

# Village of Grand Beach Spring 2016 Newsletter

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## 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!

## 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 10, July 12 and September 13, 2016 at 6:30 EST – 5:30 CST in the Council Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

## 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 two years.

Grand Beach is not the only area affected as this is happening along the shoreline from here to New Buffalo and even further north.

There is no beach in many locations, and beach easements in those locations are closed for that reason.

**SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK...**Please remember to watch your children closely as the Village has joined many other communities that no longer have lifeguards due to budget restraints and the difficulty in finding lake certified lifeguards.

## CAUTION – LAKE & 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.

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

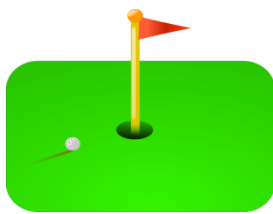
**DOGS** are allowed on the beach from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 6 p.m. EST and 11 a.m. EST. They are allowed at all times between October 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, unless the beach is closed.



**SUBMERGED WATER HAZARD  
NO JUMPING  
OR DIVING OFF THE PIER**

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.



### **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:	\$5
Season Pass:	\$60
Child's Family Pass:	More than one child 6-13 yrs. \$100

#### **Junior (14-18 years old)**

Daily Fee:	\$8.50
Junior Pass:	10 punches plus one free round \$75
Junior Season Pass:	\$150

**All cards and passes purchased in 2016 will expire on 10/31/16.**

### **GOLF CARTS**

Golf carts must be registered by June 10th. If not registered, 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 comply with the State of Michigan's "Low Speed Vehicle" Act. To view a list of golf cart regulations, visit the following webpage: <http://www.grandbeach.org/golfcarts.html>.

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.

<b>\$2</b>	<b>COUPON</b>	<b>\$2</b>
Come see the new pro shop merchandise and show your support for the Grand Beach Golf Course. BE PROUD TO BE A GRAND BEACHER—Wear Grand Beach merchandise.		
Bring this coupon in to the Pro-Shop and get \$2.00 off with a minimum \$20.00 merchandise purchase.		
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### **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.
- 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 be registered with Grand Beach and have an annual sticker on them. Carts that have been rented from an outside agency must be registered, 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 that your family and guests are aware of these rules and that they follow them.

Report any golf cart infractions to the Police Dept. at (866) 630-7679. These few simple rules should help keep our streets safe.

### **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.

## SWIMMING POOLS AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

The Village requires that every in ground 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.

### ONE-WAY STREET



Lakeview Avenue is a one-way street from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Please be aware that the waste removal and recycle trucks will

travel westbound along Lakeview on Mondays and Fridays for trash pick-up. If there is a holiday, they will be traveling westbound on the day after their normal scheduled pick-up day.

### LANDSCAPING

Landscapers must haul away all debris, leaves, brush or lawn waste that they generate. They can not dump yard waste on Village or private property.

### 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 curbside by 7:00 a.m. EST - 6:00 a.m. CST. If the pick up day is a holiday, the pick up will be 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 (800) 828-2253.

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

## 2016 RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Lakeshore Disposal and Recycling provides curbside recycling pick-up on alternate Mondays. Call them at (269) 231-5623 for a missed pick-up.

May 9, 23	September 12, 26
June 6, 20	October 10, 24
July <b>**5</b> , 18	November 7, 21
August 1, 15, 29	December 5, 19

**\*\*** Tuesday Recycle Pick up on July 5<sup>th</sup>

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



### PARKING STICKERS

Grand Beach logo parking stickers and are available in the Village office and are the same stickers as used in the past. It is not necessary to get a new sticker if you currently have one on your vehicle. The village requests a sticker be placed on each car that will be parking in the Village on a frequent basis. The first sticker per family is free, additional stickers may be purchased for \$2.00 each.

### SOCIAL CLUB PACKETS

The Social Club is going green and has emailed out the packets that contain all the information you'll need to be part of the fun this summer. If you did not receive a packet, please send a note with your current email address to Erin Faul at [efaul@mac.com](mailto:efaul@mac.com). The packet is also available at [www.grandbeach.org](http://www.grandbeach.org) and there will be a limited number of printed packets at the Village office.



### HELP PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS

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 negative affects on our environment. When chemicals, oil, grease, salt, etc. are carried into our rivers, lakes and 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 chemicals increase, our waters may become unusable for fishing, swimming, skiing, and other water sports. Please help protect our waterways and do not pollute!

## BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits are required for all new construction, pools, roofs, decks, fence, additions and repairs to your home. If your home is located in a high erosion or critical dune area, you will probably need a DEQ permit prior to applying for a building permitting.

**Building Certificates** are required when performing maintenance to homes. Examples include painting, plaster repairs, siding, replacing a door or window, etc. Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Bill Lambert can be reached at (269) 208-9544 for any questions regarding building permits.

## SUMMER HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION

All construction work with a permit or certificate is allowed only Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST. No construction (by homeowner or contractor) is allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays, except on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. EST beginning after Labor Day weekend and ending the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend.

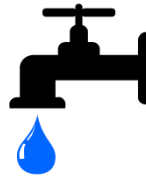
Work may be conducted inside a fully enclosed building or structure having a full roof, all windows, all doors and garage doors completely installed on any day of the week between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. EST, provided that such interior work shall not require the use of any construction equipment outside or in an open garage. Work shall not be 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. The full ordinance is available for review in the Clerk's office or at [www.grandbeach.org](http://www.grandbeach.org).

## 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. If you choose to keep your water on, please make sure that your furnace is working, and have someone check the furnace and the house often while you are away. Many people have experienced extensive water damage to their homes over the winter months due to frozen and broken water lines.

## 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.



## WATER TURN ON AND OFF FEES

Plan ahead if you need your water turned on or turned off. If you request that your water be turned on or off after regular water department hours, on weekends or on holidays, you will be charged a \$75 fee to cover the cost. Be sure to inform family and friends that they should plan ahead if they are using your home and will need the water turned on or off to insure that you are not charged a \$75 fee. Many times young people come to Grand Beach to use their parents' home and request that the water be turned on after hours. If this happens, you will be charged the \$75 fee.

## RAIN GARDENS

Consider planting a rain garden to do your part for clean water! Rain gardens are designed to collect runoff from a roof or parking lot to allow water to be absorbed into the soil. More information is available at [www.raingardens.org](http://www.raingardens.org).

## 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 run off picks up any oil, grease, chemicals, nutrients, metals, even bacteria as it travels across land. Heavy rainfall or snowmelt can cause sewer overflow, which will also be carried by the stormwater. All of these chemicals and pollutants will then enter our lakes, rivers, and streams.

## LEAF PICK UP

Leaves must be placed in brown biodegradable bags once the Village stops picking up the loose leaves in the spring. Fall clean-up of loose leaves will take place from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 9, 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 they could injure someone when vacuumed in to the machine.

Branches, brush and twigs need to be bundled in 4' lengths to be picked up by the street department.



# Fireworks

- Fireworks are only legal the day before, day of and day after a Federal holiday and only on private property.
- Fireworks are NOT allowed on any public property.
- Fireworks are NOT allowed from 1:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. EST.

**Stay safe when handling fireworks of any kind and make sure children are supervised.**

## 2016 NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP RECYCLE

### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & ELECTRONICS JUNE 18th, 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: Used motor oil, yard & garden chemicals, anti-freeze, gas, stain, oil-based paint, batteries, unwanted pills and medications, medical needles/sharps, mercury items, compact fluorescent light bulbs, unwanted electronics, small appliances, power tools, TV's and computer monitors.

\$10/computer monitor and \$20/television (all types) hazardous waste fee.

Items not accepted: Tires, gas grill propane tanks, ammo, fireworks, waste from businesses and latex paint. Latex paint can be dried out and placed with regular trash. Leave the lid off paint can to dry it.

For additional dates or for more information regarding household chemicals, tires, electronics recycling, contact Jill Adams at (269)983-7111, extension 8234 or [www.berriencounty.org/recycle](http://www.berriencounty.org/recycle).

keep it **BLUE**



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

## RENTAL PACKETS

Rental packets to be used if you rent your house to others are available in the Clerk's office. The packets contain rules regarding fires, dogs, trash and other matters that renters should be aware of. Informed renters should alleviate complaints.

Due to increased rental complaints such as excess trash, parking, fireworks and noise; the Village adopted a rental permit program on August 20, 2014 for properties with rental complaints.

Rental complaints such as these will require that the owner apply for a "Special Land Use Permit" which involves registration, inspection, certification, a public hearing and displaying of applicable ordinances in order to continue to rent as provided in the resolution.

## 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. 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.

## 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.

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.

Save money and protect your investment in your home. It only costs about \$150 every 3 years to maintain your system, while a new system could cost thousands.

## BERRIEN COUNTY TELEPHONE BOOKS



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

## VILLAGE COUNCIL

Council President: Paul Leonard Jr.  
President Pro-Tem: Blake O'Halloran

### Council Members & Commissioners:

Building & Zoning Jim Bracewell  
Golf & Pro-Shop Blake O'Halloran  
Parks & Beaches Frank Giglio  
Police Debbie Lindley  
Streets & Water Paul Leonard Jr.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Building Inspector and 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/Treasurer: Marjorie Royce

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

POLICE DISPATCH (866)630-7639  
POLICE OFFICE (269)469-5000  
Police Chief: Dan Schroeder  
Police Sergeant: Jamie Flick  
Police Officers: Patricia Cattes  
George Keeler

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

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