

Granite Lake



Granite Lake Watershed Association

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Feb 2017 Newsletter

Hi Neighbors!

What better way to celebrate winter than with a party! The date for our **Granite Lake Association Winter Party** is fast approaching. We will have hotdogs, brats, buns, cookies and hot chocolate! There will be a bonfire and activities for the kids! We hope you all can make it and check out all the amazing improvements to the park! This is truly a treasure and we are so fortunate for the generosity of Jim and Mary Schwebel for making this place possible. The party details:

- **Saturday Feb 11th. 11:30am – 3:00pm**
- **Location: Granite Lake Park at Schwebels** (Northeast shore of lake)
- If you would like anything other than hot chocolate to drink, please feel free to bring your favorite beverage.
- Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the food.
- Volunteers: We could use a few volunteers to help prepare food, direct parking, clean up etc.
- Waivers: Reminder that access to the park is reserved for association members who have signed waivers on file and are current with annual dues. We will have waivers available for you to sign when you arrive.
- Please RSVP to Tim Waldschmidt if you plan to attend so we can get a count for food.

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PTMApp stands for Prioritize, Target, Measure, Application

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Granite Lake Watershed has entered into an agreement with Wright County Soil and Water district to conduct an in-depth study of our watershed using the latest technology advancements. This will help us to understand how water moves throughout the watershed and into the lake. Work has progressed over the few months. Alicia from Wright County Soil and Water has been out to our watershed for walking inspections in addition to spending hours on the computer with the data collected from the high resolution digital elevation mapping. We will continue to partner with them as we progress forward with this effort.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Eurasian Water Milfoil

In 2016, we identified 9 acres containing Milfoil and all were treated. We are again optimistic about our progress and hoping for the best, but since milfoil is such a prolific weed, we are also preparing for the worst case scenario. We expect that the DNR will again issue us a permit to treat up to 16 acres at a cost of approximately \$13,000. Because a small piece of milfoil broken off and moved throughout the lake will grow so quickly it is imperative that we stay on top of this situation. Therefore, we will be conducting another lake survey in the spring and are prepared to treat it wherever it is found. Once again we will be asking for your generous donations to our Aquatic Invasive Species Fund.



Zebra Mussel Monitoring

As you know, zebra mussels have been found in nearby lakes. We are happy to report that **NO zebra mussels have been found in Granite Lake!** On Granite Lake, many of you have seen the Zebra Mussel monitoring kits that were installed on some of your docks. Many thanks to Scott and Gretchen Quiggle for installing the kits and checking them every 2-3 weeks all summer. We also had 2 “super-kits”. These were taken to the lab for microscopic evaluations and again given the all clear! 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 and we plan to monitor again next summer.

It is important to follow these steps to prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species to Granite Lake.

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

Annual Dues Increase

As discussed at the annual meeting this past spring, the board has carefully reviewed our finances and come to the difficult decision that we need to increase our annual dues in 2017 to \$60/year. It has been many, many years since dues have increased – in fact no one could even remember the last time dues had changed. The rate of \$60/year is still below other area lakes and remains an incredible value. The many activities and projects sponsored by the Association go a long way to enhancing the quality and recreation on Granite Lake Not to mention, your annual dues now also include access to Granite Lake Park!

Company Match donations

Does your company provide “matching funds” for donations you make to Non-Profit charitable organizations such as Granite Lake Watershed Association? Please consider checking with your company to see if they will match your donation to the lake association. This is an easy way to increase funding for our lake projects. Thank you to all who are currently participating in these programs!

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!

Make a Difference!
DONATE

Please Donate to Fight the Milfoil!

We are continuing to collect donations to our Aquatic Invasive Species Fund. As stated above, we are likely to incur a cost of up to \$13,000 in 2017. It is very possible that our total cost will be approximately \$25-\$30,000 over a 3 year period. Please consider making a donation. It will go a long way towards fighting this problem. Thank you to the donors listed below from last year and the early donations already for this year. We are off to a good start!

List of 2016 Aquatic Invasive Species Fund Donations:

Andersohn	\$ 25	Gohl *	\$ 100	Nanoff	\$ 50	Sunde	\$ 40
Anderson	\$ 100	Gunderson	\$ 60	Oppegaard	\$ 60	Waldschmidt	\$ 300
Bainey	\$ 300	Hacksel	\$ 100	Pesheck	\$ 300	Wengatz	\$ 500
Bell	\$ 150	Hedman	\$ 200	Peterson	\$ 100	Wilde	\$ 207
Bellows	\$ 100	Holmgren	\$ 300	Poe	\$ 100	Anonymous	\$ 2,000
Fitzhenry	\$ 100	Knutson	\$ 400	Quiggle	\$ 250		
Fleming	\$ 40	Koltes	\$ 500	Stevens	\$ 40		
Foss	\$ 100	Mackie	\$ 200	Sturgeon	\$ 50		

Annual Dues: \$60.00

It is once again time to submit annual dues. Just a reminder, being current with your annual dues is required in order to use Granite Lake Park. As in the past, you can send in your annual dues at the same time you make a donation to the AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) fund. Just specify on your check if your donation is for AIS, 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 2016 Dues Paid:

Andersohn	\$ 40	Hackenmueller	\$ 40	Mattson	\$ 100	Robinson	\$ 50
Anderson	\$ 40	Hagstrom	\$ 40	McPherson	\$ 100	Schwebel	\$ 200
Bainey	\$ 100	Hayes	\$ 40	Mehr	\$ 100	Stevens	\$ 40
Bell	\$ 50	Hacksel	\$ 40	Nanoff	\$ 40	Sturgeon	\$ 40
Bellows	\$ 50	Hedman	\$ 40	Noble	\$ 40	Sunde	\$ 40
Bratsch *	\$ 40	Henry	\$ 40	Nolan	\$ 200	Thompson-Hender	\$ 40
Fitzhenry	\$ 40	Holmgren	\$ 50	Ogden	\$ 50	Thul	\$ 60
Fleming	\$ 40	Johnson *	\$ 50	Oppegaard	\$ 40	Tracy	\$ 50
Foss	\$ 100	Jones	\$ 50	Parady	\$ 40	Waldschmidt	\$ 50
Gerlach	\$ 40	Kaufhold	\$ 40	Pesheck	\$ 100	Welter	\$ 100
Gohl *	\$ 40	Knutson	\$ 50	Peterson	\$ 50	Wengatz	\$ 40
Grindle	\$ 80	Koltes	\$ 100	Poe	\$ 40	Wilde	\$ 50
Gunderson	\$ 60	Looft	\$ 40	Quiggle	\$ 50		
Gunderson	\$ 40	Mackie	\$ 50	Reeves	\$ 40		

Additional 2016 Donations:

In Memory of Chuck Kaufhold \$260
Jim and Mary Schwebel - park improvements \$35,000

Please send donations and dues to:
Lucinda Ogden/Treasurer
1885 Knowles Ave NW
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Early Bird 2017 Dues Paid:

Bratsch *	\$ 40
Oppegaard	\$ 50

Friends of the Association \$50 Annual Donation

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