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A Message from the President of GBCOA

Greetings and welcome back to Grand Beach and the surrounding area for the summer of 2023! As the geese return and the white ice of the lagoon turns to brown, the genuine excitement of another summer being just around the bend, fills me with excitement and anticipation. I'm Carly Friesen, the President of the Grand Beach Cottage Owners Association.

We're so happy to welcome back our dynamic trio of supervisors; Emily Radlinsky, Cadence Downie, and William Forgeron. This group will lead our children in the usual fun and engaging activities each day and will offer up a few new events. They're the staff of the Association and their wages are funded through a few provincial and federal grants and most importantly, with our fundraising efforts. We're so lucky to have all three staff and look forward to a host of youth volunteers. If you have pre-teens and teens looking for something to do, and who have a knack for helping, send them down to the club! We'd love to have them, and their work is a great thing to add to a budding resume!

We've been in touch with the local businesses and they're looking forward to our return. If you've ever taken a drive out in the winter, you know that the long cold months are a strain on the local economy, so whatever we can do to support, we should do. Our dollars, cents, and consideration ensure a thriving community for years to come. Special thanks to the businesses who support our association, and the club. We look forward to promoting your businesses through our calendar, newsletters, in the club, and at special events. If you are interested in sponsoring any events, please reach out to our Vice President, Brett Chestley (bretchestley@outlook.com).

Every year we receive a slough of emails and questions that we're happy to answer, but I think it would be helpful to address a few of them here. The biggest question we get asked is how to purchase memberships. New to us this year is the option to purchase your \$40 cabin or \$10 single person memberships online through our website, under Memberships (<http://www.gbcoa.ca>). Our secure site is the quickest and easiest way to purchase and later pick up your membership cards at the club. We also look forward to our Kick-Off to Summer event on July 1st at the club. Volunteers will be there with cash, cheque, and credit/ debit card options. Every day memberships will be sold at the club through the supervisors. They're happy to get these for you, but we have asked them to prioritize the needs of the children over membership sales. Don't worry, we'll get you covered. If you or anyone you know is interested in selling membership door to door, please reach out to me (carlylfriesen@gmail.com) to organize a membership sales package.

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The second most-asked question is about where and how to purchase social tickets. For each event we will post information in the newsletter, and most importantly, online through Facebook. Tickets are usually sold through the event organizers and board members. We want everyone to feel welcome and to be able to get tickets, so if you're not already following us on Facebook, please join the party at Grand Beach Cottage Owners and stay up to date on all things GBCOA.

When I say that I'm excited for the season to come, I truly mean it. It's hard to put into words exactly how incredible this place is. Every year I'm awed by the showstopping sunsets, by how great the sand feels between my toes, by how grateful I feel to have my kid form unbelievable friendships and have amazing experiences, by how much I love dancing late into the night with my own pals and favourite neighbours, and just how special and whole it makes me feel to be part of something so much bigger than myself as an individual. So, if you see me and I offer up what seems to be an overly-excited "Hello!" or "Good morning!", just know that it comes from the big part of my heart that beats just for Grand Beach. See you soon, pals!

2023 MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are on sale now! The easiest way to purchase your cabin or single membership is through our secure online site. The QR code will take you directly to our purchase page. Once you purchase online, please hang on to the confirmation email and bring it with you to the club throughout the summer to collect your cards.

Memberships will also be available for purchase in person at our Kick-Off to Summer event on July 1st at the Community Club and at various events.

SCAN ME



Manitoba Provincial Park Cabin Owners Association (MPPCOA) Update

On April 25, 2023 MPPCOA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Manitoba Provincial Government which provides a framework for both parties to work collaboratively to modernize the lease and service fee model used to assess all Park users, but specifically to cottage owners. Like all negotiations, both parties have made concessions or compromises on certain wordings, with the expectation that we will both continue to work together in good faith.

MPPCOA currently represents 6200 cottage owners situated in Manitoba Provincial Parks. MPPCOA has been in discussions for over 8 years with various senior government officials to develop a fee model for all Park users which is fair, transparent, and equitable. Until recently there were significant challenges to achieve both a recognition of the role that MPPCOA has in this process but also to receive financial information from the government which substantiates the rationale for our lease and service fees.

In order to further our understanding of the costs and revenues of our Provincial Parks, MPPCOA put together a team of accountants and past government officials to analyze the financial information that the government captures on our Provincial Park operations. So far this is some of the information uncovered:

- Cottage owners are the only Park user who had their lease and service fees increase – 2% annually over the past 3 years.
- All revenues collected from Park users go into General Revenues and are not tracked to individual Park Districts and thus are not directly re-invested into those Park Districts where the revenues were collected.
- Many years ago the Government paid an accounting firm to develop a model to assess cottagers a portion of the operating costs of each Park. That system was not fully implemented and those portions that were used have not been updated since its inception. That system was the basis for determining an allocation of the operating costs to be recovered from cottage owners and other Park businesses.

What does MPPCOA expect the MOU and the financial analysis to achieve?

- MPPCOA will be consulted on a regular basis on all decisions which may affect cottagers.
- Assessments of leased cottage lots will be based on relevant comparable data of land within our respective Provincial Parks.
- Recognition that cottagers in Manitoba Provincial Parks already contribute a significant portion of Park revenues and operation costs. In order that cottagers do not receive large increases in their lease fees due to escalating lot values, fees will be either capped by a maximum percentage or that a multiplier will be applied to the assessed value to keep any increases to a minimum. (similar to municipality assessments).

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- Service fees will be based on a 3-5 year rolling average, so as to average out any significant costs attributed to any particular year of operations.
- That government will improve their processes for tracking operating costs and that the allocation of costs to cottagers and other Park users will be based on a reasonable and justifiable methodology.
- Large capital expenditures are for the benefit of all Manitobans and visitors and therefore no portion, such as amortization and interest costs, should be allocated to cottagers in their service fees.
- The government has an obligation to cover a majority of the operational costs of our Parks for the benefit of all Manitobans and visitors.
- Any discounts of lease & service fees for certain Park users, such as businesses and non-profits, is a reasonable decision that the Government makes and therefore that discount is another cost which the Government must acknowledge as a portion of its contribution for the benefit of all Manitobans and visitors.
- No matter which political party is in power, they will use the MOU as a guiding document for future discussions.

While MPPCOA expects that they will be consulted and have input in all decisions which affect cottagers, we recognize that the government is the final decision maker.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Betker, GBCOA representative on the MPPCOA executive team

GBCOA Boardwalk Memorial Plaque Program

Celebrate special memories of times spent at Grand Beach by commemorating a significant birthday, anniversary, retirement, special event or the passing of a loved one by purchasing a beautiful bronze plaque from the Grand Beach Cottage Owners'

Boardwalk Memorial Plaque Program.

Plaques are bronze, 4' x 8" in size includes 6 lines of text. Each plaque is \$550.00 and will be mounted to the steel part of the edge of the boardwalk.

These plaques are available to the business community and to the general public. This program allows you to leave a lasting legacy by remembering a special day or person in a way that will be enjoyed by many.

If you are interested learning more about the plaques please contact

Doren Roberts at doren.roberts@mymts.net

TIE DYE 2023

Tie Dye is back again this summer on August 6th!

Same as last year, I will be putting up an order form so you can pick out what you would like to order. This allows us to offer a larger variety of sizes and items since we can avoid excess inventory. This year I have added long-sleeved shirts.

If you are interested in tie-dyeing this year, please submit your request as soon as possible.

THE ORDER WILL CLOSE ON JUNE 4TH, and I will only order a few extras to sell before the event. If you are wanting to participate, but aren't sure you'll be able to attend, please place an order anyway. Orders will be confirmed and paid for closer to the date. The link for the order form will be posted on Facebook, and the website and can also be accessed by scanning the attached QR code. If you have any other questions, you can email me at tiedyegrandbeachcoa@gmail.com.

Amanda Clark



GBCOA SPENST FROZEN PIZZA FUNDRAISER

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**PICKUP AT
GRAND BEACH
COMMUNITY
CLUB ON
SATURDAY
JULY 1
@ 10 AM
DURING
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

**PIZZAS ARE
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GBCOA
GRAND
Summer Kickoff

**Carnival & Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, July 1st at 9.00 am**

**Let's gather at the Club and Celebrate
Summer 2023!**

**Activities include carnival games, pancake
breakfast and face paint!**

**Memberships, GBCOA merchandise, and
the family bricks will be available for
purchase.**

**COME OUT AND
JOIN THE FUN!**



Due to last year's overwhelming success, the GBCOA is pleased to announce the return of our Makers Market this summer with two market dates!

- **Sunday, July 16th, 2023**
- **Sunday, Aug 20th, 2023**

Last summer we gave this market idea a shot in the dark and tried something new. If you were able to join us last year, you know we not only had over 20 amazing local vendors, but we also had a heartwarming sea of community interest. The event was truly a great success because YOU came out to support it!

If you or anyone you know would like to join our group of talented vendors this year, please contact Kimberly at kjurkow@icloud.com and a market application will be sent to you.

Deadline for applications: July 1st, 2023

Mom's Pantry Fundraiser

Back by popular demand: Mom's Pantry fundraising order! The online store will be open to purchase your items on Saturday, July 1st and the final date to purchase will be Saturday, July 15th. Delivery date will be set for the last two weeks of July. Stay tuned for order codes. This annual fundraiser goes toward kids' programming.

Your support is appreciated!



Yoga on the Beach

Starting Saturday, July 1st @ 9:00 am
Yoga on the Beach is BACK!
Thanks to our Grand Beach community member, Corie Carpenter, who has volunteered to lead Saturday morning yoga all summer long!

★ Monday July 3rd ★

COMMUNITY CLUB -10:30 AM

Hosted by Judy Hall every Monday



We are back! Dust off your boots and let's dance again! I am looking forward to you joining us—everyone is welcome! Please try and make sure that children are of an age that they would be able to remember the steps and

Basic Beginner Line Dancing

Family Dances

A Dance for all ages

7 p.m.—10 p.m.



Friday July 7th & Saturday September 2nd

Our dances have become a popular family fun night for all. Events are free of charge. Bring your entire family down to dance up a storm. Tickets will be sold for raffle prizes and drawn throughout the evening. The popular candy guess returns—come and guess and win your summer supply of sugar!

Calling All Bakers!

We are looking for anyone interested in donating baked items for the Book and Bake Sale on Sunday, July 9th. All items are graciously appreciated! Baked goods can be dropped off at the Club at 9:00 am on the 9th. Questions? Please see Shelly Rogne (4th Ave).

SUNDAY JULY 9th

10:00 A.M.



Book Sale

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**BAKE
SALE**



A second Bake Sale (not book) will be held on Sunday August 6th.

More information in the July newsletter!

Be sure to come and take in our July book and bake sale (the only Book Sale of the summer). Please drop off all book donations, preferably in fruit boxes which have side handles as pictured below. We have found it very helpful to sort all the books according to author and pack them in these fruit boxes such that the binding is visible eliminating the need to unpack the books.

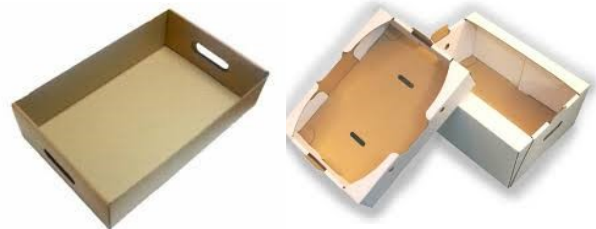
Books can be dropped off at the club anytime it is open.

Set up for the Book and Bake sale will occur immediately following the Trivia Night on Saturday July 8th after 10:00 p.m.

If books are your passion we desperately need help sorting all the new books during the set up—so please come and help! This process is a time consuming job but most appreciated by our patrons.

We really need volunteers to pre bake. The baking is a huge highlight for most attendees. People helping with the baking get to pre-shop the morning of the sale. Please drop off baking between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. the morning of the sale.

THESE EVENTS RAISE MONIES FOR GBCOA PROGRAMS AND ARE NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT HELP FROM VOLUNTEERS.



FAMILY BRICKS

We were so excited to see the Family Brick patio go in at our clubhouse at the end of last season! It has been a great **FUNDRAISER** for our new Community Playground and the grounds beautification project. Thank you to those who have already purchased their bricks!

We will continue to sell the bricks while we have space left, funds will go to future projects.

People have done family/cottage names, addresses, fun memories, cute sayings & memorial bricks.

There are 2 sizes to choose from:

4"x8" brick (up to 3 lines, 15 characters per line including spaces) = \$150

12"x12" brick (up to 8 lines, 15 characters/line or a company logo) = \$500

To order a family brick, you can email: gbcoaplay@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our Club :)





KIDS ACTIVITIES



Hello everyone! I'm Emily Radlinsky and I am back as one of the supervisors at the Grand Beach Community Club this summer. Also returning are William Forgeron and Cadence Downie as supervisors. We are very excited to be starting off this summer filled with fun activities for all ages..

We are always looking for craft supply donations. If you have any wine corks, cartons, paper rolls or anything else you think would be helpful, please drop them off at our cottage at 24-4th Ave. Once the Club is open, they can be dropped off there during club hours.

We are looking forward to spending the summer crafting and more with all of you!

**Only a little over a month until we see you at the
Club!
Let the fun begin!**

The Chucks are back!!



Saturday July 22nd

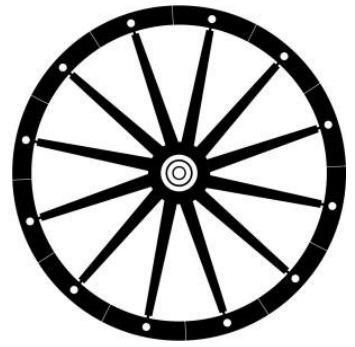
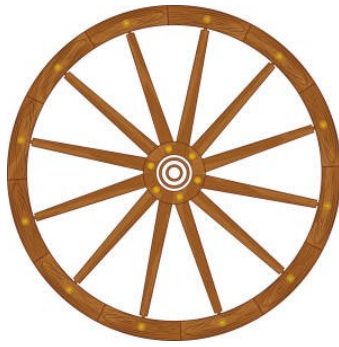
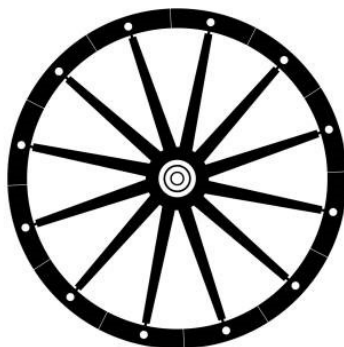
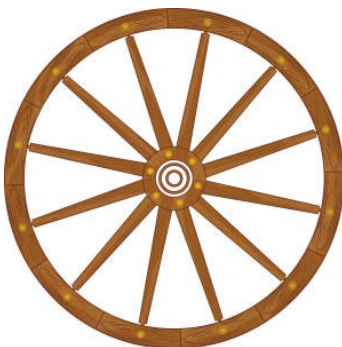
Doors open at 8pm

Races start at 9pm

There will be Chuckwagon Auctions

Prizes for the best dressed

Remember this event has sold out in the past so get your tickets early from a Board Member or 13 - 4th Ave.



Hantavirus

- Hantavirus is spread by deer mice and rodents through urine, saliva and droppings, airborne contamination or direct contact. It is rare but can cause Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome.
- Prevent and protect yourself and family by: keeping mice out of your cottage and sheds; be cautious with cleaning mouse contaminated areas—follow instructions from the Manitoba Health Guidelines. These instructions include: airing out contaminated areas before cleaning; do not sweep or vacuum—use damp mop, or damp cloth (dampen with bleach disinfectant); and wear gloves.

Bleach Disinfectant = 1 part household bleach to 9 parts water

See MB Fact Sheet on Hantavirus infection for more detailed information

[http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/fs/
Hantavirusfs.pdf](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/fs/Hantavirusfs.pdf)

Fire Pit Safety for Cottagers

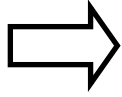
Having a camp fire is a long-time tradition for many cottage owners. While this activity is fun and brings family and friends together there are safety precautions and neighbour courtesies to think about. Please consider the following when planning and having your camp fire.

1. Ensure that burning is allowed and that there is no fire ban due to dry weather.
2. Ensure that it is not too windy to have a fire – if wind is greater than 15km/hr the smoke will drift into your neighbour's property.
3. Ensure that fire pit is 3 meters away from: buildings, overhead branches and wires, and fences.
4. Only burn clean, dry, unpainted wood should be used. Cutting trees or removing dead brush or trees is not permitted in the Provincial Park.
5. Fires should ideally be in an approved fire pit constructed of concrete, masonry, heavy gauge metal or other non-combustible material. There should be a grill over the fire.
6. Fires should be supervised by a person 18 years of age or older at all times.
7. Fires should be kept under control and within the fire pit.
8. There should be water or sand to extinguish the fire readily available.
9. Consider your neighbours – especially, if you know that a neighbour has respiratory/breathing problems, please consider wind direction and smoke drift when planning your fire.
10. Ensure your fire is extinguished at the end of the evening.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping us all safe and happy while we enjoy our cottage life!

FIRE PIT SAFETY GUIDELINES

Approved fire pit



The fire pit or outdoor solid fuel appliance should:

- Be enclosed on all sides and constructed of masonry, concrete, heavy gauge metal or other non combustible materials
- Be covered with a non-combustible grate or mesh
- If it has a chimney, have mesh or a spark arrester installed
- Be located on a flat, level and noncombustible base and clear of overhangs, such as roofs, tree branches, or utility wires
- Have a minimum clearance of 3 metres or 10 feet from any structures or combustibles (ie, fences, trees, hydro poles) and property lines
- When in use, be attended by a responsible adult until the fire has been fully extinguished

After conversation with our fire chiefs, at this time we will be prohibiting the use of burning barrels until further notice. The nature of these appliances have raised some concerns as they have been at the root of several emergency fire calls recently.

GENERAL BURNING RULES

- Fires are not permitted under severe wind conditions or when atmosphere or local circumstances make such fires a hazard
- **Fires cannot be used to burn garbage**, rubbish, previously painted or treated wood and any fuel which , when burned, may result in dense smoke or offensive odors.
- A means of extinguishing should be onsite such as a portable fire extinguisher or garden hose
- Smoke from outdoor fire pits and outdoor solid fuel burning appliance shall not impact on neighbouring properties by releasing offensive odours that are annoying, unpleasant, or a nuisance
- All fires must be limited in size so the available fire fighting resources at hand may easily control them

GIVE THIS PICTURE A TITLE!

Send your entry along with your name to donna.harding@shaw.ca for a chance to win a basket of summer treats for the family!

**Deadline for your submission is July 1st.
The winning entry will be notified by email.**





FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Subscribe to the Grand Beach Cottage Owners Association mailing list!

To stay up to date on current news and events, be sure to
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