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Depot & Lighthouse

Burlington and Agate Bays. Since 1892, the Two Harbors Lighthouse has been guiding ships into the Agate Bay ore docks. This station now operates as the Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast year round and as a museum during the summer months and is still used as an aid to navigation.

June 2nd, 2021 a stationary flashing LED light replaced the DCB-224 rotational beacon and is a temporary replacement while the Society raises funds for a modern light that will restore the iconic sweep to the North Shore. The estimated cost for an upgraded rotating LED beacon is \$70,000. A full scale "Keep the Light Lit" fundraising campaign will kick off in the coming months to raise funds for the permanent replacement that will restore the lighthouse's signature and sweeping light to the Two Harbors shoreline.

The Lake County Historical Society has raised \$10,500 from community donations, t-shirt sales, and online giving to Keep the Light Lit. This campaign seeks to raise \$70,000 to purchase and install a rotational LED Beacon at the Two Harbors Lighthouse. This will restore the iconic sweep and signature of the light to the Two Harbors shoreline.

The LaBounty Foundation generously donated \$5,500 to the cause. We are looking to raise \$40,000 to secure a match for a grant. Help the Society Keep the Light Lit for generations to come! If you would like to donate now visit <https://www.givemn.org/story/Keepthelightlit>

About the Two Harbors Lighthouse

By 1885 roughly 225,000 tons of ore were moving through Agate Bay. The significant increase in commercial shipping from multiple docks spurred the Vessel Owners Association and the US Lighthouse Association to request a lighthouse be built in the town

of Agate Bay. On August 4th 1886 the US Congress authorized \$10,000 to build a light station at Agate Bay complete with fog signal building and keeper's quarters. Beginning in July of 1891, six hundred tons of rock was blasted out of the bedrock to form the foundation for the new light station. The keeper's quarters is attached to the lighthouse tower. Both structures are constructed of red brick and are connected with a shared wall, 5 bricks thick. The thick brick wall was a safety precaution to protect the keeper and his family from fire or an explosion. At the time of construction, the only way to access the tower was from a second floor doorway in the Keeper's quarters. The first full flight of stairs was added in 1910 after multiple complaints from Charles Lederle about the invasion of his family's privacy by the assistant keeper. Initially, a small room at the base of the tower was reserved for the assistant keeper, however by 1894 a separate assistant keeper's dwelling had been built from the old barn. On April 15, 1892 the beacon was lit for the first time. The original signal came from a stationary Fresnel lens which shone white light in all directions. As more electric lights appeared on the shores of Agate Bay, the keepers placed red screens in front of the beacon to differentiate the lighthouse beacon from the town lights. When the light was electrified in 1921, the unique flash signature of 0.4 second flash, 4.6 second dark, 0.4 second flash, and 14.6 second dark was added to further distinguish Agate Bay from other Lake Superior lighthouses.

Free Health Care Fraud, Waste & Abuse Prevention - Online Class Offered Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022

The Senior LinkAge Line® will offer two Health Care Fraud, Waste & Abuse Prevention classes Wednesday, August 10, 2022, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and again from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Attendees will learn how to detect and report potential errors, fraud and abuse; review potential fraud and scams targeting older adults, how to read their Medicare Summary Notice, learn tips to help protect their Medicare beneficiary number, and how to protect-detect-report Medicare scams and fraud.

This presentation is based on information from the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP), a federal education and prevention program.

It is offered online using the easy-to-use Microsoft Teams meeting platform. To register go to: www.arrowheadaging.org/classes-workshops-trainings or call the Senior LinkAge Line at 800-333-2433.

We are committed to accessibility. If you have an accommodation request that will allow you to participate in the class more fully, please contact Lynelle at lhanson@ardc.org by August 5, 2022.

The Senior LinkAge Line is a free, statewide service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's Area Agencies on Aging. The Senior LinkAge Line helps older Minnesotans and caregivers find answers and connect to the services and support they need.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Two Harbors Farmers Market
Burlington Station Parking Lot
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Live Music at Castle Danger Brewery
 Friday, July 29: John Cron
 Saturday, July 30: Marc Gartman
 MUSIC: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Live Music - Harbor Rail
 Friday, July 29: Adam Moe
 Saturday, July 30 - John Cron
 MUSIC: 7:00 - 9:00

First Tall Ships in North America
 Thursday, August 4 - Sunday, August 7th
 Knife River Heritage and Cultural Center
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 City Center Park Silver Bay - Next to City Hall
 Friday, July 29th
 7:30 - 9:00

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