



Improvement Association Newsletter

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HESS LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Before any updates, I would like to thank the outgoing Leadership Team of our association. They worked hard for all of the residents on our lake. We had a great summer. Thanks to the HLB planning and work, our lake quality was the best it has been in many years.

I am excited to join the Leadership Team of our association as the president. As you most likely noticed, I called it the Leadership Team. The reason I am doing this is because there is confusion regarding the Hess Lake Board (HLB) and the HLIA. There will be an article in each newsletter as well as time at our monthly HLIA meetings for those in attendance to be updated on what the HLB is doing. Please remember, this is a totally separate group from the HLIA and we hope by differentiating the Leadership Team title, we will help clear this up.

Our HLIA meetings are held the second Monday of each month from April to October at 6 PM in the Brooks Township Hall. The meetings are open to all who would like to learn more about the HLIA and become a member or for members to participate in the discussion and provide feedback. There was poor attendance at our Annual Membership meeting in June 2013, so I am giving you the date now so you can put it on your calendar: June 14, 2014 from 10 am to noon. We will put this in the Spring news letter and I will also post a reminder on the HLIA Announcement Board. Remember to use our website as we post all monthly meeting minutes and other activities there.

A goal of our new HLIA is to increase our membership and get folks involved in the activities we hope to kick off or refresh for next summer. Getting to know more people around the lake, while improving our lake, is a goal we would like to pursue. If you have any ideas please share with the HLIA Leadership Team or your specific Zone Rep. See the articles below on our Catfish Fry and the plan to reduce Carp.

Please email or call any of the Leadership Team if you have questions, ideas, or would like to get more involved.

Thank you.

Diane French, President

PLAN TO REDUCE CARP

An idea has been proposed to have our own Hess Lake Carp Shoot. We would run this for a couple weeks time frame since it is not always possible to predict the "perfect Carp Shoot Day". Weather plays a big factor. Anyone who wishes to shoot or spear carp can do so. The time frame will be announced in the spring. The proposed plan is as follows:

- Anyone who would like to take part is invited to do so.
- A truck will be at the launch to count and collect the carp caught by fisherman at specific days and times.
- The carp will then be taken away and used as fertilizer.
- Let's see how many carp we can eliminate while having some fun competing!

CATFISH CATCH AND FRY

When: August 9, 2014

Where: Newaygo VFW Dining Room

Who can attend: All Hess Lake Residents (BYOB)

Menu: Catfish provided by fisherman (who register for contest), coleslaw and fries (to be provided by HLIA)

Plan: Fisherman register with HLIA - catch, clean and freeze the fish until the event. We will count the catch and keep an ongoing record to see who has the biggest catch! Results will be posted on the website.

Prizes!



More information on these events will be in the Spring Newsletter, so be sure to watch for it!!

**BROOKS AND GRANT TOWNSHIP
ZONING AND ORDINANCES**

Over the summer, some of our lake residents have been asking about specific ordinances, most often those dealing with Noise/Nuisance guidelines (loud noise on the lake late at night). **We've also been asked about "Blight" ordinances, specifically,** inoperable vehicles, broken appliances and other eyesores sitting in Grant and Brook township yards.

The lake homes on Hess Lake are either in Brooks or Grant townships. Both townships have websites with some ordinances published and also contact information to get further details or file a concern/complaint if needed.

We always encourage you to talk directly to your neighbors about concerns. However, that does not always work so we are providing you with the websites for your follow up as needed. The websites will give you further details including meeting dates, contact information, meeting minutes and more.

www.brookstownship.org

www.granttownship.org

Cheryl Rosen
HLB Representative

GEESE AND SWAN CONTROL

Dennis Brown and Mark Breen are working together to help with the wildlife situation on our lake. They attended classes in Troy, Michigan, to find out what ways are best to help the population of both geese and swans to stay under control. They will be watching their nests and are asking that anyone who sees a nest to please contact your zone representative. Our lake has been looking good the last two years with no reported problems or overpopulation of either Canada Geese or Swans.



So Long!!!!

**Hess Lake Improvement Association
Financial Report
02/13/2013 thru 09/01/2013**

Checking Account

Starting Balance **\$ 3,132.32**

Deposits/Income

Membership Dues \$ 5,800.00

Flare Sales \$ 4,655.00

Wild Life Fund \$ 770.00

General Fund **\$ 515.00**

Total **\$14,872.32**

Withdrawals/Expenses

Newsletters \$ 781.16

Bank Fees \$ 30.00

PO Box Rental \$ 44.00

Domain Name \$ 30.00

Sign Change \$ 45.00

Carp Shoot \$ 200.00

State of MI Permits \$ 220.00

SOS Donation \$ 600.00

Flares \$ 2,965.00

Membership Signs \$ 780.00

Copies \$ 33.38

Insurance/General Liability **\$ 274.00**

Total **\$ 6,002.54**

Ending Balance **\$ 8,869.78**

Current CD Balance **\$16,137.82**

Ramona Deters
Treasurer



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!

SEE YOU IN THE SPRING!

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.

The Hess Lake Board (HLB) is changing again. We said a reluctant good-bye to Gary Noble in June. Gary has been a wonderful asset to the board and we will miss his expertise. Gary has sold his place on Hess Lake and therefore can no longer be on the board. We are happy to announce that Katie Lipner is very interested in the health of Hess Lake and has been appointed by Grant Township to take Gary's position on the board.

In the spring newsletter we informed you that the HLB had hired Savin Lake Services to provide aquatic herbicide applications for Hess Lake. They have completed those treatments. At this time the board has again asked Savin Lake Services to look into an aeration system for Hess Lake. The board has just started looking into this system and will continue to research this as a possible addition in helping to improve the quality of the lake. An aeration system oxygenates the water column. This type of system may help reduce sediment.

Have a wonderful fall season,

Renee Finkbeiner
Zone 6 Representative

TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAKE!

When you rake leaves in the fall, please do not dispose of your leaves into the lake. The leaves will decompose and create food for weeds and algae. Also, do not put leaves and clippings along the road or in drainage ditches.



Burn permits can be obtained by calling 1-866-922-2876

BUOYS UPDATE:

The buoys have been brought on shore where they will remain for the winter.

Terry Roelofs, Zone 7 Rep

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

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 this year or if you are planning on renewing your membership, look for your dues envelope in this newsletter. Thank you.

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ON OUR WEBSITE AT: www.hesslake.com

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