

WATERPALOOZA 2010!

Avast me hearties! Are ye ready for some summertime fun? Well, get ye krewe of scallywags, lads and lassies together for th' first annual Hess Lake Waterpalooza Pirate Party.

There will be boats, pirates, a parade, merriment an' more on August 7, 2010. Ye an' th' young'uns can partake in water events for all ages, contests an' some pirate privileges during th' day. Shiver me timbers, there will even be a chance to grab some pieces of eight from th' treasure chest.



Aye, an' I almost forgot - in th' evening ye can lay anchor in th' water to hear some music where ye can have yourselves some Nelson's folly or whatever ye scallywags partake in.



Arrrrgh Matey, start gathering your Jolly Roger flags, beads an' attire before me hangs the jib and all ye swashbuckling pirates have to walk th' plank.

Keep ye eye patch aware for more details to come!

UPCOMING HLIA 2010 EVENTS

1. Saturday, May 1 - Annual Roadside Clean-up
2. Friday, June 4 & Sat. June 5 - Hess Lake Yard Sales
3. Saturday, June 12 - Boater's Safety Class
4. Saturday, June 19 - Annual Summer Membership Meeting/10:00AM Brooks Twp. Hall
5. 4th of July Events - Ring-of-Fire Saturday, July 3 (July 4th if it rains) Please note: A fly-over will take place for an aerial photo of the Ring of Fire on the day selected. Watch for further details.
6. Saturday, July 10 - Annual Son-of-a Sailor Walk/Run
7. Saturday August 7 - 1st ever water-fest on Hess Lake "Waterpalooza 2010" (see above)



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Greetings HLIA Members and Neighbors,

As of this writing, I think I'm safe to say...HAPPY SPRING ! Such visible signs as snow piles melting, ice on the lake disappearing, longer days, a little more sunshine and all other signs, makes me believe that Old-Man Winter is on his way out. We certainly welcome back all of the "snow-birds" who headed South for the Winter and look forward to another fun-filled summer here on Hess Lake.

Over the course of the past winter months we have had some new additions to the HLIA Board, of which I would like to say Thank-you & Welcome. With these new faces come new ideas, which I'm confident will help in the continued success of your HLIA. The HLIA Website is now under new administrative leadership. Mr. Ryan Pendergast was named the new Website Administrator and he has been working diligently in changing and updating the site. Feel free take a look at www.hesslake.com.

Speaking about new, we are happy to announce two new events that will take place right here on Hess Lake. The first will take place over the July 4th Holiday Weekend.

★ During the Ring-of-Fire there is going to be an airplane fly-over for the purpose of catching an aerial photo of the annual Holiday event. These pictures will be captured by Grizzly Air Photo's and will be available for purchase soon after. One minor stipulation for this event to happen, will require us to light our flares at 9:45pm. instead of 10pm.

★ The second new event will take place on Saturday, August 7 (weather permitting) and that will be the "Waterpalooza 2010" event. This will be a day with many fun-filled activities for both adults and kids. Please refer to the separate article in this issue for more info on this event. A separate special mailing will be coming your way later with info on these and other HLIA activities.

Please take a moment to look at the listing in this issue of up-coming 2010 events. As with any organization, it takes a lot of people to help get things accomplished. I would ask anyone who would like to become involved to please contact me or any zone representative (see back page) for information on how to become involved. Please don't forget to send in your annual HLIA Dues (envelope enclosed) for this new year and mark your calendars for Saturday, June 19, which is the Annual Membership Summer meeting at 10:00 AM. at Brooks Twp. Hall. Hope everyone has a happy & safe summer season !

Sincerely,
Jerry Swendrowski
President/HLIA

HESS LAKE T-SHIRT SALE



We are excited to announce our new Hess Lake T-Shirt sale. Please look over the colored insert and use the order form at the bottom. There are different styles and colors to choose from. All orders/money is due no later than April 30, 2010.

Make checks payable to Hess Lake Improvement Association.

All orders can be picked up at the Annual Summer Membership Meeting on Sat., June 19.

If you cannot attend the meeting, orders can be picked up at 1237 Hess Lake Dr.

(Sorry , but at this time there are no children's sizes available.)

HESS LAKE STATUTORY BOARD UPDATE

The HLB met with the Brooks Lake Statutory Board (BLB) in January 2010 to continue discussions on common issues and coordinate where we can optimize mutual efforts. The HLB and BLB decided to develop and publish an annual joint newsletter (in addition to the periodic HLIA newsletter) to keep you up to date with our efforts to manage both lakes. The BLB/HLB published and distributed their first joint newsletter for winter 2010. The initial joint newsletter contained a copy of the Brooks Township Ordinance as it pertains to lakefront districts. This ordinance was recently refined to allow greater flexibility in how riparians (waterfront owners) may develop the 25 foot greenbelt that surrounds the lake. BLB and HLB are asking everyone to read the ordinance to become aware of the regulations designed to protect the lake and enhance your property rights. The HLB is in the process of working with Grant Township officials in regards to their lakefront ordinance in an effort to align both township ordinances in a consistent manner.

The joint newsletter also contained an update on the “Voluntary Shoreline Restoration Program”, reprinted below:

“Voluntary Shoreline Restoration Program Update”

During fall 2009, about 30 lakefront owners (Brooks & Hess Lakes combined) participated in the new Voluntary Shoreline Restoration Program and converted portions of their waterfront property from traditional turf-grass lawns into native plant buffer areas in an effort to improve lake water quality. Your BLB and HLB sponsored and promoted this effort with mailings and meeting notices in partnership with the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly (MRWA) and Muskegon Conservation District (MCD), who jointly lead implementation efforts that included an educational meeting, distribution of materials, assisting participants with site designs and providing free native plants.

Another 20 lakefront owners (from both lakes) are scheduled to participate in the spring 2010 planting cycle with plant pickup set for Saturday, May 29 from 9am – noon. The spring 2010 planting will conclude the initial round of this program, which was funded by \$16,500+ in MRWA discretionary monies made available through the Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) and Wege Foundation. More than \$11,000 of these monies went toward free native plants for lakefront owners & most of the remaining funds paid for MCD assistance. The MRWA provided additional resources & in-kind services toward this project as well.

In February 2010, the MRWA prepared and submitted a grant application to the FACF to continue funding several MRWA projects and programs benefiting Newaygo County, including our Voluntary Shoreline Restoration Program. The proposal is to continue efforts on Brooks and Hess Lakes and expand the program to Fremont Lake. We anticipate a FACF decision on continued funding during spring 2010. If FACF funds are awarded, we will target a summer 2010 (2nd) educational meeting and fall 2010 / spring 2011 planting periods. Stay tuned for further updates.

Dick Besser, HLB Chairman

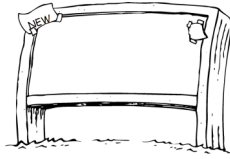
Gary Noble, HLB Vice Chairman / HLIA Zone 2 Representative

- ▶ If you are operating a personal watercraft, it is your responsibility to know all applicable rules and regulations, both local and state.
- ▶ Always operate in a responsible manner and respect other lake users.



AROUND THE LAKE....

NEW HESS LAKE MINI-MESSAGE SIGN



For decades on the East side of the lake, there was an old HLIA message sign in about the 9300 block of Catalpa. The history of this sign dated back to the 1950's era as far as we know. The sign sits on the east side of the road and has gone un-noticed by many for years. After discussions with Brook Township and obtaining permission from the current landowners (the Holwerdas-HLIA members) the HLIA is going to replace the old sign with a new one. A most special THANKS to both the Holwerdas (Dan & Laurie) and HLIA member Gene Robinson who is constructing the new sign. When you are in the neighborhood (9300 Blk. of Catalpa) take a look-see at the new sign. We are retaining the message that was on the old sign which is very unique in itself.

* The sign won't be erected until at least May.

BENEFITS OF HLIA MEMBERSHIP

Your HLIA remains 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. Please take a moment and send in your annual dues in the enclosed envelope and be sure to fill in your information.

DO YOUR PART TO BE LAKE-FRIENDLY.....

- Use fertilizer only where needed
- Only use fertilizers that do not contain phosphorus
- Do not throw grass clippings into the lake
- In the fall, do not dispose of your leaves in the lake
- Remove debris that has washed up along the shore

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 to 1154
- Zone 6A:** 825 East 88th Street, South Old Elm Lane, East Old Maple Trail,
- Zone 7:** East 88th Street from 1166 to 1596, Graves Drive, Parkwood Drive, Lockwood Drive, Wellington Drive

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