

# THE SCOOP AT GRAND LAKE

## 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

**STARS AND STRIDES GRAND LAKE 5K RUN/ WALK** – Come join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Stars and Strides 5K Run/Walk around beautiful Grand Lake in Rockville, MN. Race will begin at *Eddie's On Grand* restaurant on County Road 8 and end near the Flag Raising Ceremony at 9:00 AM. This is a fun untimed event.

### Race Details:

Sign-up online by July 2, 2017 at [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com), search for *Grand Lake Stars and Strides 5K*. Registration will also be available on July 4<sup>th</sup> at *Eddie's On Grand*.

Cost is \$20.00 which includes a festive beach towel. First 75 to sign up are guaranteed a beach towel on the day of the event. Race begins at *Eddie's On Grand* on County Road 8. (Parking available)

**7:30 AM** – Check-in

**8:00 AM** – Race begins

There will be prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for males and females in the following divisions:

Children: ages 12 & under; Teens: ages 13-18, Adults: ages 19-39, Adults: ages 40 & up, Walkers: one division only.

If you live on Grand Lake and are not participating in this activity, we encourage you to cheer on your neighbors at the end of your driveway and play some music and join in the fun! The run route will include County Road 8, Grand Lake Road, Agate Beach Road and Mitchell Lane.

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

**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY – 9:00 AM** Come join us for coffee, juice and treats at our annual Flag Raising Ceremony at the home of Jana and Stephen Sommers located at 10553 Mitchell Lane. Enjoy walking, jogging, biking or boating to our popular Grand Lake patriotic tradition. It is a wonderful time to reconnect with your friends and neighbors on Grand Lake!

**BOAT PARADE – 7:00 PM** Early registration will be available at *Eddie's On Grand* at 1:00 PM if you want to incorporate your registration number in your decoration scheme. **ALL BOATS MUST DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG** somewhere on their boat to qualify to win. Boats will gather at *Eddie's On Grand* at 6:45 PM to register and begin the parade.

This year's judges for the *Pontoon Division* will be the Sommers Family on Mitchell Lane and the *Other Watercraft Division* judges will be the Muffelmann Family on Grand Lake Road. All types of boats are encouraged to participate and all boating regulations will be in force. Please keep all boats at a minimum wake speed during the parade. Winner's receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to *Eddie's On Grand*, their name on the traveling trophy, a picture of their boat at *Eddie's* and on our website for 1 year. The winners for each division will be announced and given their trophy and gift certificates at 8:30 PM at *Eddie's On Grand*.

**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. Thank you to Dave and his family for providing us Patriotic Joy every Fourth of July!

**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 19, 2017, hosted by Ed Zapp at his festive, red barn located at 22807 Rausch Lake Road. Invite your friends and family to join us for Games, Hayrides, Picnic Dinner and Dancing. New Activity: Free Hayrides for children and adults starting at 4:00 PM courtesy of Ed Zapp! Bring your children and grandchildren to experience the magnificent horses taking us for an exciting ride in our local area.

## Event Schedule:

- 🌟 **Social Hour:** 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- 🌟 **Free Hayrides:** Begin at 4:00 PM
- 🌟 **Bean Bag Tournament:** 4:30 PM (sign-up at the barn 4:00 )
- 🌟 **Picnic Dinner:** 5:30 PM until gone All you can eat!
- 🌟 **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
- 🌟 **CASH ONLY – NO CREDIT CARDS**



***PLEASE RSVP & PURCHASE TICKETS*** at *Eddie's On Grand* no later than Monday, August 14 to help us have an accurate head count for food and drinks. **DISCOUNTED** food tickets will be available at *Eddie's On Grand* until August 14. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event for an increased price.

*To volunteer to work this event, please call Jane Bartelme by August 16 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 22, July 20, August 24 starting at 5:00 PM

🕶 At *Eddie's On Grand*, \$1.00 off all drinks and appetizers



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



## LID UPDATES & INFO

The Grand Lake Improvement District (LID) needs your help in protecting our beautiful lake from aquatic invasive species.

Grand Lake already has one aquatic invasive species, Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP) that spreads by "turions" (dormant buds) that form on the plant, sink and lie dormant on the lake bottom during the hottest part of the summer, and then germinate in the fall. Like dandelions in your lawn, you may never be able to get rid of this plant yet with persistence you may be able to manage it so it doesn't take over.

The funds provided through the creation of a *Lake Improvement District* allows us to contract with the lake vegetation control services of Lake Management, Inc. to treat 33 acres of CLP each year. The 33 acres reflects the limit of our Department of Natural Resources permit, and while we cannot eradicate CLP, the goal is the proper management of CLP so the 86 acres of CLP on Grand Lake doesn't continue to spread.

Let me talk about another pesky invasive species that has become more prevalent on Grand Lake. Chinese and Banded Mystery Snails are large, olive colored snails that can form dense aggregations on the bottom sediments of our lake. You may have noticed those that float on the surface of the water until it ends up on your shoreline. I suspect you have noticed that these snails really like each other and give birth to thousands and thousands of young, fully developed snails that suddenly and mysteriously appear. The name "mystery snail" seems appropriate.

How did these snails get here? It is reported that they were imported into live markets in San Francisco in 1892 and were introduced into our waters through the aquarium industry. They can also be introduced to a specific lake when someone dumps their aquarium into the lake or when they are transported via bait buckets and water holding areas on boats. Snail management techniques often include the introduction of fish or turtles that eat snails. Chemical management of snails using copper sulfate is not considered a good option because it is not selective in the snails they kill.

Perhaps a snail feed at *Eddies on Grand*? Believe it or not, these snails are readily imported to Asian food markets.

### So what is the LID doing:

1. **Boat Inspections:** The 2017 public access boat inspections on Grand Lake began on Saturday, May 13 and last for 10-hours each Saturday and Sunday through Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. New for 2017 are Friday inspections that last for 8 hours beginning on June 30<sup>th</sup> and ending on September 1.
2. **I-LID:** The I-LID is located at our public access and serves as a source of high definition monitoring of the boats that enter or exit Grand Lake, as well as education on the prevention of aquatic species.
3. **Zebra mussel inspection plates:** a number of inspection plates have been placed on docks at strategic points around Grand Lake. These inspection plates attract snails and zebra mussels and allow for early identification by inspectors who monitor these plates on a regular basis.
4. **Treatment for Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP):** Mechanical harvesting and the use of a DNR approved herbicide like Aquathol is generally used to manage CLP. Grand Lake has tried both and is currently contracting with Lake Management, Inc. to manage CLP.

If you do your homework on aquatic invasive species, you will find that there are there are different invasive plants and animals that have the potential to harm Grand Lake and other Minnesota waters. What can you do to help? I'll mention two things reported by the Stearns County Coalition of Lake Associations and the DNR that would make a difference:

1. Learn to identify aquatic invasive species, and responding quickly to new AIS infestations is critical to curb the spread into other lakes and waterbodies.. If you find something suspicious, note the exact location, take a photo, keep the specimen and contact the local DNR.
2. If you plan to move or sell a dock, lift, or other equipment from one lake to another, all visible aquatic plants and animals must be removed whether they're dead or alive. The equipment must be out of the water for 21 days before it can be placed in another waterbody.

*Thanks all for your help in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Enjoy the 4th of July and a wonderful summer.*

**Scott Palmer**  
Chair, Grand Lake Improvement District

## Starry Stonewort



Join us Saturday, August 5, for a day searching for one of Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species, starry stonewort, and other invaders.

Visit: [www.maisrc.umn.edu/starrytrek](http://www.maisrc.umn.edu/starrytrek)

or contact Jim Bartelme:

[james.bartelme@aol.com](mailto:james.bartelme@aol.com)

for more information or to register.

**We all need to join the efforts to stop invasive species that are killing our local lakes!**

### 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.

### 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>



Join the O'Keefe Family in making their fourth annual fundraiser on our wonderful Grand Lake even better! Wish Upon A Sunflower is a **Sunflower Sale Event August 5-8, 2017 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.

Also again this year is the **Wine and Beer Tasting Event on Friday, August 4, 2017 from 5pm-8pm**. Join them for an evening of wine, beer, and hors d'oeuvres by the sunflower field. Tickets are \$45 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.

Added this year is a **Sunflower Canvas Painting Party alongside the sunflower field on Monday, August 7, 2017 from 6:30pm-8:30pm** for \$25 which includes a donation to *Make-A-Wish*. Email your reservation to [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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Click on *Contact Us* on the [grandlakeassociation.org](http://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.



### EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED!!



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](http://www.grandlakeassociation.org)) and click on "Contact Us". Email addresses will not be used for marketing purposes or shared with 3rd parties. Check the website often for updates and reports. Thanks!



# SUMMER EVENTS 2017



## July

\* 4<sup>th</sup> -

8am 5K Run & Walk

9am Flag Raising at Steve & Jana Sommers

7pm Boat Parade

8:30pm Parade Winners announced at Eddie's

10pm Fireworks

\* 20<sup>th</sup> - Happy Hour Night



## August

\* 4<sup>th</sup> - Wish Upon a Sunflower  
Wine & Beer Tasting Event

\* 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Wish Upon a Sunflower Flower Sales

\* 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunflower Canvas Painting Party

\* 19<sup>th</sup> - Grand Old Day Picnic & Barn Dance

\* 24<sup>th</sup> - Happy Hour Night

\* 26<sup>th</sup> - LID & Lake Association Meeting

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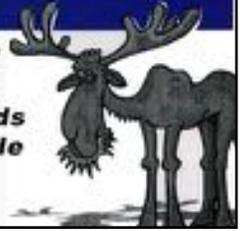


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