



HESS LAKE
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Improvement Association Newsletter

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●●●● A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We certainly had a winter to remember! Now that it is behind us, let's focus on the upcoming summer at Hess Lake!

There are a couple of things I would like to share which were published in a press release from the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources. They are reminding us that after the heavy ice and snow cover melts, it may be common to discover dead fish or other aquatic animals. The fish actually suffocate. This is more common in shallow lakes. These kills are localized and typically don't affect the overall health of the fish or the quality of the lake. Hopefully we won't see too many.

I am also very happy to announce we have two new Leadership Team members: Danya VanderLugt and Bonnie Durbin Griffith. Their contact information is listed in this newsletter. We have a full team now and are just waiting for some folks to get back from their winter travels. I would like to invite you to attend a meeting if you can – second Monday of each month at 7 PM, at Brooks Twp. Hall. We had several visitors this past meeting and it was great having new ideas and input. Don't be shy, come help us make HLIA representative of us all.

As many of you know, there is a Hess Lake Facebook site and it has been fun communicating with folks about different ideas for our lake. Bonnie administers the Facebook site. Our official hesslake.com website continues to post our news and minutes from meetings, etc. There are many places to stay in touch and get to know new Hess Lake neighbors.

I would also like to thank Bill Dean, Newaygo Marine, for his donation of bases for the new buoys we have purchased. The new set up will allow buoys to be connected and disconnected without removing the base which will be left in the water year round. Please let us know if you see anyone moving our buoys since they go in the shallow areas and are important for our safety.

Two reminders: Dues can be paid anytime in the envelope enclosed with this newsletter and don't forget to save the date for our Annual Meeting on June 14 at the Brooks Twp Hall.

Thank you,
Diane French, President



Roadside Clean up	May 3
Membership Drive	May/June
Carp Roundup	May 18-June 1
Garage Sales	June 6 & 7
Boater Safety	June 7
Annual Meeting	June 14
Flare Sale*	June/July 4
Ring of Fire	July 4
Sailing Regatta	July 4
SOS Race	July 12
Catfish Dinner	August 10

*Flares can be purchased at The Party Store

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.

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 had their most recent meeting on April 7, 2014. The 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 Hess Lake's annual meeting which will be held on June 14, 2014 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 and Zone 6 Rep

Hess Lake Improvement Association Financial Report

9/1/2013 Thru 4/19/2014

Checking Account	
Starting Balance:	\$ 8,803.78
<i>Deposit/Income:</i>	
Membership Dues	150.00
Wildlife Fund	25.00
General	10.00
Total:	<u>8,988.78</u>
<i>Expenses</i>	
U.S. Post Office	44.00
D&O Liability	640.00
Paper Supplies	31.78
Fall Newsletter	152.04
Domain Hosting	17.97
St. of MI /Goose	200.00
Riverside Comp./Domain	30.00
Total Expenses:	<u>1,115.79</u>
Check Book Balance:	<u>7,872.99</u>
CD Balance:	\$16,169.22

BOATER'S SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, June 7 - 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

Any questions call Mike Haaser @ 231-282-7076.

THEY ARE COMING....with spring coming and warm weather arriving that means young animals and birds will soon follow.

We need your help in controlling the geese and swan population in the lake. With their training from the DNR, Mark Breen and Denny Brown are certified in the geese and swan population control program.

If you see a nest of either species, please contact either Mark Breen, 231-834-0261 or Denny Brown at 231-801-3670. They will take the lawful and proper actions necessary to take care of the problem.

SON OF A SAILOR RACE

Saturday, July 12

The distance will be either a 7 mile or 13.1 run/walk.



Start and finish will be held at River Valley Community Church.

If you are interested in volunteering please email Brian Jirous at: brian@sosrace.com For more information, please visit our website www.sosrace.com.

Thank you! Melissa Hunter, Director



CATFISH FRY

Sunday, August 10 - 6 to 9 PM
at Smuggler's Cove Deck

*Hess Lake Residents Only (not a public event)

MENU:

Deep Fried Catfish (caught in Hess Lake), Coleslaw, Fries, Ketchup, Tartar Sauce and table service provided by the HLIA

PURPOSE:

1. So Hess Lake residents can enjoy each other's company
2. Decrease the population of catfish in Hess Lake.

FISHERMAN NEEDED!

Without Catfish (caught from Hess Lake) our planned August 10 Catfish Fry will be impossible! Please call or email Ben Lester at 834-8868 or hesslakeben@yahoo.com to register for the event. We estimate the need for 40 fishermen and ladies! Fishermen will need to catch, clean and freeze the fish you have caught and we will let you know where to bring the fish. After you register, Ben will send you our "Fishermen's Bulletin." It will provide you with needed Information, Guidelines, and Helpful Hints. Come on and help us reduce the number of Catfish in Hess Lake!!

REDUCING THE CARP POPULATION....

**Carp Roundup
May 18 to June 1**



Anyone who would like to take part in the carp roundup is invited.

A truck will be at the boat launch from 6 - 8 pm each day of the roundup 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!

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

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



BE ALERT: Watch out for runners, walkers, and bikers. Speed limit around Hess Lake is 35 mph.

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AND FUN
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