



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | May 2022



Photo credit: Glenn Clark. North Cove loons on the nest as of May 14, 2022

We are excited to have everyone back on the lake! Read on below for updates on Council work as well news from around the lake.

NEWS from the LAKE:

- The loons in North Cove are on the nest, and the protective notice is up – thank you Glenn Clark. Please do not disturb. The West pair were seen swimming together earlier this week.
- Yes, there is a Bald Eagle Nest on the lake -- on Driftwood Island. Please give the area wide berth.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

- **Our first meetings for 2022 will begin promptly at 9am on May 28.** Coffee and donuts are back! Plan to come early to catch up with neighbors, renew your membership, buy Deering swag. Doors will be open by 8 (coffee should be ready by 8:30). Our speaker will be Chris Wells, Executive Director of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC). The minutes from the last meeting of 2021 are attached; we are reducing paper! FYI before our vote.

- **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 Fire Chief Jeffery LeBlanc at firechief@deering.nh.us or cell# 603-831-2844 to arrange a time to get one.
- **Septic pump-outs and inspections are required every three years by all properties included within the Deering Watershed Protection Overlay zone** – a copy of the pumping and inspection report to be forwarded to the Town Administrative Assistant within 30 days. This has been required since 2017; in 2022 **oversight of this requirement has been transferred to the Health Officer- Mike Borden. The implication of this change is that no old system can be 'grand-fathered' to avoid this** – all systems no matter when installed will have to meet this requirement. Glenn Clark and Betsy Holmes attended the meeting with Deering Conservation Commission and the Central NH Planning commission that discussed this. Thank you for helping us continue to keep Deering Lake pristine!
- **Deering no longer requires resident stickers to park at the public beach.** Non-residents and residents alike will be able to park on a first-come-first-served basis, free of charge, based on state mandate. Expect an uptick in traffic, trash etc. The Deering Conservation Commission will evaluate the need for additional water testing. Please address any concerns you have to the Deering Board of Selectman, <https://www.deering.nh.us/board-selectmen> or Deering Administrator Julius Peel, administrator@deering.nh.us. Safety issues, please contact the Deering Police 603-464-3127. Immediate concerns, call 911.
- **The New Hampshire Lakes Conference is being held in Meredith on June 3.** There are spaces still available. <https://nhlakes.org/lakes-congress/>. Betsy Holmes will attend for DLIA.
- **We had our first-of-the-season roadside clean-up a few weeks ago.** The usual folks did their bit – hoping to see some new faces in July. Thanks to Glenn and Carol Clark for keeping us in high visibility gear. **Next clean up is July 23, final for 2022 is October 1.**
- **Memorial Day Tributes:** The American Legion ceremony will take place on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30) at 10am in the center of Town. Also, **Matt Martin, Deering Lake summer resident, will participate in the Taps Across America tribute at 3pm at the same Town location.** Taps Across America is an annual event that asks Americans, wherever they are at 3pm local time on Memorial Day, to pause for a duration of one minute to remember those who have died in military service to the United States. Thanks to Peg Haushildt for these updates.

- Deering is celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2024! Be a part of Deering history by purchasing a commemorative brick to be installed in the walkway from the historic Schoolhouse to Town Hall. Cost is \$100 – deadline to order is June 30, 2022. More information, and to order your piece of history: <https://www.deering.nh.us/library-trustees/news/deering-library-walkway-brick-order-form>

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

- As noted in our last newsletter, the council has voted to increase member dues to \$30/year per household- cash or check payments. By Memorial Day we are hoping to roll out credit card payments – via the website (not available at the meeting). The cost using a credit card will be \$32/year, which includes carrying charges.
- Again, as noted earlier, **we will be issuing a preliminary Lake Directory at the July meeting**; we hope to list as many lakefront residents with names, Deering street address, phone and email contact as we can determine. **At the May meeting attendees are asked to check the spreadsheet at the Membership Table for accuracy.** If you do not wish to have phone # and/or email address listed you can opt out – this can be done at the May meeting, or you can contact Lilian Carter at lcarter0914@gmail.com.
- **Space is still available for our first (hopefully annual) Spring Fling Party, which will be held June 4, 3-5 pm.** Thanks to Karl and Peg Haushildt for hosting at their Barnes Road home. To reserve your spot contact Lilian Carter at lcarter0914@gmail.com.

Dates to remember:

May 28: DLIA May meeting – renew your membership, update directory, fire permits. 9am Town Hall
 May 29: Boat Parade celebrating the start of summer – leave from Holmes dock, North Cove 6pm
 June 4: Spring Fling Social event- reservation required! 3-5 pm
 July 9: DLIA July meeting 9am Town Hall–slate of officers presented; draft printed directory distributed.
 July 23: Roadside clean-up. 9am Town Hall parking lot.
 Aug 13: Deering Faire – Town Common 9am
 Sept 3: DLIA Labor Day meeting 9am Town Hall. Election of officers
 Sept 4: Boat Parade closing Summer 2022
 Sept 24: Harvest Happy Hour
 Oct 1: Roadside clean-up. 9am Town Hall parking lot.

Thanks to everyone on the council and associated folks who are committed to making positive change for our community- socially and environmentally. Hope to see you at the May meeting... and on the lake!

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