

Granite Lake



Granite Lake Watershed Association

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December 2017 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Event	Date/Time	Location
Granite Lake Winter Party	Feb 10, 2018	Granite Lake Park

Hi Neighbors!

This newsletter is coming out in December this year so I'd like to start by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas! As usual, the lake association has had a very active year and I would again like to thank all of the volunteers for their contributions! We will try to recap a few of those happenings and share a few of our plans. Also, as you can see above, we have planned Feb 10th for our winter party at the park. Hope to see you all there!

Park update

Jim & Mary Schwebel have continued their amazing generosity – continuing to lease the park area to Granite Lake Watershed Association and donating for continued improvements to the park.

If you made it to the park this past year, you have seen all of the wonderful progress! The amenities include a new dock, picnic tables, swing set, horse shoe pit, new grass, road etc. And as you enjoyed the space, you no doubt appreciated the lack of mosquitos, as the regular treatments have made a huge difference in that regard! This truly is a special place!

Many, many thanks to Jim and Mary Schwebel as well as Tim Waldschmidt and the many volunteers who continue to help with the ongoing maintenance and improvements!

Please thank the following individuals who have spent many hours of hard work getting the property ready this spring: Tim Waldschmidt, Phyl Mattson, Stan Meyer, Gretchen Quiggle, Denny Sunde, Ann Waldschmidt, and Dave & Mary Holmgren. Thanks also to Jerry Jones and his grandson for building and installing two wood duck houses.

NO DUES/NO WAIVER....NO PARK!

Please remember this is a private park and only those current with dues and have signed waivers on file are allowed to use the new Park. This is a provision of our lease and required by our insurance company! Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the waiver that must be signed by you and your guests and emailed to (timwaldschmidt3@gmail.com) or mailed to Tim at 2309 Kimball Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302, before entering the property. Please email or text Tim at 612-325-8042 with any questions, comments or concerns. He will give you the code for the gate after signed waivers received. Note: Please lock the gate and scramble numbers each time you enter/exit via the road. You will also be able to reserve the Park for a reunion, graduation, or family gathering. If that date is open, the BBQ grill, picnic tables, and game area will be for your use. The beach and dock are always open to other members. Members cannot reserve the park during holidays such as 4th of July, Labor Day weekend, etc. \$150 refundable deposit required.

Let Tim know if you would be willing to help with general cleaning up beach area, mowing, or just picking up branches!

Aquatic Invasive Species

Free AIS Decontamination Station

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this free service to have your boats and watercraft cleared of all Aquatic Invasive Species before entering the lake:

- Location: Anchor Dock and Lift Storage Facility
240 Popular Ave Annandale
- Monday – Thursday: 9am to 5pm
- Friday – Sunday: 7am to 7pm
- Small boats take about 10 minutes; larger vessels 20-30 minutes

Eurasian Water Milfoil

This year we treated half an acre for Eurasian water milfoil. The cost of this work was offset by grants received from the DNR (\$450) and Wright County (\$576) leaving our remaining cost at \$576.

This is a significant reduction from the 9 to 13 acres we have been treating the last couple years. We are making progress! However, as with all AIS, we must remain ever vigilant and thus, we will again survey the lake in the spring and continue to treat as necessary. See 2017 treatment map.



2017 EWM Treatment
Granite Lake
Wright County
Treat Date: 7-24-17 Acres: .5

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Zebra Mussel Monitoring

Zebra mussels have been found in nearby lakes. However, we are happy to report that **NO zebra mussels have been found in Granite Lake!** The Zebra Mussel monitoring kits were inspected this summer by Scott and Gretchen Quiggle and fortunately, no signs of zebra mussel were found. We encourage you to stay vigilant as early detection of zebra mussels is extremely important if we are to have a chance to address an issue in our lake.

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).



Starry Stonewort



Starry Stonewort is another AIS that is in nearby lakes. Again, we are fortunate to **not** have this in our lake, but please keep alert for this as well and let us know if you see it on your equipment or in the lake.

Southeast Project

At our Annual meeting earlier this year, we discussed the planning that was going into a project in the southeast area of the watershed to control water runoff into Granite Lake. We are happy to report progress on that project. Work is underway to build berms to hold the water and allow sediment to settle out before going into the lake.

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!

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!

Please Donate to fight Aquatic Invasive Species!

We are continuing to collect donations to our Aquatic Invasive Species Fund. As stated above, costs were below expectations in 2017, but it is likely that we will not be so fortunate every year. If new Invasive species appear in the lake, our costs could spike dramatically. Please consider making a donation. It will go a long way towards fighting this problem. Thank you to all who contributed in 2017 listed below!

List of 2017 Aquatic Invasive Species Fund Donations:

Bailey	\$ 300	Hackenmueller	\$ 100	McPherson	\$ 60	Riper	\$ 100
Bell	\$ 140	Hecksel	\$ 100	Nanoff	\$ 40	Stevens	\$ 25
Bellows	\$ 200	Holmgren	\$ 300	Ogden	\$ 25	Sturgeon	\$ 40
Evenson	\$ 100	Knutson	\$ 400	Oppegaard	\$ 50	Waldschmidt	\$ 200
Fitzhenry	\$ 100	Koltes	\$ 500	Poe	\$ 40	Wengatz	\$ 1,000
Foss	\$ 100	Mackie	\$ 250	Quiggle	\$ 200		

Annual Dues: \$60.00

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 2017 Dues Paid:

Anderson	\$ 60	Hackenmueller	\$ 60	Mattson	\$ 100	Robinson	\$ 60
Bailey	\$ 100	Hammer	\$ 60	McPherson	\$ 60	Schmidt	\$ 60
Bell	\$ 60	Hayes	\$ 60	Meyer	\$ 100	Schwebel	\$ 120
Bellows	\$ 60	Hecksel	\$ 60	Munger	\$ 180	Stevens	\$ 60
Bratsch	\$ 40	Hedman	\$ 60	Nanoff	\$ 60	Sturgeon	\$ 60
Coon	\$ 60	Henry	\$ 60	Noble	\$ 60	Sunde	\$ 60
Eckhoff	\$ 60	Holmgren	\$ 60	Ogden	\$ 60	Thompson-Henderson	\$ 80
Evenson	\$ 60	Jones	\$ 60	Oppegaard	\$ 50	Tracy	\$ 70
Fischer	\$ 60	Kaskinen	\$ 60	Parady	\$ 60	Waldschmidt	\$ 100
Fitzhenry	\$ 60	Kaufhold	\$ 60	Pesheck	\$ 100	Wengatz	\$ 60
Fleming	\$ 60	Knutson	\$ 100	Peterson	\$ 60	Wilde	\$ 60
Foss	\$ 60	Koltes	\$ 100	Poe	\$ 60		
Gerlach	\$ 60	Looft	\$ 60	Quiggle	\$ 60		
Gohl	\$ 60	Mackie	\$ 60	Reeves	\$ 60		
Grindle	\$ 60	Mattila	\$ 100	Riper	\$ 60		

List of 2017 Donations with Company Match:

(Displayed amount includes member contribution and matching funds)

United Health/Robinson	\$ 479
Benevity Comm. Impact Fund	\$ 231
Corp Giving Program	\$ 104
Your Cause Giving Program	\$ 194

Additional 2017 Donations:

Jim and Mary Schwebel - park improvements \$30,000
Anonymous Donation \$2,000

Please send donations and dues to:
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Friends of the Association \$50 Annual Donation

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