



Improvement Association Newsletter

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MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENT Saturday, May 23 - - - 9:00 AM

1 mile walk/stroll/amble to honor our vets
and those who are now serving our nation

The walk will begin and end at the pole barn across the street from 1289 Hess Lake Drive belonging to Richard & Betty Bosowski. Anyone who cannot walk is welcome to come and bring a lawn chair and enjoy celebrating this honorable time.

We are also asking for voluntary donations for the Grand Rapids Veterans Home. When we contacted the home they gave us the following wish list:

New batteries: C & AAA (Alkaline), new release dvd's (they do not have a Blue-Ray capability), gift cards to: Meijer, Burger King, McDonalds, Wendy's or other fast food places, new postage stamps (prefer forever stamps) for letters and postcards, Bic disposable lighters, pocket tissues, large print playing cards/pinochle cards, ruled writing tablets/spiral notebooks (regular and pocket size), T-shirts: medium, large up to XXX-large, new shoe laces (white, black or brown), men & women flip-flops (all sizes), men & women body wash, shaving lotion, hand/body lotion, mouthwash, and fishing gear. As you can see there is a need for many items.

If you have any questions please contact Katie Lipner at [231-834-9915](tel:231-834-9915) or kllipner@aol.com or Betty Bosowski [517-930-0297](tel:517-930-0297) e-mail bettybuzz@juno.com (in your e-mail please put under subject: Memorial Walk).

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| Roadside Clean up | Ongoing |
| Membership Drive | Ongoing |
| Memorial Walk | May 23 |
| Carp Roundup | May 24 - June 7 |
| Garage Sales | June 5 & 6 |
| Boater Safety | June 6 |
| Annual Meeting | June 13 |
| Flare Sale* | June/July 4 |
| July 4 Weekend Ideas | |
| Kayak Race | |
| Water Volleyball Tournament | |
| Boat Parade | |
| Ring of Fire | July 4 |
| Catfish Dinner | August 29 |

*Flares can be purchased at The Party Store

Hess Lake Statutory Board (HLB) Update

The Hess Lake Improvement Board had their most recent meeting on April 7, 2014.

Hess Lake was still very frozen and we learned from Savin Lake Services that we will be about four weeks later this year in doing any weed control. When the lake is going to be treated, Savin will post the times of any restrictions as they have done in the past.

The aeration system is in place and is ready to be turned on at the end of April. It is located in the cove between Zone 4 and Zone 5. We should not notice anything unusual in this area except some bubbles coming to the surface.

Savin has agreed to attend the Hess Lake Improvement Association Annual meeting which will be held on June 13, 2015 at 10:00am at the Brooks Township Hall. If you have questions about the aeration system, that would be a perfect time to speak with the experts.

Enjoy your spring and summer! Renee Finkbeiner, HLB Rep

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).

● **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Diane French**

Please put June 13 on your calendar for the HLIA Annual Meeting, 10-noon at Brooks Twp. Hall.

Summer 2015 is going to be fun and busy at Hess Lake! Over the winter residents have suggested ideas and activities for our HLIA Leadership Team to consider for our activity calendar. Please read the entire newsletter to see what we have planned or considered so far. The word I would use to describe what is going on around the lake is "WOW". It is so exciting to see all the building and renovation taking place. This is great for all of our property values.

We will need volunteers to help to make the suggested activities happen. A few ideas that will be considered are: Boat Parade on July 4 (no theme, your own idea), kayak race and water volley ball tournament at the sand bar. If you would like to help with one of these activities please let me or your zone rep know so we can get you involved. Within this newsletter you will find information on many activities. Our lake cleanup is not a planned activity, however we know owners will pick up trash all year. We do have Boaters Safety and Garage Sales on the calendar for the first weekend in June.

We will continue to be concerned and try to find ways to slow down traffic around the lake. Safety is a concern for all residents. Please go to the website (www.hesslake.com) to review our Improvement Areas. We discuss a topic each meeting.

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.

CARP WILL BE ROLLING!

We are sponsoring our second CARP ROUND UP every evening from 7:00 PM. to 8:00 PM. (1 hour only) beginning Sunday, May 24 through Sunday, June 7. We will be ready to collect and count the carp you get out of Hess Lake. There will be 3 prizes for the most Carp brought in (First Place = \$100, Second Place = \$60, Third Place = \$40). But the biggest prize will be the fun of capturing them and reducing the population. Our collection site is on the south end of Hess Lake. Come to the intersection of Hess Lake Drive and 100th St. east of the Wheeler Drain Bridge and watch for the "CARP SIGN". Then go south on 100th Street and follow the signs.



**Hess Lake Improvement Association
Spring Financial Report**

10/20/2014

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| Starting Balance: | \$11,395.61 |
| Deposits | <u>0</u> |
| Expenses: | |
| Buiten & Assoc. | 640.00 |
| Domain Hosting (5.99 x 7 months) | 41.93 |
| Graphics (decals) | 380.00 |
| Newaygo PO | <u>48.00</u> |
| Total Expenses: | <u>1,109.93</u> |
| Checking Account Balance: | <u>\$10,285.68</u> |
| CD Balance: | <u>\$16,245.27</u> |

BUOY 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

BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, June 6

9am to 3pm

at 1083 Hess Lake Drive.



The class is conducted by Carl Grooters from the sheriff's department. After passing the class, you will receive a state-issued Boater Safety License. Anyone born after 12/31/1978 is required to have this license to operate a power boat. If you've never taken this course, it's highly recommended for both newbies and veteran boaters. Please bring: a bag lunch, snacks, beverages, folding chair, clip board, pencil/pen, and highlighter. Questions? call Mike Haaser at 231-282-7076.

REMOVING AQUATIC PLANTS

Several lakefront residents asked us if the current laws allow the removal of lily pads, cattails, and other plants for boating access to docks and/or swimming areas in front of their property. Our D.E.Q. staff person is Jeff Fisher. Part of his response follows:

"In regards to the physical removal of vegetation, you are correct in that there have been some recent changes and the following is how the DEQ views these activities:

1. *Small scale removal of nuisance vegetation by the riparian property owner does not require a permit from the DEQ as long as it is removed by hand-pulling without powered or mechanized tools. All plant material must be removed from the water and disposed of on dry land above the ordinary high water mark of the lake and outside of any wetlands or streams.*
2. *Hand removal that is assisted by a suction for removal or transport of the plant material requires a permit, as does large scale removal of plants (i.e., by work crews, etc.).*
3. *Mechanical harvesting/cutting of submerged vegetation does not require a permit as long as there is no disturbance of the bottomlands of the lake.*
4. *Other physical control measures, such as benthic barriers, weed rollers, or lake draw-down typically require a permit from the DEQ.*
5. *These guidelines are for vegetation removal on inland lakes, and do not apply to Great Lakes shoreland."*

If you would like to see his full response you may request it from Ben Lester at hesslakeben@yahoo.com.

2015 CAT FISH FRY

We had a great time sharing our Hess Lake catfish abundance last August! We would like to have another Catfish Fry Saturday, August 29, 2015!!



To do this we need more people catching catfish! Start catching them anytime. Please register your willingness to be one of our fisherman with Ben Lester at hesslakeben@yahoo.com. Ben will maintain an updated account of turned in Catfish.

Bring your frozen or fresh fillets to Terry & Pat Roelofs (beginning May 15), 1556 Lockwood Ct. – please call first at 652-1386. Once you learn the trick to cleaning them it is not hard! Terry will show you how. The catfish are fun to catch and are a mild good tasting fish!

For our residents, the Catfish fry we are planning will be at Roelofs again from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

HLIA

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BE ALERT: Watch out for bikers, walkers, runners as you are driving. Speed limit around Hess Lake is 35 mph.

....THEY ARE COMING....



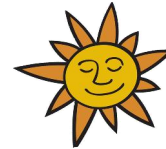
We need your help in controlling the geese and swan population in the lake. With their training from the DNR, Denny Brown is certified in the geese and swan population control program. If you see a nest of either species, please contact Denny Brown at 231-801-3670. He will take the lawful and proper actions that are necessary.



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

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OUR WEBSITE AT:
www.hesslake.com



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