

**Granite Lake Watershed Association
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Officers:

Tim Waldschmidt-Pres.	Lorrie Pesheck-Secretary
Bill Bellows-Vice Pres.	Phyl Mattson-Treasurer
Scott Quiggle-Past Pres.	Ray Rau-Lake Plan Coordinator

Shoreline Representatives:

Laura Jones, Stan Meyer, and Ann Waldschmidt

Webmaster: Gretchen Quiggle

May/June 2011 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Saturday June 18th
Sunday June 19th
Sunday July 17th
Sunday August 14th
Sunday September 17th

Association Boat Party 6-8PM...Details below
Lake Monitoring. 2PM...Meet @Tim's dock
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Boat Party.... Saturday June 18th 6-8 PM!

We're celebrating our Star Lake status and giving recognition to Ray Rau for his many years of dedicated service to the Association. Pontoon boats will pick you up at your dock at 6PM on June 18th. Your favorite refreshments will be onboard: Wine, beer, soda, and water. We will also have finger food to munch on. All you need to do is go to the end of your dock and we'll pick you up. If you don't have a dock, I'm sure your neighbor wouldn't mind if you used theirs. We'll find a calm spot on the lake, and attempt to tie the boats together.

For planning purposes please let us know if you'll be attending. If you are receiving this newsletter via email, please email back if you will be able to participate, or call Ann Waldschmidt @320-963-6651 or email annwaldschmidt@hotmail.com.

Talk it up to your neighbors.....Welcome new neighbors to Granite Lake!

If you have a pontoon boat available, please let Ann know.

Star Lake status!

For those who attended the Annual meeting, you'll know why we are celebrating. The Association received a check for \$2,640 from the Star Lake Board, a pleasant surprise as we were expecting \$500. Granite Lake is one of 11 lakes in the state receiving such a status. A sign will be posted by the boat landing. Once again, the credit goes to Ray Rau.

Board Members!

We want to welcome Phyllis (Phyl) Mattson as our new Treasurer. All other Board members remain the same. Phyl's email address is granite@lakedalelink.net. Now we can't forget that email address, can we? Her ph # 320-274-8380.

A big THANK YOU goes to Sheryl Hagstrom for the many years of continuous service on the Board as President, Past President, and Treasurer. Sheryl participated in the Initiative Foundation training, facilitated the Visioning session, and helped craft our Lake Management Plan. She has been involved in every project in the past 9-10 years. She deserves a little break. Thanks Sheryl!

Albion Township clean-up day:

The following Association members worked the clean-up day on May 7th: Sharri and Ray Rau, Mary Holmgren, Scott McPherson, Van Mackie, Lucinda Ogden, and me. Without the Lake Association support there probably wouldn't be a clean-up day. Sharri Rau is the person responsible for organizing and chairing for many years. Thanks!

Point Intercept Survey:

The survey was scheduled for May 26th or 27th, weather permitting, otherwise the following week. This survey will be a requirement if we want to apply for any grant funds for curly leaf. The 2nd survey will be in August, with a full report in the Fall. We had budgeted \$2,500 but should come in half that amount.

Weed harvesting for 2011:

The following from Jakes Excavating:

Granite Lake Property Owners,

We will be harvesting weeds again this year on Granite Lake. Some people have contacted us already but we have not heard from everybody. We have majority of everyone's contracts still on file so we should not need those again unless something has changed (ex: permanent resident address or phone numbers). If you **do** or **do not** want your weeds cut again this year please **email or call** at jakes@lakedalelink.net or 320-963-5663 leave a message with a name phone number and address.

We have attached a contract if there is anyone that did not get their weeds cut last year and wants them cut this year please feel free to pass the contract on to them. Once we have everyone's confirmation we will be getting back to you on a set date for cutting. As it stands right now we are looking at beginning of June. We look forward to hearing from you and harvesting on Granite Lake again this year.

COLA (Coalition of Lake Associations) for Wright County.

We are joining the COLA. I want to thank Bill Bellows and Pete Pesheck for attending the informational meeting on May 7th. They also attended the Lake Monitoring meeting on the same day.

There are 18 such COLA's in the state, and they can provide a great platform for sharing information, technical support, and express consensus viewpoints to governmental officials and agencies.

Clean Water Legacy Funds:

Pete Pesheck attended the seminar: "Cracking the Funding Nut. How to Access Clean Water Land & Legacy Act Funds" We will hear more about that later. Once again, we are always looking for additional funding to support our future projects. Thanks Pete! Thanks to the Albion Township Board for having us participate. Pete said we may have been the only Lake Association in attendance.

Upcoming Projects:

Ray Rau, Jerry Jones and I met with Luke Johnson, Soil & Water Conservation District, to identify our next project. We are waiting for a proposal.

Savings/Checking accounts:

As of 5/19/2011:

Savings:	\$ 9,162.05
Checking:	\$ 2,065.06
Total	<u>\$11,227.11</u>

Thanks Gretch for always getting things posted on the website. You're the Best!

E-Mails are needed, saves on labor and postage. If you are not receiving via email, please send to Gretchen today at: granitelakewatershed@yahoo.com

Thanks to all those who have paid their dues for 2011: \$40. Also thanks to those who may have overlooked their 2010 dues and paid for both years.

Special appreciation to those who contributed more than \$40!

If you don't see your name on the list, please make your check payable to Granite Lake Watershed Association and mail to our Treasurer Phyllis Mattson 2516 County Road 5 NW, Annandale, MN 55302.

It's never too late to pay for previous years. Not sure, please contact Phyl.

M Andersohn	\$ 40	Holmgren	\$ 50	Mehr	\$ 50	Schwebel	\$ 40
Bellows	\$ 50	Johnson	\$ 45	Meyer	\$ 40	Sundberg	\$ 40
Ebent	\$ 40	Jones	\$ 50	Noble	\$ 40	Sunde	\$ 40
Ferry	\$ 40	Knutson	\$ 40	Ogden	\$ 40	Thul	\$ 40
Gerlach	\$ 40	Koltes	\$ 50	Parady	\$ 40	Tracy	\$ 40
Hackenmueller	\$ 40	W Mackie	\$ 50	Peschek	\$ 100	Waldschmidt	\$ 50
Hagstrom	\$ 40	V Mackie	\$ 50	Peterson	\$ 40	Welter	\$ 40
Hecksel	\$ 40	Mattson	\$ 50	Prescott	\$ 40	White	\$ 40
Henry	\$ 40	McPherson	\$ 60	Quiggle	\$ 50		

Our business friends for 2011: Friends of the Association \$50

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I hope to see you on the 18th!

Have a great summer! Stay safe!

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