

Grand View Beach Association

2001-2002 Handbook

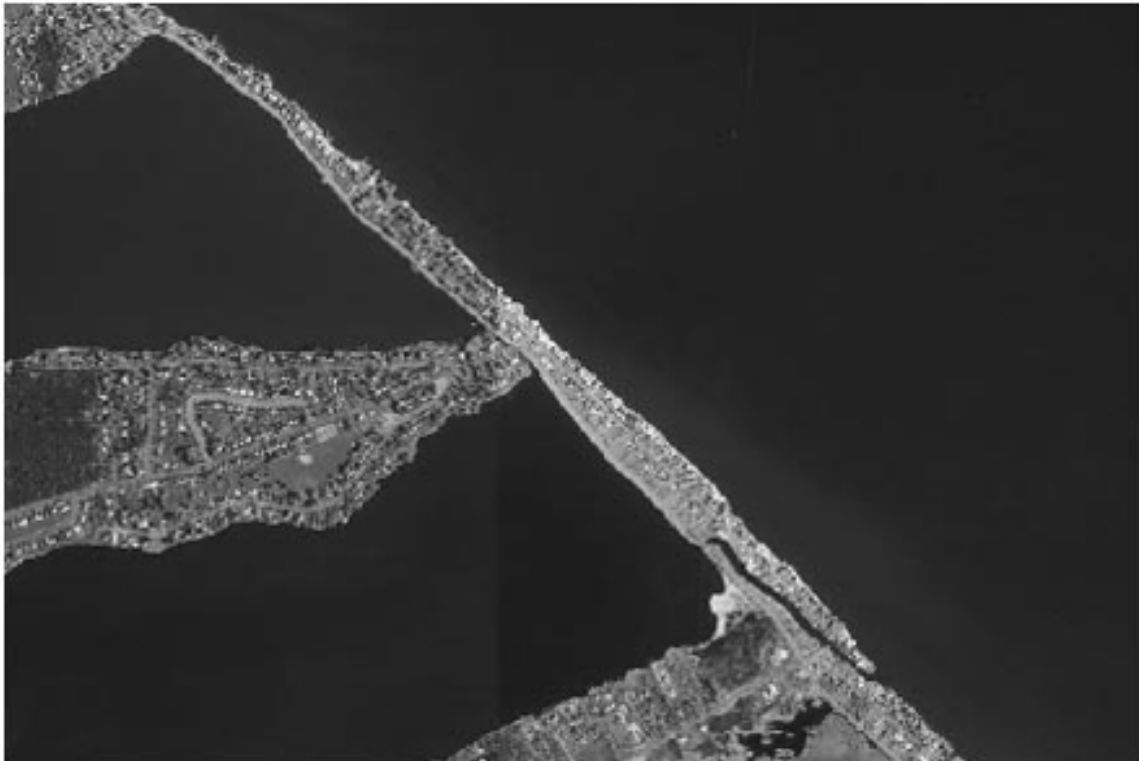




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I. Introduction

The Grand View Beach Association (GVBA) is an organization whose purpose is to improve the quality of life of lakefront residents in the Grand View Beach neighborhood through voluntary programs and events. We are non-profit group operated by residents, for residents.

Our members reside in the neighborhood that runs from 2022 Edgemere Drive to 3394 Edgemere Drive. Our primary interest lies in serving the needs of the waterfront resident. The GVBA can improve your community only with your involvement. We very strongly encourage members to participate in all aspects of the organization.

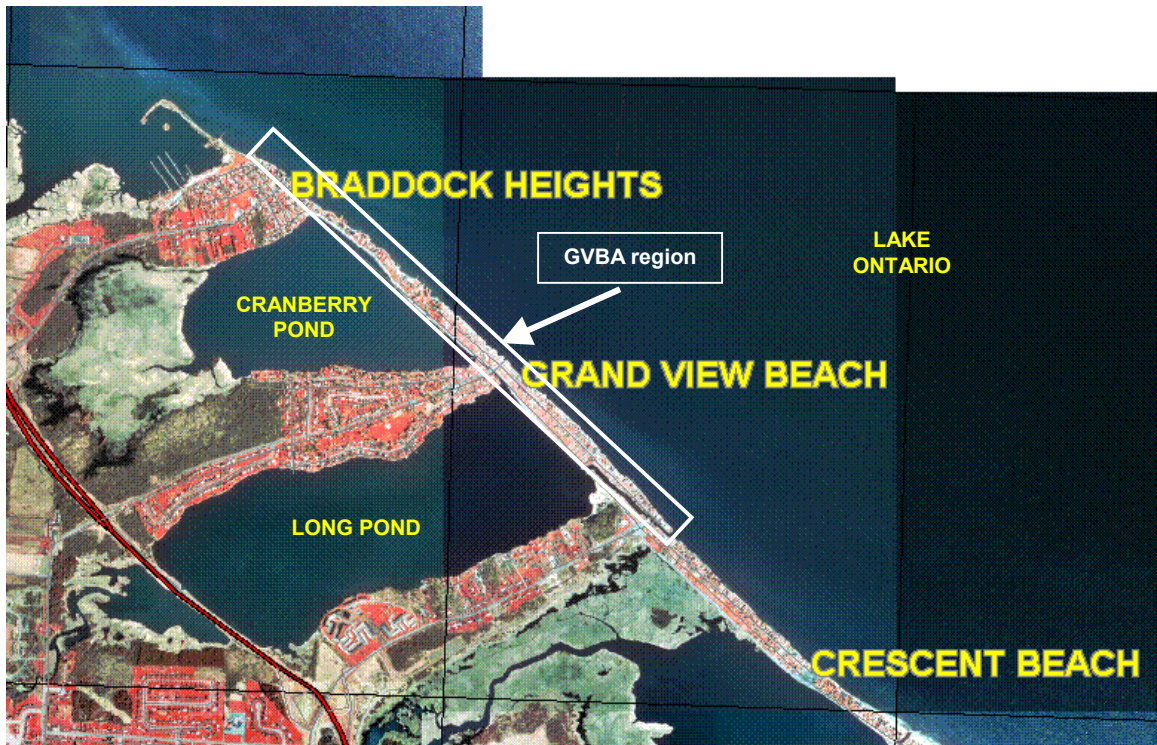


Figure 1: Aerial view of Grand View Beach and the surrounding area

This handbook outlines the current activities of the GVBA and how you can share the benefits and maintain the high quality of life in our waterfront neighborhood.

II. Member Benefits

GVBA members are encouraged to participate in the many programs organized and supported by the association. Many of these events and programs have been run for several years. We are always interested in your ideas for new events and programs that will enhance the quality of life for residents in our neighborhood.

Currently these include:



a. Events

Several events are currently organized by the GVBA. Member participation makes these very successful events possible.

i. 4th of July Parade

We join together to celebrating our nation with our annual parade down Old Edgemere Drive. Past years' parades have included a neighborhood band, floats, dignitaries, a clown, fire trucks, and an end-of-parade party at Channel Park with refreshments and activities for adults and children alike. Parade participants, spectators, and volunteers all make this an enjoyable and successful annual event.

ii. Neighborhood Watch and the "National Night Out Against Crime"

Grand View Beach enjoys a low crime rate in part because of the efforts of our residents. We are a "Neighborhood Watch" community.

The Neighborhood Watch program promotes crime prevention awareness, strengthens community-police partnership, and sends a message to criminals that this community is organized against crime. It also serves as a clearinghouse for information and notification of criminal activity that has occurred in the neighborhood.

Once each year, we join other neighborhoods in the Rochester area each August for National Neighborhood Watch Night Out. On this night residents are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and visiting police. The Greece Police tours the neighborhood to meet with residents to discuss local concerns and crime prevention practices. Participation in this event and this program help to keep Grand View Beach a safe place to live and play.

iii. Boating Safety Classes

NY State will require all PWC operators to complete a state approved, 8-hour boating safety course by January 1, 2004. Since many of our members in this waterfront community are PWC owners or are simply interested in safer boating, GVBA is helping by facilitating NY State approved classes given by GVBA member Jim Barsham. While currently required only for PWC operators, all boaters will benefit from taking this course. These well-presented and well-organized classes are held locally here in Greece, usually in two convenient evening sessions.

iv. Invited Speakers At General Meetings

Frequently, outside speakers will be invited to present talks at our general membership meetings. Presentations of interest to the waterfront resident by knowledgeable speakers at recent meetings have included topics such as the history of the Rochester area lakefront resorts, aerial photography as a tool for assessing lake conditions, and lake water level control planning by the IJC.



Local government officials also are frequent guest speakers, including Greece town and Monroe county officials, police and fire department representatives, lakefront revitalization plan researchers, and others.

v. Street Sale

GVBA members are encouraged to hold “garage” sales on the same days each sale year. By doing this, sales holders can take advantage of coordinated advertising and denser customer traffic. GVBA helps to coordinate the street sale held over a single weekend. Street sales are generally not held every year, only when adequate interest is generated.

b. Single Source Discount Suppliers

GVBA coordinates single source discount suppliers for commonly needed private services. By doing so we can all enjoy the lowest possible prices, highest quality service, and can limit service activities to times that are convenient and of minimal impact to the community.

For example, by using a single supplier for trash collection, we can take advantage of a group discount, arrange for the large collection trucks run down our street on a single day of the week (as opposed to many different companies running on several days of the week) and can require that collection runs are performed at times that have the least impact on our neighborhood (such as mid-morning, as rather than very early in the morning when many people are trying to get children off to the bus or might still be asleep). This improves SAFETY while reducing the level of visual and chemical (exhaust) pollution in our community.

These single source discount agreements generally do not bind GVBA or its members to use that supplier, but do require the supplier to meet agreed upon terms. We encourage members to use these suppliers, because everyone benefits when we support these suppliers.

The Single Source Discount sub-committee is always interested in investigating possible new services that association members would be interested in. Possible examples could include lawn care services, snow removal services, and driveway sealing. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions for new services.

Two very successful programs are presently being conducted, these are:

i. Trash Collection

Waste Management, Inc. gives GVBA members a discount rate for trash and recycling pick-up, including a Polycart dumpster at no additional charge. Other services are also discounted. As an additional benefit, if all residents used this service, collection trucks would run down our street only once each week, as opposed to the three to four days a week that we now see these large trucks. To receive this discount, pick up the Waste Management / GVBA discount form from the GVBA at meetings or by calling a Board member.



ii. Spider Spray

Spider extermination spray is a necessary part of life on the lakefront. Not spraying results in huge numbers of spiders and webs on all the surfaces outside your home, and significant staining on lighter colored surfaces. Terminix Exterminating performs this service for GVBA members for at a significant discount.

They spray twice during the summer, which generally keeps the spider problem under control. As with trash collection, this means neighboring houses are sprayed on one or two consecutive days. This saves the exterminating company costs (which are passed on to us, the customers) and means that our neighborhood sees the exterminator only on a few days each summer.

This service is very effective. Terminix Exterminating contacts residents by mail in the early spring each. Sign-up for this service is in early April. Pesticide applications usually occur in May and August.

c. Community Voice

Actions undertaken by governmental agencies, ranging from the town of Greece to the International Joint Commission (known as the IJC, this is the joint US-Canadian agency that controls the level of Lake Ontario), have direct effect on the community and our quality of life. The GVBA serves as an important two-way communications channel between association members and these governing bodies.

GVBA Board members maintain contact with officials from all levels of government on a regular basis. Many of these government officials participate in our meetings, facilitating direct communication between association members and their government representatives.

GVBA serves as a community channel in several ways:

- (a) Serves as an effective 2-way communication channel to the town, county, state, and federal governments. This includes raising issues that are important to the agenda of lakefront homeowners, such as input to the local waterfront revitalization plan. Likewise, the general meetings provide an important forum for government to present possible future changes to the community.
- (b) Helps facilitate direct communication with your neighbors through interaction at our meetings.
- (c) Addresses QUALITY OF LIFE issues, such as algae contamination problems, with other organizations, such as the academic community.



III. Organizational Information

a. General Membership Meetings

Three meetings are held each year. GVBA volunteers distribute meeting notice flyers to houses along the Grand View Beach neighborhood about two weeks before each meeting. Meetings are usually held in the Lakeview Church at the corner of Long Pond Road and Edgemere Drive on a Monday evening. There is no admission charge for these open meetings.

The meeting agenda includes reports from the GVBA committees, announcement and discussion of upcoming events, reports from government officials on items of interest to members (including upcoming works projects that may affect the neighborhood), outside speakers, etc. Member participation is very strongly encouraged.

Planned general meetings of the GVBA are shown in table 1.

Date / Time	Location
October 22, 2001 at 7:00 PM	Lakeview Community Church
March 18, 2002 at 7:00 PM	Lakeview Community Church
June 17, 2002 at 7:00 PM	Lakeview Community Church

Table 1: 2001-2002 General Meeting Schedule

b. Dues

GVBA dues are \$5.00 per year per household. This money goes to defray costs of copying flyers, paying meeting hall costs, etc. Dues are collected at the open membership meetings. We appreciate collecting dues at the October meeting each year.

c. Your Participation

The success of the GVBA depends on the participation of you, the residents of Grand View Beach. We encourage you to get involved in our meetings, events, and sub-committees.

d. Contacting The GVBA

We can be reached by contacting any GVBA Board member directly, or at our general meetings.

e. Board Members

The members of the governing board of the GVBA are shown in the table 2:



Name	Phone	House #	Position
Joe Martin	225-3268	2584	President
Jim Schirmer	225-0015	2740	Vice Pres.
Bob Dill	227-9797	2184	Vice Pres.
Jim Barsham	227-6196	2682	Treasurer
Dan Barletta	225-3617	2820	Lake Levels
Ted Munson	723-8194	2200	Neigh. Watch
Bob Gifford	227-6732	2388	Distribution
Greg Pien	227-1541	2704	Algae / Handbook
Lynn Reinhardt	225-4932	2436	Events
Sue Jackson	227-5447	2090	Communications
Rod Lowe	227-3821	2260	Single Source Discount
Al Atkinson	225-7820	2947	Board Member
Paul Gross	225-3193	2979	Board Member
Ed Knapp	227-6962	2416	Board Member
Dan Coughlin	368-9394	2989	Board Member
Dan Sedlacek	368-9057	2316	Board Member

Table 2: GVBA 2001 Governing Committee Members

f. Sub-committees

Several subcommittees have been formed to address areas of interest to the quality of life of residents in our neighborhood. We encourage members to participate in these sub-committees, and to suggest other areas that we should place effort toward that would improve the quality of life for our members.

i. Single Source Discount Suppliers

The Single Source Discount program is described in section II of this publication. This group negotiates the Single Source Discount agreements with suppliers and organizes the program for our community. Your support of our Single Source Discount suppliers benefits both you and our community. Your suggestions for new services in this program are very welcome.

ii. Algae Mitigation

Loose algae and lake weeds washed onshore by storms and currents result in a mess on our breakwalls / beaches and cause a strong and unpleasant odor in our neighborhood. We recognize that this algae problem lowers the quality of life in the neighborhood during the summer season. The Algae Mitigation sub-committee serves as the neighborhood's communications channel with local, national, and international organizations that are investigating this problem and looking at ways of solving it.

iii. Pure Waters

We recognize that pollution in Lake Ontario would dramatically affect the quality of life for our members. The Pure Waters sub-committee serves as the



neighborhood's interface to government agencies that monitor, investigate and mitigate possible contamination of our environment. Reports on activity are presented at the general meetings.

iv. Neighborhood Watch

Grand View Beach enjoys very low crime rates thanks in no small part to the efforts of residents who take care of their neighborhood and their neighbors. The Neighborhood Watch program encourages this with the annual Neighborhood Watch Night Out (held each August), by maintaining close ties with local law enforcement agencies, and by raising awareness in the community of criminal activity and crime prevention efforts.

IV. Other Information Resources

a. Local Government Resources

i. Town of Greece

The town of Greece may be reached by phone or at their very informative and easy to navigate website:

a. Greece Town Hall

One Vince Tofany Blvd.
Rochester, New York 14616
(716)225-2000 - FAX (716)225-1915

b. On the web

The Greece Town website is www.townofgreece.org.

ii. Monroe County

The Monroe County website is: www.monroecounty.gov.

b. Lake Ontario Resources

i. International Joint Commission (IJC)

The IJC is the joint US – Canadian agency responsible for the administration of boundary water projects and control. Of primary interest to local residents is their control of the Lake Ontario water level. The IJC website is www.ijc.org.

ii. Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN)

GLIN is an organization that provides information about the environment, economy, tourism, governmental, and educational elements of the Great Lakes region of North America. Their website is www.great-lakes.net.

iii. US Army Corps of Engineers

The Buffalo district office of the US Army Corps of Engineers provides accurate weekly lake level information. This can be accessed on the web at www.lrb.usace.army.mil/water/lelo.htm.