

# Village of Grand Beach Spring 2018 Newsletter

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## WELCOME BACK

It was an extremely long winter, and we are all looking forward to seeing the beautiful green grass and sunny days! We hope you are ready for a great summer this year with family and friends in Grand Beach. Welcome back everyone!

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our regular council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 p.m. CST in the Council Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Planning Commission will meet on May 8, July 10, September 11 and November 14, 2018 at 6:30 EST – 5:30 CST in the Council Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

## REBUILDING REVETMENTS AND SEAWALLS

Revetments and Seawalls in the Village have been damaged due to the high energy wave action of recent storms. Construction is occurring to rebuild the revetments and seawalls to protect the dune and the lakefront properties that may be in jeopardy. It is expected that most of this work will be completed before Memorial Day, but it is possible that it may extend into the summer. The MDEQ is working with the owners to permit appropriate repairs as expeditiously as possible. The Village asks for your cooperation as construction equipment may be operating on the beach throughout the coming weeks.

## BEACHES

The beaches are one of the greatest assets of the Village. Unfortunately we have lost a tremendous amount of beach area due to storms and erosion over the past several years.

There is no beach in many locations, and beach easements in those locations are closed for that reason.

## CAUTION – LAKE AND BEACH CHANGES

Due to the very serious erosion of the beaches, residents should be aware that the lake bottom drops off quickly and the water is deeper than might be expected. Parents of small children should take note of the deeper water near the shore, and anticipated strong rip currents all along the beach.

Metal and concrete obstructions are now exposed on the beach and under water. Diving into the lake is hazardous and not advised.

**SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK...**Please remember to watch your children closely as the Village of Grand Beach does not have lifeguards.

## NO JUMPING OR DIVING OFF OF PIER AND OTHER STRUCTURES



The pier and surrounding area is very dangerous. Extreme accidents can and have resulted from diving off of, or swimming near the pier. For safety reasons, swimmers should avoid this area. Keep an eye on your children to ensure that they are not on or near the pier. Diving or jumping from any pier, dock, piling, breakwater, or related structure is prohibited per Grand Beach Ordinance.

**BEACH FIRES** require a permit issued by the Police Department. The applicant is required to clean up the area after the beach fire.

**WHITE CREEK** – Due to E. coli contamination originating outside the Village, please keep children and pets away from White Creek.

## SOCIAL CLUB PACKETS

Social Club packets are being emailed out again this year. If you did not receive a packet, please send an email to [kmikulaninec@gmail.com](mailto:kmikulaninec@gmail.com). Check out the new website to sign up for the Social Club's children's activities at [gbkids.org](http://gbkids.org).



## **RESIDENT GOLF FEES**

### **Adults**

Weekdays:	9 holes \$13 – 18 holes \$23
Weekends or Holidays:	9 holes \$14 – 18 holes \$24
Cards: 12 punches plus one free round	\$150
Seniors/weekdays only:	\$11
Senior pass: 10 punches plus one free round	\$100

### **Children (6-13 years old)**

Daily Fee:	\$6
Season Pass:	\$75
Child's Family Pass: 6-13 Years	\$130
Maximum Three Children	

### **Junior (14-21 years old)**

Daily Fee:	\$9.50
Junior Pass: 10 punches plus one free round	\$ 90
Junior Season Pass:	\$150

**All cards and passes purchased in 2018  
will expire on 10/31/18**

## **GOLF CARTS**

Golf carts must have stickers on them by June 10th. If not stickered, the cart will not be allowed on the golf course or on the streets, and the driver will be ticketed and fined \$100. Please pick up your sticker in the Pro-Shop once you have paid the fee.

All golf carts must conform to Grand Beach ordinance #53.

A limited number of rental carts are available at the Pro-Shop for use on the golf course by those 18 years old and over.

## **GOLF CART RULES**

All cart operators must be at least 14 years old to drive on the golf course. **Cart operators must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license to drive on the streets.**

- You must obey all traffic laws:
- Stop at stop signs.
- Drive in correct direction on one-way street.
- Allow faster traffic to pass.
- Cart must have a working headlight and tail light to operate at night.

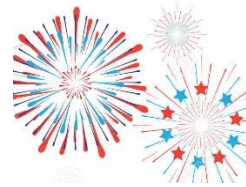
- The number of persons on the cart must not exceed the seating capacity of the cart. All persons must be in a seat.
- Children cannot be held on driver's lap.
- The driver's ability to safely operate the cart must not be impaired by too many people in the seat.
- No riding backwards on the front of the cart.
- No riding on the back where the clubs are strapped in.
- All carts must have an annual Grand Beach sticker on them. Carts that have been rented from an outside agency require a sticker, even if they are rented and only in Grand Beach for a couple of days. Temporary stickers are available at the pro shop for rental carts. If you don't have a current sticker, you will be fined \$100.
- Carts are not allowed on the golf course beginning a half hour after dark until a half hour before dawn.
- Operating a cart after dark without lights is prohibited.

Make sure you and your guests follow these rules. These few simple rules should help keep our streets safe. Report any golf cart infractions to the Police Department at (866) 630-7679.

## **TENNIS COURTS**

The tennis court reservation sheet is located in the Pro Shop. If you are interested in playing tennis, please be sure to sign up in the Pro Shop.

## **FIREWORKS**



Fireworks are only legal on the day before, day of and day after a Federal holiday and are only allowed on private property.

Fireworks are NOT allowed on any public property, including the beach. Make sure children are supervised when handling fireworks. Use extreme caution and stay safe. Fireworks are NOT allowed between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. EST.

## **ONE-WAY STREET**

Lakeview Avenue is a one-way street from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Please be aware that the trash removal and recycle trucks will travel westbound along Lakeview on Mondays and Fridays for trash and recycle pick-up. In the case of a holiday, they will be traveling westbound on the day after their normal scheduled pick-up day.



## TRASH

Trash is picked up by Able Disposal on Monday year around with an extra pickup on Friday between July 1 and the Friday after Labor Day.

Place carts at the edge of the street by 7:00 a.m. EST - 6:00 a.m. CST. If Monday is a holiday, they will pick up on Tuesday.

Do not place carts near cars, poles or other stationary objects as the automatic arm on the truck will not be able to pick up the cart and your trash will not be emptied.

If you are missed, call ABLE DISPOSAL at (219) 929-1150.

You may leave one large item out for pick up each week. Call Able Disposal to make arrangements. **You will be charged a fee for any items containing Freon.**

It is your responsibility to remove the trash and recycle carts from the edge of the street after they are emptied.

## 2018 RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Able Disposal provides curbside recycling pickup on alternate Mondays except between July 1<sup>st</sup> and Labor Day when it is picked up every Monday. Carts should be at the edge of the street by 7:00 a.m. EST - 6:00 a.m. CST. Call Able Disposal at (219) 929-1150 for a missed pick-up.

### 2018

May 14 & *29	June 11 & 25
July 2,9,16,23 & 30	August 6,13,20 & 27
September 4 & 17	October 1, 15 & 29
November 12 & 26	December 10 & 24

\*Pickup is Tuesday Due to Holiday

Glass, metal, cans, papers and plastics may be commingled in the recycling cart.

## RENTAL PACKETS

Rental packets to be used by those who rent their house out to others are available in the Clerk's office. The packets contain rules regarding fires, dogs, trash and other matters that renters should be aware of. Informed renters should alleviate complaints.



## 2018 NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP RECYCLE

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & ELECTRONICS  
JUNE 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. EST

New Buffalo Township Fire Station, 17655 Clay St., just south of the intersection of Red Arrow Highway/Route 12/Clay Street in New Buffalo.

A partial list of items accepted: Motor oil, gas, yard and garden chemicals, anti-freeze, stain, oil-based paint, batteries, unwanted pills and medications, medical needles/sharps, mercury items, compact fluorescent light bulbs, unwanted electronics, small appliances, power tools and pool chemicals.

\$10/computer monitor and \$20/television (all types) hazardous waste fee (cash or check only).

Items not accepted: Tires, gas grill propane tanks, ammo, fireworks and latex paint. Latex paint can be dried out and placed with regular trash. Leave the lid off the paint can to dry it out.

For additional dates or for more information regarding recycling household chemicals, tires, electronics recycling, contact Jill Adams at (269)983-7111, extension 8234 or [berriencounty.org/recycle](http://berriencounty.org/recycle).

## IF YOU HAVE A WATER EMERGENCY.....

During regular business hours, contact the water department at (269) 469-1270 or the Village Office at (269) 469-3141.

After regular business hours, contact the police department at (866) 630-7679 or (269) 469-5000.

## WATER TURN ON/OFF FEES

Plan ahead if you need your water turned on or turned off. If you request that your water be turned on or off after regular water department hours, on weekends or on holidays, you will be charged a \$75 fee to cover the expense. Be sure to inform family and friends that they should plan ahead if they are using your home and need the water turned on or off to insure that you are not charged a \$75 fee. Many times young people come to Grand Beach to use their parents' home and request that the water be turned on after hours. If this happens, you will be charged the \$75 fee.

## ELIMINATE BROKEN WATER PIPES

If you are going to be away from home for an extended period of time, have your water turned off and your lines cleared out so that you don't experience frozen pipes and damage to your home.

## SWIMMING POOLS AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

The Village requires that all in ground pools and irrigation systems be inspected every year by a professional to be sure there is a backflow preventer in place and it is working properly.

The inspection should be done before using your pool or sprinklers for the first time this year. If you have any questions concerning your back flow prevention device, please contact Village Water Superintendent Bob Dabbs at (269) 469-1270.



### LEAF PICK UP

Once the Village stops picking up loose leaves, they must be placed in brown biodegradable bags for pick up.

Fall clean-up of loose leaves will take place from November 1 to December 7 (weather permitting).

Please have all of your leaves at the edge of the street at one time. Do not place the leaves on the street. Do not mix sticks, stones, rocks and yard waste with the leaves as someone could be injured when these items are vacuumed in to the machine.

Branches, brush and twigs need to be bundled in 4' lengths to be picked up by the street department.

Please do not place yard debris in front of neighboring homes. Keep it in front of your home.

### LANDSCAPING

Landscapers must haul away all debris, leaves, brush or lawn waste that they generate. They can not dump yard waste on Village or private property.

### BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for all new construction, pools, roofs, decks, fences, additions, repairs to your home, etc. If your home is located in a high erosion or critical dune area, you will need a DEQ permit prior to applying for a building permit with the Village.

**Building Certificates** are required and should be posted when performing maintenance to homes. Examples of maintenance include painting, plaster repairs, siding, and replacing a door or window.

### GENERATORS AND AIR CONDITIONING UNITS

Building, electrical, and any other permits that may be required by outside agencies are required to install a generator or air conditioning unit.

## SUMMER HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION

Construction work (by homeowner or contractor) with a permit or certificate is only allowed Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Work may be done on Saturdays during the remainder of the year.

Construction may be conducted inside a fully enclosed building or structure having a full roof, all windows, all doors and garage doors completely installed on any day of the week between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. EST, provided that such interior work shall not require the use of any construction equipment outside or in an open garage, and is not audible from outside of the property lines where the building is located. Please be respectful to others and follow these hours when working on your house.

### Grand Beach Pro Shop Engraved Paver Program a SUCCESS!!!



Thank you to all the residents who supported the initial phase of the Grand Beach Pro Shop engraved paver program. The program generated approximately \$13,000 (after expenses for the bricks and installation) for future improvements to the Pro Shop. A few improvements that will be implemented this year will be a new POS system including iPad ordering for faster checkout and a new ice cream freezer that will double the flavors offered to all!!!

If you missed getting your engraved brick for the initial phase, don't worry. We now have open enrollment for the second phase.

We will take orders from May 2018 until January 2019. In January 2019, we will submit the second phase orders and prepare for installation prior to next Memorial Day.

Please stop by the Pro Shop and view the great messages your neighbors, friends and residents engraved on the pavers for generations to cherish for years to come.

Blake O'Halloran – Golf Commissioner



## DOGS

State Law requires pets to have annual vaccines.

All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless confined to your own property. Dogs are not allowed on the golf course or in the parks. Please be kind to your neighbors and clean up after your pets.

## DOGS ON BEACHES

Dogs are allowed on the beach on leashes from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 6 p.m. EST and 11 a.m. EST. Dogs are allowed on the beach at any time of the day between October 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> unless the beach is closed.

## VEHICLE PARKING STICKERS

Grand Beach logo parking stickers are available in the Village office and are the same stickers as used in the past. No need to get a new sticker if you currently have one on your vehicle. The Village requests a sticker on each car that will be parking in the Village on a frequent basis. The first sticker per family is free and additional stickers may be purchased for \$2.00 each.

## BERRIEN COUNTY TELEPHONE BOOKS

The newest edition of the Berrien County telephone book is available in the Clerk's office.

## MAINTAIN YOUR TREES

Part of the charm of the Village is the beautiful trees. Please be good stewards and maintain your trees. Contact a local arborist to make sure that your trees are healthy, and if not, please have them removed so that no one is injured by falling limbs or branches.



## WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater is the flow of water on the ground immediately after precipitation- rain or snowmelt.

After a rainfall, some of the precipitation is infiltrated into the soil, some of it is taken up by plants, and some is evaporated back into the atmosphere and the rest runs off land surfaces and other impervious areas. Unfortunately, the stormwater run off picks up any oil, grease, chemicals, nutrients, metals, even bacteria as it travels across land. All of these chemicals and pollutants will then enter our lakes, rivers, and streams.

## HELP KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN

There are many things that take place in everyday life that can affect the quality of water in Lake Michigan and White Creek. Stormwater runoff can have a negative effect on our environment. When chemicals, oil, grease salt, etc. is carried into our rivers, lakes, streams; all of these bodies of water become polluted. Pollution of our waters may not be immediate, but in time, as the pollutants keep appearing and the chemicals increase, our waters may become unusable for fishing, swimming, water skiing, kayaking and canoeing.



To find tips on keeping our water clean, visit [swmpc.org/what\\_can\\_i\\_do.asp](http://swmpc.org/what_can_i_do.asp).

With your help, we can work towards eliminating the pollution in the water. Let's protect our land and waterways for the enjoyment of all generations, now and in the future.

## POLICE NEWS

Since March 1st, the Grand Beach and Michiana Police Departments have been using a cooperative scheduling arrangement to provide round-the-clock coverage for both Villages.

Typically, there will be one officer on duty to patrol both villages and each department is empowered to enforce the other's ordinances.

In addition to Chief Schroeder and Chief Layman, other full-time officers include Sgt. Flick, Officer Patrick Myers, Officer George Knoll, and Officer Matt Myers.

If you have a non-emergency and need to speak to an Officer, call Berrien County Sheriff Dispatch at (866) 630-7679. Grand Beach residents can leave a message on the answering machine by dialing (269) 469-5000. Emergencies Dial 9-1-1. Thank you and have a great summer.

Chief Dan



## **VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Council President: Paul Leonard Jr.  
President Pro-Tem: Blake O'Halloran

Council Members & Commissioners:  
Building & Zoning James Bracewell  
Golf & Pro-Shop Blake O'Halloran  
Parks & Beaches Frank Giglio  
Police Deborah Lindley  
Streets & Water Paul Leonard Jr.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator  
Bill Lambert (269) 208-9544

Electrical Inspector  
Leroy Pinkston (269) 876-7442

## **VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday  
9:00 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. EST  
8:00 A.M. – 2:45 P.M. CST

## **VILLAGE EMPLOYEES**

CLERK'S OFFICE (269) 469-3141  
Clerk-Treasurer: Mary Robertson  
Deputy Clerk: Cheryl Cook

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE (269) 469-1270  
Superintendent: Bob Dabbs  
Maintenance Department: Tim Pendergast  
Dale Powell

POLICE DISPATCH (866) 630-7679  
POLICE OFFICE (269) 469-5000  
Police Chief: Dan Schroeder  
Police Sergeant: Jamie Flick  
Police Officer: Patrick Myers

PRO SHOP (269) 469-4888  
Pro Shop Manager: Don Butler

Official Website: [grandbeach.org](http://grandbeach.org)  
Email: [police@grandbeach.org](mailto:police@grandbeach.org)  
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