendar:

Aug 15, Thur 3pm set-up DLA **Frolic**.

DLA Membership Request:

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

Key DLA Links:

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

Beautiful Deer Lake Water Quality Initiative <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=221974>

DLA FiveStar Service Providers
<http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

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

