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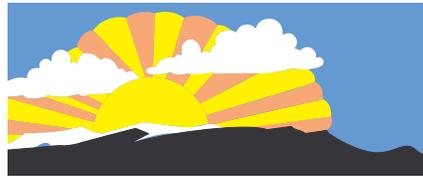
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Greetings Green Lake Property Owner,

Wow!! Here it is Labor Day Weekend. Where has the summer gone? Time flies by when you are having fun.



As I am typing this note to you I am looking out on a very calm, beautiful Green Lake. In the fall the evening waters are so calm and the western sky so beautiful.

September, October, and November are my favorite time of the year, but then I know what is coming in December thru March.

We hope all the Green Lake Property Owners have had a delightful summer. We are so blessed to live around Green Lake. Our wet period earlier on has turned into a very dry time. The brief rain this morning was enough to remind us of what rain is, but maybe it will come more often now. It is time to start preparing the yards, lawn, and trees for the dormant season coming up.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter the Board of Directors is discussing what the GLPOA role should be concerning future development around Green Lake. In my opinion, this needs to be our major focus for the next year or two, until we have in place a formal system that allows us to be pro-active in all future development. The Board has established a Lake Management Committee to oversee this activity.

Serving on the committee are the last two GLPOA presidents, Wendell Halvorson and Gwynne Anderson; the current GLPOA president, Gary Broman, and the GLPOA vice-president, Jon Pederson. By the time you read this we will have had our first meeting to begin the discussions with the Spicer City Council and the County Commissioners.

I expect these discussions will go on over the winter; so that by Spring 2004 we should have a good idea of how this process will proceed. We will keep you apprised of future happenings in this area through the web site and next Spring newsletter.

Many of you will be heading south between now and the end of the year. To you snow-birds and those of you that stay here for the winter I wish you well and look forward to seeing all of you at the GLPOA Annual Meeting in June.

Gary Broman  
President, GLPOA



# Update on DNR Activities



On July 23, 2003 Jeff Bredberg of Kandiyohi County Environmental Services and I conducted a boat survey of Green Lake to find areas with Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), looking especially for matted stands. The results continue to be encouraging. We found only a few floating EWM fragments by the swim beach, Spicer boat access, Melvin and at Little Morgandale resort. About 10 acres of EWM were present at these sites in 2001. A variety of native aquatic plant species were identified at each of these sites this year. One EWM plant was sampled near the Couleur access. This is well down from the nearly two acres of EWM seen at this site in 2001. One small stand of EWM was found north of the fishing pier in Lion Park. It was about 15 feet by 30 feet in size. This is about the same as we saw here in 2002. A very small stand and some scattered EWM were found in the bulrush area near the lake outlet this year. EWM appears to be at very low abundance in Green Lake. Jeff and I also sampled EWM abundance and location on Norway Lake. It is about the same area and abundance as last year. We did not find any in the main Norway Lake, or in Games Lake, so no spread appears to have occurred.



Even though Eurasian watermilfoil is low in abundance, people still need to check boats, motors, trailers, etc. when launching or loading so EWM or other exotic species are not spread between lakes.

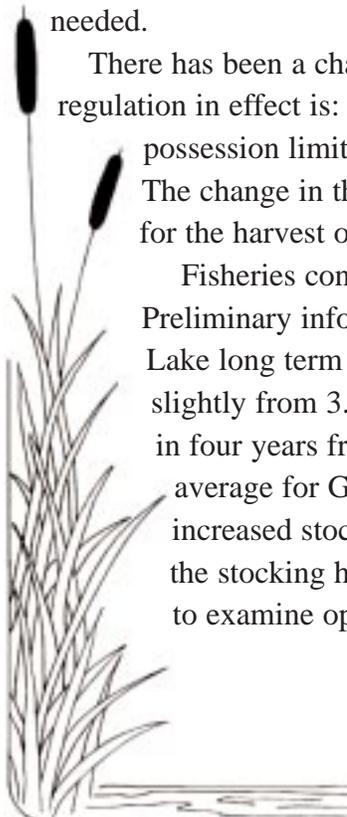
GLPOA members have likely seen the brown looking scum floating around especially near shore on Green Lake. This is caused by a whole community of microscopic organisms, mostly algae, bacteria, fungi, and small protozoa. This biological soup is stimulated by abundant nutrient in runoff, the warm temperatures, sunlight, and relative calm water. We noticed the scum along most of the west and north shores of Green Lake on July 25 in shallow water, especially in calm areas near shore. It cannot be traced only to the erosion from the Highway 23 and the Indian Beach development this summer, but it is the result of nutrient from all sources in the watershed. Skip Wright and I are working with MNDOT to minimize runoff from the highway construction to area waters. Additional watershed monitoring and developing water quality projects are still needed.

There has been a change in the experimental regulations for bass on Green Lake. As of July 21, 2003, the regulation in effect is: All bass 14-21 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately. The possession limit is 6. Only one bass over 21 inches allowed in possession while fishing on Green Lake. The change in the rule is not anticipated to significantly increase the harvest of bass, but it does allow for the harvest of what some anglers may consider a trophy.

Fisheries conducted the annual netting of Green Lake during the first week of August 2003. Preliminary information is encouraging. Northern pike abundance continues to remain near the Green Lake long term average of 2.99 fish/gillnet (2.92 this year). Smallmouth bass abundance decreased slightly from 3.17 last year to 2.42 fish/GN this year. Walleye abundance increased for the first time in four years from 6.25 fish/GN last year to 9.42 fish/GN in 2003. This is slightly above the average for Green Lake. It is too early to know how much of the increase is due to the increased stocking effort. However, with the lower walleye natural reproduction, I feel that the stocking has been an effective tool in rebuilding the walleye population. We will continue to examine options to improve angling on Green Lake.

Sincerely,

*Bruce Gilbertson, Area Fisheries Supervisor*



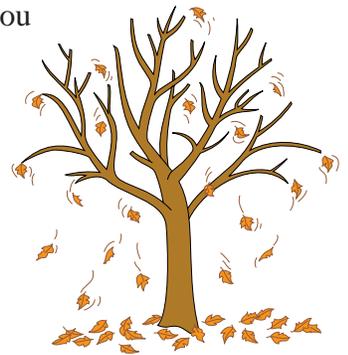
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# Nature Notes

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The end of a strange summer-too cool, too hot, too dry... you name it, we've had it these summer months of 2003. The trees and grass are stressed, some leaves already beginning to fall in an attempt to preserve what moisture the trees still have.



Lawns that turned brown might not recover if we don't receive healthy fall rains. Gardens, that have been watered, however, are producing well - oh, those luscious red tomatoes that ripen on the vine!

The young orioles are visiting the grape jelly and orange half feeders. Ruby-throated hummingbirds have hatched their second long migration to Mexico. bucket and emptying oily sighting in the area.



families. Remember to keep feeding them to help them prepare for their Goldfinches and related finches are devouring Niger thistle seed by the sunflower seed feeders daily. Fascinating was the report of a sandhill crane Someone reported that the chickadees were once again singing their spring

song, indicating a long fall and winter. Our loon has been swimming closer and closer to the docks. The other day it popped up between me and the dock when I was swimming not far out. I'm not sure which of us was more surprised.

Yellow swallowtail, black swallowtail, and monarch butterflies above the zinnias phlox, and bee balm. Last Wednesday (August 27) section of the Minneapolis Star Tribune had an absolutely delightful summertime event. The same issue had interesting articles on



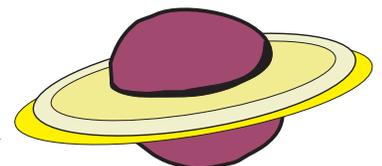
pirouette in their aerial ballet Home and Garden description of that late Canada geese and

bittersweet. Do we still have bittersweet growing along the roadside and in the roads around Green Lake? I have a spray someone gave me years ago draped across the top of a picture. It loses a few berries once in awhile but I still like it.



Has anyone else been inundated by chipmunks, red squirrels and gray squirrels this summer? I wouldn't mind them if they didn't dig in my planters and destroy my pansies and geraniums. They sit on my deck, looking at me through the patio door and chewing on geranium leaves as if defying me to do anything about it. And what nutrient is in potting soil that is so attractive to them? Now they are burying acorns and black walnuts. Half my small gardens have been planted by the birds and squirrels - that's about as wild as one can get!

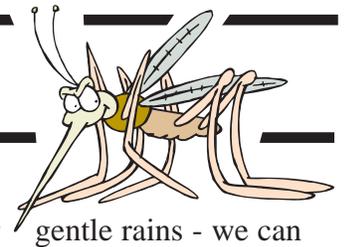
One should go outside at night to see Mars while it is closest to Earth as it has been for 60,000 years. One cannot miss the glowing reddish sight in the southeastern



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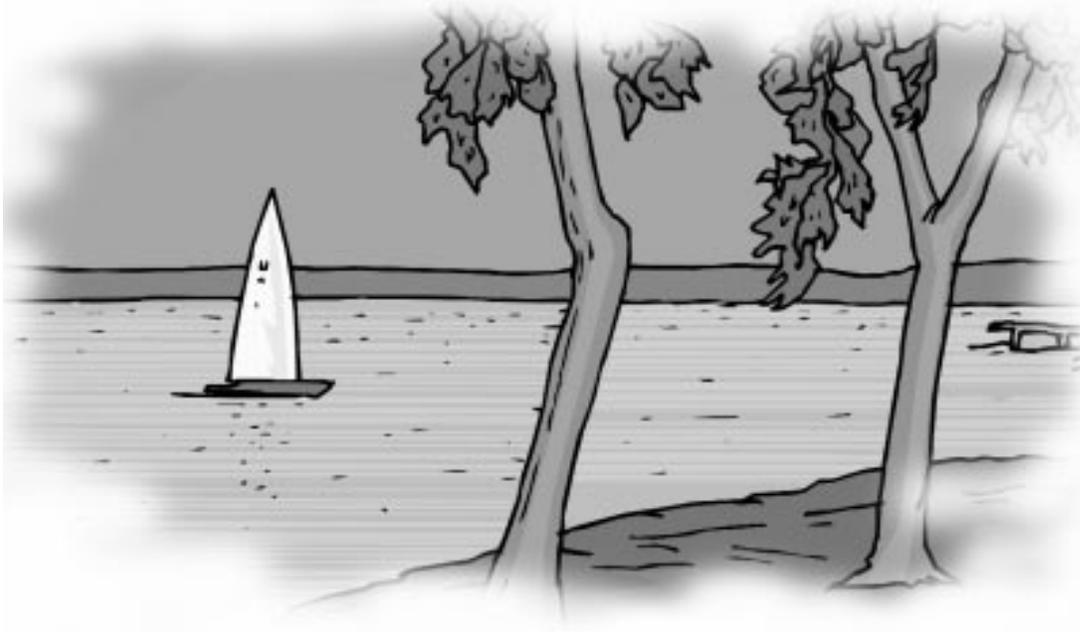


sky around 10:00 p.m. and later. If the dry season has had any benefit, it has cut down on the mosquitoes that would ordinarily plague us that time of night. Now we hope for gentle rains - we can do without storms and hail, such as that which damaged apple orchards in June. Jimmy Appleseed products and others will be sorely missed this fall.



May the seasons be good to us all and the Green Lake breezes blow gently and fair.

*Gloria Benson*

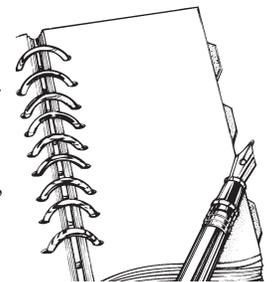


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## Green Lake Sewer and Water

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At the August 25th meeting of the Green Lake Sewer and Water District, the board confirmed that all residential restoration contracts have been closed. Unfortunately, in spite of all the check lists, inspector follow through, punch list, phone line reporting and newspaper notices, some things just fall through the cracks. Therefore, I feel that if you know of a serious problem such as potential safety hazard, a gross unsightly mess, or a late developing problem, the board would like to be advised. I would recommend that you reduce the problem to a written letter providing information on location, extent of problem, phone number and name to contact. Send it to Ron Hagemeyer, our District Supervisor, at 14403 138th Avenue, Spicer, MN 56288. He will review the problem and present his finding to the board for their edification. Whether or not the results will be to your satisfaction, at least you will have apprised them of a potential public relations problem. Good luck.



*Dick Baken*  
*GLPOA Sewer and Water Chair*



# What Is Our Membership?

## 2002-2003 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS - MEMBERSHIP

	<u>Associate</u>	<u>Green Lake</u>	<u>Irving</u>	<u>New London</u>	<u>Spicer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Possible Membership	25	132	206	255	177	795
Members Paid Dues	19	86	158	144	86	493
Percentage of Members Paying Dues	76%	65.15%	76.70%	56.47%	48.58%	62.01%
Members Paid Patrol		26	54	26	6	112
Percentage of Members Paying Patrol		19.69%	26.21%	10.19%	3.40%	14.08%
Members Paid Caterpillar	3	56	104	94	39	296
Percentage of Members Paying Caterpillar	12%	42.42%	50.48%	36.86%	22.03%	37.23%
Caterpillar Dollars Average per Lot	\$70.00	\$40.53	\$38.80	\$39.14	\$34.10	\$38.94



## Who's the President of our wonderful organization?

**To the Left:** Green Lake Property Owners Association President, Gary Broman.

**To the Right:** Dean Ruhland of the Spicer First Responders.



## Patrol to Begin on October 1st!

If you paid for membership, along with the patrol service you will notice that the Patrol Signs will be placed on your residence shortly after the 1st of October.

The bi-monthly patrol will begin near the end of October.

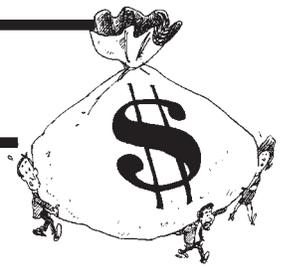
Postcards will be sent to your home residence during the six month period, as we do not know when you leave for your winter home. Please advise your post master to forward your PATROL POSTCARDS as they do your regular mail.



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# Where Your Dues Dollars Go!

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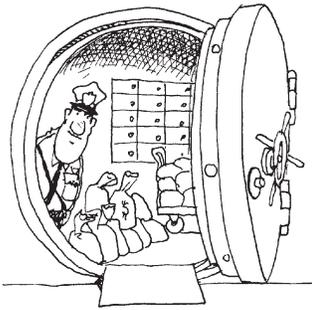


Today, we all ask why goodness where did the money go? Or give to different organizations, so what are they doing with the dollars I send to them?

The Green Lake Property Owners Board tries to give back to the area which we live in. One of the service projects we, the Board Of Directors, support could be used by anyone of us at any time.

Along with the general business of running the Green Lake Property organization; such as the printing of the Green Lake Breeze six times during the year, the Green Lake Directory, patrol, and spraying of tent caterpillar worms, we feel committed to helping others.

Part of your \$15.00 dues has been used during the past six years to purchase the following equipment for the Spicer First Responders and the New London Ambulance.



1998	\$ 500.00	Defibrillator
1999	\$1,000.00	Defibrillator
2000	\$1,000.00	Hand held radios
2001	\$ 800.00	Back boards
2002	\$ 700.00	Pulse oximeter (checks oxygen level and pulse in a patient)
2003	\$ 600.00	Glucometer ( checks blood sugar level in diabetic)



Thanks to you, the Green Lake Association Member, now you know the rest of the story!

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## What do I get if I send in \$15 for membership in the Green Lake Property Owners Association?

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- . Breeze Newsletter-6 times a year!
- . Green Lake Property Owners Directory!
- . Access to the Green Lake Property Owners website [www.greenlakespicer.com](http://www.greenlakespicer.com)!
- . Water Quality monitoring, information and advocacy!
- . Cooperative work with the Sheriff concerning highway speed, water safety & buoy/raft permit information!
- . Representation on Variance Board and Permit Hearings!
- . Representation to DNR, MPCA and EPA!
- . Representation to County Commissioners & Spicer City Council!
- . Representation to the Green Lake Sewer and Water Commission!
- . Spraying for caterpillar worms, plus the winter patrol for additional dollars!



Your \$15 dollars goes a long way! Get involved! Join Now! Maybe you forgot to send your membership dues in! Attend a GLPOA board meeting to see what the organization is doing to show concern for Green Lake Property Owners! Property owners are welcome!

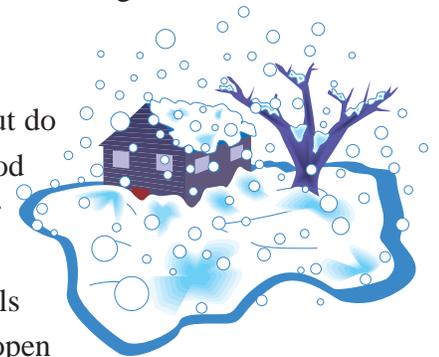


# GLSSWD News

For those of you who will be winterizing your seasonal residence in the near future, give some thought as what you will need to do to protect your water system. Make sure your complete system is drained so there is no possibility of damage due to freezing and lines and water meter. After draining your system just tip the water meter back and remove any trapped water and leave it in place. Cold weather will not effect it. Please leave the signal wire that is attached to the head of the water meter attached if possible. If disconnected, we receive no signal from your meter. This tells us something needs to be repaired and we spend valuable time trying to determine the problem (we do not know your winterization schedule) when in fact the meter has been completely removed. If we receive a signal indicating no usage during the winter months from a seasonal dwelling, (summer usage is monitored more closely) that is fine, at least we know the system is working. By the way, the water meter doesn't have to be connected to the water system for us to read to it. Just the signal wire needs to be attached.



For the Green Lake residents that keep their houses heated during the winter, but do not occupy frequently, and for anyone who leaves their lake residence for any period of time: I would like to suggest that unless you need water for your water softener regeneration or other needs, turn your water supply off at the water meter before you leave. There were a number of lake residents who experienced large usage bills



because a toilet was running for weeks at a time (a toilet running fully open can discharge 5000 gallons in 24 hours) or a pipe broke, causing metered water to literally be wasted down the sewer drain. If the dry summer has you thinking of lawn irrigation needs. The GLSSWD offers customers the option of installing a second water meter just for irrigation purposes. With this meter installation you pay only for water used and no sewer usage fees are added as long as no water enters the wastewater collection system. Call the district office at 796-4523 for more details if you are interested in a second meter for watering purposes.

A big thank you to all the lake residents utility inspector to visit your house. It has project. As of now we only have about been inspected. If you are one of these district office and schedule an appointment. 100% completion before summer ends.

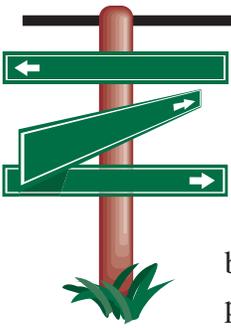


who have allowed our been a very successful 20 houses that have not 20 houses, please call the Our goal, of course, is During the inspection

process we found some sump pumps that were discharging non-metered clean water into the sanitary sewer system. We also found some water plumbing situations that needed correcting. Water metering data was collected and account activity was confirmed. It has been a process of insuring a safe potable water supply, eliminating extra wastewater treatment costs and making sure customer accounts were correct. Again, thanks for your cooperation during this utility inspection process. It is very much appreciated.

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Just Say **NO** to Phosphorus!

*Ron Hagemeyer GLSSWD Director*



# You Live *WHERE* on Green Lake?

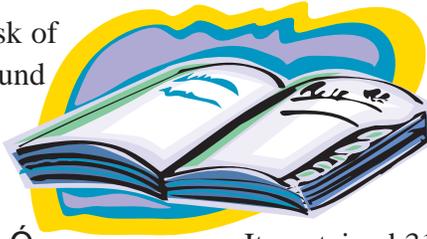
Drive around Green Lake today and you will see some bright blue signs containing the address of the property. These recent additions appear to some residents as another case of bureaucracy gone berserk. Some would put them in the same category with the numerous "No parking" signs that have appeared around the lake; a definite case of over-kill.



Actually, efforts to identify the people living around the Green Lake and the location of where they live extends back nearly 50 years. Some remnants of earlier signing efforts containing numbers such as 799N or 276S may still exist. The purpose of these signs was to allow firemen, lawofficers, ambulance and other personnel to quickly locate a property in case of an emergency. It should be noted that hand-lettered signs and balloons are still being used to guide relatives and friends.

Plans for numbering all cottages around the lake were first proposed to the Green Lake Property Owners Association (GLPOA) by the Spicer Fire Department in 1957. The 4 1/2- by 11 metal signs were purchased and installed by fire department personnel at a cost to each property owner of \$4.50. The Association approved the plan and encouraged all to participate. The Department prepared a directory of those who had purchased numbers. Typical of most directories, it soon became outdated.

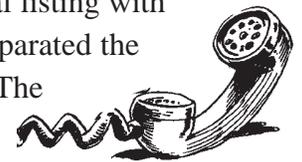
The GLPOA took over the task of directory was hand-delivered around revised list was prepared for contain an undated single legal Fire Numbers, Prepared and Green Lake Property Owners, Inc



It contained 311 fire numbers with the residents name listed alphabetically. The directory did not include property owners within the City of Spicer. The numbering system began at 100 at the south Spicer city limits and continued east around the lake to a point 0.3 mile south of Indian Beach Resort. The north and remaining east side of the lake was covered by numbers beginning with 500 at the north Spicer city limits and terminated at the point previously mentioned.

preparing the directory in 1963. The the lake following the August meeting. A distribution early in 1966. The GLPOA files sized sheet entitled Directory of Green Lake Distributed as an Added Service by the

The 1976 GLPOA directory appears to be the first published in the form of a booklet. It contained both an alphabetical listing with the property owner name preceding the fire number and sequential listing with the fire number preceding the name. A Department of Conservation (DNR) contour map separated the two listings and showed the fire numbers of prominent locations such as the Old Mill Inn. The directory followed the same numbering system as the earlier directory and accordingly did not include the City of Spicer. The directory was distributed to members free of charge. Advertising was included to partially defray the cost of printing. It also included a listing of board members.



The 1981 directory introduced major changes in the numbering system. City of Spicer residents were included for the first time. As in most cities, one side of the street has even house numbers and the other side odd numbers. Using existing Lake Avenue numbering as a guide and Agnes Street in Spicer the starting point, lakeshore properties were assigned a number followed by the letter N for those north of Agnes, and S for those south of Agnes. In both cases the numbers terminated at the outlet of Green Lake. This of course made the previous numbering system obsolete and explains why it was not uncommon to see a property with two different



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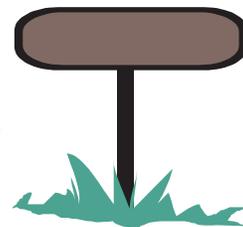
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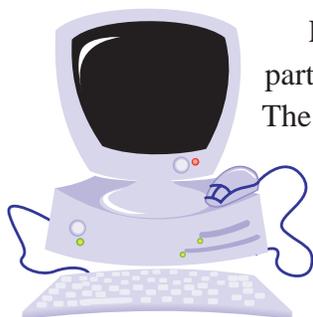
fire numbers.

The GLPOA published a new directory in 1986 following the format of the 1981 directory in identifying the properties by fire number. A listing of board members was included. Events however, were occurring that quickly made fire numbers along with the 1986 directory obsolete.

The emergency 911 system mandated by the State of Minnesota was implemented in 1987. Each residence was assigned a unique address; county and township roads were given numbers designated as streets if they ran north-south and avenues if they ran east-west. Proper names, such as Skyline Drive, North Shore Drive and Indian Beach Road were introduced, although Lake Avenue North and Lake Avenue South may have been more appropriate.



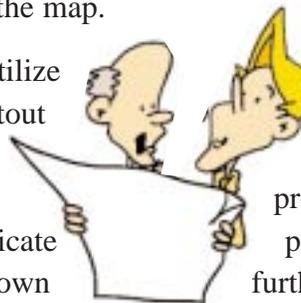
As a result the GLPOA prepared a new directory in 1991. Incorporation of the 911 addresses proved to be a formidable task. Many seasonal residents continued to use fire numbers. While property owner listings were available from the county assessor's office, the City of Spicer, the Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District, and previous directories, the listings were subject to continual change as ownership changed. The use of computer technology began to ease the task of tracking property ownership.



Preparation of the 1995 directory proved considerably easier than previous editions due in part to the stability of the property addresses created through introduction of the 911 system. The 911 address is assigned by the county planning and zoning office when applying for a building permit and is relatively stable, passing unchanged from owner to owner. The directory was distributed without cost to members but nonmembers were charged a fee of \$15.00, a practice that was continued in later editions.

Later editions of the directory published in 1998, 2000 and 2003, while retaining the alphabetical listing, changed the sequential listing established in 1995 and attempted in 2000 and 2003 to list the residents by township. Most seasonal residents do not know what township they are in, much less care. The important thing is the 911 address. Unfortunately, known points such as access locations that could be used to guide visitors were eliminated both in the sequential listing and on the map.

Perhaps the most logical method of directory preparation is to utilize County Lake Parcel Listing of first tier taxpayers. A computer printout contains 789 parcels of property in the first tier around Green Lake. sequentially in a clockwise direction and include the number of the address of each taxpayer. Eliminating public, commercial and duplicate 740 residential living units around the lake. These can be broken down family units and 127 multi-family units.



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Property owners with an interest in historical or genealogical research can find copies of the directories on file at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society.

*Thomas Bonde*





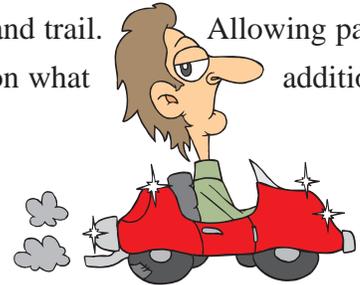
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# *On-Street Parking Issues*

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Lack of on-street parking on the west end of North Shore Drive and all of Indian Beach Road continues as an issue. On North Shore Drive, the County Board agreed to adjust the striping and bike trail layout between Old Mill Road and 82nd Street near the Rush Brown access to allow parking. This change was primarily prompted by the TH 23 related construction in Spicer affecting the downtown lake access. The current striping pattern will carry thru next year with re-evaluation after the new DNR boat access is built near County Park 5.

The County Board has also received a petition from residents along the county portion of Indian Beach Road (CR 95) requesting parking be allowed on the shoulder, adjacent to the trailway. The Board is weighing safety concerns against the need for parking and is planning on discussing the issue this fall, and is looking for with additional public input. Response to the request is being delayed as the county evaluates the results of bituminous stabilization treatment of the granite chip boulevard area between the shoulder and trail. Allowing parking, with resultant increased tire turning stress on this surface, will affect decisions on what additional work will be needed to keep the boulevard in satisfactory condition.



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