



Hess Lake



Improvement Association Newsletter

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President's Note

Hello, my name is Danya Vander Lugt. My family and I have had the pleasure of living year-round on beautiful Hess Lake for five years. As a Michigander I have learned to appreciate every season, but fall is my favorite, especially on Hess Lake. I love watching the lake quietly reflect the changing color of the trees, taking a lazy afternoon boat ride with my two dogs and witnessing the magnificent harvest moon rise over the lake. I know we all have cherished memories of time spent with family and friends on the lake and feel protective about what goes on in our community.

As we welcome new residents, I think it is important to clarify any confusion residents may have about the difference between the Hess Lake Improvement Association (HLIA) and the Hess Lake Board (HLB). ***The HLIA is a volunteer, leadership team that promotes community well being and plans social events for Hess Lake residents. Unlike the HLB, we have no mandate to make decisions regarding water testing, property taxes, septic issues, etc.***

With so many potential changes coming to our area, I know that there are understandably a few "hot topics" that can spark rumors and lead to frustration. The purpose of the HLIA is to listen to the concerns and ideas of our residents and vote on the best way to move forward. We need to be willing to work together on productive solutions as we continue to make our lake a fun and safe place for the enjoyment of all.

The HLIA begins each season with The Family Memorial Day Walk for Veterans and Carp Round Up in May, The Hess Lake Yard Sales in June, The Ring of Fire and Boat Parade in July, and The HLIA Members Picnic in August. These events are sponsored by the HLIA and the membership dues help to make it happen. Not only do you receive a sign, membership card and newsletter twice a year, but you become an informed resident of the Hess Lake community by becoming a member.

As we bid farewell to summer, I would like to encourage you to join us in some of these events and to attend the meetings we hold on the second Monday of the month in April through October at 6:30pm in the Brooks Township Hall. Your participation in the HLIA will help us continue to promote camaraderie and a shared vision of constant improvement for Hess Lake's residents and neighbors!

MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENT

SATURDAY MAY 27, 2017

9:00 A.M. Come join Hess Lake

for the 3rd. annual memorial 1 mile walk in honor of veterans. Event will start and end at 1316 Hess Lake

Drive. Our local veterans will be acknowledged. We are asking for donations for the veterans at the Grand Rapids Veterans home. Light refreshments will be served. Following is a wish list

from the veteran's home, also monetary donations are welcome. New Batteries: C, AAA (Alkaline), DVD's (not Blue-Ray), Postage stamps, Bic disposable lighters, pocket tissues, large print playing cards/pinochle cards, ruled writing tablets/spiral notebooks, T-shirts: Medium – 4X,

Sweat pants: Medium – 4X, Short sleeve shirts: X-large – 4X, Men's jeans/casual pants: Size 40 and larger, all size Velcro closing tennis shoes, shoe laces: white, black or brown, men's body wash (Power stick brand or white rain 3 in 1 found at Dollar Tree, after-shave lotion/balm/gel, body/hand lotion (unscented), power stick body spray (Dollar Tree), mouthwash (alcohol free) Bianca/close up Dollar Tree, Disposable Razors (3 or more blades preferred), individually wrapped miniature and full size candy bars, individually wrapped chips (variety) , hats with team names (UM, MSU, Redwings, NFL etc.), diabetic socks, women sweaters, night gown/phi's, house coats, t-shirts, slacks.



Please mark your calendars for this special event starting the Memorial Weekend Holiday.

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NEWS & NOTES AROUND THE LAKE

THEY WILL RETURN!

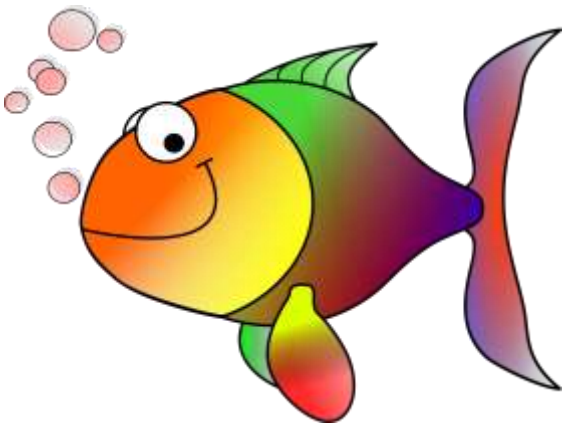
The permits were obtained to complete a Goose Round Up. It appeared there were a few geese and then they seemed to disappear, flew the coop so to say. We will apply again next year and take appropriate steps if the geese are present. If you see a nest in the spring, call Denny Brown at 616-801-3670.



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**



2016 Carp Round Up Report:

This was our first year to link up with Brooks

Lake. We had separate prizes but used the same "carp hole" disposal site (thank you to the Wigent family for the disposal site) while sharing hole supervision hours. It was great to have this help over the 22 day event.

Unfortunately the carp were illusive again this year. We got 77 carp total: 9 on Brooks and 68 on Hess. We had 9 participants on Hess Lake. Our winners were: #1 Janis Waller – 27, #2 Ben Lester – 10 and a 4 way tie for 3rd with 6 each –



Fall 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.

It seems some think the new road means it is a race track! Please slow down for the sake of all walkers, runners and other drivers

[WATCH FOR MORE IN SPRING NEWSLETTER](#)

BOATERS SAFETY CLASS

Be sure to mark your calendars for the boaters safety class June 3, 2017 from 9 am - 3:30pm. Anyone born after 1996 must have boaters safety.

Garage Sale 2017

June 2 and 3

Start saving goodies to sell

Annual HLIA Meeting

June 17, 2017

Hess Lake Improvement Association Spring 2016 Financial Report

Balance Jan 2016	\$ 13,666.10
Expenses 2016 to date	8434.19
Ending Checking Balance 2016	\$ <u>13806.91</u>
CD Ending Balance Fall 2016	\$ 16345.27

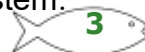
Ramona Deters, Treasurer

News from the Hess Lake Board

It has been a busy year. In February the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, Dale Twing, invited many of the local lake boards to a meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to help educate the boards on methods to improve lake water quality. This is some of what we learned:

1. They all agreed that spraying the Algae Blooms was unproductive and had no lasting effect. The Hess Lake board took that information and did not treat for the algae blooms.
2. We need native weeds to encourage fish to repopulate and to add oxygen to the lake. This information was shared with our weed treating company and the spraying of chemicals was not used on native weeds.
3. Using bio-augmentation (muck pellets) with an aeration systems speeds up muck reduction. The board made the decision to add muck pellets to the aerated cove. These were added three times this summer. The board also decided to add muck pellets to the small cove just east of the aerated cove to test which is more effective.
4. Residents can help the board improve Hess Lake's water quality by; not fertilizing their lawns within 50 feet of the lake, having their septic systems emptied and checked for leakage, and by not raking leaves into the lake.

The Hess Lake board also met with two DEQ employees. We were able to ask them at that meeting whether or not they would allow us to dredge the lake. The answer was no because it would be too disruptive to the ecosystem.



HLIA

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Boat Safety Director - Mike Haaser

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



Many are not at Hess Lake year round. If you notice something doesn't seem right at your neighbors, you might want to contact them or if you are suspicious of activity, call 911. We are hoping to have a safe and happy winter . See you all in the spring.

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