

# Village of Grand Beach Spring 2022 Newsletter

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## WELCOME BACK

It's nice to see that spring is finally here, with summer on its way soon. Welcome back to all of you that have been away for the winter. We hope you enjoy all that Grand Beach has to offer and that you have a wonderful spring and summer here!

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our regular council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 EST - 6:00 CST. Council meetings are back to being held in-person, upstairs in the Hall. However, they are still accessible via Zoom and details can be found on the Village website at [www.grandbeach.org](http://www.grandbeach.org).

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Planning Commission will meet on June 23 and September 22, 2022 at 7:30 EST – 6:30 CST in the Council Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

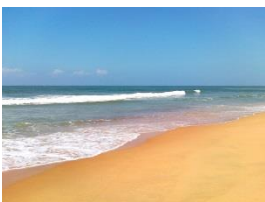
## NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION

In November, there will be 3 Council seats open. Interested residents should pick up a packet of information from the New Buffalo Township Clerk's Office at New Buffalo Township Hall. The deadline to file is July 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m. EST.

Absentee ballots can also be obtained from the Township Clerk's Office. Please contact them directly at 269-469-1011 if you need a ballot.

## 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. We will continue to do our best to open as many beach accesses as possible this year.



## 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

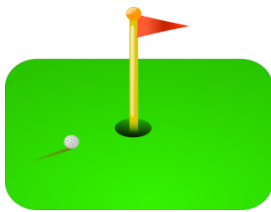
The pier and surrounding area is very dangerous. Extreme accidents can and have resulted from diving off of, or swimming near the pier. For safety reasons, swimmers should avoid this area. Keep an eye on your children to ensure that they are not on or near the pier. Diving or jumping from any pier, dock,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



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

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

**DOGS** are not allowed on the golf course or in the park, they are allowed on the beaches on leashes from May 1 - October 1 between the hours of 6 p.m. EST and 11 a.m. EST. They are allowed on the beaches at any time of the day between October 2 - April 30, unless the beach is closed.



## **RESIDENT GOLF FEES**

### **Adults**

Weekdays:	9 holes \$14 – 18 holes \$24
Weekends or Holidays:	9 holes \$16 – 18 holes \$25
Cards:	11 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:	\$100
Child's Family Pass:	up to 3 children 6-13 yrs. \$130

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

Daily Fee:	\$11
Junior Pass:	10 punches plus one free round \$90
Junior Season Pass:	\$160

**All cards and passes purchased in 2022  
will expire on 10/31/22**

## **GRAND BEACH GOLF COURSE FEES INCREASE, BUT STILL THE BEST DEAL GOING IN GOLF**

As we all know, inflation has increased prices for all goods and services. Golf is no exception. The cost of maintaining the golf course has increased, both cost of goods used on the course as well as wage increases for the workers. Over the years, we have worked very hard to keep green fees stable by working with our maintenance company, Serviscape, and combining their cumulative buying power to provide us with reduced costs through their economies of scale.

However, we had to raise green fee prices this year. Although we raised resident 9 hole \$2 (now \$14 per round) and resident 18 hole \$1 (now \$24 per round) I wanted to let you know it was inevitable and necessary if we want to continue to have a viable self funding golf course into the future as we have for the last 10 years.

I look forward to the 2022 season and hope you like the improvements, both in the Pro Shop and on the golf course.

Blake O'Halloran  
Golf Commissioner

## **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, nor help in operating or driving the cart.
- 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 only rented and 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.

## **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, as amended.

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.

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



### ONE-WAY STREET

Lakeview Avenue is a one-way, eastbound street from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Please be aware that the waste removal and recycle trucks will travel westbound along Lakeview on Mondays and Fridays for pick-up. If there is a holiday, they will follow that schedule. Please obey the signs and travel in the correct direction when in a vehicle or golf cart.

### TRASH AND RECYCLING

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.

Call Able Disposal to make arrangements for any large item pickup. **There will be a fee for any items containing Freon.**

A new ordinance was adopted and will become effective on July 1, 2022 outlining days and times when trash receptacles must be placed and removed from the edge of the street. The full ordinance, #2022-01 is available at [www.grandbeach.org](http://www.grandbeach.org).

### 2022 RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Able Disposal provides curbside recycling pickup 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. Call (219) 929-1150 for a missed pick-up.

#### 2022

May 9 & 23 June 6 & 20 July \*5, 11, 18, 25  
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 September \*6, 12, 26  
October 10, 24 November 7, 21 December 5, 19  
\*Pickup is Tuesday Due to Holiday

Glass, metal, cans, papers and plastics may be co-mingled in the recycling cart.

### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO

If you have children, check out the splash pad at New Buffalo Township Hall located at 17425 Red Arrow Highway, New Buffalo. Everyone might enjoy a walk through the Galien River County Park located across the highway from New Buffalo Township Hall.

### HELP KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN

It is important to be aware of the many things that cause pollution to our lakes and streams. If pollutants such as fertilizer, household chemicals, oil and other hazardous materials continue to find their way in to our waterways, the lakes and streams may become unusable for the things we enjoy such as swimming, fishing, water skiing, kayaking and canoeing. With your help, we can work towards eliminating the pollution in the water and protect our land and waterways for the enjoyment of all generations, now and in the future.

### 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 is taken up by plants, some is evaporated back into the atmosphere and the rest runs off land surfaces and

other impervious areas. Unfortunately, the 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.



only rain in the drain, for information [www.swmpc.org/water.asp](http://www.swmpc.org/water.asp)

### BE A PART OF GRAND BEACH AND IMMORTALIZE YOUR FAMILY FOR YEARS TO COME



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 **to the Village office before August 31, 2022**. You may also mail it to Village of Grand Beach, 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, MI 49117. All proceeds will be used for golf course improvements.

## 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.

## LEAF PICK UP

Fall clean-up of loose leaves will take place from November 1 to December 2, 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, rocks or yard waste with the leaves as they will not be picked up because they could cause someone to be injured when these items are vacuumed into the machine.

Branches, brush and twigs need to be bundled in 4' lengths to be picked up by the street department. Leaves must be placed in brown biodegradable bags once the Village stops picking up the loose leaves in the fall.

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

## SWIMMING POOLS & IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

The Village requires that every pool and irrigation system be inspected every year by a professional to be sure there is a backflow preventer in place and 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

## RENTAL INFORMATION

A new short-term rental ordinance was recently adopted and will become effective on January 1, 2023. The full ordinance, #2022-02 is available at [www.grandbeach.org](http://www.grandbeach.org).

Rental packets for those who rent their house are available in the Clerk's office. The packets contain rules regarding fires, dogs, trash and other matters that renters should be aware of and should help alleviate rental complaints.

## FIREWORKS



The State of Michigan Fireworks regulations now 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](http://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. EST:

1. December 31 until 1:00 a.m. EST on January 1.
2. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day, until 11:45 p.m. EST on each of those days.
3. June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. EST on each of those days.
4. July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m. EST.
5. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. EST 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, Grand Beach Nature Preserve, on any Village beach or the pier, or any other Village owned property.

In extreme circumstances, a burn ban to protect the Village residents' health, safety and welfare may go into effect. In the event of a ban, 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.

## SOCIAL CLUB PACKETS

Social Club packets are being emailed out again this year. If you are new to Grand Beach or did not receive a packet, please send an email to [eedolan@gmail.com](mailto:eedolan@gmail.com).

## WATER TURN ON/OFF FEES

Plan ahead if you need your water turned on or off. If you request this service outside of regular business hours, you will be charged a \$75 fee to cover the expense. Be sure to inform family and friends if they are using your home and need the water turned on or off to ensure that you are not charged a \$75 fee. There will be no charge if this is arranged to be done during regular hours.



## 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 Emergency...

After regular business hours, contact the Police Department at (866) 630-7679 or (269) 469-5000. During regular business hours, contact the Village Office at (269) 469-3141.

## 2022 RECYCLING EVENTS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & ELECTRONICS JUNE 8, 3 - 7 P.M. EST

Chikaming Township Hall  
13535 Red Arrow Hwy. Harbert, Michigan.

The only items accepted at this event will be household chemicals and electronics, other items will not be accepted.

For additional dates or for more information regarding recycling household chemicals, tires, or other materials, contact Berrien County Parks at (269)983-7111, extension 8232 or [www.berriencounty.org/recycle](http://www.berriencounty.org/recycle).

## GRAND BEACH NATURE PRESERVE



We are happy to announce that the Grand Beach Nature Preserve is now open to the public. The Village has completed the purchase and would like to thank everyone for their hard work and donations.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits are required for all new construction as well as pools, roofs, decks, fences, and additions or repairs to your home. If you are located in a high erosion or critical dune area, you will need an Environment, Great Lake & Energy (EGLE) permit prior to applying for a building permit.

**Tree Removal:** Please remember as Spring approaches, a building or zoning permit is required for any removal of trees on vacant lots.

**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** require building, electrical, and possibly other permits from outside agencies.

## 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 rest 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 ensure 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 septic systems can be obtained from the Berrien County Health Department at <http://bchdmi.org/760/On-Site-Septic>.

## KEEP YOUR TREES HEALTHY

To keep your trees the healthiest they can be, make sure to remove vines that may be growing on them.

## **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 Peter Doerr  
Police Deborah Lindley  
Streets & Water Paul Leonard Jr.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

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

Official Website: [www.grandbeach.org](http://www.grandbeach.org)

## **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: Kathie Butler

[clerk@grandbeach.org](mailto:clerk@grandbeach.org)  
[deputyclerk@grandbeach.org](mailto:deputyclerk@grandbeach.org)

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

POLICE DISPATCH (866) 630-7679  
POLICE OFFICE (269) 469-5000  
Police Chief: Ryan Layman  
Asst. Police Chief: Jamie Flick  
Police Officer: Creo Brewster

[rlayman@michianavillage.org](mailto:rlayman@michianavillage.org)

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



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