



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | July 2026



Fireworks from Henry Bozek's dock in 2025; photo credit Mike Thomas



NEWS from the LAKE :

The eagles are back, but they did not use the nest on Driftwood Island this year. As a result we are also seeing a return of the ospreys!

With the dry spring delaying things, we are finally thrilled to report two loon chicks in North Cove are thriving, and to welcome two chicks in Campbell Cove this year! A biologist from the state accompanied Glenn after the North pair hatched; hear Glenn's full report at our next DLIA meeting, Saturday July 11, 9AM.

We're expecting above average temps and lots of new/non-resident boaters at the start of July; please be vigilant looking for suspicious plants in the lake. Help support your Weed Watchers by notifying them or

[Jen Battistello](#) of any questionable plants. Please also contact her if you'd like to help: **she needs a weed watcher for the south-west section of the lake.**

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Independence many of us are looking back on history. Make sure you check out the attached document from Tom Byrne: DLIA articles his grandmother Trudy Testa wrote in the *Messenger* in the 1970s. These are a great written 'time-capsule' including thoughts on how DLIA might contribute to the Deering celebrations of the nation's Bicentennial (see the column from July 16, 1975).



Newly hatched chicks from our Southern pair. Photo credit Carl Thieme.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

Independence Day Fireworks: Fireworks in North Cove will be on Saturday, July 4. The Hillsboro Summerfest will have a major fireworks show on July 11 (begins 10PM).

Please be thoughtful of animals (our 4 loon chicks, pets, wildlife), veterans and others with PTSD, and the Deering noise ordinance (10pm) – and *stay safe everyone!*

[*Factsheet on Fireworks on NH Waterbodies*](#)

[*Hillsborough Summerfest*](#)

[*Don't forget to request your fire permit online*](#) before having your holiday bonfires and s'mores.

Boating Safety: If you have concerns regarding reckless boating on the lake, incidents need to be reported to the [NH Marine Patrol](#), which is a division of the NH State Police. *It is useful to have the boat ID number or the name of the boat operator when making a report.*

Many thanks to Stuart Hollis on Lake Shore Drive for hosting our 'Boots, Booze, and Barbeque' DLIA Kickoff event. The weather was perfect and 36 guests enjoyed lots of awesome country music and southern rock. We even had our troupe of country line dancers led by Kate Cleveland and dined on real Southern BBQ brought up from Virginia by the Raousts. See the end of this newsletter for pics from the event.

Once again, the Deering Events Committee has a terrific schedule of events – mark your calendars!

- **1st Annual Deering Lake Cornhole Tournament:** We'd love to include this fun, traveling tournament as an annual gig. But first, we need at least 16 teams of two (Ages 5 and older). [Sign up by July 6th!](#) The tournament will be held on **Saturday, July 18th, 2:00 PM** at various homes around the lake. We'll all convene at the Mailloux home on Barnes Road for the Championship and After Party. ***We are in need of an additional 2-3 locations for the preliminary rounds of the tournament. All you need is a good place for a couple of cornhole boards and a few of the teams to compete.***
- **The Amazing Race comes to Deering Lake:** We're in the preliminary planning stages of this and will keep all of you posted as it develops. Scheduled to be held the afternoon of **Saturday, August 8th**. And if you're an Amazing Race fan, you'll know that it will be fast paced, competitive and a lot of fun! Stay tuned. ***We are in need of a launch party location, challenge station locations (similar to 2024 Survivor) and a location for the after party . Contact [Donna Raoust](#) if you can help.***
- **2026 Harvest happy Hour:** Will be held on Saturday, September 19th starting at 4:00 PM. ***We're [looking for a host](#), preferably with a west-facing view, although that is not a prerequisite.***



[DLIA is a proud sponsor of our town's 4th of July Celebration.](#)

We'll be providing a craft activity (decorating photo frames, 10 am), a photo backdrop/selfie station and a noon-time free picnic at the Gazebo: hot dogs, chips, coleslaw and drinks. Bring your chair or blanket and enjoy the music of Sugar River Band while celebrating with Deering neighbors.

The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, July 25, 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. THANKS to everyone who helps!

The Schoolhouse/Library is open with Saturday hours from 10-1pm, and on the third Weds of the month from 4-6pm . They offer free programming every Saturday through October! Summer programs include:

Saturday July 4 – A reading of the Declaration of Independence at 11 am at the Town Hall. Several residents will participate as a tribute to the 250th anniversary of the United States. The library building will be closed for the holiday.

Saturday, July 11 - Optics for Kids at 10 am with Marek Haruza. Join us at the library for a closer look at the science of optics. Kids of all ages welcome.

Saturday, July 18 - Leaping Lizards! Live at the Deering Town Hall at 2 pm. What creatures will you see? Join us for a close-up look at some amazing animals.

Saturday, July 25 - The Fifth Kingdom: Fungi and the World, with Gary Samuels, starting at 10:30 am at the library. All ages welcome.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

[DLIA merchandise is available ONLINE!](#) Click on the link or go to the [DLIA website](#) for more info. If we don't use this service, we may miss the opportunity. The prices are great (we are selling without markups). Hats will still be available for sale at meetings.

We will be presenting our slate at the July meeting and **still need a candidate for Vice President, Treasurer, and 2 Council Members**. This is a terrific opportunity to really get to know your neighbors and make a significant contribution to our lake. Please let [Barbara Larmand](#) know if you'd like to join the team to help DLIA continue as a vital organization for our lake community.

Other positions needing folks to help out:

- **The Events Committee:** Volunteers needed for planning, hosting, and to help at events.
- **DLIA Webmaster** – thanks to Olivier Raoust for taking this on for many years.
- **The Lake Preservation Committee--** Contact [Sue Kaufman](#) if you'd like to get involved.

We will be distributing the 2026 UPDATE PAGE for the Lake Directory at the July meeting. **You must have your dues paid for the current year to receive a copy.** Member dues are \$40/year per household. You may pay by check or cash at the July meeting or by mail (P.O. Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244), or by credit card (for \$43) at the [DLIA website](#). Many thanks to Beverly Chin for taking over managing our membership list.

DATES TO REMEMBER: DLIA events listed in "BOLD"

July 4: DLIA sponsored craft activities and picnic lunch – part of the Deering 250th celebrations, 10-2.

July 11: DLIA July meeting 9am Town Hall—slate of officers presented



July 11: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

July 11: Optics for Kids – Deering Library, 10 am

July 11: Gazebo Music Series: *Grove Street*. 6:30

July 18: Cornhole Tournament – various lake locations. Team sign up deadline is July 6th!

July 18: Leaping Lizards program at Town Hall sponsored by the Deering Library, 2pm

July 25: Roadside Cleanup 9am Town Hall

July 25: *The Fifth Kingdom* fungi talk by Gary Samuels at Deering Library, 10:30 am

Aug 1: Gazebo Music Series: *Last Duo*. 6:30

Aug 8: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

Aug 8: The Amazing Race! Various lake locations. Stay tuned for more info

Aug 29: Gazebo Music Series: *Jazz Sanctuary House Band*. 6:30

Sep 5: DLIA Labor Day meeting 9am Town Hall. Election of officers

Sep 6: Boat Parade closing Summer 2026

Sep 13: *Shizue Sano Classical Piano*, 2pm Deering Community Church

Dec 21: Holiday Open House at t

Donna and Stu at Boots, Booze and Barbeques

Yep ...*The Good, The Bad and The Ugly* joined us at Boots, Booze and Barbeques!



Bob Mcantee, aka Clint “Dirty Harry” Eastwood.
His dream role.

Donna Raoust -- party planner extraordinaire





Kate Cleveland leading the troupe of DLIA Dancers- yahoo!



Enjoy the beautiful weather as we celebrate our Independence Day!