

Green Lake Breeze

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June 2007

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE GREEN LAKE BREEZE!

During the 2002 year, the Board of Directors of the Green Lake Property Owners Association felt that we would enhance our membership by sending the GREEN LAKE BREEZE to all people who live on Green Lake. Our membership, at that time, was 64%. It was the Board's hope that by being all inclusive that number would increase.

In 2003, the GLPOA membership did increase to 65%; 2004 to 64%; 2005 to 62%, and in 2006 the membership stayed at 62%.

Using the data for May 1, 2007 issue, the cost was 61 cents for the issue plus 41 cents for mailing or \$1.02 per copy mailed. A mailing of 342 copies has been sent since 2002, to non dues-paying Green Lake owners at a cost of \$403.00 for each issue. We calculated the cost over \$2,000.00 for the year 2005-06 alone for those who do not join our organization.

"What your dues do for you" was included in the membership letter in May. We encourage all to join the GLPOA, so you may be represented and through THE BREEZE, find out news pertaining to your area, your Board of Directors decisions, etc.

But it is for this reason, the Board of Directors of the GLPOA have voted to send copies of THE BREEZE only to those who pay their dues.

We appreciate your total concern, your workings within Green Lake, but please send in your \$35.00 for dues or this issue "may" be your last issue of THE BREEZE. Thank You!

Dear Green Lake Property Owner,



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Green Lake Property Owners' Association (GLPOA), I would like to invite you to attend the annual meeting to be held on Friday, **June 15, 2007 at 7:00 at the Green Lake Bible Camp**. Coffee (courtesy of the Green Lake Bible Camp) and cookies (courtesy of Jahnke Foods) will be provided.

The Board has an interesting meeting planned with three very knowledgeable speakers making presentations:

1) Julie Klocker, Administrator of the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District, will be speaking on "Growing Partnership - Green Lake and MFCRWD." In her short tenure with the MFCRWD, Julie has obtained \$5,000 in grant money from Conservation Partners for rain garden education and demonstration; \$240,000 in Clean Water Partnership funding; and in conjunction with the Kandiyohi SWCD and the CROW, has obtained \$244,000 grant money from the Clean Water Legacy Act. Julie is also the Treasurer of Minnesota Waters.

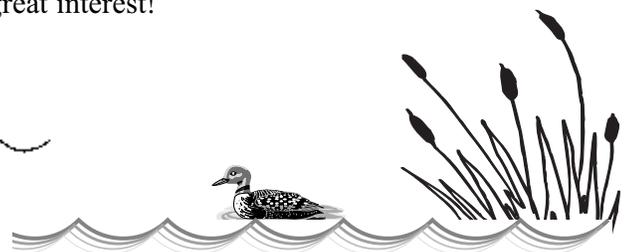
2) Dick Osgood, Osgood Consulting, will be speaking on "Exotic Species within Green Lake and Minnesota - Where do we go now?" Dick is the 2007 President-Elect for the North American Lake Management Society, the Secretary and Public Policy Chair for Minnesota Waters, and the Executive Director of the Lake Minnetonka Association.

3) Dick Steinberg will be giving a portion of his power point presentation, "An Independent Review of the Green Lake Fishery and Strategies for Recovery." Dick has worked for the MN DNR and was appointed Area Fisheries Manager for a large part of SE Minnesota, then was promoted to Senior Fisheries Biologist with the DNR in St. Paul. He is also a well-known author and has contributed articles to many popular fishing magazines. Steinberg's Review is based on intensive research of DNR Lake Survey Reports, Lake Management Plans and fisheries data on Green Lake from the 1970's through 2006.

We feel very privileged to have three such highly respected presenters at our meeting. Please don't miss this opportunity to become informed on these topics of great interest!

Sincerely,

Jill Nelson
President, GLPOA





Annual Meeting

GREEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP, SPICER, MINNESOTA
FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007 - 7:00 P. M.

AGENDA

- 1.0 Open The Meeting Jill Nelson, President
- 1.1 Call The Meeting To Order
- 1.2 Acknowledge Visitors Present

- 2.0 Approve Minutes Myra Quale, Secretary
- 2.1 Friday, June, 16 2006

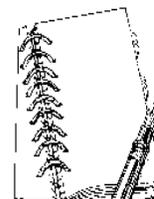
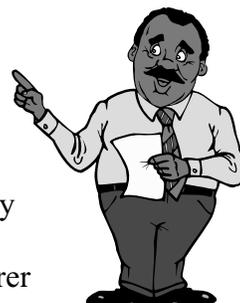
- 3.0 Financial Report Tom Broman, Treasurer
- 3.1 General Fund \$ 547.07
- 3.2 Patrol Fund \$ 34.46
- 3.3 Money Market \$18,480.65
- Total \$19,062.18

- 4.0 Points of Interest Jill Nelson, President
- 4.1 Julie Klocker, Director of Middle Fork Crow River Water Shed District,"
Growing Partnership-Green Lake and MFCRWD."
- 4.2 Dick Steinberg, "Independent Review of the Green Lake Fishery and
Strategies for Recovery."
- 4.3 Dick Osgood, "Exotic Species Within Green Lake and Minnesota - Where Do
We Go Now?"

- 5.0 Old Business Jill Nelson, President
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- 5.2

- 6.0 New Business Jill Nelson, President
- 6.1 Walking Path along with Benches Ralph Jansen
- 6.2 Eurasian Water Milfoil on Green Lake Jill Nelson/Terry Frazee
- 6.3 Election of Board Members for Three Year Term
- 6.31 Ralph Jansen Green Lake 11806 IBR
- 6.32 Dick Gunderson Irving 13778 IBR
- 6.33 Ron Minke Irving 11929 NSD
- 6.34 Sandi Unger New London 11415 NSD
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- 6.5

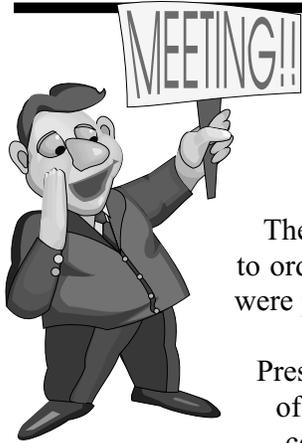
- 7.0 Adjourn



Coffee by Green Lake Bible Camp, Cookies by Jahnke Foods

Green Lake Property Owners Association

ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006 - 7:00 P. M.
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP



The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Green Lake Property Owners Association was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Bruce Halgren. A count of 87 members and guests were present.

President Halgren welcomed members, thanks the Green Lake Bible Camp for the coffee and use of facilities. Thank you was offered to Bolton and Menk, Inc. engineering firm for providing the cookies for the annual meeting.

Guests introduced were County Commissioners Dean Shuck and Dick Larson. Sheriff Dan Hartog, Senator Dean Elton Johnson, and Representative Al Juhnke.

Terry W. Frazee presented the minutes for the annual meeting of Friday, June 17, 2005. Motion was made, seconded to approve the minutes as mailed out to all lake owners. Motion carried.

Terry W. Frazee presented the financial statement for 06.01.05 to 05.31.06. The report showed the following fund balance as:

General Fund	\$ 328.65
Patrol Fund	- \$ 119.64
C. D.	\$10,000.00
Money Market	\$10,321.11
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Total	\$20,520.12



Question was asked about sending GLPOA Breeze to only dues paying members. President Halgren stated that the Board studied the past years regarding this, approving only to send THE BREEZE to people who have paid their dues. Motion to accept the financial statement was made, seconded, and carried.

Sheriff Dan Hartog reported upon buoys within Green Lake. Buoys must be 14 inches above the water line with the correct marking upon them. Sheriff Hartog presented information to the members present about making your own buoys. This will be presented in the July BREEZE of 2006. Sheriff Hartog reported that any person under 10 years of age must wear a life jacket at all times. Any permits for rafts may be made to the Sheriff's office. These permits are for a two year period. The Sheriff's office will enforce all speeding around Green Lake with tickets given. Sheriff Hartog explained that the road on the northeast corner of Green Lake is NOT open for general passage. Any vehicle traveling around the barriers will receive a ticket. Question was asked about the WEST CENTRAL TRIBUNE having a story that the road was open for thru traffic. Sheriff Hartog stated he had spoken to the Public Works Director of which that is not true. Any person who travels thru the barrier is in violation, of which a ticket may be issued.



Dr. R. E. Hodapp, President of the Middle Fork Crow River Water Shed District, presented information about the newly formed District. This District was formed a little over one year ago under Mn. State Statute 103D, special unit whose responsibility is to address problems with water quantity and quality within boundaries of the watershed.



Statue permits ad valorem taxation to help finance the District activities. During the past year the Water Shed Board of Supervisors has been laying the ground work for the organization. Monthly meetings are open to the public to attend. They are looking for a full time administrator who is experienced in environmental issues to oversee projects, manage the

Green Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting cont.

office, advise the board, and make grant applications. Other duties include writing water management plans, (formal documents which list and prioritize water related problems within our district) as well as short and long term strategies to address the problems while receiving input from technical advisors and a citizen advisory committee. Developing the plan is the most important thing which the Board of Supervisors will do, it defines our goals, standard and strategies. This plan will define who we are and how we interact with other units of government and agencies, which must be approved before the local water shed district is allowed to take on any projects.



Skip Wright of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources presented information, showing slides of the state of Green Lake. This is Skip's 17th year of providing the Green Lake Property Owners this information. Slides showed a 3 year process for monitoring of the lake, the areas which are monitored along with measurement. The year of 2005 was the 4th wettest year in the past 112 years of record keeping on the lake. We received 12 inches more rain than normal. On August 26, 2005, we received over 5 inches of rainfall. Following the summer evaporation, it usually takes 3 1/2 years to replenish the water. After the 2005 year, 70 % of the water was replenished due to the wet season. Skip explained that 1 pound of phosphorus may produce up to 500 pounds of algae in Green Lake. Please do not use any fertilizer with phosphorus within the contents. The reading within Green Lake for phosphorus is very good at 16 ppb while Nest Lake shows over 30 ppb. The water clarity in 2005 during the spring was at 20 feet, falling to 6 feet during the summer months, but back to 18 feet during the fall of 2005.

Question was asked about putting in curb and gutter or letting water from road run on the grass. Mr. Wright stated the best solution is for the water to run on to the grass rather than have curb and gutters. It was suggested that people mow the first four or five rounds of grass toward the inside rather than to the road. Also suggested was to sweep the gutter area when finished mowing.



Discussion was held about curly leaf pond weeds. These weeds grow due to the nutrients within the water.



President Halgren thanked each of the three speakers, stating that they would remain following the meeting to answer any specific questions which people wish to address.

There was not any old business to be brought forward.

President Halgren thanked Marlin Wacholz for his two three year terms on the Board.

President Halgren introduced the candidates to the Board as recommended by the Green Lake Board of Directors. These are as follows:

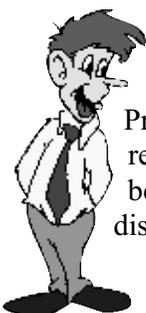
Tom Broman	City of Spicer
Jill Nelson	City of Spicer
Roger Stehn	Irving Township

President Halgren asked three times for any other nominees. Being none a motion was cast for the above named for three year positions, lasting to June 30, 2009. Motion carried.



President Halgren asked if there was any other new business to be brought to the members at the annual meeting.

President Halgren called upon George Couleur to update the members upon the airplane which was removed from Green Lake last fall. At the present time, Mr. Couleur explained that the plane is being restored. The wish is to build an information center in which the airplane would be put on display. The organization is looking for funding this program.



Motion was made to adjourn the Annual Meeting for 2006. Motion carried.

Green Lake Property Owners Association Statement of Conditions to May 31, 2007

OPENING BALANCE

\$20,520.12



RECEIPTS

General Fund	\$31,514.56
General Fund Interest	\$402.33
Patrol Fund	\$3,425.00
Minnesota Waters	\$1,140.00

Total	\$36,481.89	\$36,481.89
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DISBURSEMENTS

Donations	\$3,847.33
Dues	\$685.04
Minnesota Waters	\$1,140.00
Money Market	\$10,290.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,314.31
Patrol	\$2,500.00
Printing & Postage	\$8,223.97
Secretary	\$1,800.00
Spraying	\$7,418.18
Web Page	\$725.00

Total	\$37,939.83	\$37,939.83
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BALANCE FOR 31 MAY 2007

\$19,062.18



FUNDS OF OPERATIONS BALANCE

General Fund	\$547.07
Patrol Fund	\$34.46
Money Market Account	\$18,480.65

Total	\$19,062.18
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Caterpillar Spraying

The spraying for tent caterpillars was completed on Thursday, May 17. Spraying began at 7:30 a.m. and was completed by 9:30 a.m. Spraying was done after a number of delays due to high winds and rainy weather that moved into the area earlier in the week. It was announced on the local radio stations and the West Central Tribune. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ralph Jansen at 796-4530.



Nature Notes



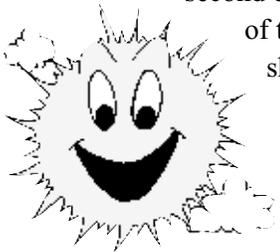
“Where have all the flowers gone?” Wasn’t there a song like that a few years ago?

First of all the trees were green mists wherever we looked. Then, overnight, the leaves burst forth in their more than forty shades of green. It was not long before the wild plum tree blossoms dotted the landscape; the ornamental crab trees burst forth in all their glory, and flowering almond bushes were spectacular. The daffodils and tulips began to flower. Every evening, of course, the tulips closed their lovely petals; they repeated the process every chilly day we had—and there were many. Finally, they opened fully, but, soon exhausted by all the opening and closing, they faded quickly. Do you remember how once lilacs began as deep purple, cone-shaped buds, slowly flowering with their lilac fragrance from bottom to top? This year they showed little-bitty clusters of buds. Then abruptly they were in full bloom and, almost as quickly, at least in a few days, were bloomed over. Lilies of the valley followed the same procedure, springing full blown like Venus (I was going to say “on the half-shell”) and hanging in there as long as they could. Wild Columbine have done all right, though they began more white than red and righted themselves later. Go figure. Now we have fresh hanging planters, geraniums, and garden variety blossoms slowly coming into their own. Thank goodness for hostas — their greenery has been and is most welcome.



The birds are with us—a Baltimore oriole made off with some dryer lint and pieces of yarn we’d put out for it. A person is supposed to walk about the neighborhood to try and spot those nests afterwards. If you see any with orange yarn, you’ll know where it came from. The hummingbirds let us know when their feeders need filling. The cardinals sing cheerfully every day and respond to people who adeptly imitate their call. Swallows try to make their homes in boatlifts to owners’ dismay, but watching them swoop after insects is a delight.

The loons still send their eerie calls across the lake. A family of Canada geese, mama, papa and the seven goslings, make regular trips in the waters just beyond the docks. It could be two families, as the first one I saw had five goslings, so the second couple either adopted two along the way, or the two littlest ones were hiding the first few times by. One of the really windy days, the family came to shore for a brief rest, and the smallest three walked along the shore, as though they were tired of paddling to keep up with the others.



Enjoy the first full month of summer.

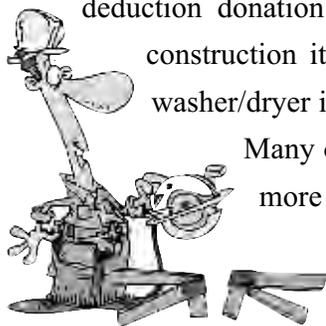
May gentle rains fall and breezes blow.

Gloria Benson



Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Willmar

The Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota (HFHWCM) ReStore business, located at 4078 Hwy 71 NW in Willmar, serves two main purposes. The first is to sell donated items in order to get funding to continue the worthwhile work of HFHWCM of building homes for local families in need. The second purpose is the environmental benefit of keeping these donated items out of the landfill. Depending on the item(s) being donated, there is a pick-up service available. The donor receives a tax deduction donation form for donating used (but in very good condition) or new household or construction items. If anyone has cabinets in good condition that are being replaced, or a washer/dryer in good working order that is being out-sourced, please consider donating these to the ReStore.



Many other household and building items are also accepted. To see a list of these items, and to learn more about the facility, please go to the website at www.willmarrestore.com. The store is open Wednesday through Friday from 10:00 - 6:00, and Saturday from 10:00 - 4:00. Please call the store at 214-7280 for more information.

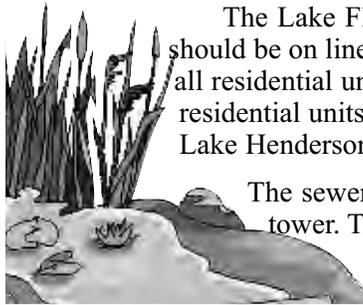


Sewer and Water Report



This year's water losses continue to mount with the first four month's total loss at 21.3%. The Green Lake portion of the system posted an April loss of 35%, well above the 13.4 % 1st quarter average. A new leak detector has been purchased and operator training should be complete this week.

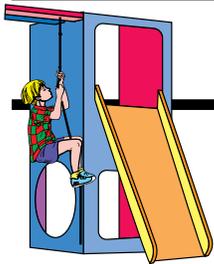
The Bunny Park area (next to Indian Beach Harbor) is now connected to our sewer system and residential hookups using a grinder station are available. All owners will be notified and encouraged to hookup ASAP.



The Lake Florida sewer project is ahead of schedule with 80 residential units in operation. All 183 units should be on line by Aug. 1st. George Lake appears ready to join and proposed that we loop the lake to pick up all residential units. Nest Lake will be meeting soon to get the engineering detail for connecting the south end residential units. The north end now has a short trunk line which could be extended to pickup additional units. Lake Henderson has a meeting scheduled for June 24th for a property owner update.

The sewer district has received a proposal for constructing cellular phone antennas on the Spicer water tower. The rent could bring in about \$12,000 / year which would be use for routine tower maintenance.

Dick Baken



Spicer Community Playground

Volunteers and tools are still needed for the construction of the new playground being built in Spicer's Downtown Park. Committee volunteers are working tirelessly on final preparations for the playground construction days June 6-10th. The new playground will be about 100 X 110 feet and will have many more amenities for children of all ages and abilities.

The playground will be a great asset for everyone in the area, with tons of new ways to have fun in the park. The playground was designed with the help of students in the NLS Schools and will include a boat, fortress castle, tree fort, a watch tower, a twisty slide, a wavy slide, an obstacle course, a tire swing, rock wall, spider web, a fire pole and a rope climb. There are opportunities for creativity with a drum, a hanging xylophone and a telephone system. There is a separate tot lot that will have a picket fence to keep kids from wondering off - with a tot slide, ice castle, a tot maze and a fire engine. The entire area is built for safety with ground cover designed to make it easier for a wheelchair to go over it.



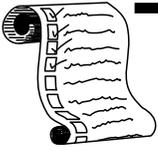
Volunteer Coordinator Mary Wohnoutka, needs at least 300 volunteers each day Wednesday through Sunday. Work is available for skilled and unskilled volunteers - both men and women are needed. In addition to carpenter skills, volunteers are needed for sanding, painting, helpers, working registration, serving food, etc. There are 3 Shifts: 8:00 - 12 noon; 12:30 - 5 pm; and 5:30 - 9 p.m. each day Wednesday through Saturday, with 2 shifts on Sunday 8:00 - noon and 12:30 - 5p.m.

Borrowed tools are guaranteed to be returned after construction in as good of shape as when dropped off. Some of the tools needed include: corded drills, orbital jigsaws, push brooms, nail punches, post hole diggers, rakes, wood rasps, routers, saws (circular and skill), hand saws, sawhorses, shovels, speed squares, stepladders, wheelbarrows. A list is available at Spicer City Office at 796-5562 or call Dave at 320-905-2368. Tools can be dropped off anytime at West Central Insulation or at the Park on Saturday, June 2nd from 9 a.m. - 12 noon; and Sunday, June 3rd from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.



A community celebration and ribbon cutting will be held on Sunday, June 10th at 5:00 p.m to open the new park for the first time. Everyone is invited to come and play!

Jean Spaulding



Whom Do I Call For Important Questions?

Department of Natural Resources

Trails & WaterwaysGregg Soupir796.6281
 FisheryBruce Gilbertson796.2161
 WatersSkip Wright796.6272
 Conservation OfficerJim Steffen366.3952
 Shore Line Habitat.....Leilani Peterson354.0009
 Turn In Poachers (TIP)800.652.9093
 DNR Web Pagewww.dnr.state.mn.us

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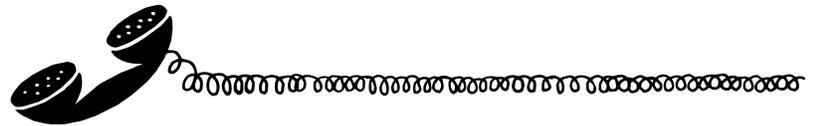
Assessors OfficeTim Falkum.....231.6200
 Environmental OfficeJeff Bredberg.....231.6288
 Public WorksGary Danielson235.3266
 Sheriff's OfficeDan Hartog235.1260
 Emergency911
 Vehicles Parked on Walking Path235.1260

Kandiyohi County cont.

Zoning Administrator.....Gary Geer231.6229
 Kandiyohi County Web Page.....www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us

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