

# GRAND LAKE CONNECTION

## 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

### STARS AND STRIDES GRAND LAKE 5K RUN/WALK - 8:00AM

Come join us for our 3rd Annual 4th of July Stars and Strides 5K Run/Walk around beautiful Grand Lake. This is a fun untimed activity. The race this year will begin on Hubert Lane and end on Agate Beach Road near the Flag Raising Ceremony located at 21813 Agate Beach Road.

Sign-up online by July 2, 2018 at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com), search for Grand Lake Stars and Strides 5K. The cost is \$25.00 which includes a beach chair. Registration will also be available on race day at *Eddie's On Grand* for \$30.00. Check-in is at 7:30 AM and the race will start at 8:00AM. There will be prizes for the 1st and 2nd place winners in several different female and male division categories. Thank you to *Stickney Hills Dairy* who is our 2018 Stars and Strides 5K sponsor.

If you live on Grand Lake and are not participating in this activity, we encourage you to cheer on your neighbors, and have fun decorating your mailbox along the route in red, white and blue.

*Special thanks to the Magnuson Family for organizing this festive Grand Lake 5K Run/Walk.*

### FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - 9:00AM

Let's enjoy our annual Grand Lake patriotic tradition with coffee, juice and treats at the Geving's home at 21813 Agate Beach Road. It is a wonderful time to meet new people and to connect with your friends and neighbors on Grand Lake!

### BOAT PARADE - 7:00PM

All types of boats are encouraged to participate. ALL BOATS MUST DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG on their boat to qualify to win! Early registration will be available after 1:00PM at *Eddie's On Grand* if you want to incorporate your registration number in your decoration scheme. Boats will gather at *Eddie's On Grand* docks at 6:45PM to register and start the parade. All boating regulations will be in force. Please keep at a minimum wake speed during the parade.

This year's judges for the Pontoon Division will be the Mainz Family on Agate Beach Road and the Other Watercraft Division judges will be the Metzger Family on Grand Lake Road.

Winners receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to *Eddie's On Grand*, their name on a traveling trophy, a picture of their boat at *Eddie's On Grand* and on our website for one year. The winners for each division will be contacted by phone by 8:30 PM and will go to *Eddie's On Grand*, for the trophy and gift certificate presentations.

### FIREWORKS - 10:00PM

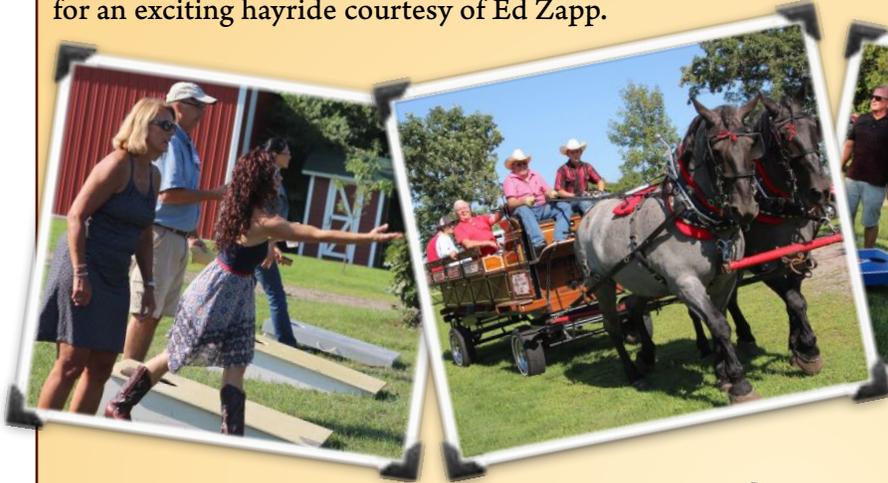
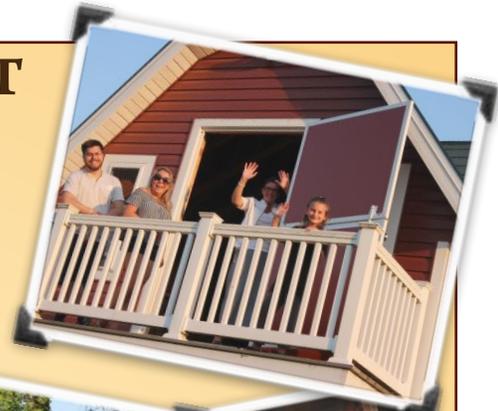
Thank you to Dave Lenhardt and his family for providing Grand Lake residents and friends Patriotic Joy every Fourth of July! It has been a wonderful tradition here for over 50 years!

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*.

**Reminder - For your Safety - Boats must stay at least 400 feet from the barges!**

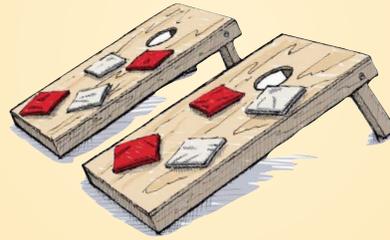
# GRAND OLD DAY EVENT

Mark your calendar for the annual Grand Old Day Event on *Saturday, August 18, 2018*, hosted by Ed Zapp at his unique red barn located at 22807 Rausch Lake Road. Invite your friends and family to join us for the annual Bean Bag Tournament, Lawn Games, Hayrides, Picnic Dinner and Barn Dancing. Bring your children and grandchildren to experience the magnificent horses taking us for an exciting hayride courtesy of Ed Zapp.



## Event Schedule:

- ★ **Social Hour:** 4:00PM–5:00PM
- ★ **Free Hayrides:** 4:00PM–8:00PM
- ★ **Bean Bag Tournament:** Begins at 4:45PM (Sign-up 4:00-4:30)
- ★ **Picnic Dinner:** 5:00PM until gone - *All you can eat!*
- ★ **Picnic Dinner Menu:** Sloppy Joe's, Brats, Hotdogs, Coleslaw, Chips, Watermelon, Cookies  
At the door price: \$10 Adult • \$5 Children (Age 10 & under)  
\$4 - beer or mixed drinks, \$1 pop or water  
Cash Only - No Credit Cards
- ★ **Barn Dance:** 6:30PM–10PM (DJ/Karaoke - Request your favorite songs!)



The Grand Lake Area Association would like to thank Ed Zapp for hosting our Grand Old Day Event for the 6th year in a row. His continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated!



**PLEASE RSVP and Purchase Food Tickets at Eddie's On Grand for a DISCOUNTED PRICE of \$8 Adult and \$4 Children by August 13 to help us have an accurate head count for food and drinks!** (Eddie's On Grand 320-654-1811) Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event for the listed price.  
• To volunteer to work this event, please call Jane Bartelme at 320-253-0041.

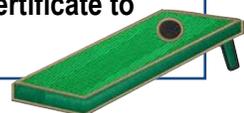
## EDDIE'S GRAND LAKE HAPPY HOUR NIGHTS!

- ★ Thursdays, 5-7PM: June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>
- ★ At Eddie's On Grand, \$1.00 off all drinks and appetizers

Toast your neighbors and put your name in the Grand Lake Association raffle for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Eddie's On Grand. (Must be present at Eddie's at 7:00PM to win the raffle.)

## NEW! GRAND LAKE BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

Thursday, July 26, 2018 - Sign-up 5:30PM  
Tournament from 6:00 PM - 8:00PM  
Location: Eddie's On Grand - Lakeside Grass Area  
Have a fun evening playing bags with your neighbors and friends!  
Winning team will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Eddie's On Grand.





## Notes from the LID

Thanks to all who have been good stewards of Grand Lake in our efforts to fight invasive aquatic species (AIS) and improve water quality. I'm hoping all of you received the *Shoreland Homeowners Guide to Lake Stewardship* in the mail and have paid attention to the education campaigns from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to "Clean, Drain, and Dry" your boat or "Help Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!"

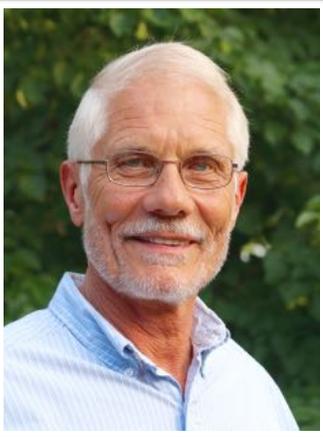
I suspect all of you are aware by now that starry stonewort was discovered at Grand Lake in August of 2017. According to the DNR website, Starry stonewort is a bushy, bright green macro-algae that produces a characteristic star-shaped bulbil. It is native to Eurasia, from the west coast of Europe to Japan, and was unintentionally introduced to the United States Great Lakes through the discharge of contaminated cargo ship ballast water. We suspect it was introduced to Grand Lake by boats who were on an infested lake like Lake Koronis. The threat to Grand Lake and other Minnesota waters is that starry stonewort forms dense mats at the water's surface and can inhibit water recreation. It can also overtake and outcompete native aquatic plants. If you're not sure what it can do to water quality, do an internet search on starry stonewort at Lake Koronis. You might want to sit down when you do that, perhaps with a cold beer or glass of wine.

So what is the LID and the DNR doing? Starry stonewort on Grand Lake was detected very early on as a direct result of Grand Lake's participation in the 2017 Starry Trek program. This program educated lake representatives on the identification starry stonewort with a follow-up inspection of Grand Lake. Unbelievable! Grand Lake has a small amount of starry stonewort near our public access! Because this was detected early, the Minnesota DNR engaged a rapid response team that included biologists and AIS experts who developed a plan that included the use of DNR divers to hand pull the starry stonewort bulbils from the sediments. The DNR also initiated a follow-up plan that included an inspection in February (by drilling holes through the ice), a visual search during the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>, and a plan to have divers search and pull starry stonewort prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Inspections and hand pulling will continue over the summer. Stay tuned for future reports.

The LID is also committed to preventing the introduction of other aquatic invasive species, both on Grand Lake and all other lakes. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday boat inspections started with opening fishing. Seven-day-a-week inspections were scheduled to start July 27<sup>th</sup>, and based on your input at the Lake Association meeting, the warm weather, and boat traffic data, we are implementing a 6 day a week inspection schedule that will begin on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, a big thanks to the LID Board for all their good work. A special thanks to Jim Bartelme who has coordinated AIS and boat inspections and has also secured funding to cover boat inspection expenses through a County AIS grant. A special thanks to Jim Meinz who is now part of a trained network of volunteer "AIS Detectors".

*Scott Palmer, Chair  
Grand Lake Improvement District*



## Tips from the AIS Detector

Greetings! My name is Jim Meinz, Grand Lake resident and LID Board member. I recently completed an "AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Detector" Training Course through the University of Minnesota. We are a statewide group of trained volunteers to assist the DNR professionals with education, prevention, identification and reporting of possible and actual AIS infestations. We are also required to complete continuing education requirements in the future to stay current with information.

I am available to respond to any potential AIS you may find. You can contact me at [jmeinz1@gmail.com](mailto:jmeinz1@gmail.com) or (320)249-3996. I will contact you to schedule a time to visit your site.

Samples of potential AIS can be placed and sealed in a small plastic bag with a moist paper towel. Keep the sample in a refrigerator or cooler until I arrive.

Thank you for your help to keep our lake free of Aquatic Invasive Species.

## Starry Stonewort

Save the date: Saturday, August 18

# Starry Trek 2018

Locations throughout Minnesota



**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, August 18, 2018**

Join us for a day searching for one of Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort and other invaders.

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or contact Jim Bartelme  
(734•730•7421) for more information  
or to register.

## How to prevent the spread of Invasive Species:

- clean** weeds and debris from your boats, and remove any weeds or mussels, etc.
- 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 29 days before placing equipment into another water body.

# Wish Upon A Sunflower



Join the O'Keefe Family in making their **5th annual fundraiser** on our wonderful Grand Lake even better! Wish Upon A Sunflower is a **Sunflower Sale Event August 4-7, 2018 from 12pm-7pm** to benefit the *Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Minnesota* by selling bouquets of sunflowers handpicked from a breathtaking 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 Sunflower 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 photographic scenery.

This year is the **5 Year Anniversary Gala on Friday, August 3, 2018 from 5pm-8pm**. Join them for an evening of wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, entertainment, sunflower shop, and a wish family by the sunflower field. Tickets are \$50 and include a beautiful 5 flower bouquet. For tickets, please go to the Make-A-Wish MN website at <http://mn.wish.org/> and search sunflowers. And added this year is a **Topiary Making Party** alongside the sunflower field on Monday, August 6, 2018 from 5:30pm-8:30pm for \$40, which includes a donation to Make-A-Wish. Email your reservation to Simonne Dansereau at the following email address: [dansereausimonne@gmail.com](mailto:dansereausimonne@gmail.com).

For more information or if you are unable to attend the events and would like to donate or would like to volunteer, please call Simonne at 510-388-9324 or go to their Facebook page at *Wish Upon A Sunflower*.

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# SUMMER EVENTS 2018



## July



4<sup>th</sup> -

8AM 5K Run & Walk



9AM Flag Raising at the Geving Cabin

7PM Boat Parade

10PM Fireworks



19<sup>th</sup> - Happy Hour Night



26<sup>th</sup> - Bean Bag Tournament at *Eddie's*



## August



3<sup>rd</sup> - Wish Upon a Sunflower

Wine & Beer Tasting Event



4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - Wish Upon a Sunflower Flower Sales



6<sup>th</sup> - Topiary Making Party



16<sup>th</sup> - Happy Hour Night



18<sup>th</sup> - Grand Old Day Picnic & Barn Dance



25<sup>th</sup> - LID & Lake Association Meeting

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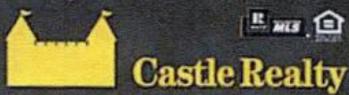


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