

THE SCOOP AT GRAND LAKE

4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

INAUGURAL STARS AND STRIDES GRAND LAKE 5K RUN/ WALK – Start the Fourth of July off with patriotic spirit and exhilarating energy by running or walking the *Stars and Strides Grand Lake 5K* around Grand Lake with your friends and neighbors. Participants will receive a commemorative tank top and sunglasses. There will be prizes for the first and second place finishers in 4 categories: Adult Men Run, Adult Women Run, Young Adult Run 12-17, and Walkers. Afterwards, all participants are welcome to join the Grand Lake community for refreshments at our traditional Grand Lake Flag Raising Ceremony at 11011 & 11031 Hubert Lane.

Race Details:

Sign-up online by June 26, at runsignup.com, search for *Stars and Strides Grand Lake 5K*

Cost is \$20.00 which includes a tank top and sunglasses.

Race begins at *Eddie's On Grand* on County Road 8. (Parking available)

7:45 AM- Walkers Race – Report in by 7:30 AM

8:15 AM – Runners Race – Report in by 8:00 AM

Route: County Road 8 to Grand Lake Road to Agate Beach Road to Mitchell Lane. Finish Line is on Mitchell Lane a few blocks from the Flag Raising Ceremony.

Note: If you register on the July 4 Race Day, you are not guaranteed a tank top.

Special thanks to the Magnuson Family for organizing this Inaugural Fourth of July 5K event!

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY – 9:00 AM at the homes of Kim & Duane Koepp and Kris Smoley & Bob Schlicht, 11011 and 11031 Hubert Lane. There is boat docking available, but limited car parking on Hubert Lane. Enjoy walking, jogging, biking or boating to our popular Grand Lake tradition. Come meet and greet your Grand Lake neighbors for coffee, juice and donuts with the popular Grand Lake Patriotic Tradition.

BOAT PARADE – 7:00 PM - Boats gather at *Eddie's On Grand* at 6:45 PM and will end at *EOG*. Early registration will be available at *Eddie's on Grand* beginning at 3:00 PM if you want to incorporate your registration number in your decoration scheme. All boats are required to display the American Flag somewhere on their boat.

This year's judges will be the Schlicht and Smoley Family for the Pontoon Division and the Jecha Family for the Other Watercraft Division. Winners receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from *Eddie's On Grand*, their name on the traveling trophy, and a picture of their boat at *Eddie's On Grand* for the year and on the lake website. The winners for each division will be announced at *Eddie's On Grand* at 8:30 PM on July 4th.

We would like to encourage all types of boats in the parade including pontoons, speed boats, fishing boats, jet skis, etc. 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.

GRAND OLD DAY EVENT

Mark your calendars for the annual Grand Old Day Event on Saturday, August 20, 2016 located at Ed Zapp's Barn at 22807 Rausch Lake Road.

We would like to encourage everyone to bring your friends and neighbors to our delightful Picnic Dinner and Barn Dance. Wear your hats and boots and kick up your heels for a rootin' tootin' good time!

The dinner menu has changed to a popular picnic theme. The event proceeds will be used to fund any future social events and activities for our association. Volunteers are always welcome!



Event Schedule:

- U **Social Hour:** 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- U **Bean Bag Tournament:** 4:00 PM (sign-up at the barn 3:45)
- U **Picnic Dinner:** 5:30 PM until gone
- U **Barn Dance:** 7 PM - 11 PM (DJ/Karaoke - Request your favorite songs!)

Picnic Dinner Menu: Sloppy Joe's, Brats, Hotdogs, Coleslaw, Chips, Watermelon, Cookies
\$4 - beer or mixed drinks, \$1 - pop or water

- U **Prepay tickets:** \$8/Adult, \$4/Child under 10
- U **Day of Event:** \$10/Adult, \$5/Child under 10
CASH ONLY – NO CREDIT CARDS

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE PICNIC DINNER at *Eddie's On Grand* at 320-654-1811 by Wednesday, August 17th. We strongly suggest buying the Picnic Dinner tickets early at the discounted rate no later than August 17, 2016.

- Courtesy Cab is available if needed from 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM
- To volunteer to work this event, please call Jane Bartelme at 320-253-0041.

The Grand Lake Area Association would like to thank Ed Zapp for hosting our Grand Old Day Event at his stunning, red barn for the fourth year in a row. His continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated!



Join your friends and neighbors at the Grand Lake Happy Hour Night!

- 🕶 Thursdays, June 16, July 21, August 11 starting at 4:00 PM
- 🕶 At *Eddie's On Grand*, \$1.00 off all drinks and appetizers



Come enjoy the Third Street Deck at *Eddie's*!

Notes from the LID



Grand Lake has earned the reputation for being one of the most progressive Lake Improvement Districts (LID) in the State. With Eurasian Milfoil less than 60 miles to our north, south and east, and Starry Stonewort to our west, we have to be vigilant. Residents who have lived on Grand Lake for less than 10 years may not remember the pickup truck loads of curly-leaf pondweed that would need to be hauled away from your beach in early July, and while the treatment and management of curly-leaf

pondweed is an ongoing battle and a major expense that exceeds \$10,000 annually, the Lake Improvement District provides sustainable funding that allows us to implement projects to improve our water clarity and manage invasive aquatic species. 2016 is a historic year for the LID. This year we have implemented the following projects:

Reduction of Existing Aquatic Invasive Species: Grand Lake has curly-leaf pondweed. In early May we treated 33 acres of our estimated 86 acres of curly-leaf pondweed, which is the maximum amount allowed under our DNR permit. Cutting down on the amount of curly-leaf pondweed will reduce the amount of CLP that dies off in July and ends up on your beaches. Decaying CLP also dumps phosphorous back into our water and degrades the water quality in July and August.

Prevention of Additional Aquatic Invasive Species: In 2016 we initiated a number of projects to help prevent additional aquatic invasive species. In May we began weekend and holiday boat inspections at our public access. We installed 10 zebra mussel inspection plates at strategic locations around the lake and completed zebra mussel veliger testing in 2015 that reveals no current evidence of zebra mussels. In early May the I-LID was installed at our public access. What is the I-LID? It's a public access video monitoring system that monitors all boats entering and leaving Grand Lake, and it provides a friendly message that encourages boat owners to clean off their trailers and follow DNR recommendations that prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Efforts to Improve Water Quality: Residents of Grand Lake have city sewer services, so pollution from failing septic systems are a thing of the past. This allowed the Grand Lake Improvement District to focus on two tributary creeks that flow into Grand Lake from our west (Ploof and Johannes Creeks). Beginning in 2012 and continuing through 2016, the LID contracted with the Sauk River Watershed District to complete water quality monitoring of these two important creeks. While most measures met state standards and the measures of Grand Lake met all state standards, we did find issues with *E.coli* in the creeks that exceeded state standards in half of the measures taken over the summer. So what does this mean? We have to look for the source and cooperate with property owners in an effort to prevent *E.coli* from getting into the creeks. Modern science now allows the biologists to determine the source of *E.coli*. Is it from humans from failing septic? Is it from cows? Pigs? Birds? They now have the tests to determine the specific source. That data will be used to assist with mitigation projects in the future.

So how is all of this funded? Some of the costs are funded through our LID annual budget and some of the costs are funded through County or DNR grants. In 2016 we applied for a number of grants and received over \$11,000 in grants for our efforts to improve our water quality and prevent or treat Aquatic Invasive Species.

Thanks to the LID Board for all their hard work. We'll see you for the LID Annual meeting on Saturday, August 20th, 9:00 am at *Eddie's on Grand*.

*Scott Palmer, Chair
Grand Lake Improvement District*

AIS Reward Program for the Sale of Docks, Boat Lifts, and Rafts

Stearns County Aquatic Invasive Species Committee has a reward program for you. If you leave equipment that is sold out of the water for 29 days, AIS will reward you with \$200.00.

Go to the Stearns County website to find the application or call 320-656-3613 to find out how to apply.

<http://www.co.stearns.mn.us/Environment/WaterResources/AquaticInvasiveSpecies>

Starry Stonewort



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.



Curly-Leaf Pondweed

Wish Upon A Sunflower



Join the O'Keefe Family in making their third annual fundraiser on our wonderful Grand Lake even better! *Wish Upon A Sunflower* is a Sunflower Sale event August 4-9, 2016 from 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 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.

Added this year is a *Wine and Beer Tasting Event* on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 from 5pm-8pm. Join them for an evening of wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres by the sunflower field.

Tickets are \$50.00 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.

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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EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED!

We have only 50% of lake owners' email addresses. At times, emails are sent with updates concerning lake activities and information. To send your current email address, visit the Grand Lake website (www.grandlakeassociation.org) and click on "Contact Us". Email addresses will not be used for marketing purposes or shared with 3rd parties. Check the new and updated website often for updates and reports. Thanks!



SUMMER EVENTS

July

- ★ 4th -
 - 7:30am 5K Run & Walk
 - 9am Flag Raising at Koepp's & Schlicht's
 - 7pm Boat Parade
 - 10pm Fireworks
- ★ 21st - Happy Hour Night

August

- ★ 3rd - Wish Upon a Sunflower Wine & Beer Tasting Event
- ★ 4th - 9th - Wish Upon a Sunflower Flower Sales
- ★ 11th - Happy Hour Night
- ★ 20th - LID & Lake Association Meeting
- ★ 20th - Grand Old Day Picnic & Barn Dance

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