



NEWS FROM THE LAKE | Aug 2026



Hummingbirds are on the move!

Photo: Pam Trombino

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- As noted in the photo above, [hummingbirds are on the move!](#) They are already migrating down from Canada, and our Deering birds are either southbound already (adult males) or preparing to leave - which means heavy feeding. Warm days can cause fermented food which can harm birds, so please clean feeders every 2-3 days.
- The Deering Chloride Management Plan Implementation Committee (CMPIC) is now meeting regularly at town hall. The committee has been charged with overseeing the implementation of the Chloride Management Plan (as discussed in the May DLIA meeting—the ‘chloride in the lake’, or ‘salt-shed’ problem). Peter Kaplan and John Rudd are members of this committee; to learn more, attend the DLIA meeting on Saturday, September 5 for updates.
- If you are a Deering Resident, the town is looking for interested individuals to serve on the [Deering Beach Lease Advisory Committee](#). This committee will help the Town review its land-use lease with the State of New Hampshire for the public beach access area on Deering Reservoir. This committee brings together residents who care about responsible stewardship of the beach, long-term access for the community, and a clear understanding of the Town's obligations under the State lease. It would be great to have a DLIA member on the committee.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:



The Cornhole Tourney was a HUGE success!

Held on Sunday, July 19th (the rain date), there were 16 teams across the 2 yards of Amanda and Greg Mailloux and Jim Faber. It was such a blast that we'll be doing it again next year!

Congrats to our winners, Cam Lewis + Tucker Twardosky. Better luck next year to our Cornhole Hat wearers (worst team), Donna Raoust + Maverick Mailloux. Getting to watch the World Cup Final in Jim's backyard was the icing on the cake! Another great DLIA memory was made!



What a trophy! What great treats! And another fabulous day at Deering Lake!

DLIA had a major presence in the Town of Deering's celebration of the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence. Funds from your DLIA dues helped pay for a wonderful lunch, a kids' craft table, and red white and blue décor everywhere! MANY thanks to DLIA members Lilian and Bob Carter, Cam Lewis, Donna and Olivier Raoust, Peg Hauschild and Roz and Bob Monahan for all their efforts to make this a great success! Photos are at the end of the newsletter.





Not to be outdone, the events committee has more in store...

Our signature event, *Harvest Happy Hour*, is such a wonderful way to bid adieu to our Summer Season and usher in breathtaking Autumn in New England.

This year's event will be hosted by Steve Avery on Saturday, September 19 starting at 4 PM

71 Lost Lane

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share

Cost is \$10 per person.

You can sign up by emailing donna@raoust.com or texting Donna at 757.288.4883 (be sure to identify yourself), or you can sign up at the September 5th DLIA Meeting.

Holiday Open House for DLIA Members

Sunday, December 20th

Betsy and Ralph Holmes, 209 Lake Shore

Look for your email invitation after Thanksgiving

The USAmazing Race has been pushed to 2027, July 24th, to be exact. So, mark your calendars right now. The weekend of August 22nd ended up being just a crazy, busy weekend for a lot of us Deering Lakers; thus, we only had 6 teams sign up. We were looking for 10-12 teams minimum. That said, this is going to be such an epic event that we did not cancel it. We simply “played it forward.” **It is *never too early to sign your team up for next year.* You can do so by emailing dlia-socialkate@gmail.com.**

The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, October 3- this is a town-wide effort, leaving at 9am from the town hall. Plan to arrive early to get a vest and to be assigned a team. **C'mon folks – it's the same old people doing this (emphasis on OLD!)** Let's get some new folks involved!

We (the DLIA) do about 2 miles along Deering Center Road; it usually takes about an hour.

Thanks to Glenn and Carole Clark for running this 3 times every year- for 18 years!!!

And, speaking of Glenn...(and Henry)

We all love Glenn's reports at the DLIA meetings (please come to our next one on Saturday, September 5 for summer updates), but in the meantime, did you know:

- **Glenn has been the coordinator of the Deering Lake Host program for 10 years--** working with new staff each year and ensuring our lakes stay free from invasives.
- **It was 7 years ago that Bob Compton passed on the VLAP water testing program to Glenn and Henry Bozek.** Henry is a crackerjack on the equipment and Glenn makes all the testing dates and does the paperwork. He attends all Deering Conservation Commission meetings even though he isn't a full-time Deering Resident.
- **It was 13 years ago that Glenn and Henry inherited the “Loon Ranger” job from Debbie Bozek.**

They are the 'A' Team! Make sure to let them know!



NEWS from the DLIA Council:

As of August 27: DLIA Slate for candidates

President- Cam Lewis

Vice-President – open

Treasurer – open (Lilian Carter will continue if needed)

Council Members (2 positions open)

Remaining members:

Barbara Larmand, serving as Past President

Greg Testa – Secretary

Ben Barkhouse – council member

Tom Hardy – council member

There is still time! 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. Our work is more important than ever, with volunteers working on environmental concerns, community gatherings, and providing important information to our neighbors via our directory, newsletters and direct e-mailings.

Even if you are not on the DLIA Council, you still can help! Volunteers are always welcome on the following committees: Events, Lake Protection, Membership. We'd like to have someone relieve Olivier from Website duty—he's been covering it for many years! Please ask someone at the meeting if you'd like more information.

*****Many folks have not paid their dues this year!***** We support many important organizations as well as provide social events, news, programming, and a lake directory – we need your support! Dues are only \$40/year per household. You may pay by check or cash at the September meeting, by mail (P.O. Box 691, Hillsboro, NH 03244), or by credit card (for \$43) at the [DLIA website](#).

The September meeting program speaker will be Michelle Johnson, President of the Deering Historical Society (and Deering Selectman) to discuss the work being done on their [Deering Lake Oral History Project](#).

Don't forget! [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 any markup). Your newsletter editor has gotten lots of compliments on her new polo shirt(!)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

DLIA events in BOLD

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

Sep 19 - Estate Sale to benefit the Deering Library, 99 Peter Wood Hill Road, Deering

Sep 19: Harvest Happy Hour at Steve Avery's home on Lost Lane

Oct 3: Roadside Clean-up, Town Hall 9am

Oct 3: Deering Library Annual Booksale 10am-2pm

Oct 12 - *New England Ghosts*; storyteller Jonah Knight gives a presentation featuring true ghost stories. This is a show with magical effects and strange artifacts! Deering Town Hall, 6:30pm

Rated PG-13 for spooky stories and descriptions of demise.

Dec 20: Holiday Open House at the Holmes' on Lake Shore Drive (date was incorrect in last newsletter)

Final thoughts:

Wow—it has been 10 years that I've served in a variety of ways on the DLIA council, which has been a rewarding time in SO many ways. Best among them is to have created friendships with so many neighbors – a key component for any of us striving for good health and happiness in our lives. This opportunity is open to one and all of you, and I highly encourage you to get involved in DLIA – it will be well worth your time and effort. MANY THANKS to *everyone* who volunteers for our community – hope to see more of you next year!

Betsy Holmes

DLIA Past President, Membership Committee



Great crafts at the 250th celebration – thanks to Donna Raoust for organizing!



Bob Carter manning the grill – and the weather held for a delicious picnic.



Our eagles. No nest but still majestic! Photo: Henry Bozek. 250th pics taken from the Deering town website