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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Hessiganders,

Wow, what a summer ! How could we ever forget the summer of 2012? Hot, humid, sunny, and dry. Of course each and every one of us realize that CHANGE is inevitable. Soon all of the boats and docks will be taken in till next spring and the migratory birds will be once again using Hess Lake as a rest stop as they begin their long journey south. CHANGE will bring us brilliant fall colors, the odors of leaves burning, and of course the sudden quietness of the lake will bring us all into a relaxing mood. Hot apple cider (with a little pinch), hayrides, jeans and sweatshirts, football, planning winter trips, or just sitting back and reflecting on how blessed each and everyone of us are and being ever so grateful that we all live in the greatest country ever.

As I begin my fifth and final year as President of the HLIA, I too am grateful to so many. I sincerely wish to express my sincere heartfelt thanks to all of those individuals who each and every year would give a little extra back to all of us here on Hess Lake in any and all of the many HLIA sponsored social activities and lake improvement events. I also wish to express my thanks to all of the member/residents who each and every year show their support for the Hess Lake Improvement Association. To all of you, THANK YOU !

Peace,

Jerry Swendrowski,
Pres./HLIA



Autumn is easily my favorite time of the year. The days have cooled down, the leaves have turned, and the world is busy preparing herself for Winter. There's something magical about the clear brisk days, the first smell of the fireplace, the first frost, the sounds of the Canadian geese overhead as they pass thru on their way South, the canning of the late fruits and vegetables, the pumpkin and cider stands on the roadways. School has started, and there's newness in the air, even though the season is the precursor to Winter. Somehow, the world knows that Winter is necessary, and the long preparation for the cold of Winter--the preparation which is Autumn--is a beautiful, necessary part of the world.

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7th ANNUAL SON OF A SAILOR WALK/RUN A SUCCESS!

The 7th annual "Son of a Sailor" 10K walk/run was a great success. **Thanks to all of the volunteers, participants and very generous donors, we were able to donate close to \$13,000 to the Lemmon-Holton Cancer Research Pavilion.** Over the seven years that we have held this event we have donated over \$70,000 for cancer research and awareness. We couldn't have done it without all of your help.

The Patriot Realty "Son of a Sailor" 10K walk/run committee would like to thank the following for their generous contributions: Amway Corporation, A-Waste, Dave and Jana Baldus, Bird's Market, Dan and Lynn Bos, Lois Brookhouse, Tawni Brouwer, Cascade Properties, Cheese Kurls, Delma Chupp, Cronk's Oakridge Restaurant, Delmar Rehabilitation, Docks and Seawalls by Dean, Bob and Linda Downer, Lynette Dykhouse, Equity Transportation Company, Fremont Insurance, Jeff and Diane French, Fresenius Medical Care, Gelock Heavy Movers, Gene's Family Market, Joe and Gladys Hackett, Bruce Hart,, Fred Hascher, Hess Lake Improvement Association, Hilltop Bakery, Sue Hoekstra, Huntington National Bank, Hygienic Corporation, Jerkies Jerky Factory, Jimmy's Roadhouse, JNR Waterfront Services, Kincaid and Associates, Jim and Janet Kolk, Phil Laven, Lentz Automotive Service, Life EMS, Joyce Longo, McDonalds Corporation, MacDonald Family, Meijer's, Jennifer Menken, Mercantile Bank, Scott Moll, Nelson's Farm Market, Newwaygo City Public Works, Newaygo County Sheriff Dept., Gary and Peg Novosad, Old Orchard, Patriot Realty, Schultz Porta-Jons, Dorothy Pearson and Jerry Endema, Plumb's, River City Pizza, River Stop Saloon, River Valley Community Church, Gene and Sue Robinson, Ken and Sherri Russell, Tom Scally, Tony and Lynn Schiller, Rob Shea, Smuggler's Cove, Harry and Sally TenBrink, Tim and Michelle Todd, Tom Williams Builders, John VanDam, Merle VanEe.

Please think of these businesses when shopping for a product or service and remember to thank the individual when you see them. You all made our job of organizing and putting on this event a lot easier. Thanks also to all of the volunteers. Without all of you, the race would never have taken place.

The committee for the "Son of the Sailor" 10K Walk/Run is retiring. We are hoping someone will come forward to keep this event going. Anyone interested in taking over may contact, Katie Lipner 231-834-9915, kllipner@aol.com or Betty Bosowski, 517-930-0297, bettybuzz@juno.com for help in keeping this race on the Hess Lake events calendar.

Betty Bosowski, Katie Lipner Co-chairs, Renee Finkbeiner and Ramona Deters.

BENEFITS OF HLIA MEMBERSHIP

Your HLIA is hard at work throughout the year planning activities and monitoring issues that affect our lake community. Annual membership dues help offset expenses associated with printing and mailing the newsletter, lake events, signs, prizes, etc. In short, the \$25.00 annual dues go a long way to support HLIA efforts year round.

If you aren't already an HLIA member, please think about joining next year or if you are planning on renewing your membership, look for your dues envelope in the 2013 spring newsletter. Thank you.

LOOK WHAT YOUR HLIA DID FOR YOU THIS YEAR....

May 5.....Annual Roadside Clean-up
May 12 & 13.....Carp Shoot
June 1 and 2.....Hess Lake Yard Sales
June 9.....Boater's Safety Class
June 20.....Goose Round-up
July 3.....Ring-of-Fire
July 4.....Sailing Regatta
July 14.....SOS Walk/Run
Sat. Aug. 11.....Rockin' on the Water / End of Summer Celebration!

Hess Lake Statutory Board (HLB) Update

Editor's Note: In addition to HLIA (which is a neighborhood association), Hess Lake residents are also served by the Hess Lake Statutory Board (HLB). HLB is a legal entity created by local government and focuses on issues of pollution, flood damage, and water conditions that affect public health and safety. HLB also works to increase the value of property by improving the quality of the lake and conservation of fish and wildlife. This statutory lake board can and has created an assessment district to assess the tax roll to fund various projects.

This past spring and summer, Hess Lake was spot treated with prescribed aquatic herbicides to control the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed (non-native invasive aquatic plants) at a cost of \$8,150, by "All Things Water", our licensed applicator. This cost included \$1,500 needed to obtain a necessary MI Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permit and \$1,000 to conduct two lake-wide aquatic plant surveys (July & September) to monitor the types and numbers of aquatic plants present in Hess Lake. These aquatic plant surveys help guide our decisions regarding future treatments to control invasive non-native plants, while promoting a proper balance of desirable native aquatic plants that benefit our lake and provide fish habitat.

It is important to understand that your HLB prudently manages its financial reserve via tax assessments over 3-5 years to meet the expected treatment needs based on historical patterns we've come to recognize. In September, the HLB met to review its 2013 budget requirements and a computation of cost that determines the tax assessment for 2013, also taking into account future years anticipated needs and current financial reserves. In September, the HLB approved a \$6,000 total assessment with the following assessment breakdown of \$12.71 for front lots, \$6.35 for back lots, \$3.18 for 3rd tier lots, and \$27.62 for commercial lots (to be reflected in your 2013 winter tax bill).

If you have questions about the activities of the HLB, please contact Gary Noble.

Sincerely,

Gary Noble (HLB Chairman) 231-652-6661

Membership Directory

We would like to receive some feedback regarding placing the membership directory on our website. This would allow me (Ramona) to keep the directory up to date, fix any changes that may occur (name changes, email changes, phone number changes, etc) in a timely manner and we would not have to wait for a new directory to be printed.

We understand there were some questions regarding privacy so that is the main reason we wanted to get some feedback regarding this. Please feel free to email ramonadeters@gmail.com to voice your questions/concerns. Thank you.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

The HLIA Board has discussed and decided that we will no longer be mailing out a Winter (January) edition of the Newsletter. The main reason behind this decision is the simple fact that the US Postal Service does not and will not forward third class mail to those who go to other destinations during the Winter season. We will however, continue to mail out a Spring (April) and a Fall (September) issue to the membership. The annual dues envelope will be in the Spring (April) issue. For any happenings around Hess Lake during the Winter season, we encourage everyone to utilize the website (hesslake.com) and for Winterfest please go to newaygo-naturally.com to seek information about this annual Newaygo Area Chamber of Commerce event.

Thank you, Your HLIA Board



You're probably thinking - ice fishing? But since we won't be having a winter newsletter this is just a reminder of the rules!


ICE FISHING..... Did you know?

- ▶ All shanties must have a name and address on all sides in 2" letters.
- ▶ All shanties in the lower peninsula must be removed by midnight on March 17; in the upper peninsula by March 31.
- ▶ It is illegal to clean and dump fish remains back into the water.
- ▶ More than one million anglers fish through the ice each winter in Michigan.



WATCH FOR A LIST OF 2013 HLIA SPONSORED EVENTS IN THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE LATEST HESS LAKE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE AT: www.hesslake.com

 Have a safe and fun winter season wherever you may be - - whether it's at Hess Lake, at your home away from Hess or to the warmer weather in the South!

To the right of this page is a list of HLIA board members. **Please note:** The new Zone Alternate Pool representatives are no longer assigned a specific zone. There is a vacancy in Zone 6A (mobile home park behind Smuggler's Cove). Please consider filling that spot. Call board president, Jerry Swendrowski, at 231-519-1139 with questions.

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 and all of Kathleen Street
- Zone 3:** Hess Lake Drive from 1411 to 1644 and Clearwater Street and 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 745-1154
- Zone 6A:** 825 East 88th Street, South Old Elm Lane, East Old Maple Trail,
- Zone 7:** East 88th Street from 1166 to 1596, Graves Drive, Parkwood Drive, Lockwood Drive, Wellington Drive

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