



# Hess Lake



## Improvement Association Newsletter

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### GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT Ben Lester

#### 3 Things:

1. Welcome to the 2016 "Lake Season" - our calendar is included in this newsletter.
2. Your Leadership Team (all Zone Reps and Alternates) have updated and altered our Association By-Laws to coincide with the way we operate. See your Zone Rep, me or our website to review the revisions we will vote on at the June 18 annual members meeting.
3. We are looking for Improvement Area "Activists". I am not sure I like this title, however, these are association members who would look after our six improvement areas. These include: Aquatic Plants, Nutrient Loading, Resident Concerns, Sedimentation and Water Depth, Social Activities and Wild Life. These folks would do research on ideas within the areas which could help us improve our Hess Lake environment. I am convinced no one idea will solve our needs. We need hundreds of efforts which collectively will increase the quality of our environment. These "activists" would bring the results of their research to the Leadership Team for help to imagine how we might use their findings. Let me know if you are interested!!

Let's have a safe, fun and productive 2016.

Ben B. Lester

### **MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENT ~ SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016 ~ START 9:00 AM**

For the second year the Memorial Weekend walk will take place to honor all veterans who have served and those who are serving now. The walk will begin and end at the pole barn located at 1316 Hess Lake Drive. There will be light refreshments served afterwards and a chance to visit with your service men and women.

Please mark your calendars now to join in with other Hess Lake friends to start the Memorial weekend off thanking those who gave so much.

Voluntary donations for the Grand Rapids Veterans home would be appreciated! Watch for more information in the Spring newsletter for Veterans Home Wish List.

If you would like the wish list early, or have questions, contact Betty Bosowski, [Bettybuzz@juno.com](mailto:Bettybuzz@juno.com) or Katie Lipner, [Killipner@aol.com](mailto:Killipner@aol.com).



### **CARP WILL BE ROLLING !!!!!**



We are sponsoring our 3rd annual Carp Round Up. Every evening from 7:00-8:00 beginning May 22 through June 12, we will collect and count the carp you catch in Hess Lake. There will be three prizes for the most carp. Brooks Lake is doing a carp round up at the same time. You can sign up for either lake but participate in only one. We will be paying \$150, \$100 and \$50 for top three who catch the most. We will be using the same collection site as 2015. The site is on the south end of Hess Lake. Come to the intersection of Hess Lake Dr. and 100th St. east of the Wheeler Bridge and watch for the CARP SIGN. Go south on 100th and follow the signs.

## NEWS & NOTES AROUND THE LAKE

### THEY WILL RETURN!

The paperwork is being processed and proper permits obtained to complete a Goose Round Up. We need everyone's help to locate the nesting sights of the geese. There is a \$50.00 bounty on each nest found. So get out, take a walk. If you see a nest call Denny Brown at 616-801-3670. After the eggs hatch there is very little that can be done to control them. The 2016 Goose Round Up will depend upon the DNR ruling on Bird Flu. The plan is to do a round up if possible.



### TAKE CARE OF YOUR LAKE!

Please continue to dispose of the leaves properly and please do not dispose of your leaves into the lake. The leaves will decompose and create food for weeds and algae. Also, do not put leaves and clippings along the road or in drainage ditches.

Burn permits can be obtained by calling:  
1-866-922-2876



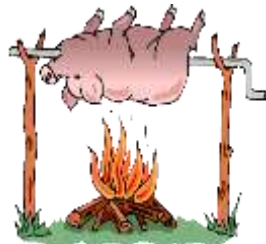
It is a great time to be out enjoying our lake. **BE ALERT:** Watch out for bikers, walkers and runners as you are driving. Speed limit around Hess Lake is 35 mph.



### SUMMER CONTEST Want to see your name here this fall?

Carp Shoot: ?- \$150  
? - \$100  
? - \$60

### Annual Members End of Summer Gathering:



We are planning a pig roast for August 2016. This will be for paid members. Stay tuned for date and location.

**Buoys (Terry Roelof)** For those residents with buoys please get them out by Memorial Day. If you need help getting them placed, you can call Terry Roelofs.

**Gathering of Boats at the Sandbar/Beach** Some residents have raised concerns about the gathering of boats by the channel leading to Brooks Lake and some of the activities that take place. It was decided that HLIA is not in a position to take any action and residents should contact the Sheriff if they have concerns.

### BOATERS SAFETY CLASS

Be sure to mark your calendars for the boaters safety class June 4, 2016 from 9 am - 3:30pm.

**Hess Lake Improvement Association  
Spring 2016 Financial Report**

Balance Jan 2016	\$ 13,666.10
Expenses 2016	140.55
Ending Checking Balance March 2016	\$ <u>13,525.55</u>
CD Ending Balance Fall 2015	\$ <u><u>16,345.27</u></u>

*Ramona Deters, Treasurer*

Thanks to all lake residents who pay your membership dues and welcome to the new members around the lake. As requested at the Annual Meeting last year, we have update the membership directory. Please send any corrections on your address or email when you pay dues in 2016 so the directory can be updated and be current. Everyone who pays dues for 2016 should be included this year. Please pay your dues early in the summer to be sure you are included.

Our goal for each year is to give updated pages of any new HLIA members to current paid members by August 1. A new item to look forward to in the 2016 season is a membership card. These cards will be handed out to paid members along with membership signs and a decal when you pay your dues in 2016. The membership card will allow HLIA members to purchase flares at a lower cost and attend the end of season event we will be hosting in August.



**Missing Zone Sign**

The Zone 4 Neighborhood watch sign was knocked down this winter. If you have this sign or know where it might be, please contact Ben Lester 834-8868.

**HESS LAKE STATUTORY BOARD (HLB) REPORT**

Last year there were fewer treatments for weeds because the milfoil (non-native plant) has disappeared. The DNR is directing to not treat for native plants as they will help enable the fish population to grow again. The HLB is also discussing the treatment for algae blooms since these blooms are so transient. It is \$6000 per treatment and the treatment is only effective for 24 hours. The algae then returns. There was discussion about the amount of foam last year on the lake. It is caused by phosphorus that comes from detergents, fertilizers, and septic systems. It was requested that we ask residents to use phosphorus free detergent be put on the sign at the Boat Launch.

Renee Finkbeiner, HLB Representative

**HLIA**

**Hess Lake Improvement Association  
2016 Leadership Team**

**Zone 1 - Diane French, Secretary**

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**Zone 2 - Betty Pennington**

**Zone 3 - Ben Lester, President,**

231-834-8868, hesslakeben@yahoo.com

**Zone 4 - Rich Bosowski**

517-930-0297, bettybuzz@juno.com

**Zone 5 - Ramona Deters, Treasurer**

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**Zone 6 - Renee Finkbeiner, HLB**

231-452-6235, thebigfink@juno.com

**Zone 6A - Pat Bertrand**

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**Zone 7 - Terry Roelofs**

231-652-386, rolloffsp@gmail.com

**ALTERNATES**

Darlene Bond (Vice President)

Denny Brown (Wild Life)

Jo Heidman

Amy Lentz

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Boat Safety Director - Mike Haaser

Buoy Master - Terry Roelofs

Newsletter Editor - Diane French

Sign Administrator - Diane French

Website Administrator - Ramona Deters

**BENEFITS OF HLIA MEMBERSHIP**

Your HLIA is hard at work 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 addition, each member receives a Membership Directory and a Membership Card which would provide \$0.25 discount on flares. The \$25.00 annual dues go a long way to support HLIA efforts year round.

# May



**Monday, May 2:** Begin organizing Annual Roadside Clean Up  
Zone Representatives will organize

Complete clean up by Memorial Weekend

**Monday, May 9:** Leadership Team Meeting

6:30 to 8:00PM. Brooks Township Hall

Special Interest Topic: Nutrient Loading

**Monday, May 15:** Spring Newsletter mailed to all residents

Date is approximation

**Sunday, May 22:** Begin Annual Carp Round-Up

Event goes thru Sunday June 12

**Monday, May 23:** Zone Reps begin delivering Membership Signs & Cards

**Saturday, May 28:** Memorial Walk honoring Veterans.

Meet at 8:45AM. Walk begins at 9:00am. 1316 Hess Lake Drive.

Bring gifts for the Veterans Home.

# June

**Friday, June 3:** Hess Lake Yard Sales

Friday and Saturday June 3 & 4

**Saturday, June 4:** Boater Safety Class 9:00—3:30 PM.

Register with Mike Haaser 231-282-7076

**Saturday June 11:** Free Boat Washing

Location: Public Landing/Boat Launch parking lot

10:00 A.M. to noon.

Courtesy of Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, the D.N.R. and HLIA.

**Monday June 13:** Leadership Team Meeting

6:30 to 8:00PM. Brooks Township Hall

Special Interest Topic: Resident Concerns

**Saturday June 18:** Annual Membership Meeting

10:00 A.M. to noon. Brooks Township Hall

Electing Zone Representatives

Review proposed changes to our By-Laws. (Bring your own copy)

**Saturday June 18:** Begin Flare Sales for Ring of Fire

Sold at Hess Lake Party Store. Cash only.



# July

**Saturday July 2:** Sailing Regatta (details TBD)

**Sunday July 3:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade  
Parade departs from boat launch at noon.  
Ring of Fire (Begins 10:00pm).



**Saturday July 9:** Free Boat Washing  
Location: Public Landing/Boat Launch parking lot 10:00 to noon  
Courtesy of Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, the D.N.R. and HLIA.

**Monday July 11:** Leadership Team Meeting  
6:30 to 8:00PM. Brooks Township Hall  
Special Interest Topic: Sedimentation & Water Depth  
Election of Officers

**Saturday, July 16:** The A-T 10K and Half Marathon Run  
Begins at 8:00am. Volunteers needed.

# August

**Monday August 8:** Leadership Team Meeting  
6:30 to 8:00PM. Brooks Township Hall

Special Interest Topic: Social Activities



**Saturday August 13:** Free Boat Washing –location: Public Landing/Boat Launch parking lot 10-noon  
Courtesy of Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, the D.N.R. and HLIA

**Saturday August 20:** Kayak competition (details tbd)

**Saturday August 27:** Members Only Pig Roast (Replaces Cat Fish Fry)  
5P.M. to 7 P.M. Details TBD

# September

**Monday September 12:** Leadership Team Meeting  
6:30 to 8:00PM. Brooks Township Hall

Special Interest Topic: Wild Life & By-Laws Review

**Monday September 19:** Mail Fall Newsletter to Members only  
Date is approximation



# October

**Monday, October 10:** Leadership Team Meeting  
6:30 to 8:00PM. Brooks Township Hall Final business of 2016



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](http://www.hesslake.com)

Please follow rules of the lake  
 and remember you are to  
 drive counter clock wise  
 around the lake. Please be  
 sure  
 your  
 visitors  
 are  
 aware  
 of this.



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