



Improvement Association Newsletter

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GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

My parents and my aunt purchased our Hess Lake cottage in 1961. I remember: +Zipping down the hill south of the Hess Lake Roller Skating Rink on water toboggans +how thrilled I was to learn how to roller skate backwards +huge and plentiful bluegills, croppies, pike and bass +learning to water ski +hearing arguments over the water level +the day someone blew-up the dam at the outlet to Brooks Lake +the year you could hardly use an outboard motor because of the thick weeds +riding with Walter Baker on the weed harvester +the herd of over 100 swans which made it impossible to be in the water without encountering feces +working with the newly formed Hess Lake Board to plant thousands of plants in the new Wheeler Drain catch basin to “eat-up” bad nutrients. I could go on and on and on! Hess Lake has been a place God has really used to enrich my life!

I retired in July of 2011 and my wife and I moved here to live full time. Our little cottage has been transformed into our new home. I began attending the Hess Lake Improvement Association meetings in July of 2011. To me the key word in our Associations title is Improvement. After carefully reading multiple studies done on Hess Lake challenges, I finally narrowed down the variety of ideas of how to improve our Hess Lake environment to six categories: Aquatic Plants, Nutrient Loading, Resident Concerns, Sedimentation and Water Depth, Social Activities, and Wild Life. It helps me to place every idea for improving our Hess Lake environment into one of these six areas. For each Improvement Area we have created a focus statement (see them at hesslake.com – click on Improvement Areas). At six of our eight Leadership Team meetings each year we briefly review activities in each area and reserve 15 minutes to discuss one of the six areas in a more detailed way (see our Discussion Guides at hesslake.com.)

I hope our association can become an even greater seedbed and supporting force for hundreds of ideas which will keep our Hess Lake environment improving! The challenges are great. With your help and creative energy we can Keep Hess Lake Improving!!

Ben B. Lester



MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENT ~ SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016 ~ START 9:00 AM

We will be doing the Memorial Weekend Event again in 2016 to honor all veterans who have served and those who are serving now. The walk will begin and end at the pole barn located at 1316 Hess Lake Drive. There will be light refreshments served afterwards and a chance to visit with your service men and women.

Please mark your calendars now to join in with other Hess Lake friends to start the Memorial weekend off thanking those who gave so much.

Voluntary donations for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home would be appreciated! Watch for more information in the Spring newsletter for Veterans Home Wish List.

If you would like the wish list early, or have questions, contact Betty Bosowski, Bettybuzz@juno.com or Katie Lipner, Klipner@aol.com.

NEWS & NOTES AROUND THE LAKE

THEY WILL RETURN!

With summer over and the holiday season coming soon we're thinking about family getting together and about heading south. If you check the sky you will see the geese are getting a head start on us! But never fear - they will return.

This coming spring we need everyone's help to locate the nesting sights of the geese. There is a \$50.00 bounty on each nest found. So in the spring get out and take a walk and if you see a nest call Denny Brown at 616-801-3670. After the eggs hatch there is very little that can be done to control them. The 2016 Goose Round Up will depend upon the DNR ruling on Bird Flu. The plan is to do a round up if possible. Have a fun and safe winter and we'll see you in the spring.



TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAKE!

Please pick up trash as you are out walking and dog owners please pick up after your dogs!

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**

BENEFITS OF HLIA MEMBERSHIP

Your HLIA is hard at work through-out 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 addition, each member receives a Membership Directory and a Membership Card which would provide \$0.25 discount on flares. The \$25.00 annual dues go a long way to support HLIA efforts year round.

SUMMER CONTEST WINNERS

Carp Shoot: Randy Smith - \$100
Gary Ranger - \$60
Rich Bosowski - \$40



Kayak Race: 1st Place - Paul Vande Water
(Paddle Boat)
2nd Place - Betty Bosowski (Kayak)



Catfish Contest & Report:
Terry Roelofs - most caught
Angie & Jason Stefans - second
Ivan Kraker - third



Congratulations to all the winners!

BOATERS SAFETY CLASS

The class went well this year. Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's class:
June 4, 2016 from 9am - 3:30pm.

Catfish Fry: The cat fish fry was held again this year on August 29 and in spite of the rain, it was a success. It was a rainy day but the Wigents came to the rescue with tents to keep us dry and a special thanks to Ben Lester for keeping the seats dry! Thanks to Terry and Pat Roelofs for hosting the event and to Ben Lester for helping Terry with the shopping and prep. A big thanks also to Jo Heidman for making cole slaw and lots of brownies. Thanks to all those folks who also contributed desserts, helped bread fish, set up and cleaned up. It was great to see everyone come together and have fun in spite of the weather and it did not stop all the guys from frying up the fish and fries. It was delicious and again a successful HLIA event. Thanks to everyone for fishing and for attending the event. We had approximately 70 people attend.

**Hess Lake Improvement Association
Fall Financial Report
September 2015**

Beginning Checking Balance Spring 2015	\$ 11,395.61
Receipts	<u>12,935.00</u>
Disbursements	<u>8,456.57</u>
Ending Checking Balance Fall 2015	\$ <u>15,874.04</u>
CD Ending Balance Fall 2015	\$ <u>16,345.27</u>

Ramona Deters, Treasurer

Thanks to all lake residents who paid your membership dues and welcome to the new members around the lake. At the Annual Meeting it was requested that we update the membership directory and I have been working on it. However, when to have the "cut-off" date for paid dues has been a tough consensus. If you paid your dues after August 1 you will probably not have your name in the directory for this year, but it will be in my master directory

Zone Reps have a copy of the membership directory for everyone in their zone and will try to get them handed out before snowbirds leave and cottages are closed up. It goes without saying that sometimes penmanship is quite tough to read so be patient and if something is not spelled correctly email me the corrections and I will fix it for the master directory.

Our goal for each year is to give updated pages of any new HLIA members to current paid members by August 1. A new item to look forward to in the 2016 season is a membership card. These cards will be handed out to paid members along with membership signs in May of 2016. The membership card will allow HLIA members to purchase flares at a lower cost and attend the end of season event we will be hosting in August.

Thanks for your continued support – Ramona (Treasurer)

HESS LAKE STATUTORY BOARD (HLB) REPORT

There was discussion about the amount of foam this year on the lake. It is caused by phosphorus that comes from detergents, fertilizers, and septic systems. It was requested that we ask residents to use phosphorus free detergent and to place this on the sign at the Boat Launch.

Renee Finkbeiner, HLB Representative

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE LATEST
HESS LAKE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE AT:**

www.hesslake.com

HLIA

**Hess Lake Improvement Association
2016 Leadership Team**

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Website Administrator - Ramona Deters

NOTICE

Our by-laws require us to give notice of our annual meeting:

Saturday, June 18, 2016
Brooks Township Hall - 10:00 AM

Election of Zone Representatives
By-laws Amendments - Consideration



HESS LAKE ZONE BOUNDRIES

- Zone 1:** East 88th Street from 1605 to 1844; Catalpa Ave 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; Clearwater Street; Peninsula Drive
- Zone 4:** Hess Lake Drive from 941 to 1390
- Zone 5:** Hess Lake Drive farom 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:** Hess Lake Mobile Home Park
- Zone 7:** East 88th street from 1166 to 1596; Graves Drive; Parkwood Drive; Lockwood Drive; Wellington Drive

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



BE ALERT:

Watch out for bikers, walkers and runners as you are driving, especially during winter weather.

[Speed limit around Hess Lake is 35 mph.](#)

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