

DLA and Covid-19

DLA has modified or cancelled scheduled DLA events, service projects, and community activities. See the 2020 DLA Events Schedule section below for changes. Stay safe and stay well!

DLA August Virtual Garage Sale

Have extra stuff you no longer need? Announcing **DLA's Clean-Out-Your-Cabin Virtual Garage Sale!** Clean out your cabin/garage and support DLA during the month of August. Proceeds go to support DLA's water quality and other important work. Here's how it works: identify stuff, post free ad on DLA Facebook, sell stuff, donate proceeds to DLA. More detail: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ck3ITW_S2f8pLABQ_NY_JYBXPd7gVFPiV/view?usp=sharing
Thank you for your generosity!

Firewise

DLA Firewise is happening this year! August 17 deadline for tracking forms. August 24-27 pickup for both North and South. For more information including a description of Firewise, please see <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=11054>

DLA Newsletter Editor

DLA needs a Newsletter editor for our 2021 season. If you or anyone you know are interested please send a note to beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com
DLA publishes four newsletters per year: April, June, July, and August.

2020 Deer Lake Non-Frolic

After thoughtful consideration, DLA decided it's best to **cancel our annual Deer Lake Frolic** this summer at Camp Hiawatha. We plan to host the Frolic again in 2021.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation in lieu of purchasing Frolic tickets this year. **Thanks to all who have already donated!** Donate online with a credit or debit card <https://bit.ly/DonateDeerLake>
DLA's paper-check address is DLA, 36264 Christmas Point Trl, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. For more info <https://bit.ly/2020NonFrolic>.

FiveStar Initiative

FiveStar lake service providers that install/remove docks/lifts seasonally:

- **Grand Rapids Marine** 218-326-0351
- **Thousand Lakes Dock & Lift** 218-398-7553
- **JJ's Barge Service** 218-244-5194
- **Northland Lake Svcs/Chad Schumacher** 218-256-9691
- **Matt Almquist/38Outpost** 218-259-9997
- **Paul Grooms/Grooms Property** 218-259-2157

DLA asks you to move your business to a FiveStar dock installer this fall.

Dock installers can unwittingly infest Deer Lake with invasives (AIS) when coming here from infested waters. FiveStar providers are DNR-certified, sign a contract agreeing to apply additional AIS safeguards, and agree to help us disseminate best practices. **Learn more about FiveStar** <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

FiveStar Landscape Firms

Landscape firms performing Permitted work along your shoreline must be careful to avoid transporting invasives (AIS) via barges and other machinery and gear when they move from one lake or river to Deer Lake and your shoreline. **FiveStar landscapers** are DNR-certified, apply additional AIS-prevention safeguards, allow us to review their operations, and agree to help identify and disseminate AIS best practices. If you're hiring a landscape firm this year, **please request bids from FiveStar Landscapers**

- [Lange Nursery & Landscape](#) 218-380-6939
- [McNeil Excavating](#) 218-259-6364
- [J.V. Tree and Landscaping](#) 866-232-5183 or 612-987-9992

Learn more info about Landscapers, the Itasca FiveStar Initiative, and other FiveStar providers: <http://bit.ly/FiveStarLSPs>

Create a Deer Lake Legacy

Up to 5% of Deer Lake Legacy Investment Fund assets can be spent annually on Deer Lake. Right now, that's the funding source 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 Gift Annuity or 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>

2020 \$\$ Septic Incentives

Approximately 40% of septic systems 20+ years of age are material contributors to the ongoing greening of Deer Lake, loading phosphorus, other nutrients, and pathogens into the lake. Phosphorus reduces water clarity and drives the growth of green algae and undesirable lake weeds. There is a simple inspection test you can order to determine if your system is among this 40%. DLA will pay the cost of your inspection and is offering \$ thousands in replacement incentives for those who fail inspection. Send a note to beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com to find out more. Residential, commercial, and seasonal properties eligible.

2020 \$\$ Shoreland Incentives

Rainwater runoff and shoreline erosion from Deer Lake properties are also material contributors to the ongoing greening of Deer Lake. Again, it's phosphorus that serves as the main nutrient driving the growth of green algae and undesirable weeds. Help keep Deer Lake blue. Fortunately there are many ways for property owners to accomplish recreational and aesthetic objectives on your property while reducing the amount of phosphorus loading into the lake.

DLA offers you a **disinterested shoreland expert** to provide you an assessment and options to reduce or eliminate rainwater runoff and shoreline erosion. This assessment is **free** and comes with **no obligation**. DLA also offers up to \$1000 in implementation incentives.

Contact beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com to learn more and determine if your property is eligible.

If you are among the growing number of Deer Lake property owners who've undergone a septic inspection or received a shoreland assessment, you can help by talking to your neighbors about the role septic, rainwater runoff, and shoreline erosion play in Deer Lake water clarity.

Help Prevent Aquatic Invasives in Deer Lake

Deer Lake is under increasing pressure because the number of lakes around us infested with invasive plants and animals is increasing. Our public access inspection program has stopped numerous likely infestations, but inspectors can't be there 24/7 and the public access is only one entry path among many.

All of us have a prevention role, including property owners, anglers, recreational boaters, resorts, and the businesses that serve us, including dock installers, marine dealers, landscape firms, rental firms, bait shops and similar.

How Property Owners can help:

- Know which waters are infested <http://www.eddmaps.org/midwest/tools/infestedwaters/map.cfm?showheader=1>
- Practice **Clean, Drain, Dispose and Dry** – remove drain plugs, then remove mud, weeds, and standing water when exiting any landing.
- Know whether your or your guests' owned or rented boats and gear have been in infested waters prior to launch in Deer Lake. If you don't know for sure, *assume waters are infested*.
- **Drain and dry boats and trailers in the sun for at least 5 days**, remove AIS manually, or decontaminate with very hot water - 140° for 10 seconds or 120° for two minutes when exiting infested waters. More info about decontamination below
- **Dry lifts/docks at least 21 days** before moving from one lake or river to another.
- **Don't let others use your private launch** unless you know where their boats have been. Owners can many times prevent unauthorized private ramp use when absent by strategically placing docks, lifts, and trailers so that others can't use the launch.
- Patronize **FiveStar** service providers when you:
 - Install/remove dock/lift
 - Service boat and engine
 - Rent trailers, boats, and gear
 - Purchase used gear /equipment
 - Hire a landscaper
 - Refer family or guests to a local resort<http://bit.ly/FiveStarLSPs>

Deer Lake Station

Deer Lake Station is open for your use 24/7. The Station provides self-service tools to help arriving and departing boaters perform Clean, Drain, Dispose, and Dry as required by law. Fresh rinse-water and hand-tools help boaters clean and flush the mud, weeds, and standing water from boats, trailers, and gear that transport invasives from one lake or river to another. Lights enable Station operation at night. The Waders rack makes it easy to rinse gear. The Station also provides tools for use only by the Itasca AIS Inspection Program, including 140°+ decontaminating hot water. <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=312044>

Decontamination

If your boat or your guest's boat may have been in infested waters, **dry boats, trailers, and gear in the sun for at least five days before launching into Deer Lake**. If you don't know whether waters are infested, find out. Or *assume the waters are infested*. If you or your guest do not have five days, then **decontaminate**. Decontamination includes applying 140° hot water for 10 seconds or 120° hot

water for two minutes. **If you or your guest need or want a hot-water decontamination, call 218-256-4243 or request a decon from the inspector at Deer Lake public access.** Depending upon staffing that day, the inspector will perform the decon for you at Deer Lake Station or will call for a trained professional to be sent over to Deer Lake Station to perform the decon. Otherwise we'll direct you to the nearest staffed mobile decon station. **218-256-4243**

Need boat or engine service from a marine dealer? Choose a FiveStar marine dealer like Ray's Marine or Grand Rapids Marine who takes AIS prevention seriously. <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

Camp Hiawatha

DLA is supportive to, dependent upon, and grateful and thankful for our beneficial partnership with Camp Hiawatha (CH). Many DLA members engage with CH in various ways throughout the summer. Some of these interactions change with covid-19. While CH is currently closed to campers, certain facilities of the camp can be open for use this summer by Deer Lake property owners, guests, and area residents under specific conditions and with advance notice or permission. These can include pickleball, walks, hikes, cabin rental for guests, online worship services, project volunteers, and possibly the availability of curb-side or dock-side pick-up of home-cooked food if there's enough interest. Please click here for more info. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1abvtFQnBD6p-ToQHax9hH850-3umjl3U/view?usp=sharing>

2020 DLA Events

Bear Island Trail Maintenance

August 7 – Friday 9:00 AM

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

Bear Island Trail Maintenance will continue as scheduled despite covid-19 using social distancing procedures, including maintaining 6' distance outdoors. Coordinated again this year by Paul Askegaard. Bear Island was donated to the State of MN by DLA, who purchased it with donations from lake residents plus State matching funds. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking trail open and removing trash. 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). Paul will provide coffee/donuts. Hope to see you there!

DLA Hwy 62 Clean-up:

September 12, Saturday

SUBJECT TO CHANGE Coordinated again this year by Barb and Kerry Glader. Please join us for DLA Hwy 62 clean-up. Gather in the Baptist Church parking lot at 9:30am, corner of Hwys 62 and 177. <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're **modifying** DLA Golf for 2020 to meet social distancing and other MN Dept of Health requirements. Please contact Trish or Joan to learn more. \$2 per player prize money – Teams sent on Sunday before play

August 11th -- 1 PM -- \$22 + tax inc. cart (everybody rides). Golf Course: Eagle Ridge
Dinner: 5:30 PM Cedar Creek Grille - - **Subject to change** due to Covid-19 RSVP by: August 7th joanandger@aol.com or tjbogie@paulbunyan.net

September 8th -- 2:30PM-- \$22 + tax inc. cart (everybody rides). Golf Course: Pokegama

Dinner: Forest Lake after golf – **Subject to change** due to Covid-19. RSVP by: September 5th joanandger@aol.com or tjbogie@paulbunyan.net

DLA Deer Readers Book Club

Tue August 18, 3:30pm via Zoom (earlier start time so we can select books for summer 2021). Book: In the Midst of Winter. Author: Isabel Allende. Leaders: Don & Abby Marier.

Wed September 9, 4pm via Zoom. Book: Where the Crawdads Sing. Author: Delia Owens. Leader: Jo Landwer.

Deer Readers meetings begin at 4pm except the August session, which starts at 3:30pm. Contact Alice with questions adstark@goldengate.net