

**Granite Lake Watershed Association**  
**2219 Kimball Ave NW**  
**Annandale, MN 55302**  
**[www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake)**

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**Shoreline Representatives**

Laura Jones, Corinne White, Shari Rau, and Phyllis Mattson

**August 2007 Newsletter.**

**Mark your calendar!**

Association Picnic	August 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:30	AM
Lake Monitoring	August 19 <sup>th</sup>	2:00	PM
Lake Monitoring	September 16 <sup>th</sup>	2:00	PM

**Picnic:**

Gary and Janet Poe have volunteered to host the 2007 association picnic. Please join all of your friends and neighbors at the Poe's on **August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30** for the Association's potluck picnic. Bring your favorite dish to share and your beverage of choice. We'll give a short (15 minutes) update on Association business. We look forward to seeing you at the white house at the end of 25<sup>th</sup> street NW, on Kimball Ave NW.

**Boat Parade:**

Thanks to the 11 boats that participated and proudly displayed the red-white-blue! Congratulations goes to the Tom Anderson's for winning the best decorated boat contest. I think Loni deserves the credit here! Thanks to Don and Marge Sunberg for the \$25 award.

**Project updates:**

We have met with SWCD on the Westside project, reviewed the scope of the project, and have contacted contractors for bids. SWCD will submit to their Board for approval. The project should be done by fall. We'll have more information to share at the picnic.

**Website:**

Make sure to visit the website often. There are several updates. [www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake).

**Lake Monitoring:**

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the water clarity was 4' which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best reading for July in the past 7 years. While this is good news, we also realize no rain means no run-off. Rain events will eventually happen (we hope soon!) and this will add phosphorous and sediment to the lake. Our overall TSI rating (RMB link on our website) is still much higher than we want. That said, we've had conversation with SWCD on the possibility of Granite being listed on the "impaired waters list". We are gathering information to understand what this all means. Keep in mind only about 10% of the Minnesota lakes and streams have been tested, and of those about 40% were classified as impaired. We will share information when we learn more. In the meantime, let's all do our share "not" to pollute the lake:

Thanks to all those neighbors that took the time to remove the curly leaf pondweed when it died off. Who knows, it may make the "Dirty Jobs" TV show.

**Lake Association Benchmark Survey:**

We have developed an on-line survey which was sent to other Lake Associations in Wright County for the purpose of benchmarking our progress to others. We also want to embrace some "best practices" as a result of the feedback. We are hoping to have results to share at the picnic.

**Protect your shoreline:**

We are hoping you have played the DVD that was distributed at the annual meeting. It really points out all the benefits of naturalizing your shoreline. We'll bring copies to the picnic in case you didn't receive yours. All of us together can make a big difference. We certainly don't need any sediment in the lake as a result of moving dirt on the upland slope.

**Thanks to all those who paid their 2007 dues: \$40.**

Mary Andersohn	40		Larry and Phyllis Looft	40
Richard Anderson	40		Vandon and Paula Mackie	50
Tom and Loni Anderson	50		Merle & Phyllis Mattson	100
Mark Arenson	80		Scott and Mary McPherson	40
Bill and Karla Bellows	50		Beverly Noble	40
Robert and DePauw	80		Sterling Nolan	40
Tom Ferry	40		Curtis and Marjorie Oppegaard	40
Phil and Shirley Gerlach	40		Orin and Karen Parady	40
Gary and Jill Grindle	50		Gretchen and Scott Quiggle	100
David Gunderson	40		Ray and Sheri Rau	40
Don and Cathy Haggberg	80		James and Mary Schwebel	240
Dave Hagstrom	50		David and Joyce Sturgeon	40
Bonnie Hammer	40		Donald and Marjorie Sundberg	40
Mary Holmgren	50		Denny Sunde	40
Brian Hedman	50		Michael and Jean Thul	40
Bill and Dickie Johnson	100		Richard and Diane Tracy	40
Gaylen Johnson	40		Tim Waldschmidt	100
Jerry and Laura Jones	50		Mark Welter	50
Charles and Peggy Kaufhold	75		Hal and Kathleen Wengatz	50
Clifford and Peggy Koltes	50		Corinne and Bob White	40
Frank Linnell	40			

**If you don't see your name, Please make your check payable to Granite Lake Watershed Association and mail to our new Treasurer Sheryl Hagstrom 2131 Kimball Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302.**

**Friends of the Association:**

We are pleased to receive two donations from the following businesses for \$100. Your contribution helps the Association, and we hope to send some business your way. Businesses that contribute will be listed as 'Friends' in our newsletter and on the website.

**Our new business friends are:**

The law firm of Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben  
 51st Floor IDS Center  
 Minneapolis MN 55402  
 800-717-0281  
<http://www.schwebel.com>

Arenson's Annandale Health Mart Pharmacy  
 43 Oak Ave N  
 PO Box 309  
 Annandale, MN 55302  
 (320) 274-5415

**A Quick Note:**

We've had two Board meetings since the annual meeting. The Shore Reps have also met. We've had meetings with SWCD, on the Westside Project, and some preliminary work evaluating the Kimball Ave inlet. We would like to ramp up the efforts necessary to apply for grant money. We can sure use some assistance in working thru the grant process. Please let me know if you are that person.

Feel free to contact me or any of the Board members with comments or questions. I hope to see you at the picnic!

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*Letter submitted by Tim Waldschmidt, Thanks Tim!*