

GRAND LAKE CONNECTION



4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

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

Join us for the 4th annual 4th of July Stars and Strides 5K RUN/WALK around our beautiful Grand Lake. The race will begin for both runners and walkers at 8:00AM at *Eddie's on Grand* and will finish with refreshments at our Flag Raising Ceremony on Grand Lake Road. This is NOT a chip-timed event. Parking is available at *Eddie's on Grand*. The first 125 people to sign up will receive a Stars and Strides duffel bag. There will be prizes for top finishers, best dressed costume, and NEW this year, there will be a chance for all participants to win a door prize with their bib number.

You may sign up until July 2nd online at runsignup.com. Search for *Grand Lake Stars and Strides 5K*. One can also register the morning of the event beginning at 7:30AM with a \$5 increase at *Eddie's on Grand*. Packet pick-up will be available the evening of July 3rd from 7-8PM at 10962 Grand Lake Road.

Those not participating in the event that live around the lake are encouraged to cheer on runners, play music and decorate their driveways! The race route this year will start on Country Road 8 to Hubert Lane, Mitchell Lane, Agate Beach Road and then finish on Grand Lake Road.

A HUGE Thank You to *Stickney Hill Farms* for sponsoring this event!

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY - 9:00AM

Let's enjoy our annual patriotic Grand Lake Flag Raising Ceremony tradition with coffee, juice and donuts at the home of Peggy Schulz, 11028 Grand Lake Road. Handicapped parking will be available in her driveway and a golf cart ride to the ceremony if needed. It is a great time to meet new people and to connect with your friends and neighbors on Grand Lake!

BOAT PARADE - 7:00PM

Boats will gather at 6:45PM at the docks of *Eddie's on Grand* to register and start the parade. Early registration will be available after 1:00PM at *Eddie's on Grand* on July 4, if you want to incorporate your registration number in your decoration scheme.

ALL BOATS MUST DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG on their boat to qualify to win! All boating regulations will be in force. Please keep at a minimum wake speed during the parade.

ALL TYPES OF BOATS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE! This year's judges for the Pontoon Division will be the Saterfield Family on Agate Beach Road. The Other Watercraft Division judges will be the Lyons Family also on Agate Beach Road.

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

Thank you to Ed Valentine for supporting our Boat Parade every 4th of July!

FIREWORKS - 10:00PM

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS to Dave Lenhardt at 10749 Mitchell Lane, St. Cloud, MN 56301. Checks should be made 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!**

THANK YOU to the LENHARDT FAMILY for providing Patriotic Joy every 4th of July on Grand Lake for over 50 years!

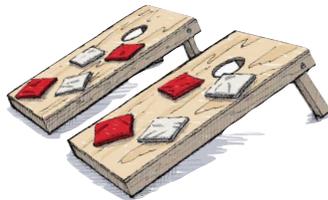
GRAND OLD DAY EVENT

Mark your calendar for the annual Grand Old Day Event on *Saturday, August 17, 2019* hosted by Ed Zapp at his special red barn located at 22807 Rausch Lake Road. Feel free to invite your friends and family to join us for the annual Bean Bag Tournament, Lawn Games, Hayrides, Picnic Dinner and Barn Dancing. Remember to bring your children and grandchildren to experience the magnificent horses that will be taking us for an enjoyable hayride courtesy of Ed Zapp.



Event Schedule:

- ☆ **Social Hours:** 4:00PM-6:00PM
- ☆ **Free Hayrides:** 4:00PM-8:00PM
- ☆ **Bean Bag Tournament:** Begins at 5:00PM (Sign-up 4:15-4:45)
- ☆ **Picnic Dinner:** 6:00PM until gone
- ☆ **Picnic Dinner Menu:** Sloppy Joes, 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:** 7:00PM-10:00PM



The Grand Lake Area Association would like to thank Ed Zapp for hosting our Grand Old Day Event for the 7th 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 13th to help us have an accurate head count for food and drinks! Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event.

• **To volunteer to work this event, please call Jane Bartelme at 320-253-0041.**

EDDIE'S GRAND LAKE HAPPY HOUR NIGHTS!

Every Thursday through August 29, Eddie's on Grand will host our Grand Lake Happy Hour from 4:00-6:00PM. All drinks and appetizers will be \$1.00 off.

Then plan to stay longer to listen to live entertainment on the outside deck from 6:00-9:00PM sponsored by *Third Street Brewery*.

During that time, appetizers and *Third Street Brewery* beer will be \$1.00 off.





News from the Grand Lake Improvement District

Let's start with some good news. Grand Lake was featured in a Minnesota Public Radio News article that highlights the successes Grand Lake has experienced in containing starry stonewort. You can find this article through the following link:

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/05/19/minnesota-lake-researchers-remove-invasive-starry-stonewort>

As stated in the article, "Starry stonewort has never been successfully eradicated from a U.S. lake", which sounds ominous when you see another quote that states, "Starry stonewort is an invasive algae that can form dense mats that choke out native species and make boating and swimming difficult." So what's the good news?

By creating a Lake Improvement District, Grand Lake has the tools, some financial resources, and the energy to participate in Minnesota Department of Natural Resources initiatives that help with the prevention, early identification, and treatment of aquatic invasive species.

Let's take Starry Trek, for example. Starry Trek is a statewide event focused on searching for Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort, as well as other aquatic invasive species in Minnesota lakes such as Eurasian Milfoil or zebra mussels. Through our participation in Starry Trek, an AIS rake was thrown out at our public access at Grand Lake, and the suspicious sample pulled in from this rake was later confirmed as starry stonewort. I think everyone who heard that Grand Lake had starry stonewort experienced that sickening, punch-in-the-gut feeling. OMG! What do we do now?

What's the good news?

People owning property on Grand Lake are responsible stewards of our lake and our natural resources, and are supportive of the active steps taken by the LID board to activate the DNR early response team with a coordinated effort to contain starry stonewort and prevent other aquatic invasive species from entering or leaving our lake. Many steps were taken before starry stonewort was found on Grand Lake.

- The I-Lid was installed at our lake, recording boats that enter or leave our lake while reminding people to remove all vegetation from their boats and trailers.
- Boat inspections began and the hours over the boating season have been expanded in 2019 to over 850 hours in an effort to catch most boats that enter and leave our lake.
- The boat inspectors now have a kiosk or shelter that is used to educate people using our lake on AIS identification and prevention while offering our inspectors protection from the elements and a more professional look at our access.
- Zebra mussel plates were installed on docks at various locations around our lake.
- Collaboration continues to occur between the Grand Lake Improvement District, the DNR, and the Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center on methods that contain starry stonewort by using divers to hand-pull starry stonewort rather than use algaecide. This is the only method that has shown success in going beneath the sediment to pull the starry-shaped bulbils without disrupting native vegetation.
- The LID contracts with AIS Consulting Services to conduct AIS surveys of Grand Lake during our boating season. These surveys help us delineate the locations and amount of curly leaf pondweed while surveying all of our lake for starry stonewort or other invasive species. Property owners who wonder how decisions are made on our focus areas for CLP treatment should know that it is based on lake-wide surveys and the recommendations of the DNR and not by public pressure or where you live on the lake.
- LID board member, Jim Meinz, is our Grand Lake "AIS Detector" after receiving DNR training.
- Jim Bartelme has been successful in obtaining grant monies to offset some of the costs of the AIS prevention and treatment efforts.

Is there any bad news? The knowledge that there are many additional aquatic invasive species out there is enough to turn anyone's stomach, and the LID cannot promise anyone that we can prevent other AIS from entering our lake. From the list above you know we're making decisions based on recommendations from the experts.

If you want to help, knowing how to prevent the transfer of AIS from one lake to another is a really good piece of knowledge. "Clean In and Clean Out" or "Clean, Drain, and Dry" are easy to remember. Here are a couple links that will help:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/index_aquatic.html

<http://www.stopaquaticchickhikers.org/>

Have an enjoyable summer on this beautiful lake,

Scott Palmer, Chair

Grand Lake Improvement District

Tips from the AIS Detector

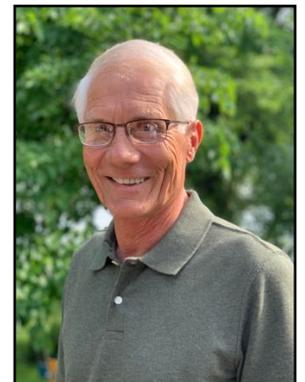
Greetings! My name is Jim Meinz, Grand Lake resident and LID Board member. Last year I completed an "AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Detector" Training Course through the University of Minnesota. We are a statewide group of trained volunteers to assist the DNR professionals with education, prevention, 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 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.





Wish Upon a Sunflower

Our Grand Lake is home to one of the 25 prettiest sunflower fields in America!

Join the O'Keefe Family for their 6th annual fundraiser! *Wish Upon A Sunflower* starts with a **Sunflower Gala on Friday, August 2, 2019 from 5PM-8PM**. Join them for an evening of wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, entertainment, sunflower shop, and to hear from a wish family or two 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 or mail them a check at the address below.



The fun continues with **Sunflower Sales and Shopping August 3-6, 2019 from 12PM-7PM**. Come to buy a beautiful 5 flower bouquet for a \$10 donation or enjoy the delightful shop of everything sunflower and more.

The events are at the O'Keefe Sunflower Farm on Grand Lake at 21096 Fowler Road. 100% of all proceeds will go to the *Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Minnesota* to help grant wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. 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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Save the Date! Saturday, August 17, 2019

Join us for a day searching for one of Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort and other invaders. Visit: <https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/starrytrek> or contact Jim Bartelme (734•730•7421) for more information or to register.



Please help keep our roadways and ditches clean. Make sure to secure trash and recycling when transporting by truck or trailer. Please pick-up any trash items you may see on the road or in the ditches near your home. We all need to pitch in. Thank you!

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.

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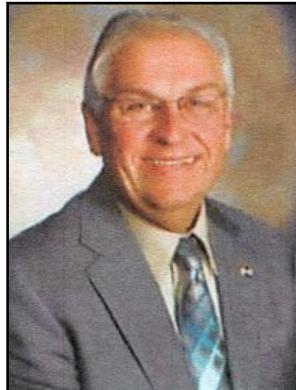
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