



Improvement Association Newsletter

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Spring 2011

2011 HESS LAKE SUMMER EVENTS

Sat. April 30....2nd Annual Carp Shoot in affiliation with BAM (Midnight April 30th to 6 AM May 1st)

Sat. May 7....Annual Roadside Clean-up (meet 10 AM at Boat Launch) *volunteers needed*

Fri. & Sat. June 3 & 4....Hess Lake Yard Sales

Sat. June 11....Boater's Safety Class (for info call: Andrew Lapham (616) 299-6670)

*Week of June 13 or 20....Annual Goose Round-up (dates are pending upon DNR approval)

Sat. June 18....Annual Membership Meeting (10 AM at the Brooks Twp. Hall)

Sun. July 3....Sailing Regatta at 3 PM. (for info call: Terry Deters (231) 924-0674)

Sun. July 3....Annual Ring-of-Fire (*Flares to be purchased at Hess Lake Party Store only*)

Sat. July 9....SOS Walk/Run

Sat. Aug. 6....Waterpalooza 2011

Note: For additional info on any of the above events, please plan to attend the Annual Membership Meeting on June 18.



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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

Your HLB has developed and published a "Hess Lake Guidebook" that will be distributed to all property owners residing within the special assessment district for Hess Lake. You may have already received your guidebook copies along with a chemical treatment notice for this year's control of invasive aquatic plants in the lake. The guidebook contains lake maps, interesting historical facts and photos along with information on lake water quality, what you can do to help protect the lake, and your riparian rights. The HLB devoted significant time and effort in producing and providing the guidebook for your reference and safekeeping. We hope you'll enjoy reviewing the guidebook and sharing it with family and visitors.

We are planning to treat Hess Lake with Floridone this spring. This will be a lake-wide treatment that should control the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil (an invasive aquatic plant) and reduce our costs for the next couple of years. Your recent winter tax bill should reflect an assessed amount to cover this year's treatment cost. Please review the chemical treatment notice for restrictions on lake use and projected dates of treatment.

Should you have any questions, please contact either Dick Besser or Gary Noble.

Respectfully,

Dick Besser (HLB Chairman) 652-2009
Gary Noble (HLB Vice-Chairman) 652-6661

MEMBERSHIP DUES

I would like to thank all of the property owners around Hess Lake that heeded the association's call to send in your membership dues as soon as you could. At our March meeting the membership numbers were as follows:

Paid memberships	137
Wildlife fund donations	45
General fund donations	30

The additional wildlife fund donations will help offset the cost of geese control, carp shoot, fish plants and other related lake improvement projects. Additional donations to the general fund will be used for Ring-of-Fire, Water Palooza, SOS Walk, newsletter costs, the website, or any other HLIA sponsored events.

Since our March meeting an additional 12 memberships have been received bringing our total to 149 memberships which is a little over half of the association's target goal of 250. SO, it is not too late to send in your 2011 dues at the very reasonable charge of \$25.00.

If you have not already sent in your membership dues please take a moment to complete the membership envelope provided in the newsletter and send your dues in. It is extremely helpful to have the lake and mailing address completed on your envelope. I use the lake address information to organize a list for each zone rep to distribute your membership sign the end of May. If you do not know your zone but provide me with your lake address I can determine the correct zone for you. If you do not provide zone or lake address it makes it much more difficult for me to determine which zone list to put you on.

Thank you for joining the association and think SUMMER!

Sherry Davis, Treasurer



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Springtime To All !

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter, spring is in the air, and summer just around the corner here on Hess Lake. Once again your HLIA has another full schedule of both social and lake improvement events planned for this year and we certainly hope everyone has a great summer season here on Hess Lake. A big THANK-YOU to all those who have already sent in their 2011 HLIA dues and to those who have not done so yet, please consider sending them soon. I am extremely happy to announce that our membership has already seen a huge increase from this time last year and most certainly hope this number continues to rise. I believe this increase in membership is a reflection of the members approval of some of the new lake improvement projects your HLIA Board has established. Once again this year we will conduct another Carp Shoot here on Hess Lake on April 30 from midnight to 6 a.m. on May 1. This will again be conducted by BAM (Bowfishing Assoc. of Mich.) with the sincere hope that we can reduce the number of carp in the lake. We will also be conducting another goose round-up around the second or third week of June. Last year's round-up was very successful and we certainly hope to repeat that success this year. In order to obtain this success, it requires volunteers to help out. If you would like to get involved in either one of these events or any other social or lake improvement project, please contact your Zone Rep. or myself to find out just how to get involved. I would also like to remind you that our new & improved website is now up and running and would certainly encourage everyone to check out this most important resource for all of your HLIA news and info. A most sincere THANK-YOU goes to member Ramona Deters for her help in getting this all put together. Take a minute and check out www.hesslake.com. Hope everyone has another safe and enjoyable summer season here on Hess Lake!

Peace,

Jerry Swendrowski
Pres./HLIA

THANK-YOU-THANK-YOU-THANK-YOU !!!

This past year the HLIA Board established two voluntary donation funds in the mere hope that the membership would respond to helping out with the costs associated with both social and lake improvement projects here on Hess Lake. The two funds created were the Wildlife Donation Fund and the General Donation Fund. I am extremely happy to announce that the support we have received as of this writing has been overwhelming. Total amounts donated to each fund will be reported at the Annual Membership meeting on Sat. June 18. Both of these funds were established strictly as a voluntary donation and the support from the membership has been just fantastic. A most sincere THANK-YOU to all those who have donated and to all those who are considering to do so.

HEADS UP ABOUT FLARES

All purchases of flares for this years Ring-of-Fire event can be made at the Hess Lake Party Store only. There will be no alternate location on the lake as was in years past. Cost of flares yet to be determined.



FISHING TIPS....

Wind from the north, a wise fisherman doesn't set forth.
Wind from the east, fish bite the least.
Wind from the south, blows bait into the fish's mouth.
Wind from the west, fish bite the best.

No wind? Stay home and watch TV!

DO YOUR PART TO KEEP OUR LAKE FRIENDLY AND SAFE:

When boating:

- ▶ If you are operating a personal watercraft, it is your responsibility to know all applicable rules and regulations, both local and state.
- ▶ Always operate in a responsible manner and respect other lake users.

When taking care of your property:

- ▶ If you need to fertilize, use fertilizer that contains **NO** phosphorous and **don't fertilize within 25 feet of the lake.**
- ▶ Do not throw grass clippings into the lake.
- ▶ Remove debris that has washed up along the shore.

