

Village of Grand Beach Spring 2019 Newsletter

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THE VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of you who are returning for another great summer in Grand Beach. And it's always nice to see those that live in Grand Beach year round. We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer spending time with family and friends and enjoying all that Grand Beach has to offer. Have a memorable and safe summer!

ELECTION RESULTS

In the November 2018 election, incumbents Paul Leonard and Deborah Lindley were re-elected to 4-year terms and council member Steve Slater was elected to a 4-year term. Other council members include James Bracewell and Blake O'Halloran. Thank you to outgoing council member Frank Giglio for all of his time and hard work on the Village Council and Parks and Recreation Committee.

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 14 at 1:00 EST – 12:00 CST and July 9 and September 10 at 6:30 EST -5:30 CST in the Council Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

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.

42 ACRES UPDATE

As many of you know, we received a grant from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$2,400,000 to purchase approximately 42 acres of land in Grand Beach which includes the driving range, trails and a pond.

We are obligated to raise 25% in matching funds to receive the grant. The Village has received a very generous donation of 10% of the land value from the seller, Grand Beach Land Development. We are in the process of receiving a \$58,000 Pokagon Fund grant from our municipal funding. We have also received several generous donations from residents amounting to \$129,750. We are relying on donations from homeowners to raise the remaining \$300,250.

Donations will gladly be accepted for any amount homeowners feel comfortable in giving. That being said, if we did a fair share value per residence, it would be approximately \$1,100 per home.

There will be a photo opportunity for those supporting the purchase when we receive the grant funding check from The Pokagon Fund in late May. To stay updated and informed of planned fund raising activities, check out the "42 Acres Grant Approval" section at grandbeach.org where you will see updates and pictures from the acreage. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Village Hall office.

Thank you to all that have donated and to those submitting future donations.

Debbie Lindley,
Grand Beach Council President



2019 RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Able Disposal provides curbside recycling pickup on alternate Mondays except between July 1st 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.

2019

May 13 & *28	June 10 & 24
July 1,8,15,22 & 29	August 5,12,19 & 26
September *3, 16, 30	October 14 & 28
November 11 & 25	December 9 & 23

*Pickup is Tuesday due to holiday.

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



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 falls on a major 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.

2019 NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & ELECTRONICS JUNE 15th 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.

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 6 (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.

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. Swimmers should stay away from this area to avoid injury. Watch your children to make sure 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.

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

DOGS ON BEACHES-Dogs are allowed on leashes from May 1 through October 1 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 Oct 2 and April 30 unless the beach is closed.

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

BEACH ACCESS - With water levels remaining high this summer, we continue to be committed to providing as much beach access as possible.

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 is free and all others are \$2.00 each.

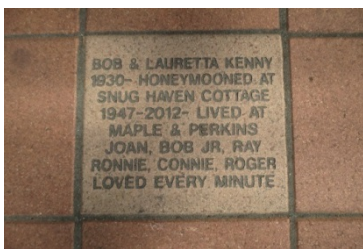


CHIKAMING OPEN LANDS WORKDAY

Join Chikaming Open Lands on a beautiful summer day at Grand Beach Marsh Preserve for a volunteer stewardship workday. This 11-acre gem is an outstanding example of a globally rare Coastal Plain Marsh. With less than 2,000 acres of this rare ecosystem left in the entire state of Michigan, the stewardship workday is a perfect opportunity to learn about the property and actively help protect the marsh! The volunteer stewardship workday will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST as we install new trail markers and signs in the preserve. Don't miss out on exploring this rare habitat right in your own backyard! Contact Casey Struecker, COL's Education and Outreach Coordinator, at 269-405-1006 or cstruecker@chikamingopenlands.org for more information.

BRICKS FOR ENTRANCE TO THE PRO SHOP

There is still time to order a brick to be placed at the entrance to the pro shop 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 or Village Office. Please drop off your order form and payment to the Village Office before July 1, 2019. If mailing, send to Village of Grand Beach, 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, MI 49117.



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.

LANDSCAPERS must haul away all debris, leaves, brush or lawn waste that they generate. They are not allowed to dump yard waste on Village or private property.

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

When requesting to have your water turned on or off, please plan ahead and request it to be done during regular water department hours. 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. Be sure to let family and friends know 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.

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.

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

DOGS

State Law requires that pets 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.



Tips on Water Pollution Prevention

There are many things that take place in everyday life that can affect Lake

Michigan, White Creek and our drinking water. Listed below are things that you can do to help protect our watersheds.

1. Conserve and reuse water wisely.
2. Use low or no-phosphorus fertilizers and always follow the directions to ensure that you are using the proper application rate. Apply fertilizers sparingly.
3. Be sure to pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly in the trash.
4. Take your car to a carwash rather than washing it on your driveway.
5. Maintain all vehicles and eliminate all leaks and spills.
6. Recycle and dispose of household chemicals properly.
7. Inspect and maintain onsite septic systems.
8. Do not dump anything down the drain system.
9. Use sand in the winter instead of de-icing chemicals.

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

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.

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.

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

BERRIEN COUNTY TELEPHONE BOOKS

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

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 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.

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.

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.

LAKEVIEW AVENUE IS A ONE-WAY STREET BETWEEN MEMORIAL DAY AND LABOR DAY.



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 2019

will expire on 10/31/19



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.

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 only 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.
- 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 don't have a current sticker on the cart, you will be fined \$100.

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 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.

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.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

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President Pro-Tem Blake O'Halloran

COUNCIL MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

Building & Zoning James Bracewell
Golf & Pro Shop Blake O'Halloran
Parks & Beaches Steve Slater
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

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
Interim Police Chief Jamie Flick
Police Officer Patrick Myers

PRO SHOP (269) 469-4888
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