



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | April 2024



Well, we did get ice on the lake this winter, but not consistent enough to run the “ice-out” contest this year. Here’s the view of Zoski on March 24- resulting in several days of power outages. More snow is on its way this week...

NEWS from the LAKE:

- Flocks of migrating waterfowl came through while there was still significant ice- the common mergansers are staying for a while; the North Cove male loon arrived a few days ago. NH Lakes and the Loon Preservation Committee presented an interesting program [Surviving the Cold: An Inside Look at Loons in Winter](#) – you can watch from this link.
- Glenn reported “ice out” to the state as March 8. He explained that he confers with Henry Bozek and Pete Williams to determine the date -- the measure is when there is open water allowing a boat to travel from the island parking lot off Lake Shore to the dam. Glenn further noted this is the earliest he has ever seen the boards installed at the dam. With all the melting and run-off, the lake is fairly full already. FYI- “Ice out” in 2023 was April 11.
- Now that unusual weather patterns are becoming more of the norm, varying lake levels could be a greater concern for a variety of environmental issues. This [article](#) spells out some potential problems for all of us to consider. The Deering Conservation Commission is researching chloride levels in streams and wells this year; Gary Samuels will present the ConComm project at our May meeting.
- Elizabeth Lanier has been hired as the 2024 Lake Host program coordinator after serving as a Deering Lake Host the past two years. We have 2 lake hosts returning and Elizabeth is in the process of hiring a third.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

- **The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, May, 4** leaving at 9am from the town hall. Plan to arrive early to get a vest and to be assigned a team. We (the DLIA) do about 2 miles along Deering Center Road; it usually takes about an hour. Hope to see you there—remember your gloves and bug spray! Thanks to Glenn and Carole Clark for running this service 3 times every year.
- **This has been another busy legislative session in Concord.** The NH Lakes organization (which DLIA members support through annual donations), advocates for laws and policies that affect our lake quality and safety. Priority lake-related bills can be tracked for the NH House and Senate [here](#). Core issues continue to be Aquatic Invasive Species and Management (supporting Lake Host initiatives among others); Polluted Run-off Water (Deering Conservation Commission targeted concern in 2024); Shoreland and Wetland Protection. [NH Lakes](#) offers a variety of email news updates to keep you informed.
- **Mark your calendars: the 2024 Lakes Conference is scheduled for Friday, June 6 in Meredith.** The 2024 theme is [“Communities Working Together for Resilient Lakes”](#)—this is a topic that is particularly important this year with the work the Deering Conservation Commission is doing towards water quality. It’s a bit early to register, but it does fill up quickly.
- **Deering is Celebrating its 250th!** Keep your calendars open for the weekend of July 19-21—this is the official weekend for all the celebratory events. We don’t have a full schedule as of this writing, but included in the festivities is a barbeque, and a concert by Tom Rush at the airport. Stay tuned for more info!
- **The Schoolhouse/Library will reopen on May 18, with Saturday hours from 10-1pm.** There will be many free programs including a talk on antique silver; bird photography; a biodiversity talk/walk; program on gems and minerals; learning to paint outdoors. Watch the town calendar or Deering NH Public Library FaceBook page for more info.
- There are several events upcoming in the town of Deering – ***all are free of charge:***
 - New Hampshire Storyteller **Rebecca Rule** will be entertaining us in Town Hall THIS Saturday, April 6 at 2pm. All are invited!
 - Monthly Breakfasts at Deering Community Church are continuing – the second Saturday of the month. Really good! All are welcome!
 - The Deering Historical Society is back in business! If you would like to be included on their mailing list, contact DeeringHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.
 - The Schoolhouse Library is having a meeting of volunteers on Weds, April 24 at 6:30pm at Town Hall. Come meet neighbors and help with our volunteer run-library.
 - “Eyes of the Wild”, a program on hawks and owls presented by the Squam Science Center will be presented on June 29th at 2pm at Town Hall. Sponsored by Deering Public Library.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

- **Our meetings for 2023 will begin promptly at 9am on May 25, July 6, and August 31.** Grab a nametag, coffee and donut and come early to catch up with neighbors, renew your membership, and buy Deering swag. Doors will be open by 8 (coffee should be ready by 8:30).

- **Fire Permits will be available at the May meeting.** Members of the Deering Fire squad will be available beginning around 8:30 am. There is no cost, but **you will need ID (you don't need proof of Deering residence.)** If you can't make the meeting you can contact the Fire Chief at firechief@deering.nh.us to arrange a time to get one.

- **Our speaker lineup for 2024 meetings:**

May – Gary Samuels of the Deering Conservation Commission will present “Deering's Water Quality: Your Lake, Your Well”.

July - TBE—if anyone has a suggestion, please contact [Barbara Larmond](#)

September – Eric Simon, Deering Resident and New England College biology professor will present a program “The Science Behind Fall Foliage (why/when the leaves change)”, accompanied by his Deering photography.

- **The DLIA Social Committee has been hard at work! Here's the schedule for 2024:**

Sunday, June 2 - 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM: Spring Fling Brunch (may be renamed or themed this year).

Saturday, June 29 - 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM: 2nd Annual Home, Garden + Art Tour

Saturday, July 13 - Deering Diners' Club #1

Saturday, August 10 (or the 17th) in the afternoon: Family Fun Event

Friday, August 23 Deering Diners' Club #2

Saturday, September 21 - 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM: 4th Annual Harvest Happy Hour

- **We will be issuing a revised Lake Directory this summer.** We hope to list as many lakefront residents with names, Deering street addresses, phone and email contact as we can determine. One copy will be free to each member household; should you like a second they can be purchased for \$10 (while supplies last). If you have changes/corrections/updates- or know of new neighbors on the lake- please let us know at dliamembership@gmail.com .

• **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** You have a great DLIA Council... but they can't do it all! Please consider joining your neighbors by contributing to ideas (and time) to one of these openings:

- **DLIA Vice President**—a 2-year term, followed by a 2-year term as President. Many of your neighbors have served... perhaps now is the time for your to join our enthusiastic team!
- **DLIA Webmaster** – [Betsy](#) has not been able to keep up with all the info on the website – she's very happy to train someone to take this over.
- **The Social Committee** has become so successful that more committee members are needed! Please contact [Donna Raoust](#) to join in.

Dates to remember: Fill up your summer! DLIA events listed in "BOLD"

April 6: Rebecca Rule Town Hall 2pm

May 4: Roadside Cleanup 9am Town Hall

May 2: Deering Public Library will be open at the Schoolhouse every Saturday 10-1

May 25: DLIA May meeting – renew your membership and update directory. 9am Town Hall. Coffee and donuts by 8:30.

May 26: Boat Parade celebrating the start of summer – leave from Larmond dock, North Cove 6pm

May 28: Loon Biologist visit

June 2: Spring Fling Brunch

June 17: Loon Biologist visit

June 29: "Eyes of the Wild" Owl and Hawk program, Town Hall 2pm

June 29: Home, Garden and Art Tour

July 13: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

July 13: DLIA July meeting 9am Town Hall—slate of officers presented; directory distributed (tentative)

July 13: Deering Diners' Club

July 19-21: Deering 250th Celebration weekend

July 20: Roadside Cleanup 9am Town Hall

Aug 10: Family Fun Event (Tentative date)

Aug 10: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

Aug 31: DLIA Labor Day meeting 9am Town Hall. Election of officers

Sept 1: Boat Parade closing Summer 2024

Oct 5: Roadside Cleanup 9am Town Hall

Hoping the power doesn't go off again this week -- can't wait for the summer!

Betsy Holmes

DLIA Past President

Membership Committee