

DECORATE YOUR LAKEFRONT FOR THE 4TH! New 4th of July Contest Replaces Boat Parade



Due to declining interest in the 4th of July Boat Parade, the Hess Lake Improvement Association is sponsoring a new lake-wide contest designed to get everyone in a “red-white-and-blue” mood!

Beginning June 30, everyone around the lake will be encouraged to decorate their lakefront property for the 4th of July. HLIA members will be invited to view the decorations from the lake and cast a vote for the holiday display that best reflects the 4th of July spirit.

“Decorate Your Lakefront” means your lawn, deck, dock, cottage or house. and anything else that can be seen from the lake. Pull out those holiday lights, dress up your yard, and use your imagination to create some patriotic displays! Give boaters and voters something exciting to look at as they pass by, day and night.

Here are the contest guidelines:

- ★ Anyone may decorate, but you must be a 2007 HLIA member to be eligible for a contest prize (a dues envelope is enclosed if you have not yet joined).
- ★ The theme is “**Patriotism/Support Our Troops**”
- ★ All 2007 HLIA members may vote for their favorite display, **using the ballot on page 2** of this newsletter. **Only one vote per lake property.**
- ★ The decorating, viewing, and voting will take place from Saturday, June 30, through Wednesday, July 4. **All votes must be cast by 12:00 noon on the 4th of July.**
- ★ Ballots should be turned in at the Hess Lake Party store or at Bob Hake’s, 915 Hess Lake Drive. (These are also the locations where flares are sold.)

To enter, simply prepare a sign to post in a **highly visible spot** on your lakefront. Be sure the sign will be large enough to read from the lake. List your family’s last name on one line and your street address on a second line. **Place this sign where voters/boaters will be able to read it clearly.**

On the afternoon of the 4th, prizes will be awarded for 1st Place (\$100), 2nd Place (\$75), 3rd Place (\$50), 4th Place (\$25). Ribbons will also be presented, so that boaters will know which lakefronts are the winners.

We’re looking forward to a lot of participation and hope everyone will get involved, both in the decorating and in the voting! We think it will be great to view the creative efforts of our HLIA members. If you have any questions regarding the “DECORATE YOUR LAKEFRONT” contest, please contact Joyce Longo at 231-834-5201. Happy Decorating!

Other 4th of July Events . . .

Kick off the holiday by participating in or watching the Hess Lake Sailing Regatta on **Sunday, July 1**. Contact Bob Hake at 231- 834-8219 to register or for more information on the event.

The Ring of Fire will take place on **Tuesday, July 3**, beginning at approximately 10:00 p.m. Flares will be available for purchase at the Hess Lake Party Store or at Bob Hake’s, 915 Hess Lake Drive.



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Upcoming events in 2007:

Mark your calendars and don't miss these important Hess Lake events!

- **HLIA Annual Meeting**
Saturday, June 16
10:00 a.m.
Brooks Twp. Hall
490 Quarterline Road
- **4th of July Events**
Saturday, June 30 —
Wednesday, July 4,
Decorate Your Lakefront
Contest
Voting begins June 30
Winners announced on July 4.

Sunday, July 1
Sailboat Regatta
3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3
Ring of Fire
10:00 p.m.
- **Son of a Sailor
Hess Lake 10K Walk/Run**
Saturday, July 21
8:30 a.m.
- **HLIA Board Meetings**
Monthly, exc. December
2nd Monday, 7 p.m.
Brooks Twp. Hall

“Son of a Sailor” Hess Lake 10K Walk/Run

Proceeds to benefit colon cancer research and awareness



Planning is underway for the second annual Son of a Sailor 10K Walk/Run on **Saturday, July 21**. Mark your calendars and plan to participate — and invite your friends to walk or run with you! A DJ will play music for your enjoyment at the finish line at the boat launch, and new this year — a raffle for some fabulous prizes.

The event starts at **8:30 a.m.** at the River Valley Community Church at M-37 and East 88th Street and **will involve the roads around the lake being closed just for a couple of hours to ensure safety of the participants.** Your cooperation and patience during the race will be appreciated!

The first annual “Son of a Sailor” 10K was held on Saturday, July 15, 2006 in honor of Ervin McLauchlan III, 42, who passed away on February 23, 2006 of colon cancer. Ervin was a long-time resident of Hess Lake and our HLIA board vice-president and Zone 1 representative. 262 runners and walkers participated, and many, many people around the lake volunteered to make the event a success. What an awesome turn-out! Thanks to your efforts, we were able to donate \$10,000 to the American Cancer Society for colon cancer research and awareness. We hope to be able to help out the American Cancer Society with even greater success this year!

To walk or run, please complete the enclosed form or go to www.hesslake.com and download the registration form, which can be found under the “Events” area of the web site. Send the completed form with your \$20 check per participant to PO Box 239, Newaygo, 49337. If you would like to volunteer to help or want to donate to the event, please use the flip side of the enclosed form or e-mail Katie Lipner at KLLipner@aol.com. With your help, we can make this year’s event even better!



HLIA Annual Meeting — June 16

All members of the Hess Lake Improvement Association are invited to attend the association’s Annual Meeting on **Saturday, June 16**, at 10:00 a.m. at the Brooks Township Hall, 490 Quarterline Road. The association officers and zone representatives will discuss current projects and review the association’s activities. An amendment to the bylaws, allowing for the addition of a second alternate for each zone, will be presented for members’ consideration and approval. (Currently, each zone has one representative and one alternate.) Adding an alternate would allow for greater involvement by more members at the board level and also provide additional coverage in the zones. Also, representatives for zones 1, 2, 3 and 7 will be elected. If you are interested in serving as a zone rep in these zones, please contact HLIA President Jeannine Lemmon at 616-364-3066 or jeannine@patriot-realty.net.

Thank you, Ken Holtrop!

The Hess Lake Improvement Association would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Ken Holtrop, who recently stepped down as the Zone 7 HLIA Representative. Ken has been a Hess Lake resident and good neighbor for many years and active in the association in many capacities during that time. We sincerely thank Ken for his years of service and commitment to our lake and our community. **Thank you, Ken!**

Hess Lake Improvement Association Financial Report 01/01/06 thru 12/31/06

Checking Account	
Starting Balance:	\$9,255.75
Deposits/Income:	
Dues	\$ 6,885.00
Flare Sales	\$ 2,591.70
Donations	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total:	\$ 9,976.70
Withdrawals/Expenses:	
Newsletters	\$ 2,741.62
MLSA Dues	\$ 359.00
Bank Fees	\$ 73.32
Web Hosting	\$ 60.00
Conference Fee	\$ 51.00
Donations	\$ 500.00
Contest Prizes	\$ 375.00
Flares	\$ 2,533.50
Member Signs	\$ 1,215.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 232.03
Insurance	\$ 917.00
Fish Plant	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total:	\$11,557.47
Ending Balance:	\$ 7,674.98
Savings Account	
Starting Balance:	\$21,110.09
Interest:	<u>\$ 158.43</u>
Ending Balance:	\$21,268.52

Around the Lake...

Announcements from the Neighborhood

REMINDER—DRIVE SAFELY ON LAND AND WATER!

HLIA reminds you to please drive responsibly around the lake and operate boats and watercraft in a safe manner at all times.

This time of year, more and more people are walking, running, and riding bikes along the roads around the lake, and everyone needs to respect their safety. Please observe speed limits and slow down when approaching pedestrians and cyclists along our roads.

Boaters should keep their distance from other watercraft, observe boater safety rules, and steer clear of buoys and moorings in the water. HLIA also stresses that boaters should keep at least 100 feet from docks and rafts around the lake, because swimmers are not always readily visible.

If you observe anyone driving recklessly, please record any vehicle or boat identification numbers, colors, or other markings and report the info to the Newaygo Police (for vehicles) at 231-652-1657 and Newaygo County Sheriff/Marine Patrol (for boats) at 231-689-6623. **Remember . . .** we're all neighbors of Hess Lake, and it's important to be courteous and respectful of each other as we enjoy our neighborhood!

WARNING BUOYS RECEIVE A FACELIFT

The warning buoys on the lake have had a facelift. Their placement has also changed a bit. The buoys are designed to mark shallow areas where boat motors could hit bottom.

New markings of **DANGER AREA/SHALLOW** have been added to the buoys, as well as solar lights so they are easier to see at night. The buoys are placed in approximately 3 feet of water. Between the buoy and the shore, the water is less than 3 feet and in some areas only knee deep, so going between the buoy and the shore could be a danger for your boat motor. We hope this has clarified why the buoys are where they are and will help us to have safer boating this season.

Please do not move or tamper with the buoys, as it could create a boating hazard. If you see a buoy that has been hit or is unlit at night, please notify your zone rep, so it can be repaired. In the future, a map showing the location of the buoys on the lake will be added to the HLIA web site.

SOCIAL

Red Hat Society — All Hess Lake ladies are invited to join a Hess Lake Red Hat Society, limited to Hess Lake residents. We will meet at Smugglers Cove to get to know our Hess Lake neighbors. Contact: June Gorman 231-834-8700.

Pre-School/Kindergarten Play Dates — Got young kids? Are they looking for new or more Hess Lake friends? Are you looking to meet others on the lake with young families? If you are interested in getting your K and under kids together with other families on the lake this summer for a few playdates, please contact Courtney Essnemacher at courtneyessenmacher@yahoo.com or call 248-613-7282.

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HLIA Lake Zone Boundaries

Zone 1 — East 88th Street from 1605 to 1844
Catalpa Avenue from 9053 to 9593

Zone 2 — Hess Lake Drive from 1751 to 1989
Kathleen Street

Zone 3 — Hess Lake Drive from 1411 to 1644
Clearwater Street, Peninsula Drive

Zone 4 — Hess Lake Drive from 941 to 1390

Zone 5 — Hess Lake Drive from 615 to 925
Redwood Drive from 9016 to 9394

Zone 6 — Redwood Drive from 8872 to 9011
East 88th Street from 745 to 1154

Zone 6A — 825 East 88th Street, South Old Elm Lane,
East Old Maple Trail, East Old Birch Trail

Zone 7 — East 88th Street from 1166 to 1596
Graves Drive, Parkwood Drive,
Lockwood Drive, Wellington Drive