



NEWS FROM DEERING LAKE | April 2026



We had snow on the ground the day after Thanksgiving and the last of it finally cleared a week or two ago. While most of the winter was quiet, we did have another loon saga... this time in December! The circle on the left is a loon (probably migrating) that got trapped in a small pool of open water—not enough room to fly out. At times there were turkey vultures and an eagles (right) waiting for their moment... Deering Lake residents contacted the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) which attempted the first rescue most of a very cold day, but the loon kept evading the net. The loon was able to dive and eat fish, so it was decided to wait a few days for the ice to freeze closer to the loon. Thankfully LPC's second day rescue was successful! The loon was examined—it appeared it had molted but new feathers had not fully grown in, which would impair its ability to fly. The loon was banded and released at the coast, where it immediately found another loon. These were stressful days, not only for the loon, but for many of us on the lake. **MAJOR** kudos to the Loon Protection Committee (which your DLIA membership dues support), Glenn Clark, Henry Bozek, Pam Trombino and Jason Weiss (photo credit). More photos at the end of the newsletter.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE LAKE:

- As noted in 2025, chloride levels in the lake have been disturbingly high. This past fall, the Chloride Management Plan Advisory Committee (CMPAC), which included DLIA members Peter Kaplan, Bob Compton and John Rudd met weekly over four months. Their efforts resulted in a 42-page study with detailed analysis and recommendations including: (1) immediate, short term, & long-term actions to protect the Deering Reservoir, (2) actions to improve road management and maintenance procedures to diminish chloride pollution; and (3) actions to protect the town from liability resulting from the effects of a salt shed in the Deering Lake watershed. The Deering Board of Selectmen formally approved the recommendation outlined in the CMPAC report at their meeting on December 3, 2025. For more information and a link to the full report, see John Rudd's update – attached to this newsletter. A video presentation is scheduled for the May DLIA meeting.

- Glenn reported “ice out” to the state as April 1. Previous “Ice out” dates: In 2025 it was March 30; 2024 -- March 8; 2023 -- April 11.
- The eagles’ nest survived the winter, but as of April 6 from Pam Trombino the view to the nest is obstructed – if anyone has updates (are they on the nest?) please be ready to share at the May meeting.

NEWS from and for LAKE FOLKS:

- **The next ROADSIDE CLEANUP will be held on Saturday, May, 2** 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. This is a good time to get involved, before the plants start to grow up. Remember your gloves and bug spray! Thanks to Glenn and Carole Clark for running this service 3 X yearly. **Other dates: July 25 and October 3.**

- The [2026 Lakes Conference](#) is scheduled for **Thursday, June 5 in Concord at the Grappone Center**. The [2026 agenda](#) has many topics of interest to our residents- we’d like to get a strong showing from Deering Lake this year. Registration is open now-- the conference usually fills quickly.

- Your membership dues also go to support the work of NH Lakes. They produce many free and relevant webinars throughout the year. Coming up on May 7 at 7pm: [A Ditch in Time: Managing Gravel Roads to Protect Water Quality](#)

- [All Deering Fire Permits need to be applied for online](#); the crew will not be able to issue them at our first meeting. Please stay aware of potential burn bans this season; despite the amount of snow we had we are still experiencing drought conditions.

- As the country celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the US Constitution, Deering is offering several history-related programs and events:**

--**Friday, May 15, 6:30 Town Hall** - The Deering Library presents “Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale” with a program from John Harris, adjunct faculty member in Environmental Science at Franklin Pierce University. Teale’s best-selling book, “North with the Spring”, recounts the epic journey he took in 1947. In 2012, Harris retraced Teale’s journey from the Everglades to the summit of Mount Washington, noting changes in the flora and fauna along the way. This program is free and all are welcome.

--**Saturday, May 30, 9am-2pm, Deering Fish and Game Club, Longwood Road**. The Deering Historical Society kicks-off the 250th celebration with a **Craft Fair and Farmers Market**. Come enjoy local vendors, crafts, and fresh farm goods as the community begins this special celebration.

--**Saturday, July 4, Deering Town Center- 4th of July Celebration** More details will be shared as plans are finalized. There are many community groups in town collaborating for the event, including the DLIA. Volunteers to assist with the event are greatly appreciated. You can contact [Lilian Carter](#) if you would like to help.

•**The Schoolhouse/Library will reopen on May 23, with Saturday hours from 10-1pm.**

On the 23rd there will be a plant and seed swap starting at 10 am. Bring any plants or seeds that you would like to share (potted plants, and please label). Take home new varieties from your neighbors. No need to bring anything to take things home! This was very popular last year, so come early. The sale ends at 1 pm, or when all plants have found a home.

--Also at the library: Saturday, May 30 - Deering author Lisa Q. Mathew's discusses her books "The Jig is Up" and the recent sequel "Buried in Shamrocks", as well as tips on how to get a book published. For adults and young adults, starting at 10:30 am at the library.

NEWS from the DLIA Council:

Our meetings for 2026 will begin promptly at 9am on May 23, July 11, and September 5. Grab a nametag, coffee and donut and come early to catch up with neighbors and renew your membership. Doors will be open by 8 (coffee should be ready by 8:30).

•**The DLIA Social Committee is hard at work planning fun ...and UNIQUE events for Summer 2026! Lots more to come – stay tuned!!!** We are always seeking folks to help—if you'd like to join in with a very effective (and FUN!) group, please email [Donna Raoust](mailto:Donna.Raoust@dlia.org), or [phone/text](tel:6034421111) to let her know of your interest.

•**Coming soon: online ordering of Deering Lake merchandise!**

•**As many of you know, the DLIA has formed a Lake Preservation Committee.** Our current focus:

- --Supporting the work of the town and committees to mitigate the impact of salt on the lake and educating the DLIA about that work,
- --Supporting existing efforts of loon and invasive species monitoring
- --Educating ALL residents about responsible practices to preserve the lake and surrounding ecosystem.

We love our pristine and beautiful lake and we want to keep it that way. If you'd like to join our efforts, please reach out to [Sue Kaufman](mailto:Sue.Kaufman@dlia.org) .

•**Please remember to pay your DLIA dues! They remain at \$40/property (\$43 if you purchase [online](#)).** You can pay with cash or check at the DLIA meetings, or by mail: DLIA, PO Box 691, Hillsborough, NH 03244.

•**We will be adding your changes/updates to the Lake Directory this summer.** If you have changes/corrections/updates- or know of new neighbors on the lake- please let [Beverly Chin](mailto:Beverly.Chin@dlia.org) know at or at the May meeting.

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

May 2: Roadside Cleanup 9am Town Hall

May 15 "Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale". Deering Town Hall, 6:30 pm FREE

May 23: DLIA May meeting: renew membership and update directory. 9am Town Hall. Coffee, donuts 8:30.

May 23: Deering Public Library will be open at the Schoolhouse every Saturday 10-1- Plant and seed swap

May 24: Boat Parade celebrating the start of summer – leave from Larmond dock, North Cove 6pm

May 30: Deering Public Library. Deering Author talk

May 30: Farmer's Market/Craft fair held by Deering Historical Society, Deering Fish and Game Club

June 13: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

July 11: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

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

July 25: Roadside Cleanup 9am Town Hall

Aug 8: Free Breakfast for all – Deering Community Church

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

Sep 6: Boat Parade closing Summer 2026

Can't wait for the summer... and to see you back on the lake!

Betsy Holmes

DLIA Membership Committee



Loon just after rescue from Deering Lake, December 2025



Rescued loon being released at the shore, December 2025