

Granite Lake



Granite Lake Watershed Association

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June 2017 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Event	Date/Time	Location
Granite Lake Meet-N-Greet	Jun 10, 2017 9am – 11am	Dick and Diane Tracy's 1738 Lawrence Circle
Granite Lake Boat Party	Jun 24, 2017 6:00pm	Granite Lake (in calmest water)
4 th of July Boat Parade	July 4, 2017 Noon	Granite Lake

Hi Neighbors!

The summer is kicking into high gear. And what better way to enjoy it than with our **Annual Meet-N-Greet at Dick and Diane Tracy's place!** This event is always a fun time and we are very fortunate to have Dick and Diane as our hosts again this year. Please RSVP to: 952-447-6339 or email: ldy.di.t@gmail.com

Thank you Dick and Diane!

Park update

We are so excited about the progress being made at the Park, only possible through the generosity of Jim & Mary Schwebel. This is a private park for exclusive-use by members and their guests who have met the criteria below. (dues paid/waivers signed). Road access is 2783 Keats Ave NW. The beautiful evergreen trees were planted by the Lake Association about 20 years ago.

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.

In the next few weeks, you'll be seeing a new dock, picnic tables, a swing set, horseshoe pit, BBQ grill, fire ring, and more! The road and lower area are being treated for mosquitos weekly! All this is being made possible by Jim & Mary! It's up to us to maintain, keep clean, and ENJOY this beautiful property. We have recycling bins, but ask you dispose of your own trash and pick up dog droppings.

We encourage parking at the entrance gate and taking a nature walk, but feel free to drive down. For now, Please do not drive on the grass!

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

As a reminder, 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 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. Cannot reserve 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 build/install horseshoe pit, 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

As discussed at our Annual Meeting, we will again be treating the lake for Eurasian Water Milfoil. We do not yet know what parts of the lake will be treated as we are still awaiting the results of the AIS survey. That information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

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!** 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 who will again be installing the kits on the same docks and checking them every 2-3 weeks all summer. 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).



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 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 early contributors listed below!

List of 2017 Aquatic Invasive Species Fund Donations:

Bainey	\$ 300	Hackenmueller	\$ 100	McPherson	\$ 60	Sturgeon	\$ 40
Bellows	\$ 200	Hecksel	\$ 100	Ogden	\$ 25	Waldschmidt	\$ 200
Evenson	\$ 100	Holmgren	\$ 300	Oppegaard	\$ 50	Wilde *	\$ 231
Fitzhenry	\$ 100	Knutson	\$ 400	Poe	\$ 40		
Foss	\$ 100	Koltes	\$ 500	Riper	\$ 100		
Gohl *	\$ 194	Mackie	\$ 250	Stevens	\$ 25		

**Donations marked with asterisk include Company matching funds*

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 2017 Dues Paid:

Bainey	\$ 100	Hackenmueller	\$ 60	Mattila	\$ 100	Riper	\$ 60
Bellows	\$ 60	Hammer	\$ 60	Mattson	\$ 100	Robinson	\$ 60
Bratsch	\$ 40	Hecksel	\$ 60	McPherson	\$ 60	Schmidt	\$ 60
Coon	\$ 60	Hedman	\$ 60	Meyer	\$ 100	Stevens	\$ 60
Evenson	\$ 60	Henry	\$ 60	Munger	\$ 180	Sturgeon	\$ 60
Fischer	\$ 60	Holmgren	\$ 60	Noble	\$ 60	Sunde	\$ 60
Fitzhenry	\$ 60	Jones	\$ 60	Ogden	\$ 60	Thompson-Henders	\$ 80
Fleming	\$ 60	Kaskinen	\$ 60	Oppegaard	\$ 50	Tracy	\$ 70
Foss	\$ 60	Knutson	\$ 100	Parady	\$ 60	Waldschmidt	\$ 100
Gerlach	\$ 60	Koltes	\$ 100	Peterson	\$ 60	Wilde *	\$ 60
Gohl *	\$ 60	Looft	\$ 60	Poe	\$ 60		
Grindle	\$ 60	Mackie	\$ 60	Reeves	\$ 60		

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Additional 2017 Donations:

Jim and Mary Schwebel - park improvements \$20,000
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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