



# Grand Marais Property Owners' Association Newsletter

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## President's Message

2007 presented new challenges and saw new achievements on behalf of Grand Marais. The most significant achievement of the past year is the implementation of a neighbourhood watch program, Grand Marais Citizens On Patrol Program (GM COPP). Congratulations to Linda Leonard for organizing this program (more information follows).

As well, the GMPOA has re-launched its efforts to provide a proper set of stairs that will supply safe access to the beach at the Historic Fisherman's Pier. To help, we are raising funds (see right), which we hope the RM of St. Clements will match.

The GMPOA also sponsored and provided volunteers to support other local activities such as:

- The First Annual Fire Truck Pull that raised \$4400.00 toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera for our local fire department. The GMPOA now manages this event. The remaining funds needed to purchase this camera will be raised by The Second Annual Fire Truck Pull is Saturday, September 1, 4 - 6 pm, in front of the OLD fire hall.
- A notebook computer raffle at the Manitoba Metis Annual Fish Fry that raised \$765.00 for local youth initiatives.
- The First Annual Big Swampy Ice Fishing Derby that raised over \$600.00 that was split by the Grand Marais Recreation Centre and the GMPOA.
- Spirit Walk that attracted over 300 to celebrate Manitoba in Motion.
- Co-sponsoring, with GBADC and others, the 2007 Canada Day Fireworks, July 1, 10 pm - midnight at the Grand Marais Rec Ctr.

The GMPOA now has 166 members, and we hope to grow that number. If you are interested in becoming a member of the GMPOA, you can download an application from our website (click "GMPOA AGM") and send it to us, or you can contact Jerry at 754-2746. If renewing, simply send us your cheque (our contact information is on back) At present, the fees are \$10 for voting (must be a property owner - limit one per property) or \$5 for non-voting memberships.

The composition of the Management Committee

(formerly the Board of Directors) changed throughout the year with the resignations of Fran Chester and Don Paulus; many thanks to both for their efforts on behalf of the GMPOA. Many thanks also to Roberta Dalman who joined the committee and assumed the role of Treasurer.

Our Annual General Meeting and elections are rapidly approaching. We encourage you to run for one of the positions listed below; contact us if you are interested. Present MC members are:

- **President** - Jerry Meagher
- **Vice President** - Paul Leonard
- **Past President** - Mike Millard
- **Treasurer** - Roberta Dalman
- **Secretary** - vacant
- **Directors** - Julian Gorchynski, Linda Leonard, Lou Savoie, Jerry Sherby and Heather Zilkey

## Win An Autographed CFL Football



The GMPOA will raffle off a CFL football, autographed by all of the Bombers, with display case and four tickets to the September 29 game against the Hamilton Tiger Cats at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, September 1, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - noon. Special thanks are extended to GMPOA member Patricia Stacker, for donating these prizes. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the design and construction of stairs and/or viewing platforms to replace the existing stairs leading to the Historic Fisherman's Pier at Grand Marais Boulevard and Lakeview Avenue. Tickets are available at local merchants and from volunteers for \$2.50. Only 2000 tickets printed! You do not have to be in attendance at the AGM in order to win. For more information, contact Paul at 754-2774.

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## Destination Grand Marais

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The consulting firm Thomas, Hilderman and Frank was awarded \$15 000.00 to draft a proposal for the redevelopment of Grand Marais. All residents, property owners and friends of Grand Marais are encouraged to attend the public presentation of this proposal. Date and time TBA (check our website - click "Events")

## Citizens On Patrol Program - COPP

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You may have noticed a new sign as you enter Grand Marais, or on the sides of vehicles in the community, or even on the backs of volunteers. What are these signs all about? The Grand Marais Citizens On Patrol Program (COPP), that's what!!



The GMPOA is proud to announce the launch of The Grand Marais Citizens On Patrol Program (GM COPP). Congratulations are extended to Linda Leonard for organizing this program on behalf of the GMPOA

COPP volunteers are not wannabe police officers!! We are residents, seasonal and permanent, who share a concern for the safety of persons and property in Grand Marais. We are not here to control anyone's activities; we are simply an extra set of eyes and ears for local authorities. So if you see us around, give us a wave and a nod, or come and chat with us. If you share our concerns, if you have time for a two or three-hour shift, or if you would like more information, contact Linda at 754-2774.

## GMPOA Website

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We are very proud of our website and we encourage you to visit it. Local weather, photos and stories of Grand Marais are just a click away. Information about upcoming events, services in Grand Marais (including stores and accommodations), the activities of the GMPOA and community events is all just a click away.

Does your business offer service to Grand Marais? Are you renting your cottage?? We'll list

your contact information and link to your website free of charge, if you are a member of the GMPOA. We'll also post your event free of charge.



**We need you!** Please share your photos and your knowledge of Grand Marais. Stories and/or photos about Grand Marais's inception, development, disasters, local characters, etc. will be compiled and published on our website, and contributors will be acknowledged on the website. All original materials will be scanned, photographed or transcribed and returned to the owner. To submit, please contact us (see below).

## Annual General Meeting

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Grand Marais Recreation Centre

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

The Rec Centre charges \$1.00 per head for the use of their facility, so please bring your loonies! All money collected goes to the centre and helps keep the GMPOA on budget.

All existing memberships will expire before the Annual General Meeting. To participate at the AGM, you must have a new 2007 - 2008 membership. Memberships will be on sale prior to the start of the AGM, at 9:30 a.m.

As well, volunteers will canvass the area on the August long weekend.

## Contact Us

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## Derelict Buildings

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The RM of St. Clements is changing the wording of their bylaw to better deal with this issue. Their bylaw officer has meet with the Selkirk Magistrate to ensure derelict properties can be dealt with more expediently in the future.

## Special Thanks!

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