

# Green Lake Breeze

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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. I encourage you to attend this important meeting on **Friday, June 21, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Green Lake Bible Camp on the south shore of Green Lake.**

As property owners on Green Lake, we are concerned about what we need to do to maintain the good quality of life around the lake. The Board of Directors tries to keep the interests of the property owners first in their actions that concern us all.

We are changing the format of our 2002 Annual Meeting to focus on what the board considers to be the current, major concerns of property owners. In this issue of the Breeze, you will find summaries of these concerns/issues that will be discussed at the annual meeting:

1. Eurasian Milfoil
2. Sewer - Water - Road Project
3. Sheriff's Office and Enforcement of Boat and Raft Regulations
4. Water Quality Management
5. Highway 23 Project

On behalf of the GLPOA Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your input and support of our organization.

Sincerely,

Wendell Halvorson  
President, GLPOA



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# Annual Meeting

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GREEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2002  
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
7:30 P.M.



## AGENDA

### 1.0 Open the Meeting

Gwynne Anderson, Vice Chairperson

- 1.1 Call the meeting to order
- 1.2 Acknowledge visitors present
- 1.3 Establish agenda for meeting

### 2.0 Approve Minutes

- 2.1 Friday, June 15, 2001

Rolf Figenskau, Secretary

### 3.0 Financial Matters

Terry Frazee

3.1	Fund Balance	
3.11	General Fund	\$12,071.22
3.12	Patrol Fund	\$1,109.83
3.13	Caterpillar Fund	<u>\$14,267.45</u>
	Total	\$27,448.50



### 4.0 Points of Interest

- 4.1 Highway #23
- 4.2 Water Quality
- 4.3 Eurasian Water Milfoil
- 4.4 Sheriff's Office
- 4.5 Sewer, Water and Road

Steve Peterson  
Skip Wright  
Gary Broman  
Dan Hartog  
Gary Danielson

### 5.0 Old Business

- 5.1

### 6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Election of Officers for Three Year Term
  - 6.11 Gwynne Anderson
  - 6.12 Bonnie Haug
  - 6.13 Jon Pederson
  - 6.14 James Rieth

New London Township  
Green Lake Township  
City of Spicer  
New London Township

- 6.2
- 6.3

### 7.0 Adjournment



# Green Lake Property Owners Association Statement of Conditions to 31 May 2002



**OPENING BALANCE** **\$24,745.49**

**RECEIPTS**

Dues	\$7,295.00
Patrol	\$3,200.00
Caterpillar Spray	\$13,899.00
Dividends	\$1,303.45

Total	\$25,687.45	<b>\$25,687.45</b>
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**DISBURSEMENTS**

Secretary	\$1,800.00
Postage/Handling	\$4,081.11
Patrol	\$1,625.00
Caterpillar Spraying	\$6,920.89
Web Page	\$705.00
New London Ambulance	\$500.00
Spicer First Responders	\$700.00
Commercial Club	\$1,500.00
Middle Fork	\$2,072.37
Kandi Lakes	\$50.00
Picnic	3,030.07

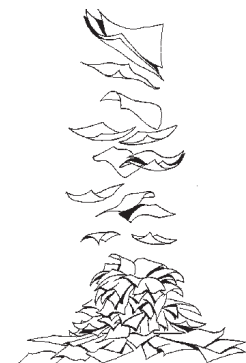
Total	\$22,984.44	<b>\$22,984.44</b>
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**BALANCE FOR 31 MAY 2002** **\$27,448.50**

**FUNDS OF OPERATION BALANCE**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$12,071.22</b>
<b>Patrol Fund</b>	<b>\$1,109.83</b>
<b>Caterpillar Fund</b>	<b>\$14,267.45</b>

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# Message from Kandiyohi County Sheriff

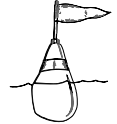


Although we have had an unusually cool spring, the 2002 boating season will soon be underway once again in Kandiyohi County. The Sheriffs Office has already been gearing up the past several months and expects Green Lake to be traditionally busy this year. It is one of our greatest resources in the county that not only draws large numbers of people but also inherent problems.



Currently the Sheriff's Office has five officers trained and dedicated to water patrol and rescue operations in the county. Their emphasis this year will be placed on education and enforcement efforts.

A particular area of growing concern the last several years has been the placement of buoys and marking individual private swimming areas on lakes in the county. Due to those concerns, Water Patrol Officers will be inspecting these areas and checking for both permits and compliance with current regulations.



Pursuant to MN DNR 6110.1800 Subp.1, No person shall leave any temporary structure not extending from shore, or any buoy or sign in the waters of this state between the hours of sunset and sunrise without first obtaining a permit in writing therefore from the sheriff of the county.

Further, 6110.1600 Subp. 1 provides that areas designated as private swimming may not be more than 2500 square feet and cannot extend more than 50 linear feet along the lake frontage of the owner or lessee.



Earlier this spring annual permits were sent out for renewal to those individuals currently on file with the Sheriffs Office. If property owners have not yet obtained a permit, need additional information or are planning to place temporary structures, buoys, signs or mark private swim areas, they may contact the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office at 2201 NE 23rd St., Willmar MN 56201 or by calling 235-1260. For additional information on current laws and regulations you may also visit the Green Lake Property Owners Association web site at [www.greenlakespicer.com](http://www.greenlakespicer.com) under Sheriff's Patrol.

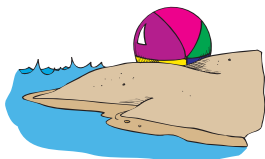
Another area of concern has been watercraft operation and wakes. No person shall operate a watercraft in such a manner that its wash or wake will endanger, harass, or unnecessarily interfere with any other person or property.



Pursuant to MN DNR 6110.1200 Subp. 2A, manner that its wash or wake will endanger, harass, or or property.

In 2002 the Sheriffs Office was again successful in obtaining a \$5,000.00 supplemental enforcement grant, which will allow us to conduct added water patrols over and above what is normally budgeted. Officers will again be on duty and concentrating their efforts during increased times of activity such as weekends and holidays. The Sheriffs Office is aware of some of the problem areas on Green Lake and although there are no ordinances or statutes that regulate the number of boats that use the lake or specific areas, actions of the occupants can be addressed. Using existing statutes, water patrol officers will be looking for and enforcing a number of violations including but not limited to; littering, underage consumption of alcohol, disorderly conduct, boating while intoxicated, illegal operation of watercraft, indecent exposure, etc. Residents on the lake are encouraged to help by identifying and reporting suspected violations, including the registration number of the watercraft involved if possible. Reports can be made by simply calling the communications center at 235-1260.

We would also like to remind everyone to please obey the posted speed limits around the lake and that parking or driving on designated bike/walk trails is prohibited. Due to the popularity of Green Lake and the number of visitors to our area, vehicle and pedestrian traffic increases dramatically during the summer. The speed limits have been put in place for the safety of all and the newly constructed trails are designed to help reduce bicycle and pedestrian accidents. Please ensure that the trails are left open for their intended purpose.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

*Sheriff Don Kujawa*



# Green Lake Property Owners Association

## ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, 15 JUNE 2001, 7:30 p.m. GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP

The 2001 Annual Meeting of the Green Lake Property Owners was called to order by Chairperson Ron Dobbs at 7:30 p.m. A total of 131 guests were present.

Dobbs welcomed members and thanked them for attending the annual meeting. Guests introduced were County Commissioner Dennis Peterson, Public Works Director Gary Danielson, Brad DeWolf of the Bolton and Menk Engineering firm, State Senator Dean Elton Johnson, Kandiyohi County Sheriff Don Kujawa, DNR officials Bruce Gilbertson and Tiffanie Knapp. Also present was Second District Congressman Mark Kennedy (R).



Chairperson Dobbs thanked the Green Lake Bible Camp for the use of the facilities and the coffee. A special thank you was given to Duinink Brothers for the cookies. The Spicer Queen Candidates introduced themselves to the property owners and encouraged property owners to participate in the 4th of July celebration in Spicer.

Queen Candidates sold flares and reminded members to sign up for the Boat Parade this evening or at Little Melvin's.

Rolf Figenskau gave the minutes for the annual meeting of Friday, 16 June 2000. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Passed unanimously.

Wendell Halvorson reviewed the financial statement for 06/01/00 to 05/31/01. The report shows the following dollars in each fund:

General Fund	\$15,533.81
Patrol Fund	\$1,493.36
Caterpillar Fund	\$ 7,683.31
Total	\$24,710.48

Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial statement. Passed unanimously.

Chuck Burmeister, Chair of the Caterpillar Control committee reported Green Lake was sprayed on 21st of May, A total of 340 acres were sprayed including the City of Spicer. Teryjon Corporation, Inc. of St. Peter sprayed at a cost of \$6,920.89. Varying degrees of success was questioned and if we should spray a second time.

Wendell Halvorson reported on the Rush Brown access which will begin construction next week and completed within 45 days. The DNR will have parking for ten vehicles. The second access to be built east of County Park # 5. The DNR is now accepting bids to remove the buildings and will hire an engineer to design the access. The entrance will be on the North Shore Drive Road instead of coming into County Park # 5.

Gwynne Anderson reported that the Education Committee mailed out six GREEN LAKE BREEZES during the past year. Thank you to Gloria Benson for her NATURE NOTES and Jim Gilbert for his articles. Gwynne asked property owners to watch for the invitation to the "Celebration Picnic" which is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th at Hope Presbyterian Church.

Steve Peterson reported on Highway 23 work and the committee which he has been appointed to. This committee was put in place by the DOT to discuss water quality issues such as run off, pollutants, and phosphates which may enter the water system. There is a public meeting on June 26th at the Dethloff Center which the DOT invites interested people to attend.

Ollie Hagen reported on the program of the Sewer and Water system around Green Lake. There will be an Open House at both the treatment facilities and water facilities on August 4th, from 8:00 to 12:00 noon. The west shore of Green Lake is completed, the north side has 45 - 50 hook ups remaining and the east side 140 remaining. The walking path on the north side will have an asphalt cover within two weeks and the east side will be completed later this summer. The south shore is in progress for sewer and water with hookup to be bid on August 19th. Scott Van Ort will be hiring extra people to complete individual restoration, as the rain set this project back.



On Friday, August 17th will be informational meetings regarding assessments for roads, sewer, and water project. The official Kandiyohi County Public Hearing will be held on Saturday, August 18th. The time and place has not been set as of this writing.

Steve Peterson reported on variances within Kandiyohi County. Those variance meetings, of which he attends, deals with road set back, side set back, and frontage setbacks.

Marlin Wacholz reported an Water Quality which we have received a Grant from the Area Lakes Program which will deal with pollutants coming into the lakes. There are three watch dogs, being Dr. McAfee, the DOT, and the Property Owners. Mr. Wacholz asked property owners to continue to use phosphate free fertilizer.



Bonnie Haug reported on the Green Lake Web Page. This is the second year in which the Board allocated funds for this program. Property Owners are asked to check the Home Page and from there you may select many interesting articles. If you have any photos which you wish to place on the web page, please mail them to Bonnie at her Spicer address. Our web page address is [www.greenlakespicer.com](http://www.greenlakespicer.com).

Terry Frazee asked property owners to please send their corrected email address to the Property Owners Association.

Ron Dobbs presented the four candidates for the Green Lake Property Owners Board as selected by the Nominating Committee.

Those placed in nomination are:	Dick Baken	New London Township
	Gary Broman	Irving Township
	Bruce Halgren	Irving Township
	Wendell Halvorson	Green Lake Township

Being no nominations from the floor, the four candidates were approved for a three year term.

Gary Danielson presented additional information of the construction update. August 17th will be individual meetings for people to find out their assessments for the total project. On Saturday, August 18th will find the Official Public Hearing with the County Commissioners. The assessments for the project will be mailed out about July 23rd.

The bridge by the Green Lake outlet will have a new design and rebuilt during 2002 with a fishing area that would separate vehicles from the general public. The plans are to widen County Road 4 with a bike and walking path.



Wayne Odell spoke to the members about fishing on Green Lake. Two issues of concern are the abundance of small mouth bass taking over the lake and the trophy fish within the lake. The DNR did stock for walleyes during this past year and that small mouth bass under 14 inches may now be kept. Green Lake is becoming a small mouth bass lake. The fishing people would like Green Lake to continue to be known as a walleye lake. Wayne passed out sheets of paper known as "Statements of Understanding" which he asked property owners to sign and he will present these to the DNR asking that Green Lake be protected as a walleye lake.

Tiffanie Knapp spoke to the Property Owners about the the education of Exotic Species which are found within the State of Minnesota. Identification of these Exotic Species was discussed while a slide presentation was delivered. Tiffanie thanked the Board of Directors for their cooperation in the education of milfoil within the lake and encouraged the public to continue to watch for milfoil on their boats, motors, and shoreline.



Motion to adjourn. Passed and carried.



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## Water Management Study

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About two years ago a Water Management Study was initiated of the Green Lake Watershed Area. Recently some of your Board Members sat in on a presentation of the findings of this study. The presentation, given by Skip Wright of the DNR, was excellent and it was felt that this same presentation should be made available to the Green Lake Property Owners. This will be done at the Annual Meeting and the GLPOA Board highly recommends you be at the meeting to hear this information. The study is not complete yet, but sufficient data is available to be very informative.

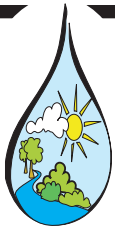
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## Eurasian Watermilfoil

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Yes, there is watermilfoil in Green Lake. At the annual meeting Gary Broman will provide a brief presentation on the results of the August 2001 Survey and what are the plans for handling the issue this year and in future years. Now that watermilfoil is in the lake, we need to recognize that, as we boat around the lake, we can be spreading the milfoil to other areas of the lake. In this brief presentation, Gary will try to bring all of us up to date on living with and hopefully controlling the further spread of the milfoil in Green Lake.





# Highway 23 Water Quality Advisory Committee (WQAC)

This committee was formed by MNDOT in March of 2001 to assist in the design of the Highway 23 project through Spicer and New London, from the intersections of County Road 9 and Highway 23 up to Norway Woods. The “Charge” of this committee has been “To assist and advise Mn/Dot’s Detail design team with the preparation of a detailed water quality plan and the maintenance plan that meets the goal of sustaining the area’s water resources through nutrient and water management; specifically, no net increase (or if possible, a decrease) in nutrients and control of stormwater runoff rates due to the TH23 expansion project from the Jct with TH71 to the East Jct with CSAH 31.”



The “Givens” : The project will proceed to letting on November 26, 2001 (now November 2002). The project will remain on the existing alignment. The project will remain in its current form (four lane). The “Boundaries”: Financial (project will be as cost effective as possible), Right of Way (avoid additional removal of any more houses or business than were originally planned), Water Quality Plan (the plan will use a preconstruction baseline, construction and post-construction water quality and flow monitoring to determine the project’s success in reaching its goals. There will be no net increase in nutrients or, if possible, a nutrient decrease. The plan will meet all permit conditions. The plan will conform to community values (aesthetics, local character and preferences, etc.) as much as possible. The plan will not affect the safety or capacity of the highway. Expectations of participants: Attend and actively participate in all committee meetings. Act in “good faith” to accomplish the objectives of the process. Work to achieve agreement or consent for the recommended designs. The group process will respect each participant and encourage active involvement in all facets of its work. Attend Open House meetings to explain and promote the water quality plan to the general public.

The committee consists of two representatives each from the DNR, the MPCA, and Mn/DOT and one representative each from the City of Spicer, City of New London, Kandiyohi County, Middle Fork of the Crow River, Green Lake Township, New London Township, Green Lake Sanitary Sewer and Water District, HDR Consulting Engineer, Elkhorn Lake Association, Nest Lake Improvement Association, Izaak Walton League, Lake Region Preservation Society, and the Green Lake Property Owners Association. After 14 months of meetings much work has been completed by this committee and recommendations and approvals have been mutually concluded to influence the final design and long term maintenance.



The original time line for this committee to have completed its mission and draft a final WQAC report was May 2002. It is not surprising that this has now been extended until possibly August of 2002. At this time a final report and committee findings will be prepared for the General Public and Mn/DOT. I have attended all of the committee meetings and have participated in the “spirit” of the original mandate as your representative from the GLPOA.

Steve Peterson  
GLPOA Board Member

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Just say **NO** to Phosphorus!

## Green Lake Sewer, Road and Water Projects

Gary Danielson, Kandiyohi County Public Works Director, will give updates and answer questions on the following projects: sewer and water system, road ways, property restoration, tax assessments (fees for system), water leakage, and a new bridge on the east side.



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# Ring of Fire!

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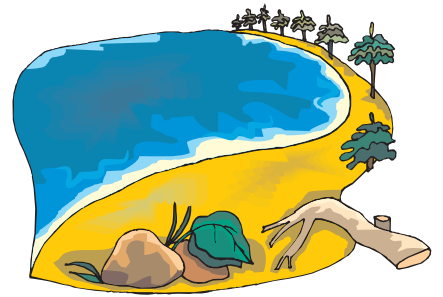
The “Ring of Fire” around Green Lake over the Fourth of July has been a fun and impressive event over the last three years. We, of the Green Lake Property Owners Association, want to continue to support this event prior to the fireworks for the evening.

The Spicer Queen candidates will be at our annual meeting to sell flares for the “Ring of Fire.” Let’s buy our flares early and really expand and support this fun event.

*Please help us to notify everyone!!*

Please share the Annual Meeting information with your neighbors. We apologize to anyone that we may have missed with this mailing.

Thank you.



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