

**Granite Lake Watershed Association
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April 2015 Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

Saturday May 2, 10AM	Annual Lake Assoc. Meeting	Albion Township Hall
Saturday May 9	Cleanup Day	Albion Township
Saturday June 27	Boat Party	6PM in calm waters

Hi Neighbors!

First a big thank you to those of you who have already made generous donations to fight our Eurasian Milfoil problem. As you all know, Granite Lake is a very special place and with the help of the donations received and those that are still on the way, we will be able to ensure that it remains special for all of us to enjoy.

I've also included some key dates above. Our Boat Party is always a fun time and our Annual Meeting will be May 2nd. I hope to see many of you at both events!

Bob Peterson was kind enough to share old photos from when the Granite Lake Island was exposed and I thought you all might enjoy seeing it. If you are a relative newcomer to Granite Lake like me, then you may not have known that people used to go out to the island to soak up some sun or enjoy a picnic lunch!



Eurasian Milfoil Crisis

As reported in our previous newsletter, we have a serious Eurasian Milfoil problem in Granite Lake which will require multiple years of treatment to address. We have started the process for the first year's treatment with "*PLM Lake and Land Management*". Again, I am including the results of the Point Intercept survey so you can see the locations of the Eurasian Milfoil. The cost for the first year will be approximately \$9,000. It is likely that we could incur similar cost in the subsequent years totaling \$25-\$30,000 over a 3 year period.

Your Septic | Out of Sight but Not Out of Mind

This is part of an article from Wright County. [Click here for the full article](#)

Kathy Jonsrud | Wright County Coalition of Lakes Executive Committee
Sean Riley | Zoning Administrator, Wright County Planning and Zoning

Almost all of us with lake property in Wright County have an individual septic system or are part of a small communal septic. Both of these systems have been proven to be very effective in preserving water quality when property maintained. If you are like most homeowners, you probably never give much thought to what happens when waste goes down your drain.

Proper operation and maintenance of a septic system can have a significant impact on how well it works and how long it lasts. And of course, preventing groundwater pollution from a failing septic system is a priority for our lake community. Wright County took steps over twenty years ago to address septic concerns. The regulations have specific requirements and a permitting process for those designing and installing systems. For lake property owners with existing individual systems, the regulations focus on two major components:

- When a property is sold, or when a permit is obtained for lake property improvements, the septic must be professionally inspected to ensure adequate conformance. This is also required for the sale of any property in Wright County.
- Septic tanks must be professionally inspected at least every three years. Solids must be removed from septic tanks to allow the system to function properly.

Email Addresses

Do you have a new email address? Or are you unsure if we have your current email address? We are still mailing copies of this newsletter to some members that do not have an email address on file with us; however, this is expensive and time-consuming. Please send us your current email addresses. Thank you!

Non-Profit Status

The Board has also been working to establish ourselves as an official Non-Profit (5013-c) Organization. Tim Waldschmidt did a great job pulling together all of the needed information and submitting the paperwork. We should soon receive confirmation of our Non-Profit Status. Thanks Tim!

Please Donate to fight the Milfoil!

We are asking everyone who hasn't already done so to please consider making an additional donation specifically to treat the Eurasian Milfoil problem. If we all work together we can tackle this problem. Please send donations to:

Lucinda Ogden/Treasurer
1885 Knowles Ave NW
Annandale, MN 55302

Annual Dues: \$40.00

We already have a great start on collecting 2015 dues! Thank you and keep them coming. ☺ Of course, you can send in your annual dues at the same time you make a donation the Milfoil fund. Just specify on your check if your donation is for Milfoil, annual dues or both. And remember, it's never too late to pay for previous years. Not sure, please contact Lucinda at 320-963-5594

List of 2015 Dues Paid:

Bainy	\$100	Hackenmueller	\$40	Koltes	\$100	Van Kempen	\$40
Fitzhenry	\$40	Hagstrom	\$80	Mehr	\$50	Wilde	\$50
Fleming	\$40	Jones	\$50	Noble	\$40		
Gohl *	\$40	Kaufhold	\$120	Poe	\$100		
Gunderson	\$40	Knutson	\$50	Schwebel	\$80		

Thank you!

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Friends of the Association \$50 Annual Donation.

Looking for a realtor, see Bob!

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