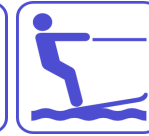




HESS LAKE



Improvement Association Newsletter

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WHAT DID YOUR HLIA DO FOR YOU THIS YEAR ??

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May 1st....Roadside Clean-up

May 4th & 5th....Hess Lake Yard Sales

June 12th....Boater's Safety Class

June 15th....Goose Round-up

June 19th....Annual Membership Meeting

July 3rd....Ring-of-Fire (with aerial photo shoot)

July 4th....Sailing Regatta

July 10th....SOS Walk/Run

Aug. 7th....Water Palooza 2010

and....T-shirt Sale, restoration of an historic message sign,

and monthly water quality checks.

As you can see, your association (HLIA) has been very active.

If you would like to join the association,

please call (231) 519-1139 or go to hesslake.com

for details on how to become a member. * Yearly dues are \$25 *

To the right of this page is a list of HLIA board members. There are some vacant spots where alternates are needed. Check the list below and if there is a vacancy in your zone, please consider filling that spot. Call board president, Jerry Swendrowski, at 231-834-0908 with questions.

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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HESS LAKE STATUTORY BOARD UPDATE

The Hess Lake Statutory Board (HLB) continues to work with the Brooks Lake Statutory Board (BLB) to manage mutual issues.

Your HLB has completed a water depth measurement and a silt depth measurement. The depth measurements were used to compare with our water and silt measurements done around 1990 and to set a new benchmark for depth measurements that will occur on a schedule recommended by the engineering firm, Spicer Group, who did the measuring. Spicer was chosen because of their award winning lead engineer's expertise in lake management, and that they had worked with Brooks Lake recently, giving them a familiarity with Hess Lake. We found that there are no drastic changes in water depth. Some of the deeper areas lost a small bit of depth, but shallower areas gained a bit of depth. This information is encouraging. One interesting bit of information is that the silt study seems to indicate that some of the silt is more like a clay inorganic soil rather than vegetative detritus. At this point we don't have all the information that the water and silt measurements have produced. We will report on this at a later date.

The water and silt depth map will be posted soon on the Hess Lake Improvement Association (HLIA) website. We also have available a letter from the DNRE on a fairly recent study of Largemouth Bass and Carp that indicates these Hess Lake fish do not exhibit any harmful chemicals or substances in their sample tissues. Largemouth Bass were tested because they are a predator sport fish (eat other fish) while carp are bottom feeding scavengers. Testing both types of fish gives a better picture of the health of the lake fishery.

HLB is nearing completion of our Hess Lake information booklet. When completed, the booklet will be provided to all residents of the HLB assessment district. There will be a great deal of interesting, informative and historical information in this booklet.

HLB budget and assessment for 2011 will be put together in September and that information will be included in the next HLIA newsletter. We've had good results with our weed control this year. We'll be making plans with our lake vegetation manager in September so that we'll be prepared for next year.

The clarity of the lake has been better this year, even though we've had a lot of hot sunny days. A possible explanation for this is that we have had good control of the exotic, invasive weeds and dropped them early in the spring for at least four years and there has not been a large decomposing biomass on the lake bottom in the fall and winter which contributes to silt buildup and nutrient loading. Dense algae blooms have not been as evident, though in the spring the trees drop a good deal of pollen, which has been mistaken for algae.

The recent Voluntary Shoreline Restoration Program (creating native plant buffer areas) was well received by Brooks and Hess Lake residents this past spring and the previous fall. The HLB's partner in this program, the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly (MRWA), was able to obtain some additional funding from the Fremont Area Community Foundation which will be used initially to start a similar program for Fremont Lake (Spring 2011 planting). There may be resources available to conduct another program for Brooks/Hess Lakes during fall 2011 or sometime during 2012 (to be determined). Stay tuned for further updates.

If you have any questions about the activities of the HLB, feel free to call either Dick Besser or Gary Noble.

Cordially,

Dick Besser, Chairman 652-2009

Gary Noble, Vice Chair 652-6661



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT....

Greeting's HLIA Member's,

Wow, what a summer we're having this year! Totally opposite from last year where we saw highs in the 60's in July. If only we could have sunny, warm & humid weather in January. I'll have to work on that and see what I can do! As we wrap-up this amazing summer and look forward to the fall season here in Michigan, I would like to say THANK YOU to all of those individuals who helped make some of the many activities the HLIA sponsored a huge success. All you have to do is look at the separate article about what the HLIA did this year and you can clearly see that we are a very active organization. I have said before and I'll say it again now, it takes people to make things happen and we certainly have some wonderful people in our Hess Lake community. I would like to take a moment of your time to mention a few things that happened this year, recognize some individuals involved, and to let you know what your lake association is planning for the near future.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS....Election of HLIA Officers took place on Mon. Aug. 9th. The result's are as follows: President/Jerry Swendrowski, Vice-Pres./Sec./John VanDam, Treasurer/Sherry Davis.

WHY A WATER FESTIVAL?....Why not? The idea of a water festival came about last year back at our monthly board meeting in April. We were trying to figure out an idea of an activity for all members to participate in. Hence, the water festival idea came about. Now, who wants to chair this event ? Along came member Ramona Deters who voluntarily accepted the responsibility. She and her committee worked effortlessly in a short 5-month time frame to put together a plan for a water festival, and Water Palooza 2010 was born. The HLIA Board feels that for the inaugural year of this event all things went very well. It went so well, that we intend to do it again next year. Ramona has volunteered to chair it again next year and so to her and her committee I will say THANK YOU! A most special thanks goes out to members Gene & Sue Robinson who allowed the evening music event to take place at their residence.

GEESE & CARP....I'm happy to announce that 42 geese and 50 carp no longer reside here at Hess Lake. A couple of new things your HLIA got involved in this year was a goose round-up on June 15th and a carp shoot on Aug. 14th. Both of these adventures were a success! Please realize though that these activities MUST BE repeated in years to come. Just like we continually fight the control of weeds and the swan population each year, these two challenges have to be met each year also. The geese captured were not euthanized but re-located and the carp were made into fertilizer. We most certainly intend to repeat both challenges again next year. More details on this in coming newsletter issues. THANKS goes to these member's for their help with these event's: GEESE: Rich & Betty Bosowski, Bob Kincaid, Fred Hascher, George & Renee Finkbeiner; CARP: John VanDam, Bob Hake, George & Renee Finkbeiner.

FAREWELL MY FRIEND....One thing I do not look forward to with the end of summer, is that all our snowbird friends start to head south. To them I say, "May your journeys be safe and we'll see you next year". At our Aug. 9th board meeting the thing that I knew was going to happen sometime soon, happened. Longtime board member/resident Mr. Bob Hake announced his resignation to the board effective after our September board meeting. Bob and his wife Diane are moving to Texas to be closer to their family. I am struggling to put into words how indebted I am to Bob Hake. This Association is losing a very active member. Most people don't realize how much Bob has contributed, not only to our Association, but to the Hess Lake neighborhood in general. Bob was always volunteering and always being the "behind the scenes" person. A lot of those little things that occur on our lake each year that we/I take for granted, are surely going to be missed with Bob's absence. To both Bob & Diane I say, THANK-YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH !!!

WHAT'S AHEAD ?....Your HLIA is going to venture into a few new things next year that are going to be big challenges. One of those challenges is "Going-Green". As with most organizations, we have recognized that we must tighten our belts a little. Our biggest expense is our newsletters. We have taken some steps to cut some of the costs involved by going to a new printing company. We now use (with this issue) a local company, Newaygo Printing. →

What we are seriously looking into is sending the members the newsletters via the internet. Now don't panic, there will still be a printed issue for those who don't have internet access. If we could send this info via the internet to just half of the membership our costs would be greatly reduced. We also wish to start a database for members to receive important e-mail messages of happenings in and around our Hess Lake community. To put this together will take some time and co-operation from the membership. In the next two issues (January & April) we will have a form for you to fill out asking if you are interested in this. You will be asked for your name, phone#, and e-mail address. (this info will be confidential and not shared). Once all of the info is gathered it will then be put into a database for the purpose of communicating via the internet. Again, this won't happen overnight. It will take some time to put together, so please be patient with us.

Finally, I would like to say again to all of those who helped in any way at all in any of the sponsored HLIA activities of this past summer - THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! It could not have been done without you. There are those who like to sit back and criticize, point fingers, spread rumors, or maybe even laugh at people's efforts. If they thought that a Walk/Run event was a neighborhood interruption, or a Carp Shoot was an inconvenience, or Water Palooza was going to be a failure, I would like to ask you to please consider getting involved. Nobody's claiming perfection and there's always room for improvement. So, if you have ideas for improvement why not get involved. It's everybody's Association. Enjoy the rest of summer and the upcoming fall season!

Sincerely,

Jerry Swendrowski, Pres./HLIA

Jerry & HLIA Board, We want to thank the lake association for your ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life on the lake. We are especially appreciative of your recent efforts to control the geese population. It sure is nice not to have to deal with their droppings every weekend before we can enjoy the lake. Keep up the good work!

The Crosby Family

Fifth Annual "Son of a Sailor" Was a Success

Thanks to all of the contributors, volunteers and people who entered the fifth annual "Son of a Sailor" 10K Walk/Run, we were able to donate \$12,000 to the Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion. This was an all time high as far as donations go. We also had 279 people enter the race this year, again an all time high.

The committee would like to thank the following sponsors: Amway, A-waste, Bos Vending Services, Cheese Kurls, Inc., James DeWindt, Bob and Linder Downer, Embroidery House Inc., Equity Transportation, Gelock Heavy Movers, Gene's Family Market, Fred Hascher, Haveman Pharmacy, J.R. Hesano, Edna Higgins, Hilltop Bakery, HLIA, Sue Hoekstra, Independent Bank, Jerkies Jerky Factory, Jimmy's Roadhouse, Bob Kincaid and Associates, Kool Chevrolet, Phil Laven, Life EMS, Nelson's Farm Market, Newaygo County Road Commission, Newaygo County Sheriff, Gary and Peg Novosad, Old Orchard, Patriot Realty, Randy Perrin, RAI, Rent Smart, River Stop Café, River Valley Community Church, Ashley Robinson, Gene and Sue Robinson, N.F. and M.E. Rotha, Russell Ballard Jewelers, Tom Scally, Schultz Port-a-Potties, Seawalls and Docks by Dean, Rob Shea, Jeff Smith, Smuggler's Cove, Harry and Timmy Ten-Brink, John VanPortfliet, John VanDam, Wal-Mart, Webb Electric, and Tom Williams Builders.

The date for the sixth annual "Son of a Sailor" 10K Walk/Run is Saturday, July 9, 2011. Mark your calendars and start your training now so you are able to enter next year. If you wish to donate (time, money or in kind donations) or sign on to help next year, contact Betty Bosowski at bettybuzz@juno.com or Katie Lipner at klipner@aol.com or 231-834-9915. Contact Betty or Katie if you are interested in purchasing a mile marker for next year. The cost is \$50 to have a mile marker "in memory of" or with your name on it. Four are already spoken for so hurry if you want one.

Have a good fall and winter and we will see you next year. Thanks again everyone for a great event and day.

GOT MUSKRATS? If anyone has experienced trouble this year with muskrats invading your properties/sea-walls, please contact me via E-Mail at Swendog59@live.com or call me at (231) 519-1139. I have been in contact with a licensed trapper who will come to your residence and set traps to catch these invaders. Trapping season starts in November and if you grant him your permission to access your property, his service will be free of charge. Otherwise he charges \$10 per animal. He does not use any foot trap's, just the under-water barrel type trap.