

Village of Grand Beach

History

Since the early 1900's, the name Grand Beach has been synonymous with the stately white gates that welcome visitors to this haven of beaches, sprawling green lawns, and streets shaded by beautiful trees. As opposed to many other communities, the Village of Grand Beach was developed initially as a resort area.

In the beginning of the 1900's, Floyd R. Perkins purchased 600 acres of dunes in the western part of New Buffalo Township. His initial idea of developing a shooting preserve quickly changed when he realized the land's potential as a resort community. Perkins and his partner, George Ely, formed the Grand Beach Company and acquired additional acreage, which included four miles of beach. They built roads, bridges, waterworks, and a 9-hole golf course to accommodate the upcoming tourist industry.

Quick development of Grand Beach resulted when villagers purchased 20 cottages from Sears and Roebuck in 1907. By 1911, the Village had a total of 48 homes. Grand Beach's development continued with the completion of an 18-hole golf course, a clubhouse, and three Frank Lloyd Wright homes. The famous Golfmore Hotel made its debut in 1921, but was completely destroyed by fire in 1939. This great loss, however, did not stop the Village from growing and becoming incorporated in 1934. Grand Beach reflects a mix of both summer and year-round residents.

Observations

Grand Beach is a residential community approximately one-half mile wide along a two-mile length of beautiful beachfront. This community offers its residents a luxurious, secluded quality of life.

Community Vision

In the next two decades, the community would like to continue slow residential growth.

Agenda of the Community Strategic Plan

Maintain the Village's past and provide a safe place for children to enjoy nature, lake, beach and woods.

Chamber of Commerce

Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce
530 S. Whittaker Street, Suite F
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-5409
www.harborcountry.org



All Demographic Information is based upon the 2009 Census Estimate

Population

1980 Census	227	
1990 Census	146	35.68 % decrease
2000 Census	221	56.16 % increase
2010 Census	272	23.08 % increase

Personal Income

Median Family	\$103,000
Average per Capita	\$83,965
Median Household	\$90,227

Labor Force

Total Work Force	132
Unemployment Rate	3.0 %

Principal Economic Base Employers

The Village is restricted to residential use only.

Housing

Number of Dwellings	414
Owner Occupied	170
Renter Occupied	2
Median Rent	Not Available
Median Home Value	\$650,000

Building Permits – 2010

	Number Issued	Dollar Amount
Residential	1	\$199,890.00
Other	19	\$801,929.00
Total	20	\$1,001,819.00

Taxes

In March 1994, Michigan voters approved a new tax structure (Proposal A). The following table provides a simplistic look at the taxes currently levied within this community. Property tax is based now upon taxable value, not state equalized value.

General Taxes

General County	4.7723
Law Enforcement/ Public Safety	0.3500
Special Voted 911	0.2500
Senior Citizens	0.3000
LMC College	1.7854
Village	6.2719
Special Voted	0.0000
Subtotal	13.7296

School Taxes (Berrien RESA)

State Education Tax	6.0000
Non-Homestead (Business)	18.0000
Extra Voted Building & Site	0.0000
Debt Retirement	1.9300
Berrien RESA	0.1745
Special Education	2.1954

Subtotals

Homestead	10.2999
Non-Homestead (Business)	28.2999

New Buffalo

Government

Municipal Hall

Grand Beach Village Hall
48200 Perkins Boulevard
Grand Beach, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-3141
Fax: (269) 469-0146
Website: www.grandbeach.org

Council Meetings

Third Wednesday of Each Month
Start: 7:30 p.m.

County Commissioner

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website Contact Center



Climate

	January	July
Average Maximum Temperature	32F / 0C	82F / 28C
Average Minimum Temperature	18F / -8C	61F / 16C
Days over 90F or 32C	11	
Days below 0F or 18C	4	
Days of Growing Season	162	
Average Annual Rainfall	37" / 94cm	
Average Annual Snowfall	70" / 178cm	

Public Services

Police

Chief of Police: Dan Schroeder
Phone: (269) 469-5000
Sworn Officers: 4
Civilian Employees: 2
Number of Cars: 1



Fire

The Village of Grand Beach is serviced by the New Buffalo Fire Department.

Trash Collection

Grand Beach Village Hall
Phone: (269) 469-3141
Type: Contract
One large item allowed per week.
Fall Leaf Pick Up in November

Recycling

Berrien County Community Development
Jill Adams, Environmental Specialist
(269) 983-7111 Ext. 8234
Program information available online at
www.berriencounty.org/recycle.

Water

Grand Beach Water Department
Phone: (269) 469-3141
Source: Lake Water
Capacity: 100,000 Gallon Water Tower

Sewer

Grand Beach Village Hall
Phone: (269) 469-3141
Source: Septic Tanks

Telephone

AT&T
Residential: 1-800-288-2020

Gas

Semco Energy Company
Phone: (800) 624-2019

Electric

American Electric Power Company
(800) 311-6424
2425 Meadowbrook Road; Benton Harbor, MI

Education

The Village of Grand Beach is served by the following school district:

New Buffalo Area Schools
1112 East Clay Street
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-6010
Enrollment: 654



This Community Snapshot has been prepared by the Berrien County Community Development Department. For more detailed information on services available in Berrien County, please visit our website at www.berriencounty.org/CommunityDevelopment.

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