

DLA and Covid-19

DLA has modified or cancelled scheduled DLA events, service projects, and community activities. See the Schedule section below to learn more about what's changed.

DLA's Water Quality Initiative

DLA is working to keep invasives out and to reduce the amount of phosphorus running into Deer Lake. This effort is called the Beautiful Deer Lake Water Quality Initiative. These efforts are moving forward despite covid-19.

Phosphorus is a nutrient that causes green algae and undesirable weed growth. Deer Lake is highly sensitive to phosphorus loading, meaning that additional phosphorus causes a disproportionate decrease in water quality. *Just 50 lbs. of additional phosphorus would decrease Deer Lake water clarity by as much as 12" throughout the entire lake.* The good news is that this sensitivity also means that *if we reduce the amount of phosphorus entering the lake, water quality will increase disproportionately.*

People often associate lake water quality problems with large-scale agriculture, forestry, urban development, or industrial practices. But the truth is that **property owner actions have a significant impact on lake water quality.** The impact of land use decisions on one lake lot may be relatively small, yet the cumulative impact of small decisions on many lake lots can result in a significant decline in water quality.

You can help reduce the amount of phosphorus running into Deer Lake. Deer Lake water quality has remained as good as it is because Deer Lake property owners and others *for generations* have been willing to apply best practices.

- Maintain or re-establish forested shoreline and 50' of vegetative buffer along lakeshore and tributaries. Buffers filter phosphorus and other nutrients from rain water before it runs into the lake, driving algae and undesirable weed growth.
- Keep natural shoreline ice-ridges or establish a low berm. Ice ridges and low berms filter rain-water before runoff feeds phosphorus and other nutrients into the lake.
- Repair shoreline and tributary erosion because soils entering the lake contain phosphorus and other nutrients
- Pump your septic tank every 3 years or as recommended by your pumping service
- Order a septic compliance inspection every 5-10 years once your system is 15+ years old.

DLA can help. See **DLA \$\$ incentive offers below** *Your individual action may make the difference.*

2020 \$\$ Septic and Shoreland Incentives

DLA raised funds and offers to partner with Deer Lake property owners during 2020:

1. DLA offers to pay the cost for eligible property owner septic compliance inspections.
2. For those whose systems fail that inspection, DLA offers up to \$2500 in septic replacement incentives for eligible property owners.
3. DLA has arranged for **zero-interest 10-year-term loans** for septic replacements through Itasca County. These loans are paid back through the property tax system.
4. DLA offers a disinterested shoreland expert to provide property owners an assessment and options to reduce or eliminate runoff and erosion. **Free and no obligation.**
5. DLA offers to write you a cost-share check for up to \$1000 to help you pay for an eligible rainwater runoff or erosion mitigation project.

Please contact beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com to learn more about these offers or see DLA web-site.

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 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 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>

Help Prevent Aquatic Invasives in Deer Lake

- 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. **Deer Lake Station open 24/7.**
- **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. DLA also offers to produce and pay for a sign customized to property owner needs and specifications.
- Patronize **FiveStar** service providers when you:
 - Install/remove dock/lift
 - Service boat and engine
 - Rent trailers, boats, and gear
 - Purchase used gear /equipment<http://bit.ly/FiveStarLSPs>

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 spring and 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>

Planning to hire your dock/lift installation this spring? Move your business to a FiveStar lake service provider who takes AIS prevention seriously. <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

Firewise

DLA is in touch with the local Itasca County Firewise leaders. At this writing, Firewise brush pick-up for 2020 is still pending. We will let you know when we hear something one way or the other.

Deer Lake Station

Deer Lake Station is open for your use 24/7. The 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 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. Lights enable Station operation at night. The Station also provides tools for use only by the Itasca AIS Inspection Program, including 140°+ decontaminating hot water.

2020 DLA Events

June 13, *Saturday*

DLA Membership Meeting

DLA Membership Meeting has been **cancelled** for 2020. This meeting was to have included a presentation by the U of MN Raptor Center. We hope to reschedule the Raptor Center for 2021.

July 11, *Saturday*

Stay tuned ... DLA is trying to determine whether we can hold or modify this event during 2020.

****Back this year** Deer Lake Pontoon Nature Talk**

6pm. Jeff Hines, retired DNR Wildlife Manager and Deer Lake resident will lead a Pontoon Nature Talk and tour of Deer Lake. **Please RSVP** to Elise Widen at e.widen70@gmail.com. If you can drive your pontoon for this event, please let Elise know in your RSVP. Elise will organize attendees, an appropriate number of pontoons, and a meeting spot. Event will be postponed if weather is inclement. Check your email the day of the event

July 17, *Friday*

Stay tuned ... DLA is trying to determine whether we can hold or modify this event during 2020.

**** New this year** Music on the Lawn**

and DLA Spaghetti Dinner/Annual Business Meeting

5pm DLA Business Meeting, 5:30pm Spaghetti Dinner, 6:30pm Music on the Lawn. At Camp Hiawatha. Musical guests TBD! Free-will offering at dinner for DLA, free-will offering during Music on the Lawn for Camp Hiawatha.

August 13, *Thursday*

Stay tuned ... DLA is trying to determine whether we can hold or modify this event during 2020.

DEER LAKE FROLIC

5pm gather; 6pm-dinner at *Camp Hiawatha*

Music, games, food, 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. All are welcome! The

Frolic also serves as the primary annual fundraiser for DLA. **Please mark the date & plan to attend!**

DLA Yoga via Zoom

**** New this year****

11am-Noon for eight summer Wednesdays, June 24th-August 19th (no class on July 1st). Cost is \$60 for 8 classes. **RSVP Required.** Minimum sign-ups required for class to go forward is 6. Yoga led by Liz Power Hawkinson, new DLA member and Deer Lake property owner. Liz has been a registered yoga teacher since 2000. Liz is planning to teach gentler classes, with a focus on balance, flexibility, and bone/muscle strength. Beginners welcome. Liz has taught in studios, at an active retirement community, and at Mayo Clinic Health System, where she was employed prior to retiring. For more information and to reserve your spot in the class, contact Liz directly at lizpower.873@gmail.com

DLA Acoustic Music Group

**** New this year****

The in-person version we'd originally envisioned for DLA Music Group is on **indefinite hold** for 2020 because of covid-19. Kelley Manbeck will, however, hold a **Zoom version of DLA Music on Tue June 2nd at 7pm.** Open both to musicians and non-performers who would like to listen-in. While Zoom does not work well for jam sessions, it may work for one-at-a-time performances. If you are interested in participating in the Zoom session, please send a note to Kelley who will send you a link to join the Zoom. More info on DLA website <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=312062> Contact Kelley Manbeck directly with questions or suggestions km2km3@yahoo.com

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>

Bear Island Trail Maintenance

June 12 – Friday 9:00 AM

July 10 – Friday 9:00 AM

August 7 – Friday 9:00 AM

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

Bear Island Trail Maintenance will continue as scheduled 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!

Creative Endeavors

Creative Endeavors has been put on indefinite hold due to covid-19. The planning meeting scheduled for Tue June 16th has been **cancelled.** For questions call, Lovelle Meester [612-240-2175](tel:612-240-2175) or Elise Widen [218-246-2708](tel:218-246-2708). More info about Creative endeavors <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=8966>

DLA Hwy 62 Clean-up:

September 12, 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 **SUBJECT TO CHANGE** due to covid-19 <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. PLAY IS 2nd or 3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH Tee Times Start at 2:30 PM at Pokegama and 1 PM when at Blueberry or Eagle Ridge -- \$1.00 per player prize money – Teams sent on Sunday before play

Please RSVP and do everything possible not to cancel as it makes team assignments extremely difficult – Thank you and look forward to golf!!

June 16TH - 1 PM -- \$20 + tax inc. cart (everybody rides). Golf Course: Blueberry
Dinner: Cedar Creek Grille – 5:30 PM – Subject to change due to Covid-19. RSVP by: June 12th joanandger@aol.com or tjboogie@paulbunyan.net

July 21st 2:30PM -- \$19 + tax inc. cart (everybody rides). Course: Pokegama

Dinner: Pickled Loon after Golf – Subject to change due to Covid -19. RSVP by: July 17th joanandger@aol.com or tjbogie@paulbunyan.net

August 11th -- 1 PM -- \$23.99 + 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-- \$19 + 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 via Zoom

Tue June 23, 4pm via Zoom. Book: The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World. Authors: Dali Lama, Desmond Tutu, Douglas Abrams. Leader: Alice Stark.

Tue July 28, 4pm via Zoom. Book: The Alice Network. Author: Kate Quinn. Leader: Mary Helen Pelton

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. Please contact Alice with questions adstark@goldengate.net

DLA Board Openings

This note serves an official call for nominations for persons to serve on the DLA Board of Directors. Any current member may serve. Directors serve a three-year term and may be re-elected once. Elections are at the July DLA Business Meeting. Two positions are open in July 2020 with another open July 2021. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on the DLA Board, please send a note to beautifuldeerlake@gmail.com

