



# Hess Lake



## Improvement Association Newsletter

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### President's News



Spring is just around the corner and we are looking forward to another wonderful summer.

Reminder of our new 2019 logo! This will be our HLIA sign this year and was drawn by Becky Setsma. Congrats to Becky

In this newsletter are the dates of coming events. We also have a new benefit with paid membership. There is a form to fill out and send with your dues to receive a reflective marker at no cost to you. The signs will be installed

by the Newaygo Fire Department at no cost to you, as part of your membership. This is a great offering since HLIA will pay for the sign and everyone looking for your address will be able to find you.

Also, new this year with a paid membership by July 1, you will receive a subscription to the the Michigan Riparian, a quarterly magazine published for waterfront property owners.

As in the past, our monthly meetings will start May 13 at 5:30 PM located at Brooks Township Hall. The new start times of meetings is based on availability of the hall.

Please fill out the enclosed envelope with \$25 and return early in order to enjoy the free extras this year.

You will see the list of officers, Zone Reps, Alternates and other who help with media and other functions in this newsletter. If you are interested in helping please contact one of the reps or myself by email [betty-buzz@juno.com](mailto:betty-buzz@juno.com) or call 517-930-0297.

Richard Bosowski

## Carp News



### 2019 Spring Carp Round Up

Plan to join us Sunday, May 26 through June 9 for our 2019 Carp Round UP. Each night our collection site will be reduced to 1/2 hour, 7-7:30 PM. We need volunteers to record the catch. Two dollars per carp for the first 100 and one dollar per carp after the first 100. Collection site just east of the Wheeler Bridge

### Something New.....

Saturday, May 25, 10-10:30 Ben Lester will hold a free instruction session on rigging a 20 pound leader. You need a tough rod with a heavy duty reel filled with 20 lb. line. Ben will teach you how to rig with 20 lb. leader with boiled shell corn and a single hook. More carp were caught last year this way than netting and spearing combined. The leader and all you need for the rig will be provided.

**May 25 10-10:30 at 1575 Hess Lake Drive**

## Boat Parade 2019 July 4th



The parade will start at the "Dam" at the NE corner of the lake at 12:00 noon. You pick your theme for decorations. Prizes will be awarded when we get back to the starting point. Only those who complete the entire circuit around the lake will be eligible for prizes. Prizes: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$50 and 3rd place \$50.

## New Benefit with Paid Membership

Some good news, the HLIA Leadership team has decided to make your membership more fruitful. With your PAID membership you will now receive a subscription to a magazine called "The Michigan Riparian". This is a quarterly magazine that is designed and published specifically for waterfront property owners and enthusiasts. It is published by the Michigan Lakes and Stream Association which is a non profit corporation.

The magazine contains details on the information on the conditions of our lakes and streams in MI and what is being done to try and preserve these precious resources. The magazine covers many topics that are relevant to lake home owners. It is the only magazine devoted exclusively to the protection, preservation and improvement of Michigan waters and to the rights of riparian owners to enjoy their water front property.

In order to enjoy this magazine and receive your fall issue, your dues must be paid by July 1, 2019. Make sure you have your mailing address on the dues envelope as this is where the magazine will be sent. For all you snowbirds, be sure and change your address with the Riparian when you leave so you won't miss an issue. We hope you will enjoy this new benefit of your membership.

May we all have a great season on Hess Lake this season. See you all soon.

**The Michigan Lakes and Streams Association**

[www.mymlsa.org/](http://www.mymlsa.org/)

## BOATERS SAFETY is a requirement- Plan to get your child educated

Those **at least 16 years of age** and born after Dec 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally **only if** they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

Mike Haaser will be offering a boaters safety class Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 9-3:30 PM. Participants are asked to bring a clipboard, high-lighter, pencil, sack lunch and folding chair. Please contact Mike to register for the class at 231-282-7076, address for the class: 1083 Hess Lake Dr. There is no fee for the class.

**WHO MAY OPERATE A BOAT:**

***Those less than 12 years of age:***

- Boat powered by a motor of no more that 6 HP legally without restrictions.
- May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more that 35 hp only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat and are directly supervised on boat by a person at least 16 years of age.
- May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 HP legally under any circumstances.

**Those less than 14 years of age may not legally operate a PWC**

***14 and 15 year olds may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and***

- ***Accompanied on board by his/her parent or legal guardian or a person 21 years old who has been designated by parent or guardian***
- ***He/she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more that 100 feet from his/her parent or guardian.***

## Treasurer Report

Checking Balance 9/10/18 \$ 21,064.85

Income (membership,} \$ 175.00

Expenses \$ 2,538.06

\$500 logo contest, 2019 Member signs \$868, \$375 Fall Newsletter, bank fees, web hosting, etc.

Checking Acct Balance (4/7/19) \$18701.79

Certificate of Deposit \$16,685.74

*Jeff French, Treasurer*

## News from the Hess Lake Board

Your HLB continues to work on finding solutions to our lake problems. We continue to treat the lake for invasive weeds. We are hopeful we will soon get a report from the Lake Management company we hired to do testing and look at causes of the problems we are experiencing and what the fixes will be.

Savin Lake Services continues to handle our weed treatment. Savin has treated our lake for Milfoil, a very invasive weed. Last summer they treated the southeast side of the lake, west side by the boat launch and the northwest corner. This is the third summer Muck pellets have been added in two coves on the lake. Thus far the jury is still out on the use of the pellets. Our aeration system has been working for four seasons; in the cove on the south east side of the lake. As we start year 5, we will need to apply for another DEQ permit to continue aeration in the coves. At this time our board has no plans to add any new aeration sites.

We continue to ask for your help to improve the lake and water quality. First, do not use fertilizer anywhere near the lake; keep leaves and grass clippings out of the lake. If you see a resident raking clipping and leaves into the lake, please ask them to stop. If you have storm drains near you that have filled with leaves or debris, contact the road commission and ask them to have them cleaned out.

Also, adding a vegetative strip of deep rooted plants on your shoreline is a continued benefit. Finally, have your septic tank pumped on a regular basis. Working on your behalf for improvement of our lake and water quality, Cheryl Rosen, Brooks Twp. Rep, Katie Lipner, Grant Twp. Rep and Rich Bosowski, HLIA President/HLB Rep.

HLB meetings for 2019 are as follows: Monday, 5/13/19 at 10 am, July 15th , 6:30, Monday 9/23/19 at 10 am. Meetings are at the Drain Commission Office , 306 S. North St., White Cloud. You are always welcome to attend .

## HLIA

### 2016 Leadership Team

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**Zone 6 - OPEN**

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## GOLF OUTINGS OPEN TO ALL



We have men's and ladies golf outing each Friday before the 3 major summer holidays — May 25, June 29 and August 31. Scramble format for men and fun games for women announced at the event. Come meet your neighbors and have some fun.

Men contact: Ken Russell 616-293-5844 or Rich Bosowski 517-930-0297

Ladies contact: Diane French 616-633-5714

## New Boating and Fishing Laws to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Species

Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act ([Act 451 of 1994](#)) Part [413](#) has been amended with changes for boaters and anglers that take effect March 21, 2019. The changes are intended to strengthen protection for Michigan waterways against the introduction and



**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!**

spread of aquatic invasive species.

### What boaters need to know:

- Removing all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.
- Draining all water from any live wells and bilges.
- Ensuring that the watercraft, trailer, and any conveyance used to transport the watercraft or trailer are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

This means that after trailering boats, and before getting on the road, boaters must pull plugs, drain water and remove plants and debris.

Violations of the law is a state civil infraction and subject to fines.

# 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

May 13	HLIA Meeting Brooks Twp Hall 5:30
May 26-June 9	Carp Roundup
May 31	Men's and Women's Golf outing
June 7 & 8	HL Yard Sales
June 8	Boater's Safety
June 10	HLIA Meeting Brooks Twp Hall 5:30
June 15	HLIA Annual Meeting 10 am BTH
June 21	Flare sales begin
June 28	Men and Women's Golf outing
July 4	Boat Parade Noon at the dam
July 4	Ring of Fire 10 PM
July 8	HLIA Meeting BTH 5:30
August 12	HLIA Meeting BTH 5:30
August 30	Men and Women's Golf outing
Sept 9	HLIA Meeting BTH 5:30
Oct 4	HLIA Meeting BTH 5:30

Golf outing information: if you would like to play in the outings please contact:

Men: Rich at

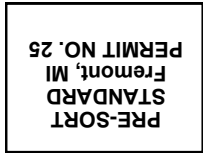
Ladies: Diane French at 616-633-5714 or

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**HLIA LAKE ZONE BOUNDARIES**

- Zone 1: East 88th Street from 1605 to 1844  
Catalpa Avenue from 9035 to 9593  
Vista Dr.
- Zone 2: Hess Lake Drive from 1717 to 1989 and all of Kathleen Street
- Zone 3: Hess Lake Drive from 1411 to 1661 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 1157 to 1596, Graves Drive, Parkwood Drive, Lockwood Drive, Wellington Drive

**We are looking for a new zone rep for Zone 6. If anyone is interested, please let any Leadership person know. We would love to have new members to the group.**



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