



# Improvement Association Newsletter

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## 2012 HLIA SPONSORED EVENTS

- Sat. May 5.....Annual Roadside Clean-up (meet at boat launch 10 a.m.)
- Sat. & Sun. May 12 & 13.....Carp Shoot in affiliation with BAM ( begins 9 p.m. May 12 and ends 3 a.m. May 13)
- Fri. & Sat. June 1 and 2.....Hess Lake Yard Sales
- Sat. June 9.....Boater's Safety Class (for info, call Andrew Lapham at (616-299-6670)
- Sat. June 16.....Annual Member's Meeting (10 a.m. at the Brooks Twp. Hall on Quarterline Rd.) \*Members only\*
- \*Week of June 18 or 25.....Goose Round-up (actual date is pending the DNR's approval)
- \*Tues. July 3.....Ring-of-Fire 10 p.m. (all flares to be purchased at the Hess Lake Party Store)
- Wed. July 4.....Sailing Regatta 3 p.m. (for info call: Terry Deters at (231-924-0674)
- Sat. July 14.....SOS Walk/Run (for info go to [hesslake.com](http://hesslake.com))
- Sat. Aug. 11.....Rockin' on the Water / End of Summer Celebration! Live Music !!! (location to be announced)

To the right of this page is a list of HLIA board members. 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

## HLIA

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Hess Lake members and friends,

If there is anyone who thinks they have a reasonable explanation to this weather phenomenon here in Michigan I certainly would like to hear from you. For the most part, Old Man Winter never made it to Michigan this year. With below average snow fall and temps generally in the 40's most of the winter months and now summer-like temps as of this writing, surely can make anyone ask, "What is going on?" Certainly was no need to head South this year! Even the Annual Winterfest event was held inland (Jimmy's Roadhouse) due to the lack of safe ice on the lake. Incredible!

As the snowbirds slowly return, we most certainly hope that everyone enjoys a safe and happy summer here on Hess Lake. Once again the HLIA will be sponsoring some events that hopefully will enhance your Summer stay. To view these events please refer to the 2012 HLIA Sponsored Events listed here in this issue or go to [hess-lake.com](http://hess-lake.com). We will again be sponsoring both social and lake improvement events. A couple of lake improvement dates that need to be pointed out are both the Carp Shoot (May 12th & 13th) and the Goose Round-up ( week of June 18th or 25th). Both of these events are conducted for the mere purpose of lake improvement. Ridding our lake of the carp population and getting rid of the "goose poop" on your lawns is generally approved by all. As for the social side, we will once again have the many other events everyone looks forward to such as, roadside clean-up, yard sales, boater's safety class, ring-of-fire and sailing regatta, and the annual SOS Walk/Run. Again, all of these dates can be viewed here in this issue or on our website. ([hesslake.com](http://hesslake.com))

We are also going to host a somewhat new event this year. The past two years we tried to have a kind of "water festival" for everyone to enjoy (ie. Waterpalooza) and yet this just never seemed to catch on. Hey, we tried ! However, the one thing from this event that was always popular was the music on the water in the evening. So, the HLIA Board has decided that we will host an evening of music on the lake with an actual live band. This event (Rockin' on the Water) will take place on Saturday August 11th at a location to be announced later. The music will be performed by Cover Story. This event will be for all to enjoy as a kind of farewell to what we hope will be another enjoyable summer here on Hess Lake. To find out more about this and all other happenings here on Hess Lake, please plan on attending the Annual Members Meeting that will be held on Saturday, June 16th (10 a.m.) at the Brooks Twp. Hall on Quarterline Rd.

Peace,

Jerry Swendrowski, Pres./HLIA

### **7th Annual "Son Of A Sailor" Hess Lake 10K Walk/Run • Saturday, July 14, 2012 • Start Time: 8:30 a.m.**

Can you believe it has been seven years since our first 10K Walk/Run around Hess Lake began?

We are so excited to again be able to have this community event inviting all walkers and runners of all ages to participate in Hess Lakes fight against cancer.



The entry fee remains the same as in the past - \$20.00 before June 27th, \$25.00 after that date, and \$30.00 day of event. Online registration is available at [michianatiming.com/registration](http://michianatiming.com/registration). This race is a bib pull tab timed event.

We are always in need of sponsors and volunteers along with race participants to make this event successful. Enclosed you will find a race entry form along with a sponsor form for your convenience.

Any questions? Please contact race directors Betty Bosowski [bettybuzz@juno.com](mailto:bettybuzz@juno.com) or Katie Lipner [Klipner@aol.com](mailto:Klipner@aol.com) (231) 834-9915. Thank You

## HESS LAKE STATUTORY BOARD (HLB) UPDATE

Last November, long-time HLB Chairman Dick Besser resigned from the HLB after serving 18 plus years as the Brooks Township representative on the HLB. During most of his tenure, Dick served as the HLB Chairman. Dick and his wife Lynn sold their cottage on the lake and have relocated to Plainfield Twp. (Grand Rapids) to be closer to family. Some of you may recall that Dick also served on the HLIA Board as the Zone 1 representative and as an HLIA officer for several years. Just prior to Mr. Besser's resignation, Dale Dozeman stepped down from his position on the HLB (as the HLIA representative) due to time and traveling constraints associated with additional job responsibilities. Dale served on the HLB for about 4 years. HLB Recognition Certificates were presented to both Dick Besser and Dale Dozeman for their dedicated and loyal service to the Hess Lake community. I personally want to thank Dick and Dale for their time and energies on behalf of Hess Lake residents, and especially thank Dick for his enthusiastic leadership over many years in several capacities. Hess Lake is a better lake and better place to live, in part, because of Dick and Dale's concerted efforts.

With the departure of two HLB members, Renee Finkbeiner has been appointed as the new HLIA representative on the HLB (replacing Dale Dozeman) and Cheryl Rosen has been appointed by Brooks Township to represent the township on the HLB (replacing Dick Besser). During the January 9, 2012 HLB meeting, officers were elected for the 2012 calendar year as follows: Gary Noble, Chairman; Adam Wright, Vice Chairman; Pat Baker, Secretary; and Renee Finkbiener, Treasurer. Also, during the January meeting, the HLB adopted an annual budget of \$60,700 for 2012.

The next HLB quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 9, at 8 a.m, in White Cloud at the Newaygo County Drain Commission office. As a reminder, the public is welcome to attend HLB quarterly meetings. **Please note that the HLB is planning to hold a separate public hearing (held once every 4 years) this summer to consider renewal of our aquatic weed control program and corresponding tax assessment.** Stay tuned for the actual public hearing date/time/location.

As your new HLB Chairman, I look forward to working with the other HLB members in making a positive impact on Hess Lake in the most cost-effective ways and coordinating efforts with on-going and future HLIA initiatives. As always, feel free to contact me and/or any HLB member with questions and comments.

Cordially,

Gary Noble, HLB Chairman / HLIA Zone 2 Representative (231-652-6661)

**[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.]



The HLIA is in need for volunteer(s) for the following:

- 1. Swan Control
- 2. Water Quality Testing

Please contact Jerry at (231) 519-1139 for info on these two most important annual tasks..



## BOAT SAFETY - DID YOU KNOW?.....

If you are operating a personal watercraft, it is your responsibility to know all applicable rules and regulations, both local and state.

1. Persons born after December 31, 1978 shall not operate a personal watercraft (pwc) unless they obtain a boating safety certificate.
2. Slow- no wake speed within 100 ft. of the shoreline, any watercraft, pier, person, raft, swimming area, and swimmers.
3. A person who is intoxicated (as defined in the same way as for driving a car) may not operate or be in control of any vessel. The Michigan implied consent law applies for boat operator intoxication testing.
4. The penalty for conviction of driving a vessel while intoxicated shall include impoundment of the vessel and suspension of the privilege to operate a vessel for a period of time designated by a court of law.
5. The same goes for controlled substances. (drugs)

### NEW LAW EFFECTS WHERE YOU CAN DOCK YOUR BOAT

LANSING -- Boaters no longer can tie up overnight at spots where public roads end on lakes and other waterways under a measure signed into law on March 22, 2012, by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley.

It's now a misdemeanor to place boat hoists or anchoring systems or to install a dock or wharf at road ends. Similar penalties apply to boaters who moor or dock at road ends between midnight and sunrise.

Only single-season docks authorized by local government officials and approved by the state Department of Environmental Quality will be allowed.

Another new measure takes away officers' ability to stop boaters and make sure they have adequate floatation devices. The governor's office said, "Stops without reasonable suspicion of violation are an unnecessary hindrance for boaters."

Another new law changes the charge for fleeing and eluding officers while in a boat or on a personal watercraft from a misdemeanor to a felony. That makes the penalty level equal to what motorists face on land.



- ★ Due to the fact that the 4th of July falls on a Wednesday this year (Leap Year) the HLIA Board has decided that the Annual Ring-of-Fire event will take place on Tuesday July 3, at 10 p.m.
- ★ All flares can once again be purchased at the Hess Lake Party Store only. Cost of flares this year will remain the same at \$2 per flare.

### Sailing Regatta

The Sailing Regatta will take place on Wednesday July 4th, at approximately 3 p.m.  
For more information call Terry Deters at (231)924-0674.

