



Improvement Association Newsletter

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Winter 2010

Greetings and Happy New Year,

I most certainly hope that everyone had a most wonderful holiday season and I'm looking forward to seeing those who have left us for winter destinations back here at Hess Lake soon. I truly believe that this past year was the busiest ever here on Hess Lake since I became President. From May to September the HLIA had something going every week. Things such as buoy placement, swan control, roadside clean-up, a goose round-up, SOS walk/run, Water Palooza, a carp shoot and all of the other events and accomplishments that are too many to mention here. One thing that I will always mention is the simple fact that none of the activities that take place here at Hess Lake could ever be done without the help of so many. I will forever be indebted to those who "step up to the plate" and help make living here on Hess Lake a most enjoyable experience. We are always in need of more help, so if you would like to become a helping neighbor please feel free to contact myself or any of the zone representatives (see roster board). There will be no change in 2011. There will be even more activities/events, jobs to do, and even some changes that will make the living experience on Hess Lake even more enjoyable. Please fast forward ahead to other pages to see exactly what I am referring to. I also would like to thank those individuals who currently sit on the HLIA Board with me. All of them work very hard at making the things that all others enjoy here at Hess Lake a reality. The HLIA has truly become an active association in both social and quality improvement projects and activities for the betterment of all living here on Hess Lake.

Peace,

Jerry Swendrowski
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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 231-519-1139 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 - 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

HESS LAKE STATUTORY BOARD UPDATE

The HLB is preparing for a possible whole lake treatment in spring 2011 to control invasive weeds, working with our licensed applicator. Whole lake treatments are more expensive than spot treatments and, as such, winter tax bills will reflect an increased assessment to cover the higher cost. The assessment breakdown is \$123.65 for front lots, \$61.82 for back lots, \$30.91 for 3rd tier lots, and \$245.49 for commercial lots for a total assessment of \$58,323.88. If we end up doing less expensive spot treatments, the extra assessed funds will be used for future weed control efforts.

The HLB is also finalizing a new "Hess Lake Guidebook" that will be mailed out in early 2011. The Guidebook will provide information about our lake's history, timeline of actions taken, contour maps, festivities, water quality, watershed data, aquatic plants, how you can help and ways to protect the lake.

If you have 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

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 annual dues go a long way to support HLIA efforts year round. Please read the president's report on the following page for a more detailed list of "HLIA Happenings" for 2011 and take a moment to send in your annual dues in the enclosed envelope (be sure to fill in your information).

6th ANNUAL SON OF A SAILOR

Saturday, July 9, 2011 will be the annual Son of a Sailor 10k Run/Walk around Hess Lake. It is not too early to start getting in shape and setting a race goal for you and your family. This is a community event and everyone is invited to get involved and help make a difference for cancer research and awareness.

We will again this year keep the cost the same as in the past, \$20 for participant entry fee and several levels for sponsorship, including in kind donations and mile markers for \$50.00 which are still available. Volunteers are always needed if you are feeling that running/walking is not part of your New Years resolution.

Keep your eyes on the Hess Lake Improvement Association web site (www.hesslake.com) for entry forms, sponsorship forms and further race information as it becomes available.

Please feel free to contact either Katie Lipner (KLLipner@aol.com) or Betty Bosowski (bettybuzz@juno.com) if you have questions about this upcoming event.

ICE FISHING..... Did you know?



- All shanties must have a name and address on all sides in 2" letters.
- All shanties in the lower peninsula must be removed by midnight on March 15; in the upper peninsula by March 31.
- It is illegal to clean and dump fish remains back into the water.
- More than one million anglers fish through the ice each winter in Michigan.



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT....

HLIA HAPPENINGS

1. PAYING DUES

We wish to ask the membership to try and pay your dues as early as possible. Starting this year, if you pay your dues by April 30th the cost stays the same at \$25. Anything after April 30th will be \$30. The reason for this change is to try and help out with the yearly early "cash crunch" that we seem to experience, and it will make our Treasurer's job a little easier.

2. DUES ENVELOPES

We have added a few changes to our dues envelopes. On the inside lower half of the envelope, you will see three new categories of which we would appreciate your cooperation in filling in the blanks where appropriate. The first two are voluntary donations and the third is marked for Annual Dues.

WILDLIFE DONATION...this is a voluntary donation to help off-set some of the costs associated with some of our lake improvement projects. (geese control, carp shoot, fish plants. etc...) * This should not be confused with weed spraying. Those efforts are financed by property owner assessments.

GENERAL DONATION...this is a voluntary donation to help off-set some of the costs associated with some of our HLIA sponsored events. (Ring-of-fire, Water Palooza, SOS Walk/Run, etc.) This general donation could also be made in the memory of someone who has passed away.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES....the HLIA is only as strong as its membership and we hope all Hess Lake residents will become members this year (see "Benefits of HLIA Membership" on page 2).

WEBSITE... on the envelope is a space that is mandatory for you to check if you intend to view the HLIA Newsletter via our website. Your help on this is crucial, because this will be our way of knowing how many newsletters we will still have to print and mail out. * Again, **ONLY CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU INTEND TO VIEW THE NEWSLETTERS VIA THE WEBSITE.** *

Again, the first two are strictly voluntary and we would certainly appreciate any donations given. We do ask you to please mark the envelope as shown in the appropriate space and then show the total of your check.

3. WEBSITE

This past year your HLIA Board has been looking at ways to cut costs. We already did this by going with a local printer to print our newsletters. By the time you add the printing, inserts, handling, postage and mailing fees and times all of this by three (three issues) I'm sure you can see the expense. We have decided that it's time to start "going green" and one area that we can do so is our website. The decision was made to upgrade our current website and have a resource that will work for us all. As of this writing the website might not be up yet, but will be soon. It will be more "user-friendly" with various different features that we did not have before. This new site will be the resource for those of you who wish to view our newsletters online. By doing this, our goal is to try and reduce the costs associated with mailing out the newsletters. We feel strongly that this will work, so the decision was made to invest now for our future. Watch for future notice of when you can view www.hesslake.com

4. WELCOME TO HESS LAKE

This is another new program that we just got going at year's end. We have composed a welcome letter that will be hand delivered to any new neighbors who have moved onto Hess Lake. This letter simply extends a hearty welcome to the new owners and simply wish them the best here on Hess Lake. We also offer to them the choice of joining the HLIA (strictly voluntary) and to show them the benefits of being a member. The letter is accompanied with the latest newsletter issue and a dues envelope.



5. T-SHIRT SALE

By popular demand we will be having another Hess Lake T-Shirt sale. Watch for details in the upcoming Spring Newsletter.

6. GOOSE ROUND-UP/CARP SHOOT

The success of both of these new lake improvement projects was outstanding. We will be conducting both of these once again in 2011, the carp shoot in April and the goose round-up in June. Just a quick tidbit about the geese. A goose round-up is done in the month of June while they are in their feather development stage. This is called molting. The idea behind a round-up is to gather as many of them as we can to eliminate the constant nuisance of this species. I'm sure it was nice this past summer not to have to deal with their droppings. Many inquiries were made about seeing the geese back this past fall. Indeed we did, but at this time of the year they are only using the lake for a resting spot as they begin their long journey south. For the most part they do not come ashore.

7. MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT RECOGNITION IN 2011

Thank you to the following for their involvement and support of the HLIA:
Rich and Betty Bosowski - Water Quality Testing
Terry Deters - Sailing Regatta Coordinator
Andrew Lapham and Rachel Goldthwait - Boater's Safety Class Host
Mark Billing - Zone 5 Rep.
Cheri Russell - Zone 1 2nd Alt. Rep.
Ramona Deters - Website Co-Administrator and Waterpalooza Coordinator

8. ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING

Saturday, June 18, at 10AM at Brooks Township Hall. * Members only * Mark your calendars.

HESS LAKE LORE AND LEGEND...

The first cottage on Hess Lake was built by Frank Foster in 1887. As the years progressed, many vacationers popped up in the area of the lake called "Chicago Cove" as Hess Lake became a popular summer place for visitors from Chicago. One such visitor is said to be the notorious Al Capone who would frequent the Roamer's Inn speak-easy and hide out in a cottage on the east side during the winter. Whitmore's Pavilion, now known as Smuggler's Cove, was built in the 1880's. It had a large boat livery and it was a popular place to dance on the big screened in porch on Saturday evenings.

- from Lakefront Living in Newago County

* **COMING EVENTS** *
* **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!** *

Winterfest on Hess Lake
Saturday, January 29
for info call: (231) 652-3068

Waterpalooza ~ August 2011!
If you would like to get involved in this fun event,
please contact ramonadeters@gmail.com