



HESS LAKE

A LAKE FOR ALL SEASONS



Improvement Association Newsletter

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2013 HLIA SPONSORED EVENTS

- Saturday, May 4.....Roadside clean-up (meet at the boat launch 10:00 am)
- Saturday, May 11.....Carp Shoot (9:00 pm to 3:00 am)
- Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 1.....Hess Lake Yard Sales
- Saturday, June 8.....Boat Safety Class (for info call: Mike Haaser (231-282-7076)
- Saturday, June 22.....Annual Membership Meeting (10:00 am at Brook's Twp. Hall)
- Week of June 17 or 24.....Goose Round-up (pending DNR approval)
- Thursday, July 4.....Sailing Regatta 3:00 pm & Ring-of-Fire at 10:00 pm
- Saturday, July 13.....SOS Walk/Run 8:30 am (www.sosrace.com)



COMING SOON!

TO A LAKE NEAR YOU!

SUMMER!!!

HLIA NOTES....

*The HLIA Board is pleased to introduce our new Boat Safety Director, Mr. Mike Haaser (231) 282-7076. The annual Boat Safety class will be held on Saturday, June 8 at Mike's home at 1083 Hess Lake Dr. More info on this most important class will be posted on the website or contact Mike at the above number.

*The Annual SOS Walk/Run around Hess Lake will go on once again this year!

Date: Saturday, July 13
 Time: 8:30 am
 Entry Fee: \$25.00
 Website: www.sosrace.com



The new Director and Co-Director's are: Director: Melissa Hunter.....(616) 915-7436 (melissa@sosrace.com)
 Co-Director: Dan Maurer.....(616) 293-7478 (dan@sosrace.com)
 Co-Director: Matt Garbarino....(616) 301-5181 (matt@sosrace.com)

Please feel free to contact any one of these individuals for more info and also to be placed on the much needed volunteer list. Would also like to thank both Betty Bosowski and Katie Lipner for their hard work and dedication the past seven years for organizing and running this event - a job well done !

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all,

Wednesday, March 20, was supposedly the official first day of spring. It was definitely unlike last year when we had temps in the 80's (summer-like). This year it was maybe 30 with a 30 mph west wind and snow. Oh well, we all know that the weather is nothing any of us can do anything about, so let's just THINK SPRING and move on. Soon the snow will be melting, the ice cover on the lake will disappear, we'll be seeing robins in the yard, warmer temps, and all of the "snow-birds" who headed south for the winter will be returning. One of our long time members actually keeps a record of just when the ice on the lake disappears. That may make for some interesting reading to post in the next issue. The HLIA Board has already met and has put together the list of 2013 HLIA sponsored events (posted in this issue). Once again there will be both lake improvement and social events taking place here on Hess Lake. All of this year's activities can be seen in this issue, viewed on our website, (hesslake.com) or by attending the annual membership meeting to be held on June 22. Another resource for updated info is the message board located under the "Welcome to Hess Lake" sign on the corner of 88th and Redwood St. (near the boat launch). There you will find updated info pertinent to most all of the sponsored events held here on Hess Lake. So, a big hearty WELCOME BACK to everyone and we most certainly hope all will have another safe and happy experience here at Hess Lake.

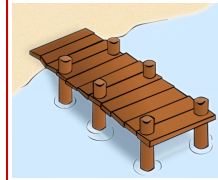
Peace,

Jerry Swendrowski
President, HLIA

BENEFITS OF HLIA MEMBERSHIP

Your HLIA is 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 \$25.00 annual dues go a long way to support HLIA efforts year round.

If you aren't already an HLIA member, please think about joining this year or if you are planning on renewing your membership, look for your dues envelope in this newsletter. Thank you.



MICHIGAN LAW EFFECTS WHERE YOU CAN DOCK YOUR BOAT

LANSING -- Boaters no longer can tie up overnight at spots where public roads end on lakes and other waterways under a measure signed into law on March 22, 2012, by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. It's now a misdemeanor to place boat hoists or anchoring systems or to install a dock or wharf at road ends. Similar penalties apply to boaters who moor or dock at road ends between midnight and sunrise. Only single-season docks authorized by local government officials and approved by the state Department of Environmental Quality will be allowed. Another new measure takes away officers' ability to stop boaters and make sure they have adequate floatation devices. The governor's office said, "Stops without reasonable suspicion of violation are an unnecessary hindrance for boaters." Another new law changes the charge for fleeing and eluding officers while in a boat or on a personal water craft from a misdemeanor to a felony. That makes the penalty level equal to what motorists face on land.

**DON'T FORGET TO
CHECK OUT THE LATEST
HESS LAKE INFO
ON OUR WEBSITE AT:
www.hesslake.com**

Hess Lake Statutory Board (HLB) Update

Editor's Note: In addition to HLIA (which is a neighborhood association), Hess Lake residents are also served by the Hess Lake Statutory Board (HLB). HLB is a legal entity created by local government and focuses on issues of pollution, flood damage, and water conditions that affect public health and safety. HLB also works to increase the value of property by improving the quality of the lake and conservation of fish and wildlife. This statutory lake board can and has created an assessment district to assess the tax roll to fund various projects.

In January, the HLB experienced some changing of the guard with 2 departures and 2 additions. Pat Baker (former Newaygo County Drain Commissioner) and Adam Wright (former Newaygo County Commissioner) left the HLB after serving several years. Pat and Adam were dedicated, loyal, and served their respective roles well on the HLB. They both will be missed! I personally want to thank Pat and Adam for their time and efforts on behalf of Hess Lake residents, and especially thank Pat for her polite guidance and wise counsel over several years and working above and beyond the call of duty on several occasions.

The HLB welcomes Dale Twing as the newly elected Newaygo County Drain Commissioner (automatic appointment) and Larry Lethorn as the newly appointed Newaygo County Commissioner on the HLB. The HLB looks forward to their input and fresh insights.

During the January 7, 2013 HLB meeting, officers were elected for the 2013 calendar year as follows: Gary Noble, Chairman; Renee Finkbeiner, Vice Chairman; Dale Twing, Secretary; Cheryl Rosen, Treasurer; and John Borgman, Recording Secretary. Also, during the January meeting, the HLB adopted an annual budget of \$58,275 for 2013. (The 2012 budget was \$60,700.)

Last fall, the HLB decided to solicit bids for aquatic herbicide treatment for the 2013 season. This was done to obtain the most cost-effective pricing and to re-evaluate recommended treatment options. The HLB received and reviewed 6 proposals/bids from various professional applicators. After careful and deliberate consideration, the HLB decided to enter into a 1-year contract with Savin Lake Services (Hale, MI) as our new professional applicator. Savin Lake Services comes highly recommended by their Michigan client base, they were the lowest bidder, and they have very good experience working in West MI lakes. In fact, they will be servicing several lakes in Newaygo County in 2013.

With Savin Lake Services, **you will see some changes in how lake treatment notices are posted around the lake.** Prior to any lake treatment, Savin will post notices at roadside locations (telephone poles, trees, etc.) around the lake and you will NOT see postings on a stake placed in each lakeside lot (as before). For 2013, we are planning up to 4 lake treatments: 1) an initial mid-late May treatment in the middle lake areas, 2) an early-mid June treatment along shorelines, 3) a mid-July treatment (if needed) to spot treat anything missed, and 4) a mid-August treatment (if needed) to spot treat anything missed. The 4 treatment notices posted around the lake during spring/summer will be distinguishable by a different color to signal a new posting. And be assured that herbicide treatments will be conducted professionally to effectively control invasive (non-native) aquatic plants, that also enables a balanced existence of desirable native aquatic plants that contribute to a healthy lake.

The most recent HLB quarterly meeting was held on April 8 and the next HLB meeting is scheduled for July 8, 8:00 am, in White Cloud at the Newaygo County Drain Commission office. The public is welcome to attend HLB quarterly meetings.

As always, feel free to contact me and/or any HLB member with questions and comments.

Cordially,

Gary Noble, HLB Chairman / HLIA Zone 2 Representative (231- 652-6661)

BOAT SAFETY - DID YOU KNOW?.....

If you are operating a personal watercraft, it is your responsibility to know all applicable rules and regulations, both local and state.

1. Persons born after December 31, 1978 shall not operate a personal watercraft (pwc) unless they obtain a boating safety certificate.
2. Slow- no wake speed within 100 ft. of the shoreline, any watercraft, pier, person, raft, swimming area, and swimmers.
3. A person who is intoxicated (as defined in the same way as for driving a car) may not operate or be in control of any vessel. The Michigan implied consent law applies for boat operator intoxication testing.
4. The penalty for conviction of driving a vessel while intoxicated shall include impoundment of the vessel and suspension of the privilege to operate a vessel for a period of time designated by a court of law.
5. The same goes for controlled substances (drugs).



BE ALERT: Watch out for runners, walkers, and bikers. Speed limit around Hess Lake is **35 mph**.

To the right of this page is a list of HLIA board members. **Please note:** The new Zone Alternate Pool representatives are no longer assigned a specific zone. 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 7:** East 88th Street from 1166 to 1596, Graves Drive, Parkwood Drive, Lockwood Drive, Wellington Drive

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