

THE SCOOP AT GRAND LAKE

GRAND SAILING WEEKEND

RAISE YOUR COLORFUL SAILS

No set course, no special rules, just sail and have FUN!

Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28, 1:00 – 4:00 PM (weather permitting)

The Norwegian Fog Horn will sound off compliments of Mary Sommers from Agate Beach Road. The Green Sailor's Flag will be flown at *Eddie's On Grand* at 1:00 PM on both days to signal the start of our colorful event. If not enough wind or a storm develops on both days, a Red Flag will be flown at *Eddie's On Grand* to signal the event is OFF. The alternative weekend will be July 11 & July 12.

SAILORS' ALE AND TALES HAPPY HOUR – Sunday, June 28, starting at 4:00 PM at *Eddie's On Grand*. Enjoy traditional rum drinks, beer and Bloody Marys for \$3.50 all day! Alternate date - July 12 if weekend rescheduled.



4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES SHOW YOUR COLORS • RED, WHITE & BLUE!

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY – 9:00 AM at the home of Scott and Sue Palmer – 21108 Fowler Road, which is off Grand Lake Road. Come meet and greet your Grand Lake neighbors for coffee, juice and donuts. Start the Fourth of July off right with the popular Grand Lake Patriotic Tradition.

BOAT PARADE – 7:00 PM- Boats gather at *Eddie's On Grand* at 6:45PM. Early Registration will be available at *Eddie's on Grand* beginning at 1:00 PM if you want to incorporate your registration number in your decoration scheme.

This year judges will be Pat Sell and Debbie Sherwood for the Pontoon Division and members of the Shultz family for the Other Watercraft Division. The judges will be located on a dock on the Grand Lake Road side of the lake. Winners receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from *Eddie's On Grand*, their name on the traveling trophy and a picture of their boat displayed at *Eddie's On Grand* all summer long. The boat winners for each division will be announced at *Eddie's On Grand* at 9:00 PM on July 4th.

We would like to encourage all types of boats in the parade (pontoon, fishing boats, speed boats, jet skis). All Boating Regulations are in force. Please keep boats at a minimum wake speed.

FIREWORKS – 10:00 PM – Please send donations to Dave Lenhardt at 10749 Mitchell Lane, St. Cloud, MN 56301. Checks can be made out to **Monday Pyrotechnics**. A donation jar is also located at *Eddie's On Grand* for your convenience. Reminder – For your safety, boats must stay at least 400 feet from the barges.

TRADITIONS!

GRAND OLD DAY EVENT

Join us for the Grand Old Day Hog Roast and Barn Dance on Saturday, August 22, located at Ed Zapp's Barn at 22807 Rausch Lake Road.

Barn Dance Fun 2014



*2014 Bean Bag Toss Winners
Elmer Bloch & Eric Bloch, vs. Paul
Ludwig & Jeff Weatherly*



Volunteers



The Grand Lake Area Association would like to thank Ed Zapp for his continued kindness and hospitality for the third year in a row. His generosity and support is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Event Schedule:

- ☀ Social Hour: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- ☀ Bean Bag Tournament – 4:00 PM (sign-up at the barn between 3:30 - 4:00)
- ☀ Hog Roast – 5:30 PM until gone
- ☀ Barn Dance – 8:00 PM to Midnight (DJ/Karaoke - Request your favorite songs!)

Hog Roast Menu: Pulled Pork, Beans, Coleslaw, Chips, Watermelon, Cookies
\$10/Adult, \$5/Child under 10, \$4/beer/mixed drinks, \$1/pop/water
CASH ONLY – NO CREDIT CARDS

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE HOG ROAST DINNER

at Eddie's On Grand at 320-654-1811 by Wednesday, August 19th.

- Courtesy Shuttle Van is available if needed from 5:00 PM to Midnight (Last Run).
- Call Ed Valentine for van pick-up at 320-333-1431 on the day of the event.
- To volunteer to work this event, please call Jane Bartelme at 320-253-0041.

Notes from the LID

A number of factors impact the water quality of our Minnesota lakes, and in 2015, some of these factors have included a mild winter with minimal snow cover during the winter, early drought conditions, heavy rains in May that produced flooding in our tributary creeks, and some major signs of erosion that entered into Grand Lake from these flooded creeks. With the light snow cover over the winter months, we expect an abundance of curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) since light penetrated the lake for most of the winter. We also expect some degradation of water clarity due to the nutrients that enters Grand Lake when flooding occurs with the heavy rains, or when CLP dies off in late June. Heaven forbid the day when our beautiful lake gets another aquatic invasive species like zebra mussels.

Given these factors, the Grand Lake Improvement District is taking action steps to keep our lake pristine:

1. Treatment of curly-leaf pondweed: In 2015, Lake Management, Inc. treated 27 acres of CLP on Grand Lake. The bad news is that CLP is an aquatic invasive species that will spread and take over the lake's native plants. The good news is that the lake improvement district has been working hard to reduce the amount of CLP, and in recent DNR surveys very little CLP has been found in treatment areas that have been targeted over the past few years, allowing us to move our treatment efforts to new locations.

2. Water quality monitoring of Ploof and Johannes Creeks: 2015 marks the fourth consecutive year of water quality monitoring of our two tributary creeks. Water samples of our creeks in May, June, July, August, and September allow us to obtain measures of nutrient runoff and sediments that impact our water quality. These measures include things like a.) total suspended solids, b.) total phosphorous, c.) chlorophyll A, and d.) Escherichia Coli (E. Coli). Multiple measures are needed each summer and over the course of a few years to establish the impact of major rain events that occur from time to time each summer. Those who live near County Road 8 and Grand Lake Road were witness to the sediments that poured into Grand Lake during some heavy rainfall events in May.

3. Watershed Best Management Practices: The Grand Lake Improvement District is working with the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District on two projects that will improve our lake. One project involves working with an area farmer to establish an ongoing plan to plant a cover crop during years that peas are planted. The cover crop, once established, reduces chances of erosion in heavy rains. A second project is a large project that will directly reduce or eliminate erosion from a large field into one of our tributary creeks. This is an exciting project that will result in a win-win for the property owner and for Grand Lake. Stay tuned for more information, pictures, and a possible tour when this project is finalized and completed.

4. Early Detection Monitoring of Zebra Mussel Veligers: In 2015 we contracted with RMB Environmental Laboratories from Detroit Lakes, MN to conduct zebra mussel veliger testing on Grand Lake. A veliger is the larva of many kinds of snails, including zebra mussels, and the testing of veligers is part of an early detection program. If veligers of zebra mussels are found in Grand Lake, a rapid response team will be dispatched by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in an effort to eradicate this aquatic invasive species from Grand Lake before they become permanently established. RMB will collect samples on two dates in July when the lake water is over 66° F. Water samples will also be collected on both dates and analyzed in the lab for calcium levels. Calcium is critical in zebra mussel shell development, and a lake with calcium over 30 mg/L is suitable for Zebra mussel invasion.

Thanks to all of you for your support of the LID. It is our goal to work hard to improve our water quality and your experience of Grand Lake.

Submitted on behalf of the LID Board,
Scott Palmer, Chair
Grand Lake Improvement District

LID/GRAND LAKE AREA ASSOCIATION MEETING

Greet your Grand Lake neighbors on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at Eddie's on Grand at 9:00 AM for the latest news from the Lake Improvement District and the Grand Lake Area Association. We welcome your active participation and input at our meetings. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided by Eddie's on Grand.

Curly-Leaf Pondweed



How to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels:

- clean** weeds and debris from your boats, and remove any attached zebra mussels,
- drain** your boat, livewells, and baitwells, and keep all drain plugs out while traveling,
- dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash, and
- dry** docks, lifts, swim rafts and other equipment for at least 21 days before placing equipment into another water body.





Wish Upon
Sunflowers

Join the O'Keefe Family in making their second annual fundraiser even better! *Wish Upon A Sunflower* is a fundraising event July 30 - August 3, 12pm - 7pm (dates may change based on when sunflowers become ready) to benefit the *Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Minnesota* by selling bouquets of sunflowers handpicked from a beautifully expanded 2.5 acre field of sunflowers. You will receive a beautiful 5 flower bouquet for a \$10 donation. The event will be held at the O'Keefe Farm on Grand Lake at 21096 Fowler Road. 100% of all proceeds will go towards granting the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Come to buy sunflowers or simply to enjoy the beautiful field and photo background! For more information or if you are unable to attend the event and would like to donate, please call Simonne at 510- 388-9324.



Wish Upon A Sunflower
Fundraising Event For
Make-A-Wish® Minnesota

Join your friends and neighbors for sips of cheer at
LADIES NIGHT OUT!

Thursdays, JUNE 11, JULY 9, AUGUST 13 starting at 4:00PM at
Eddie's On Grand, \$1.00 off all drinks and appetizers.

Ladies
Night Out



Rest at the Public Access



This granite bench was made and installed at the Public Access on Grand Lake at the request of Tom Neis. Tom passed away at the age of 53 in August of 2014. Tom's great grandfather John lives on a farm across the road from the landing. Grand Lake was probably the first place that Tom ever fished with his Dad.

Thank you, Tom!



CALLING ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES!!



We would like to go paperless with the newsletter. We have only 50% of lake owners' email addresses. To send your email address, visit the Grand Lake website

(www.grandlakeassociation.org) and click on "Contact Us". When a newsletter is posted on the website, you will receive a notification email.

We will continue to deliver a hard copy of the newsletter if you do not have Internet access. Check the website for updates! Thanks!



SUMMER EVENTS

June

- * 27th & 28th - Sailing 1-4pm
- * 28th - Sailors' Happy Hour 4pm at Eddie's on Grand (Alternate sailing dates July 11th & 12th)
- * 27th - Rockfest in Rockville, Parade @ 6pm, Beer Gardens then Fireworks at dusk

July

- * 4th - 9am Flag Raising at Sue & Scott Palmer's home
7pm Boat Parade
10pm Fireworks
- * 9th - Ladies' Night Out
- * 30th - Wish Upon a Sunflower

August

- * 1st - 3rd Wish Upon a Sunflower
- * 13th - Ladies' Night Out
- * 22nd - Grand Old Day
- * 29th - LID & Lake Association Meeting 9am



Grand Lake Lost and Found Communication: click on *Contact Us* on the grandlakeassociation.org website to send information about lost or found items and who to contact for recovery. Items will be listed in the *Current News* section of the Grand Lake website.

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