

Granite Lake Watershed Association
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Shoreline Representatives

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

June 2007 Newsletter.

Mark your calendar!

Boat Parade	July 4 th	4:00 PM
Association Picnic	August 18 th	11:30 AM

Boat Parade

Our Granite Lake boat parade is scheduled for 4:00 PM. Those attending the May meeting were very clear with their desire to watch the Annandale Parade and participate in the Boat Parade. A 4:00 PM start for the boat parade gives those folks who attend the Annandale Parade a chance to get back, decorate their boat. and participate. Don Sundberg is donating \$25 for the best decorated boat. This should be fun!

Picnic Invite

Gary and Janet Poe have volunteered to host the 2007 association picnic. Please join all of your friends and neighbors at the Poe's (2561 Kimball) on August 18th at 11:30 for the Association's potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. Say hi to old friends and ... We'll have more information in the next newsletter.

Trees and Shrubs

250 trees at \$1 per tree were distributed at the annual meeting. Members were asked for a donation as they picked up their trees. Donations totaled \$105. 200 trees planted at roughly \$0.50 a tree. Your association is making a difference. Please be careful with the lawn mower!

Thank you to Tim Waldschmidt, Gary Poe, Ray Rau, Dennis Sundy, Gretchen and Scott Quiggle for working together with the tree planting at the Schwebel Tree Plot.

Albion Township Amnesty Day

Many thanks to all the Lake Assn. volunteers who so generously gave of their time to help make this year's Clean-Up Day the most successful yet! All the numbers were up (after going down each year of '03-'05. Appliances were up to 144 (from 94 in '05); Tires went from 221 to 318; Batteries collected was over 100 (up from 25); Garbage/Junk was high this year

(Sounds like we could have used a 5th dumpster.); and we collected more than 300 Gallons of Oil (up from 100 in '05). Unbelievable! Overall, receipts were nearly double from 2005. Think what we did to improve our community!

So again thank you to all of you. You can take immense pride in knowing that you are contributor to a cleaner environment -- not perpetuating the already existing problem of too much junk, not disposed of properly.

In 2009 I intend to get more people from the Twp. involved, besides the Lake Assn. Thanks to Debbie Uecker, Paul & Dorine Johnson, and Jean Neumann from outside the Assn. Following is a list of Assn. members whom I am forever grateful to for participating year after year: Allyn Ebent; Dwight, Bonnie & Sean Hammer; Bob & Jeff Henry, Dave & Mary Holmgren; Van Mackie; Phyl Mattson; Scott McPherson, Scott Quiggle; Andy Thul; Mike Thul
Contributed by: Sharri Rau (Amnesty Day Chairperson)

Shoreline Improvement or Upland Vegetation Project

We can't give our money away this year. We didn't receive any applications for the improvement project money. Don't give up! Use another year to plan your project. We will consider plans and proposals again next year.

Minnesota's Lakes at Risk:

Send your feed back on the DVD. We hope you all see it. It's so critical we protect our shoreline.

Project Updates:

The living snow fence planting has taken place on the field in back of Kraft. Please keep any vehicles off the area. Signs will be posted.

We are meeting with SWCD and the engineer on the Westside project shortly. We heard from them this week, and we are ready to meet to review the plans and discuss financing. We've waited a long time, and we are anxious to see the project start.

Walleye Stocking

The DNR stocked Granite with some 110#s fingerlings on Memorial day.

Barley Bag Instructions

If you have any barley bags laying around, please get them in the water. Attach the bags securely to you dock where there is some wave action, in 3-5' of water. Please keep your bags for next year.

Website

Please look often. Lot's of new information. Thanks Gretchen for doing such a great job. The annual meeting minutes are posted.

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Curly Leaf Pondweed

Only three people responded to Lake Restoration for treatment. They needed a minimum of 15. Please remove the curly leaf pondweed from the water when it dies off. We can remove phosphate from the lake by picking up the curly leaf pond weed as it floats into our shore. Phosphate, the limiting nutrient for plant life in the lake, is taken up by the pond weed early in the spring. When you remove the weed from the lake, this nutrient is removed as well. Its heavy and it stinks but it makes a difference.

Lake Monitoring

We started monitoring in May and will continue thru September. It's the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2 PM. Jerry Jones and Dave Hagstrom performed the testing in May. The next testing is scheduled for Father's Day. Let Tim know if you are interested in helping @ 320-963-6651

The water clarity on Granite Lake during the month of May was the best recorded in the past seven years. On May 10th, the Secchi disk reading was 23 feet. That was the length of the cord attached to the disk. It is estimated the actual clarity was approximately 25 feet. With very little stormwater runoff, a low level of nutrients were entering the lake giving the algae less food for growth. This is not likely to last.

Thank you to all those who paid their 2007 dues: \$40.

Mary Andersohn, Mark Arenson (180) Bill Bellows (50) Robert DePauw (80) Philip Gerlach, Gary Grindle (50) David Hagstrom (50) Donald Haggberg (80) Mary Holmgren (50) Willis Johnson (100) Jerome Jones (50) Galen Johnson, Vandon Mackie (50) Scott McPherson, Phyllis Mattson (100) Scott Quiggle (100) Curtis Opegard, Orin Parady, Raymond Rau, James Schwebel (240) David Sturgeon, Don Sundberg, Dennis Sunde, Michael Thul, Richard Tracy, Tim Waldschmidt (100) Mark Welter (50) Kathleen Wenngatz (50)

For a small donation, we will happily publish your business name as a friend of the association.

Make your check payable to Granite Lake Watershed Association and mail to our new Treasurer Sheryl Hagstrom 2131 Kimball Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302.

A Quick Note:

We elected a new board at this year's annual meeting. There was one nomination for each office, and each election resulted in a landslide victory. All of us draftee's intend to invest our energy and new ideas into the business of the association. Like each of you we love our lake and will do our best to make Granite Lake a great place to live and play. However, we will need your support and understanding while we are on the steep part of the learning curve.

Feel free to contact me or any of the Board members with comments or questions. We would also like to get to know you better, so don't hesitate to say hi!

Scott Quiggle

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