



Improvement Association Newsletter

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I think summer went way too fast! I love fall on Hess Lake too, however, it is always sad to see folks pull out their docks and boats. I love seeing all the neighbors and catching up with them as we spend our time outside and on the lake.

Beautiful is the word that comes to mind in the fall with all the hardwood trees changing colors. Our sunsets never change, always breath taking! We will be busy cleaning up the leaves but not sure it feels like work to me!

Our Leadership Team has 100% of our positions filled. Thanks to the new representatives for joining our group. See the list on page 3 in this newsletter. I love the phrase "it takes a village" and I think we have one by the amount of participation in activities this year. We tried a couple of new ideas and it appears that many enjoyed the events. I will recap the activities we had for those who missed out.

We started with the Road Clean- up. We relied on property owners to clean up by their roadside. We also have some faithful walkers and bikers who pick up trash on a regular basis all the time. This does seem to work. Thanks to all who contributed to the clean- up.

Membership We had 218 paid members. Thanks to all who paid to join and contributed to the general or wildlife fund. Although HLIA is a voluntary association, it would be great if we could all encourage our neighbors to join if they have not. We have signs left if any members would like one for \$5.00. If you paid and did not get a sign, please let your Zone Rep know so we can still get you one. We also have decals this year for anyone who would like one for \$5.00. These can go on a cottage window or car window. Again, let your zone rep know if you would like one for \$5.00. Thanks to Ellen DeLong for this idea and to Jo Heidman for getting them made.

We sponsored our own Carp Round Up in addition to the BAM Group coming in. BAM came May 9 which was too early when the water was not warm enough and only took 27 carp. We will let them know that if they can't come at a more appropriate time when the water is warmer, we won't put up the prize money. We had our own carp round up and had some pretty good success with 74 carp being removed. Twelve people participated in the catch. Ben Lester won 1st prize with 21 carp, Rich Bosowski 2nd place with 13 and Gary Ranger and Travis Bull tied for 3rd with 10 each. Thank you to Renee Finkbeiner and her family for the disposal. We know it was a smelly job! We need to come up with a better solution for what to do with them next year! Thanks also to Ben Lester for his help with organizing this event. Any ideas out there?

Garage Sales were the first weekend in June and as usual attracted lots of business. Thanks to all for participating and Rich and Linda Rickner who put signs up around the area and to Pat Bertrand for getting ads in the papers.

Boaters Safety was also held the same weekend and a huge thanks go to Mike Hauser and Bonnie Griffith for opening their home for this important event. This is required for young folks to be able to operate watercraft. We might want to send some adults based on the crazy violations we observed this year.... more to come on that in our spring newsletter.

The Annual Meeting was attended by the usual number in June. We sure would like to have more participation for this meeting. We try to make this an informative meeting with guests who provide service to the lake water quality. Savin Lake Services came this year to discuss the water treatment and aeration system being placed in our lake.

July 4 Ring of Fire – Wow, awesome participation and as usual so beautiful! 2016 flares were sold!

Sailing Regatta – Seems we still have a small number of participants and maybe we need to get a committee to organize this event for 2015. Any takers?



SOS Race was organized by iZoom and many lake residents did run or walk. HLIA made a donation to this event and iZoom donated \$4000.00 to the Spectrum Cancer Center. Ideas were discussed at our last meeting and it seems many like the idea of us having our own event. Betty Bosowski and Katie Lipner have just the plan. See additional information below.

The "**event of the year**" was the **Catfish Fry!** A huge thanks goes to Terry and Pat Roelofs who hosted the event at their home. Also Ben Lester, Mark Breen, Denny Brown and all those folks who caught and donated 506 catfish in addition to the work on the event. Poor Terry cleaned the majority of those fish! It was a great day, attended by about 85 people. It was an opportunity to meet new neighbors and friends. Let's do it again next year! Winners for catch: Terry-295 fish, Ben-48, Steve Piersma 98, Denny Brown 10, Karly Candela 35 and Jason Stefans 20.

Whew, we were busy! Hope you will join us next year. If you have any ideas for activities next year, let us know.

We do have an issue around the lake of speeding and this causes a safety concern. Deputy Phil Green came to a meeting to discuss what they can do to assist with slowing down the cars. Let's keep our lake safe for walkers, runners, bikers and children playing! We will continue to work on this.

A huge thanks goes to Ellen DeLong for putting our newsletter together. She is always responsive and helps get it out on time!!

It has been a great summer! Safe travels to all going to warmer places for winter. Enjoy fall, we will see you in the spring.

Diane French, President

**HESS LAKE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL WEEKEND
WALK FOR VETERANS**

1 MILE WALK/STROLL/AMBLE

Saturday, May 23, 2015 • 9:00 am start

The purpose of this event is to honor veterans who have served and those serving now. The walk will start and finish at the pole barn across the street from 1289 Hess lake Drive. We welcome all who would like to join us! Refreshments will be provided.

Voluntary donations for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home would be appreciated!

If you have any questions please contact:

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**Hess Lake Improvement Association
Financial Report
4/20/2014 thru 09/06/2014**

Beginning Balance \$ 7928.93

Deposits/Income

Membership Dues	\$ 5,450.00
Flare Sales	\$ 4,516.50
Wildlife Fund	\$ 775.50
General Fund	\$ 474.50
Decals	\$ 25.00
Total Deposits/Income	\$11,241.50

Withdrawals/Expenses

Newsletters	\$ 633.90
Domain Hosting	\$ 29.95
Labels	\$ 15.50
Carp Shoot	\$ 200.00
Flares	\$ 3,602.72
Membership Signs	\$ 780.00
Insurance/General Liability	\$ 267.00
iZoom donation	\$ 600.00
Ads for Yard Sales	\$ 52.40
Catfish Fry	\$ 257.39
Decals	\$ 300.00
Buoys	\$ 437.28
Miscellaneous	\$ 205.94
Total	\$ 7,382.08

Ending Balance \$11,788.35

Current CD Balance \$16,201.36

Ramona Deters, Treasurer

GEESE AND SWAN CONTROL

We had NO trouble this year with swans! There were a few geese. Please let us know in the spring of any geese that are nesting or hanging around. PLEASE don't feed any of the ducks, geese or swans - they won't leave or go away if you do!

Mark Breen and Denny Brown,
Wildlife Control

HESS LAKE STATUTORY BOARD (HLB) UPDATE

The Hess Lake Board has just received notice from Savin Lake Services that the aeration system will be placed in the cove which is located on the Southeast side of the lake along Hess Lake Drive by the end of September* and will be ready to turn on once the ice leaves the lake in the spring.

Some of the lake residents have asked about the return of native plants to the lake. It is true that the DEQ has stopped permitting chemicals to be used that may harm these plants. Therefore, we may see more vegetation that will hopefully promote more game fish to thrive in our lake.

The Hess Lake Board and the Brooks Lake Board are meeting in November to share information on what we are both doing to improve our water quality. Both lakes are using Savin Lake Services.

Have a wonderful fall!

Renee Finkbeiner
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*We received a call on September 25 from Guy Savin and they are starting the installation of the aeration system today (9/25) and it will be completed on September 26.

[**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.]

BUOYS UPDATE:

If you are a cottage owner and a buoy has been out at your lake front, please note this change. They serve the dual purpose of making people aware of shallow water and keeping erosion down by keeping people 100 feet from those points. In the spring we are asking those cottage owners to put the buoys out. They should be 100 feet from shore. We are looking for you to take them out in the fall also. If you do not see a need for the buoy to be in the lake at your location please contact your HLIA rep and it will be picked up. Or if you need help putting it in or out contact your zone rep and help will be arranged.

Terry Roelofs, Zone 7 Rep

HLIA

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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 next year.

**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!

SEE YOU IN THE SPRING!

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