

Village of Grand Beach Spring 2021 Newsletter

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THE VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of you that are returning for another great summer in Grand Beach and welcome to those of you that are new to Grand Beach! We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends and enjoying all that Grand Beach has to offer.

ELECTION RESULTS

In the November 2020 election, incumbents James Bracewell and Blake O'Halloran were re-elected to the Council for 4-year terms.

Steve Slater recently resigned from the Council and Ellen Frankle was appointed to fill his term. Thank you Steve for all of your hard work while on the Council. Welcome Ellen!

Others currently serving as council members are Paul Leonard Jr. and Council President Deborah Lindley.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our regular council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. EST, 6:00 p.m. CST.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Current members of the Grand Beach Planning Commission are James Bracewell, Liaison to the Village Council, Frank Giglio, Robert Kegan, Harry Walder and Chair Laurie Roche.

The Planning Commission will meet on June 24 and September 23 at 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 p.m. CST.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Council and Planning Commission meetings have been held electronically (virtual) over the past year and will continue to be held electronically until further notice. Agendas and information on how to log in to the virtual meetings via Zoom can be found on the Village website at www.grandbeach.org.

CAUTION LAKE 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.



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.

RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS

Please be respectful to neighbors when working outside so you don't disturb their peace in early morning or evening hours since the weekends might be the only time they have to enjoy their home.

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

BEACHES

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

Many locations have no beach, and beach accesses in those locations are closed. We will continue to do our best to open as many beach accesses as possible this year.

BEACH FIRES require a permit issued by the Clerk's office or the Police Department. The applicant is required to clean up the area after the beach fire.



DOGS OR OTHER PETS

are not allowed on the golf course or in the parks, and are only allowed on the beaches between 6 p.m. EST and 11 a.m. EST during the summer

months. All pets must be on a leash when not confined to their own yard per Michigan State Law and Grand Beach Ordinances. State Law requires pets to have annual immunization shots. Please be kind to your neighbors and clean up after your pets.

TRASH PICK UP

Trash is picked up by Able Disposal on Monday year around with an extra pick up on Fridays 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 falls on a major holiday, the pick-up will be on Tuesday.

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

You may leave one large item out for pick-up each week. Call Able Disposal to make arrangements for large pick-ups. **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.

If your trash or recycle is missed, contact Able Disposal at (219) 929-1150.

2021 RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Able Disposal provides curbside recycling pick-up on alternate Mondays except between July 1 and Labor Day when recycling 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.

2021

May 10, 24

June 7, 21

July *6, 12, 19, 26

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

September *7, 13, 27

October 11, 25

November 8, 22

December 6, 20

*Pick-up is Tuesday due to holiday.

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

FEE TO REMOVE TRASH/RECYCLE CANS

The Village has received complaints for years about trash and recycle cans that are left at the street for days before and after pick-up. We try to keep Grand Beach looking great, but these cans that are left on the edge of the street detract from the beauty of the Village.

The Village Council has had many discussions concerning this issue. Beginning on June 1, any trash or recycle can that has been placed at the edge of the street prior to 5:00 p.m. EST on the day before pick-up, or left at the street's edge after 8:00 a.m. EST on the day after pick-up will be moved back onto the property by a Village employee regardless of if the can is full or empty. Property owners will be charged \$20 on their next water bill for this service.

There may be extra charges for additional cans.

LAWN MAINTENANCE & GAS-POWERED EQUIPMENT CONCERNS

Some people are sensitive to the noise created by gas leaf blowers, trimmers, power washers, lawn mowers and other gas-powered equipment. Please try to do this type of work during the week and if you have a landscaper, ask them to perform the work during the week so that Grand Beach property owners can enjoy their peace and quiet over the weekends. When making future lawn care purchases, please consider noise efficient or electric powered equipment.



LEAF PICK UP

Fall clean-up of loose leaves will take place from November 1 to December 3 (weather permitting).

Please have all of your leaves at the edge of the street at one time. If you hire a landscaper for leaf cleanup, they must remove the leaves from the Village.

Do not place the leaves on the street, or mix sticks, stones, rocks and yard waste with the leaves as someone could be injured when these items are vacuumed into the machine.

Once the Village stops picking up loose leaves in the fall, leaves must be placed in brown biodegradable bags and placed at the edge of the street for pick-up.

LANDSCAPERS must haul away all debris, leaves, brush or lawn waste that they generate. Nobody is allowed to dump yard waste on Village property or private property.

BRICKS FOR ENTRANCE TO THE PRO SHOP



The bricks at the front and side entrances to the pro shop look great! There is still time to order a brick to memorialize a loved one, remind us of a friend or just recognize your family as "Grand Beachers". Pick up an order form at the Pro Shop. Please drop off your order form and payment **in the Village drop box before August 15, 2021.** You may also mail it to Village of Grand Beach, 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, MI 49117.

ONE-WAY STREET

Lakeview Avenue is a one-way street between Memorial Day and 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. Please obey the signs and travel in the right direction when in a vehicle or golf cart.

FIREWORKS



The State of Michigan Fireworks regulations were recently changed to allow for fewer dates for the use of consumer fireworks. The following is a portion of Village Ordinance No. 2020-99 regulating the use of fireworks. The full ordinance may be viewed at www.grandbeach.org.

A person may only ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on private property owned or controlled by that person, or with the owner's permission in the Village of Grand Beach on the following days, after 11:00 a.m.:

1. December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1.
2. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day, until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
3. June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.
4. July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
5. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

No person shall ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on any public property in the Village of Grand Beach at any time, including on any public street, in any Village park, on the golf course or driving range, on any Village beach, on the pier, or on any other Village owned property.

In extreme circumstances, the Village's Police Chief or New Buffalo Township's Fire Chief may issue a burn ban to protect the Village residents' health, safety and welfare. In the event of a Village-wide ban on burning, the discharge of fireworks of any nature or sort shall also be temporarily prohibited until the burn ban is lifted.

Make sure to obey the ordinance, or you could be fined up to \$1,000 plus the cost of prosecution.

VEHICLE PARKING STICKERS

Grand Beach logo parking stickers are available at the Village office. There is no need to get a new sticker each year if you have one on your vehicle because they have not changed. The Village requests a sticker on each car that will be parked in the Village on a frequent basis. The first sticker is free and all others are \$2.00 each.

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.

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.

WATER TURN ON/OFF FEES

There will be a \$75 fee to cover expenses if you ask to have the water turned on or off after regular water department hours, on weekends or on holidays. If done during regular water department hours, there will be no cost to the homeowner.

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 that it is working properly.

The inspection should be done before using your pool or irrigation 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.

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 runoff 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.

To find tips on keeping our water clean, visit www.swmpc.org/what_can_i_do.asp.

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

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. are carried into our rivers, lakes or streams all of these bodies of water can 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.

With your help, we can work towards eliminating the pollution in the water.



Only rain in the drain

For more information

www.swmpc.org/water.asp

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for all new construction, pools, roofs, decks, fences, additions and repairs to your home, etc. If your home is located in a high erosion or critical dune area, you will need a permit from Environment, Great Lake & Energy (EGLE) 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 & 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. Please be respectful to others and follow these hours when working on your house.

SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Remember to have your septic system checked and pumped every 2-3 years to insure that it is working properly. Without regular maintenance, a septic system will fail. Save money and protect your investment in your home. It is fairly inexpensive to maintain your system by having it pumped every 2-3 years, but a new system could cost thousands.

Protect your drinking water and the environment. A properly working septic system will remove pollutants and disease-causing bacteria and viruses such as E. coli.

Information on maintaining your septic system can be obtained from the Berrien County Health Department at (269) 756-2008.

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.

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 2021
will expire on 10/31/21**

GOLF CARTS PROHIBITED IN 42 ACRES

On June 20, 2018, in response to continued reports of damage being done to the grasses and plants in the 42 acres due to golf carts operating off the marked trails, the Council voted to prohibit all golf carts from entering the 42 acres, except to access and exit the driving range. Violators will be ticketed.

IF GOLF CART FEES ARE UNPAID FOR TWO YEARS, CART NUMBER WILL BE REISSUED.



GOLF CARTS

You must have current stickers on your golf carts 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 and be sure to put the sticker on your cart.

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

A limited number of rental carts are available at the Pro Shop for use on the golf course only. You must be 18 years old and over to rent a cart.

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.
- All persons must be in a seat.
- Children cannot be held in the lap of driver.
- No riding backwards on the front of the cart.
- No riding on back where clubs are strapped in.
- 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.
- All carts must have an annual sticker and have numbers on both sides of the cart.
- 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 do not have a current sticker on your cart or on a rented cart, you will be ticketed and fined \$100.

CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OPERATE GOLF CARTS OR HELP THEIR PARENT DRIVE THE CART. 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.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Council President	Deborah Lindley
President Pro-Tem	Blake O'Halloran

COUNCIL MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

Building & Zoning	James Bracewell
Golf & Pro Shop	Blake O'Halloran
Parks & Beaches	Ellen Frankle
Police	Deborah Lindley
Streets & Water	Paul Leonard Jr.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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

Electrical Inspector	
Leroy Pinkston	(269) 876-7442

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

www.grandbeach.org

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

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

Clerk's Office Email	clerk@grandbeach.org
	deputyclerk@grandbeach.org

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	Ryan Layman
Assistant Police Chief	Jamie Flick
Police Officer	Creo Brewster

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