

Village of Grand Beach Spring 2017 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

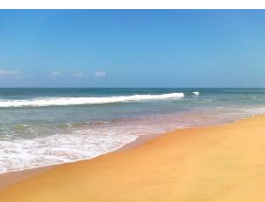
Our regular council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. EST, 6:30 p.m. CST in the Council Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Planning Commission will meet on May 2, July 11 and September 12, 2017 at 6:30 EST – 5:30 CST in the Council Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

REBUILDING REVETMENTS AND SEAWALLS

Revetments and Seawalls in the Village have been damaged due to the high energy wave action of recent storms. Construction is occurring to rebuild the revetments and seawalls to protect the dune and the lakefront properties that may be in jeopardy. It is expected that most of this work will be completed before Memorial Day, but it is possible that it may extend into the summer. The MDEQ is working with the owners to permit appropriate repairs as expeditiously as possible. The Village asks for your cooperation as construction equipment may be operating on the beach throughout the week and on weekends.



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.

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

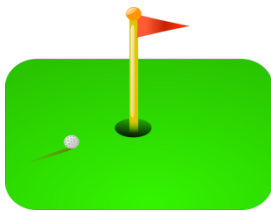
The pier and surrounding area is very dangerous. Extreme accidents can and have resulted from diving off of, or swimming near the pier. For safety reasons, swimmers should avoid this area. Keep an eye on your children to ensure that they are not on or near the pier. Diving or jumping from any pier, dock,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



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 Police Department. The applicant is required to clean up the area after the beach fire.

DOGS are allowed on the beaches on leashes from May 1st through October 1st between the hours of 6 p.m. EST and 11 a.m. EST. They are allowed at any time of the day between October 2nd and April 30th, unless the beach is closed.



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 2017
will expire on 10/31/17**

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.

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.

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.

keep it **BLUE**



only rain in the drain

For information www.swmpc.org/water.asp



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 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.

\$2

COUPON

\$2

• 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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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 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.

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.

2017 RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Lakeshore Disposal and Recycling provides curbside recycling pickup on alternate Mondays. Carts should be at the edge of the street by 7:00 a.m. EST. Call them at (269) 231-5623 for a missed pick-up.

May	8, 22	September	11, 25
June	5, 19	October	9, 23
July	3, 17, 31	November	6, 20
August	14, 28	December	4, 18

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

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. To find tips on keeping our water clean, visit [www.swmpc.org/what can i do.asp](http://www.swmpc.org/what_can_i_do.asp).

With your help, we can work towards eliminating the pollution in the water. Let's protect our land and waterways for the enjoyment of all generations, now and in the future.

Simple Steps for You to Protect our Water

- Don't dump hazardous material down the drain. Properly dispose of household hazardous waste such as paints, cleaners, motor oil, or pesticides. For recycle dates and places, visit berriencounty.org/recycle.
- Have your septic tank pumped and inspected every 2-3 years to insure it is working properly.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it on the driveway.
- Test your soil to determine if fertilizer is necessary. Use phosphorus free fertilizer and follow directions for proper application.
- Plant vegetation in bare spots in your yard.
- Protect our lakes and rivers – pick up after your pets and throw the waste in the trash.



FIREWORKS

Fireworks are only legal 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 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. EST.

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 to December 8, 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.

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



WATER TURN ON/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 expense. Be sure to inform family and friends 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. 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.

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.

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. All of these chemicals and pollutants will then enter our lakes, rivers, and streams.

2017 NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP RECYCLE

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS & ELECTRONICS JUNE 17th, 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 & 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.

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

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

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

THANK YOU TO THE POKAGON FUND FOR THE ENTRANCE BEAUTIFICATION



Thank you to The Pokagon Fund for the grant to cover the expenses of the beautification of the entrance off of Highway

12. The daffodils were beautiful while in bloom, and we will soon see more flowers blooming. The Village is very grateful to The Pokagon Fund for the funding they have provided since 2008 to pay for various projects within the Village.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO

If you have young children, check out the splash pad at New Buffalo Township Hall located at 17425 Red Arrow Highway, New Buffalo.

Adults and kids of all ages might enjoy a walk through the Galien River County Park located across the highway from New Buffalo Township Hall. For more information on the Galien River Park, visit berriencounty.org/Parks/GalienRiver.

RENTAL PACKETS

Rental packets to be used by those who rent their house out 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.

DOGS



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.

State Law requires pets have annual immunizations.

Please be kind to your neighbors and clean up after your pets.

BERRIEN COUNTY TELEPHONE BOOKS

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



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.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits are required for all new construction, pools, roofs, decks, fences, additions, 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 rest 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.

SOCIAL CLUB PACKETS

Social Club packets are being emailed out again this year. If you did not receive a packet, please send an email to mackenziehiggins@yahoo.com. Check out the new website to sign up for the Social Club's children's activities at gbkids.org.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

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

Council Members & Commissioners:

Building & Zoning James Bracewell
Golf & Pro-Shop Blake O'Halloran
Parks & Beaches Frank Giglio
Police Deborah 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) 630-7679
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

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