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Oct 2015 Newsletter

Hi Neighbors!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying these beautiful fall days. I wanted to take this opportunity to send an update on progress made by the lake association this past summer.

Eurasian Water Milfoil

We made great progress treating the milfoil this year. I cannot say THANK YOU enough to all of you who contributed to our milfoil fund. It would not have been possible without you. There are maps at the end of this newsletter so that you can see where the milfoil was a year ago and our current state. We knew going into this that it would be a multi-year effort, but the progress made this year was very good. When I spoke with Patrick from PLM (the company that treated our lake), he was very optimistic about the results of our treatment. Although you still see milfoil around large portion of the lake, they often found only a couple plants at those locations. In some locations, you may have observed that as the Eurasian Water Milfoil died off, other native weeds may have grown in their place. This is normal and this was to be expected. Our next steps are to create an updated map next May and then treat the most severe areas. The cost is expected to be similar to the approximately \$10,000 cost for this past summer's treatment.

AIS Grant received

Although treating the Eurasian Water Milfoil is very expensive, the good news is that we did receive a grant of \$5,000 distributed from the county to partially reimburse our cost. This was a one-time grant so we are not expecting it next year, but we will continue to look for future grant opportunities.

Zebra Mussel Monitoring

As you know, Zebra Mussels have been found nearby in Lake John and Clearwater Lake. On Granite, many of you have seen the Zebra Mussel monitoring kits that were installed on some of your docks. Many thanks to Pete, Tim, and our other volunteers who created those kits, installed them, and monitored them every 2-3 weeks all summer. **No zebra mussels were found on any of the monitor kits on Granite.** As you know, early detection of zebra mussels is extremely important if we are to have a chance to address an issue in our lake. Therefore, it is critical that we stay vigilant on this.

Please consider the following steps to prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species to Granite Lake.

- Watch for zebra mussels (see pictures on the last page) when you take out your docks, lifts, and boats. If you find something notify Pete or Tim, note the exact location, and preserve the sample (Ziploc bag or cover it in cling wrap taped in place) so the DNR can study it. If you don't find anything, please also report that information to Pete (pete.pesheck@gmail.com) so we can document the absence of zebra mussels at your location at season's end (this information will be very important if we ever find zebra mussels; if the infestation can be shown to be new and localized we may be a candidate for funds to mount an eradication effort).

- If you buy a used dock, lift, or boat please check it for zebra mussels and Eurasian Water Milfoil before putting it in Granite. The DNR also recommends:
 - Spray equipment with high-pressure water;
 - Rinse with hot water (120 degrees for two minutes, or 140 degrees for 10 seconds); or
 - Dry equipment for at least five days (note that “best current science” suggests 21-29 days dry).

Non-Profit Status

We now have 501c3 status as a non-profit organization, which means your milfoil donations are tax deductible effective back to Jan 1, 2015. Check with your accountant. This is posted on our website. Tim Waldschmidt did a great job pulling together all of the needed information and submitting the paperwork. Thanks Tim!

Email Addresses

Do you have a new email address? Or are you aware of a neighbor with a new 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!

Lake Monitoring

Jerry Jones and Tim Waldschmidt completed lake monitoring for 2015 in September. The water samples were collected May-Sept. Thank you Tim and Jerry for the great work!

Thank You's

I'd also like to extend thanks to officers, shoreline reps. Webmaster, and Lake Plan coordinator. The team has been busy in many additional ways – from preparing the annual meeting, to working on the website, to putting up High Water signs, and much more. Thank you Stan, Laura, Vivian, Deanna, Ann, Gretchen, Scott, Pete, Lorrie, Bob, Tim and Lucinda!

Boat Landing Inspections

Granite Lake received multiple 4-hour blocks of time on several weekends throughout the summer from an inspector at our boat landing. This service was provided at no charge through Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Please Donate to fight the Milfoil!

We are continuing to collect donations specifically to treat the Eurasian Milfoil problem. As stated above we are likely to incur a cost of \$10,000 in 2016, with 2017 treatments still an unknown, but it is still very possible that our total cost will be around the \$25-\$30,000 over a 3 year period that we predicted earlier this year. Again, thank you to all who contributed this year and if you did not yet contribute, please consider sending in a donation now. It will go a long way towards fighting this problem.

List of 2015 Milfoil Donations:

Andersohn	\$ 10	Gunderson	\$ 100	McPherson	\$ 100	Robinson	\$ 100
Anderson	\$ 20	Hackenmueller	\$ 100	Mehr	\$ 200	Stevens	\$ 50
Bainy	\$ 400	Haggberg	\$ 80	Meyer	\$ 40	Sundberg	\$ 25
Bellows	\$ 50	Hagstrom	\$ 20	Noble	\$ 25	Tracy	\$ 40
Bratsch	\$ 60	Holmgren	\$ 300	Oppegaard	\$ 50	Van Kempen	\$ 100
Evenson	\$ 200	Johnson	\$ 100	Pesheck	\$ 300	Waldschmidt	\$ 300
Fitzhenry	\$ 110	Jones	\$ 300	Peterson	\$ 110	Wengatz	\$ 600
Fleming	\$ 40	Knutson	\$ 400	Quiggle	\$ 100	Wilde	\$ 100
Foss	\$ 100	Koltes	\$ 400	Rasmussen	\$ 50	Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben	\$ 500
Gohl	\$ 100	Mackie	\$ 250	Reeves	\$ 100		

Annual Dues: \$40.00

We are still accepting annual dues as well. 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:

Andersohn	\$ 40	Hackenmueller	\$ 40	McPherson	\$ 120	Schwebel	\$ 80
Anderson	\$ 40	Haggberg	\$ 40	Mehr	\$ 50	Stevens	\$ 50
Bainy	\$ 100	Hagstrom	\$ 80	Meyer	\$ 40	Sundberg	\$ 50
Bellows	\$ 50	Hayes	\$ 40	Nanoff	\$ 40	Sunde	\$ 40
Bratsch	\$ 40	Hacksel	\$ 40	Noble	\$ 40	Swedberg	\$ 40
Brugh	\$ 40	Henry	\$ 40	Ogden	\$ 50	Thul	\$ 40
Coon	\$ 100	Holmgren	\$ 50	Oppegaard	\$ 50	Tracy	\$ 40
Evenson	\$ 50	Johnson	\$ 50	Parady	\$ 50	Van Kempen	\$ 40
Fitzhenry	\$ 40	Jones	\$ 50	Pesheck	\$ 100	Waldschmidt	\$ 50
Fleming	\$ 40	Kaufhold	\$ 120	Peterson	\$ 40	Welter	\$ 100
Foss	\$ 40	Knutson	\$ 50	Poe	\$ 100	Wenngatz	\$ 150
Gerlach	\$ 40	Koltes	\$ 100	Quiggle	\$ 50	Wilde	\$ 50
Gohl	\$ 40	Looft	\$ 40	Rasmussen	\$ 40		
Gunderson	\$ 50	Mackie	\$ 50	Reeves	\$ 40		
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Please send donations and dues to:

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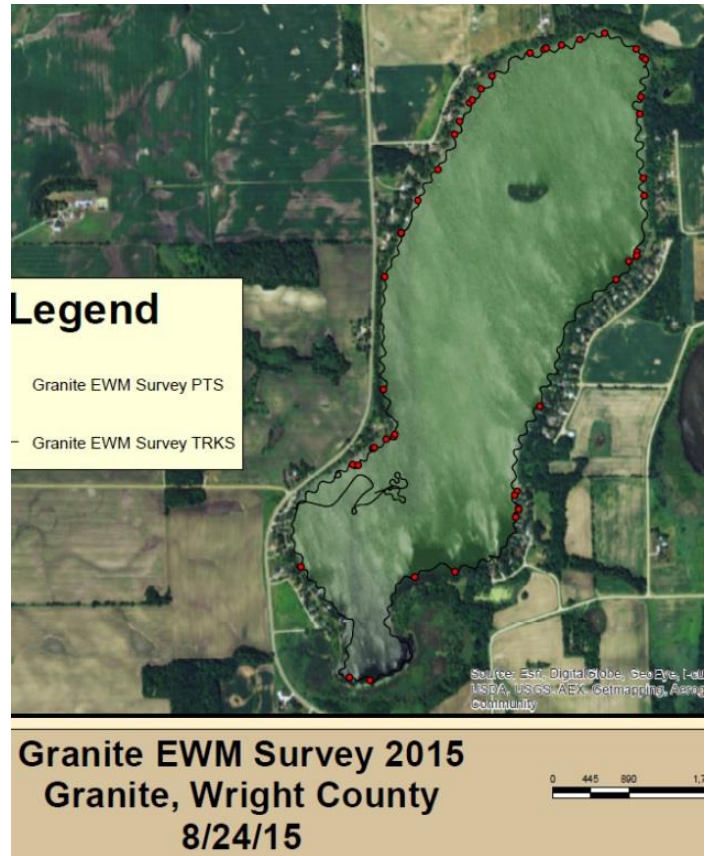
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Zebra Mussels

Various stages of Zebra Mussels
“Razor sharp” on the rock and
very firmly attached



Same rock as above with perspective
of pinky finger in picture

