

# THE SCOOP AT GRAND LAKE



## NEWS FROM THE GRAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

Over the past year, the fruits of having sustainable funding for water quality projects on Grand Lake are paying off. What's the evidence?

**1.) Grand Lake Monitoring Summary:** The Sauk River Watershed District has been monitoring Grand Lake and its tributary streams through the funding of the lake improvement district. This data, collected during rain events over a few years, will provide us with invaluable data as we identify opportunities to implement "best management practices" in our watershed area that goes to Byer Lake near Cold Spring.

What does the data suggest? Check out the Grand Lake 2012 Monitoring Summary on the Grand Lake Area Association web page under current news.

**2.) Grand Lake Shoreland Assessment and Habitat Restoration Project:** The Sauk River Watershed District began an assessment of the Grand Lake shoreland in 2011 with funding provided by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. All properties on Grand Lake were reviewed and scored for the three different zones along the shore: 1) upland, 2) shoreline, and 3) aquatic. Interested in how your property scored? Check out the Grand Lake Shoreland Assessment Summary 2011 - 2013 on the Grand Lake Area Association web page under current news.

**3.) Monitoring and Management of Aquatic Invasive Species:** This summer, the Lake Improvement District treated 33 acres of curlyleaf pondweed. We also have volunteers that are monitoring the lake for zebra mussels, Eurasian milfoil, and other aquatic invasive species.

Attend the fall meeting to hear more about the projects of the Lake Improvement District.

### LID Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Grand Lake Improvement District will be held on Saturday, August 24th at 9:00 am at Eddie's on Grand.

Three board members will be elected at the meeting—two 3-year terms for the seats currently held by Terry Rothstein and Jim Bartleme and one 2-year term to fill the seat held by Scoop Reif. If you are interested in running for one of the board terms, please complete an application at the Rockville City Hall.



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## News from the Grand Lake Area Association Board

The Grand Lake Area Association held their spring meeting on Saturday, May 25th. The Association expressed their deepest condolences to Peggy and her family and deepest appreciation to Tom Schulz for taking on the role of association president. Jane Bartelme was elected as President of the Lake Association to replace Tom. The other members of the Lake Association Board are Jim Hall, Treasurer, Sue Palmer, Secretary, Peggy Schulz, and Ed Valentine.

The Association has several new events proposed to encourage us to get to know our neighbors on the lake. Please join us for the events scheduled for the rest of the summer.

## County Road 8 Speed Signs



At the spring meeting, the Association approved spending up to \$5,500 on two speed signs on County Road 8. Thanks to the City of Rockville for their \$600 contribution toward the signs.

The signs have been purchased and installed and we have already

seen a slow down on the road. Many thanks to Duane Koepp, Bob Schlicht and Jim Nicol for their help in installing the signs.

## Grand Lake Summer Activities

- **Saturdays Walk Around the Lake at 9:00 am**--meet at Eddie's on Grand every Saturday for a walk around the lake. You will get to know your neighbors and burn some calories on the walk! You can do as little or as much of the walk as you choose.
- **Monday Ladies Happy Hour**--join us on August 12th for happy hour at Eddie's on Grand from 4:00 to 6:30.
- **Grand Old Day**--to be held on August 24th. Depending on participation, afternoon events will include canoe races, sailboat races, horseshoe tournament, and bean bag tournament from 1:00 to 4:00. Please sign up **by August 17th** at Eddie's on Grand to participate in any of these events. Winners will receive a coupon for the hog roast dinner. The day will include a hog roast from 5:30 pm till gone at Eddie Zapp's barn followed by a barn dance with live music. This will a wonderful way to meet more of your neighbors and celebrate being on the lake. Friends and family are welcome to attend also. More details are included on the last page of the newsletter.
- **Suggestion Box**--please share any ideas you have for the Lake Association or Lake Improvement District in the suggestion box at Eddie's on Grand!

**Thank you's for the 4th of July Celebration!**

*Thank you to Eddie for hosting the flag-raising ceremony in the morning. It is a perfect way to recognize the meaning of the day and to begin the 4th of July celebration.*

Thank you to all who participated in the boat parade. Last year's winners, the Sommers family, judged the two divisions this year and the winners were:



**Pontoon division:**  
*Randy & Georjean Fabel*

**Other Watercraft:**

*James and Glenna Slattery*

*Drivers were Kirsten and Abby, Jennie and Glenna*



**Stop by  
Eddie's on  
Grand to see  
the  
trophies and the  
winners' photos!**

*A huge thank you to Dave Lenhardt and to all who contributed to the fabulous fireworks! It was a perfect summer day and enjoyed by many lake owners, family and friends.*

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## Recreational Vehicles/Campers

The LID and Lake Association have had several questions from residents regarding recreational vehicles/campers on lots around the lake. The use of recreational vehicles falls under the ordinances for the City of Rockville and they have adopted the Stearns County ordinance by reference. This ordinance states that:

1. Recreational vehicles shall meet all structural setback requirements of the ordinance.
2. A recreational vehicle located on a tract for more than thirty (30) days in any year and occupied at the location at any time shall be considered a residential dwelling unit and shall have a permit pursuant to Section 4.11 of this Ordinance.
3. The provisions of Section 10.2.11 G (1-2) of this Ordinance shall not apply to homeowners who are storing a recreational vehicle on their property.

Section 4.11 requires a construction permit if you will be using the recreational vehicle for more than 30 days. If you have questions regarding this ordinance, please contact City Administration at Rockville City Hall.

## Protect Our Waters by Following State Aquatic Invasive Species Laws

When boating and recreating in Minnesota, protect our waters by following state aquatic invasive species laws. The following are required actions:

- CLEAN all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species from watercraft, trailers, and water-related equipment before leaving any water access or shoreland.

- DRAIN water-related equipment (boat, ballast tanks, portable bait containers, and motor) and drain bilge, livewell and baitwell by removing drain plugs before leaving a water access or shoreline property. Keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.
- DISPOSE of bait, including minnows, leeches, and worms, in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into a waterbody or release aquatic animals from one waterbody to another. If you want to keep your live bait, you must refill the bait container with bottled or tap water.

Additional recommendations include spray, rinse, dry! Some invasive species are small and difficult to see at the access. To remove or kill them, take one or more of the following precautions before moving to another waterbody, especially after leaving zebra mussel and spiny waterflea infested waters:

- Spray with high-pressure water
- Rinse with very hot water (these water temperatures will kill zebra mussels and some other AIS: 120 F for at least 2 minutes or 140 F for at least 10 seconds)
- Dry for at least 5 days

## Shoreland Alterations: Beach Blanket

One goal of the DNR Ecological and Waters Resources is to limit unnecessary and potentially damaging alterations to shorelines. Specifically, use of beach sand and other types of fill is limited in order to prevent damage to fish spawning areas, aquatic habitat and water quality of Minnesota lakes.

Although natural sand beaches can be found on many Minnesota lakeshores, landowners often attempt to create them on shores where they do not naturally occur. If you are

considering adding a beach blanket, you should know a few important things before doing this. For project construction below the ordinary high-water level (OWHL) of public waters as determined by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, an individual permit is required from the DNR. Other governmental units (like the city) may require a permit for the project, which usually involves work above the OWHL. It is advisable to contact them before doing any work.

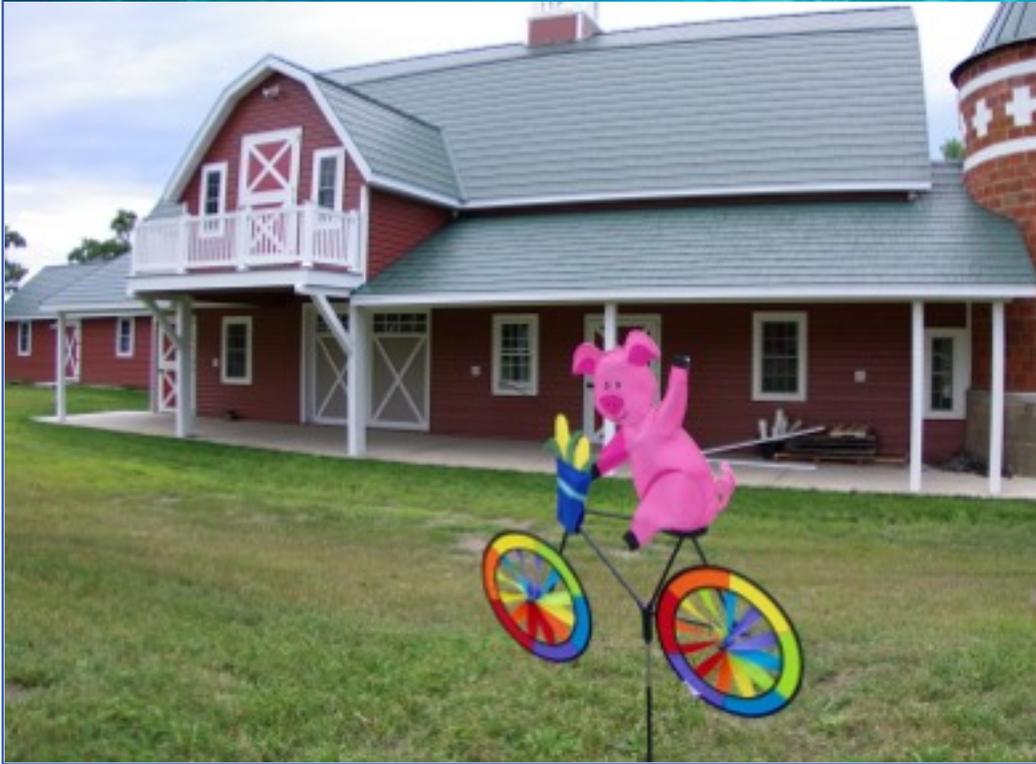
If you are going to proceed with adding beach sand, it must meet all of the following conditions:

- The sand layer may be up to 6 inches thick; up to 50 feet wide along the shoreline or one-half the width of the lot, whichever is less; and up to 10 feet waterward of the ordinary high-water level.
- The beach blanket does not cover emergent aquatic vegetation, unless authorized by an aquatic plant management permit (contact your local DNR Fisheries office).
- The sand is clean and washed so that it is free of fine particles.
- Local watershed district and local zoning officials are given at least 7 days' notice by the landowner.
- No plant barrier or liner (ie filter fabric or plastic) is installed underneath your beach sand.

Installation of sand may be repeated once at the same location but may not **exceed** the amount of sand and dimensions of the original sand blanket.

*Keep in mind that all of these regulations—recreational vehicles, beach blankets and aquatic invasive species, as well as other regulations—are designed to protect the water quality of our lakes and ultimately, the investment we have all made in lakeshore property. Please help the Grand Lake Improvement District and the Grand Lake Area Association preserve and improve the quality of our lake!*

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Join us for the  
**Grand Old Day Hog Roast  
and Barn Dance**  
at Eddie Zapp's barn  
22807 Rausch Lake Road

Hog roast from 5:30 till gone  
\$8/adult and \$5/child under 10  
Beer, wine and rail drinks \$4  
Pop and water \$1  
Cash only

Stay for the barn dance with Switch  
playing from 8:00 until midnight.

PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 17TH  
TO [grandlakemn@gmail.com](mailto:grandlakemn@gmail.com)  
OR CALL EDDIE'S ON GRAND  
AT 654-1811

For transportation, we will run a mini-bus  
continuously around the lake. Just be at the  
end of your driveway to hop on the bus.  
Limited parking will be available at the barn.

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