

**Granite Lake Watershed Association**  
**2219 Kimball Ave NW**  
**Annandale, MN 55302**  
**www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake**

**Officers:**

Scott Quiggle-Pres.	Mary McPherson-Secretary
Mark Arenson-VP	Sheryl Hagstrom-Treasurer
Tim Waldschmidt-Past Pres.	Ray Rau-Lake Plan Coordinator

**Shoreline Representatives:**

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

**Webmaster:** Gretchen Quiggle

**March 2008 Newsletter.**

**Mark your calendar!**

Board Meeting	Mar	11	7:00	2219 Kimball Ave NW
Ice-out Contest	Mar	15	Deadline	Mail/email to Waldschmidt
Vegetation contest	Apr	15	Deadline	Mail to 2219 Kimball Ave NW
Annual Meeting	Apr	26	10:00	Albion Township Hall
Lake Monitoring	May	18	2:00	Meet @ Waldschmidt's dock
Clean-up Day	Jun	14	TBD	Albion Township Lot
Boat Parade	Jul	4	TBD	

**Greetings Granite Lake Neighbors!**

Are you ready for Spring? Just think past the snow-shoveling events to the more enjoyable things like fishing, boating, and loon watching, or just reading a good book at the end of the dock. It's those beautiful sunsets and the calming waters that mesmerize us...What a wonderful life it is living at the lake!

But then again, it's putting in docks & lifts, cleaning up the yard, launching the boat for the first time to find out it won't start, inhaling the neighbor's fire smoke blowing directly towards your open window, the curly leaf pondweed tangled in the prop, the huge mosquitoes awaiting your arrival at the dock after a sunset cruise, or the in-laws that decided to stay a few extra days.

It's the fun-filled action-packed Annual Lake Association meeting that we REALLY look forward to!  
Please mark April 26<sup>th</sup> on your calendar!

Well, it's been almost 6 months since our last newsletter, but Lake Association activities are well underway for 2008. We had our first Board meeting of the year on February 5th, and we have another scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, the Board meetings are always open to all Association members, so feel free to join us. Just let us know if you would like to be added to the agenda.

**Project updates:**

Great news! The Westside project is in its final stages. The final grade will be done when the ground thaws. The project started in November, and should be finished in early Spring. We are very pleased on how this is turning out. Unfortunately, the Mattson's lost many trees as a result of the excavating. We can't thank the Mattson's enough for all the work they've put into this. Phyl & Merle made this a reality. As many of us know they are well organized and determined. It's been a project that's been in the works for almost 4 years. This is a huge win for all the stakeholders; the Lake Association, Soil & Water, and the landowner.

**Proposed Project:**

The Kimball Ave ravine, on the east side, is the next major project being considered. This is a major inlet contributing to the phosphorus loading during major rain events. SWCD has reviewed the site and will make a recommendation.

**Barley Straw:**

We are looking at shifting the barley straw effort from one of distributing bags to placing barley straw in each of the inlets. Appropriate means of retaining the straw must be installed and the straw must be procured and placed. This topic will be on the March 11 agenda.

**Website:**

We'll be updating the website so check it out: [www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake](http://www.minnesotawaters.org/granitelake).

**Lake Monitoring:**

We'll be starting the lake monitoring on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, beginning in May. We will be certifying anyone interested in joining us during the May testing. Please contact Tim Waldschmidt (320-963-6651) if you are interested. The sampling only takes about 20 minutes.

**Albion Township clean-up June 14<sup>th</sup>:**

This year the clean up day will include trash and recyclables from a larger area. Watch for the flyer that will be coming out shortly.

**Trees from SWCD:**

We will be purchasing trees again this year. The Board will be ordering trees at the March Board meeting, with a delivery date of April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will list the species in our April Newsletter, with trees being distributed to those interested at the Annual meeting.

**How to win \$125 to support your vegetation project:**

Submit a sketched plan on your project by April 15<sup>th</sup> to Scott Quiggle at the address above. The Board will review each plan and make arrangements to get the vegetation required for the project. Be creative! We will award \$125 for an upland vegetation project and \$125 for a rain garden. We would like these to be models for others to follow.

**Protect your shoreline:**

We still have copies of the DVDs that were distributed at last year's annual meeting. It really points out all the benefits of naturalizing your shoreline.

**Curly leaf treatment from Lake Restoration, Inc.**

Attached to this newsletter is the application for treating curly leaf pondweed. The key to successful curly leaf control has proven to be treatment early in the growth cycle, before the turions (seeds) are produced. This should help in the growth of the beneficial native plants in the lake by reducing the amount of curly leaf present. For Lake Restoration to come out, it takes 15 property owners. Last year one landowner did this himself, and he estimated the cost at around \$200 for the chemicals and \$40 for the DNR permit. He was pleased with the results.

**Ice-Out Date contest \$25 in cash or prize:**

Send to Tim Waldschmidt @ 2309 Kimball Ave NW or email [tim\\_waldschmidt@goodyear.com](mailto:tim_waldschmidt@goodyear.com) by March 15<sup>th</sup>. In case of a tie, the person with the first entry will be the winner. Good luck!

**Thanks to all those who paid their 2007 dues:**

Mary Andersohn, Richard Anderson, Tom Anderson, Mark Arenson, James Bateman, Bill Bellows, Eileen Ebent, Laverne English, Tom Ferry, Phil Gerlach, Gary Grindle, David Gunderson, Don Haggberg, Dave Hagstrom, Bonnie Hammer, Brian Hedman, Mary Holmgren, Gaylen Johnson, Bill Johnson, Jerry Jones, Charles Kaufhold, Clifford Koltes, Frank Linnell, Larry Looft, Vandon Mackie, Phyllis Mattson, Scott McPherson, Leroy Mehr, Beverly Noble, Sterling Nolan, Curtis Oppegaard, Orin Parady, Peter Pecheck, Gerald Prescott, Scott Quiggle, Bill Rasmussen, Ray Rau, Howard Reeves, Jon Robinson, James Schwebel, James Stevens, David Sturgeon, Donald Sundberg, Denny Sunde, Michael Thul, Richard Tracy, Tim Waldschmidt, Mark Welter, Hal Wennigatz, Corinne White

**If you don't see your name on the list for 2007, Please make your \$40 check payable to Granite Lake Watershed Association and mail to our Treasurer Sheryl Hagstrom 2131 Kimball Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302.**

**Friends of the Association:**

We will mention in our newsletter and post on our website. If your business would like to be listed, please send us a check for \$100. You'll be helping the Association, and we hope to send some business your way.

**Our business friends are:**

**The law firm of Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben**  
51<sup>st</sup> Floor IDS Center  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
1-800-717-0281 <https://www.schwebel.com>

**Arenson's Annandale Health Mart Pharmacy**  
43 Oak Ave N  
PO Box 309  
Annandale, MN 55402  
320-274-5415

**A Quick Note:**

We will have more to share with you in our mid-April newsletter. We are making progress, but we need everyone's assistance and cooperation in order to improve the water quality. Please review the "Do/Don't" list included in many newsletters: Establish buffer strips, plant trees, naturalize your shore line, don't mow to the lake's edge, keep your septic system in working order, and if you fertilize use phosphorous free.

Our lake monitoring standards are second to none. Thanks to Ray Rau, we've been able to follow a plan designed to collect and report valuable data to our agency partners. This is a 12 month project for Ray.

I also want to welcome our new neighbors to the lake. I encourage you to visit our web site and get involved in the Association. I look forward to meeting you.

Feel free to contact me or any of the Board members with comments or questions.

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**2008 SIGN UP FORM**

Lake: Granite

County: Wright

Name/Address

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Treatment Address

(If Different than Mailing)

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Please **check** which programs you desire, sign and return *ASAP*.

**Two Treatment Program: 15 Participants Required For Treatments**

Submerged Weed & Algae Control: \$2.79 per shoreline foot **PER TREATMENT**  
\*OR MINIMUM FEE \$149.00 PER TREATMENT,

WHICHEVER IS GREATER

Swimmers Itch Control \$ .37 per shoreline foot **PER TREATMENT**

DNR Permit and Processing Fee \$40.00 (not optional)  
\$65.00 (if received after April 4,

2008)

I'm interested in receiving more information on . . .

- Lakemaid
- Goose D-Fence®
- Emergent Vegetation (Cattails, Water Lilies, Purple Loosestrife, etc.)

**Please make any changes, additions necessary:**

Total Shoreline Footage Owned: \_\_\_\_\_ Footage to be Treated: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

House Color/Description from Lake View: \_\_\_\_\_

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Concerns or Problem Areas: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature necessary for DNR permit

**You can now pay by major credit card: (Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express)**

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date \_\_\_\_\_ CID \_\_\_\_\_

## Please Read Carefully:

### **SUBMERGED WEED & ALGAE CONTROL \***

Lake Restoration strongly recommends the two treatment program. Your first treatment will place approximately the week of June 8th, weed growth & weather permitting. Second treatments will then follow about four to five weeks later. Herbicide/algaecide treatments are applied to submerged weeds and algae only. \*Emergent vegetation control, such as Cattails or Waterlilies, is not included with this treatment.

### **DNR PERMIT PROCESSING FEE**

An annual fee, and is *non-refundable*. **Sign-ups received after the date indicated might result in an additional fee.**

### **TERMS**

Your first invoice will arrive in April/May, along with a dock sticker/flags and instructions. **You will receive a second invoice upon completion of the second treatment.**

### **RESULTS**

The majority of the common dense-growing lake weeds are controlled with aquatic herbicides and algaecides. Our treatment applications can control most lake weeds present at the time of treatment; however there is no residual control effect. Re-growth, or replacement by other weeds will occur. Some species cannot be controlled, such as vallisneria, chara and clasping-leaf pondweed, but these are not usually the predominant species.

### **SWIMMERS ITCH**

To control the hosts of swimmer's itch organisms present at time of treatment. Will **not** prevent organisms from drifting in afterwards.



### **APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONTROL: AQUATIC PLANTS, ALGAE, SWIMMER'S ITCH, AND LEECHES** (Please Print or Type)

<b>Applicant's Name</b> (First, MI, Last)	<b>Day Time Phone Number</b>	<b>Cell Phone Number</b>
<b>Lake Home Address</b> (# and street, RFD, Box #, City, State, Zip Code)	<b>Fire # / 911 #</b>	<b>Lake Residence Phone Number</b>
<b>Permanent Mailing Address</b> (Indicate if it is the same as above)	<b>E-mail Address</b>	
<b>SIZE OF AREA PROPOSED TO BE TREATED:</b> My property extends _____ ft along shore. Proposed treatment area extends _____ ft along shore by _____ ft lakeward, out to a depth of _____ feet and/or a channel _____ feet long and _____ feet in width extending to open water.		

By signing this form I hereby make application for a permit to destroy or control aquatic vegetation or aquatic nuisance as described above. I understand that the control of aquatic nuisances, including destruction of aquatic plants and algae, is subject to rules of the Commissioner of Natural Resources. I understand that an Aquatic Plant Management Specialist may wish to inspect the proposed treatment area before, during, and/or after work is completed and that by making this application I give permission to the specialist to enter my property to make such inspection at reasonable times. I understand that an annual report may be required on results achieved.

Completion of this form and processing of the accompanying application fee does not constitute obtaining a permit.

<b>Applicants Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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