



# Hess Lake



## Improvement Association Newsletter

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### *Presidents Notes*

Spring has finally arrived and I am always excited to see the signs of new growth popping up from the ground. Time for long sunny days and equally long pontoon rides with friends, family and beloved four legged pets.

As we head into the summer, please be mindful of the neighbors and families that walk or bike around the lake. Mutual respect for all on the road will keep our community safe and happy. Remember that the speed limit is 35mph, and is monitored closely by local law enforcement.

While out for a walk or ride, be sure to check out the new and improved Hess Lake Party Store. The friendly greeting, abundant beverage selection and well stocked shelves are a welcomed resource on our lake. Hess Lake Ring of Fire flares are also sold here (at a discount with your HLIA membership card).

As with the start of every season, please help to maintain the natural beauty of our lake neighborhood by cleaning up any litter that may have been improperly

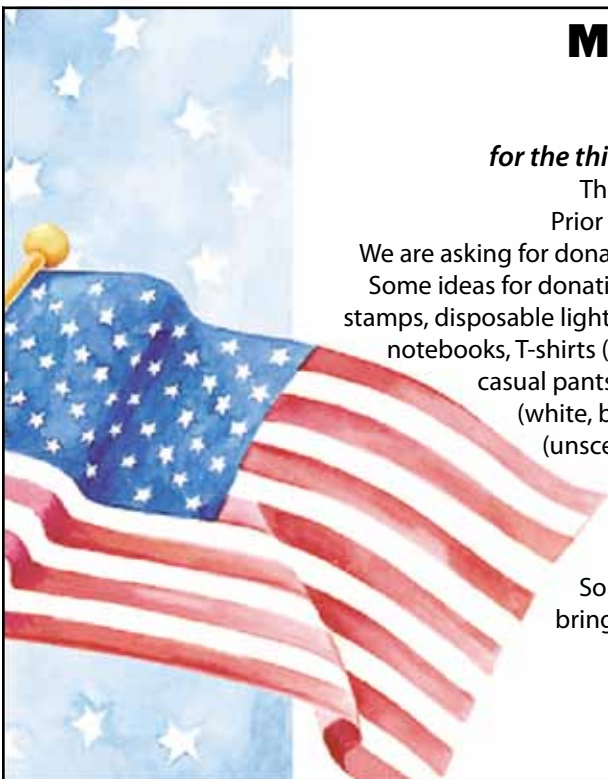
discarded. Mother nature does her part, so we need to do ours.

The HLIA has once again packed the calendar full of events for the whole family to enjoy this year. Some of these include: the carp roundup, the Memorial Day walk, Fourth of July boat parade (this year with judges and a "coveted" grand prize trophy), the famous "Ring of Fire", and the HLIA member cookout in August.

Becoming a member certainly has its benefits, so be sure to hang onto your card after paying your annual dues. The HLIA membership card is also your ticket to the cookout.

I am looking forward to a wonderful summer. Let us all be safe and make it a great one!

*See you on the lake,*  
Danya Vander Lugt, President



### **Memorial Weekend Event**

*Join us on*

**SATURDAY MAY 27, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M.**

***for the third annual memorial 1 mile walk in honor of veterans.***

The event will start and end at 1316 Hess Lake Drive.

Prior to the walk our local veterans will be acknowledged.

We are asking for donations we can take to the veterans at the Grand Rapids Veterans Home. Some ideas for donations might be; new batteries (C or AAA), DVD's (not blue ray), postage stamps, disposable lighters, pocket tissues, large print playing cards, ruled writing tablets/spiral notebooks, T-shirts (medium-4X), sweat pants (medium-4X), short sleeve shirts (XL-4X), Men's casual pants/jeans (size 40 and larger), tennis shoes with Velcro (all sizes), shoe laces (white, brown and black), men's body wash, after shave lotion, body/hand lotion (unscented), mouthwash (alcohol free), disposable razors, individually wrapped candy bars, individually bagged chips, hats with team logos, diabetic socks, women sweaters, house coats, t-shirts, night gowns/pj's, body wash, shampoo or money for gift cards.

Some light refreshments will be available after the walk. Please feel free to bring flags or signs about someone you wish to honor for the Memorial Walk.

*If you have any questions please feel free to contact the organizers*

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Betty Bosowski (571-930-0297) [bettybuzz@juno.com](mailto:bettybuzz@juno.com)

# Buoy Reminder

If there was a buoy positioned in front of your cottage/home last summer we ask that you put it in the water this spring. The buoy should be located 100 ft from the shore. Buoys serve a dual purpose for all of us, they make people aware of shallow areas around the lake and buoys keep erosion down. We are asking that you take the buoys out of the water in the fall too.

Should you need help putting the buoys out or taking them in please contact your HLIA rep and they will arrange to help you get some assistance. In case you have any other concerns regarding the buoys you can contact Terry Roelofs (231) 652-1386, Zone 7 Rep. We greatly appreciate your help and cooperation with getting the buoys out in the proper areas.

**HELP!**

## We need help to reduce the number of Carp in Hess Lake!

*This year our Carp Round Up will begin Saturday, May 27  
and go through Sunday, June 11*

The Wigent family is allowing us to use the same collection site each night. Someone will be at the site to document fish from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Follow the signs that will take you south on the first dirt road East of Wheeler Drain Bridge.

### REWARDS

This year we will give two dollars for each of the first 100 carp. After the first 100 carp caught we will give one dollar for each carp. These rewards will be distributed at the conclusion of the Carp Round Up.

### Why Reduce Carp?

“With large numbers of carp spawning and swimming, the effect of large populations can literally alter the physical bottom stratus and water column with in a lake, making it difficult for any native fish or vegetative species to thrive over time.” To read more about the damages carp can do in our lake visit this web site <http://www.kci.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Carp-Impacts-Effects.pdf>

**PLEASE JOIN US! We need dozens of Carp Round-Up fanatics!**

## Hess Lake AT Run

This year on July 15 will be the third Annual AT Race. The AT Race will include a 5k, 10k and a Half Marathon. The 5k run is about 1/3 of the lakeshore, the 10k race is once around the lake and the Half Marathon will be a loop around the lake two times. Water stations will be placed strategically around the race. The event coordinators are not only looking for runners but also for volunteers to help that day. For more information on the race, volunteering, sponsorship opportunities and sign up you can send an email to [www.hesslakerun.com](http://www.hesslakerun.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017

### MAY

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – HLIA Leadership Team Meeting (6:30-8:00)  
Brooks Twp. Hall

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning of Annual Carp Round Up

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Walk Honoring Veterans (Meet at 8:45 am walk begins at 9:00am) 1316 Hess Lake Dr.  
Donations of gifts for Veterans Home or money for gift cards welcome.

### JUNE

**Friday 2 & 3** – Hess Lake Garage Sales

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Boaters Safety (9:00-3:30 pm)

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** – End of Carp Round Up

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** – HLIA Leadership Team Meeting  
(6:30-8:00) Brooks Twp. Hall

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Annual HLIA Meeting (10:00-12:00)  
Brooks Twp. Hall

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning of Flare Sales at Hess Lake Party Store (cash or check)

### JULY

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Hess Lake Ring of Fire (please light flares at 10:00pm sharp)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fourth of July Boat Parade (parade departs from boat launch at 12:00. Trophy awarded)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** – HLIA Leadership Team Meeting  
(6:30-8:00) Brooks Twp Hall

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** – AT 5k, 10k and Half Marathon  
(6:45am packet pick up. 8:00 part of race begins)

### AUGUST

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Annual HLIA Members Only Chicken BBQ & Pin Ball Tournament 1316 Hess Lake Dr.

4:00-5:00 open time to play pin ball

5:00-6:00 Tournament

6:00-7:00 Chicken BBQ Dinner & Tournament Trophy

### SEPTEMBER

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – HLIA Leadership Team Meeting (6:30-8:00) Brooks Twp. Hall

### OCTOBER

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Final HLIA Leadership Team Meeting of 2017 (6:30-8:00) Brooks Twp Hall

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## HLIA Zone Reps

- ZONE 1** – East 88<sup>th</sup> St. from 1605 to 1844  
Catalpa Ave. from 9053 to 9593
- ZONE 2** – Hess Lake Dr. from 1751 to 1985  
All of Kathleen St.  
Betty Pennington 616-363-8842
- ZONE 3** – Hess Lake Dr. from 14112 to 1644  
and Clearwater St.  
All of Peninsula Dr.  
Ben Lester 517-930-0297  
[hesslakerben@yahoo.com](mailto:hesslakerben@yahoo.com)
- ZONE 4** – Hess Lake Dr. from 941 to 1390  
Rich Boswoski 517-930-0297  
[bettybuzz@juno.com](mailto:bettybuzz@juno.com)
- ZONE 5** – Hess Lake Dr. from 615-925  
Redwood Dr. from 9016 to 9394  
Ramona Deters 231-924-0674  
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- ZONE 6** – Redwood Dr. from 8872 to 9011  
E 88<sup>th</sup> St. from 745 to 1154  
Renee Finkbiner 231-452-6235  
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- Zone 6a** – Trailer Park  
Pat Bertrand [hesslaker@hotmail.com](mailto:hesslaker@hotmail.com)
- ZONE 7** – East 88<sup>th</sup> St. from 1166 to 1596  
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## News From The Bird Man

Denny Brown has agreed to be our certified goose control contact person for one more year; we have the permits needed so we are ready to go if we need to have a goose round up. Denny also wants to remind you that we will be offering 50.00 for the discovery of goose nests with eggs in them. You can contact Denny at either of these ways; [denny.brown971@gmail.com](mailto:denny.brown971@gmail.com) or 616-801 -3670.

## BOATERS SAFETY IS A REQUIREMENT.

### *Who May Operate a Boat*

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

- May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) legally without restrictions.
- May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally **only if** they:
  - Have been issued a **boating safety certificate** and have it on board the boat **and...**
  - Are directly supervised on board 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 conditions.

**Those born on or after July 1, 1996,** may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a **boating safety certificate** and have it on board the boat.

Who May Operate a Personal Watercraft (PWC) (a.k.a. jet ski, wave runner)

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

Those **14 and 15 years of age** may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a **boating safety certificate** **and**

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

Those **at least 16 years of age** and born after December 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** which will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00am-3:30pm. Participants are asked to bring a clipboard, highlighter, pencil, sack lunch and a folding chair. Please contact Mike to register for the class at 231-282-7076. The address for the class is 1083 Hess Lake Dr. There is no fee for the boaters safety class!

## Spring Treasures Report

### Starting Balance from January 2017

\$16,074.99

Web Hosting January	\$5.99
Web Hosting February	\$5.99
Web Hosting March	\$5.99
Web Hosting April	\$5.99
Total Expenditures	\$ 23.96
April Balance	\$16.051.03
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Membership dues will be 25.00 this year. Please be sure to use the envelope enclosed with the Spring Newsletter and print clearly. You will receive a membership sign and membership card from your Zone Rep. The Membership Card will entitle you to a discount on flares as well as dinner for your immediate family at our annual year end dinner. Non members can attend the annual dinner event and their cost for the dinner will be \$6.00 per person.

## Hess Lake Board Report

The Hess Lake Board met on April 26,2017. The board had moved the meeting back a few weeks so that we could hear what the DEQ had decided about water testing requirements for new aeration permits. The new requirements are not finalized but the DEQ has changed their stand on how many water tests have to occur and how many acres need to be in the tests. At this time, the board has not made any plans to add more aerators to the existing system.

Erick Elgin,who is an educator of natural resources and water quality, attended the meeting and offered to give the lake residents information that affects our lake quality. He will try to attend as many of the board's meetings as is possible.

The aeration system is on and is running smoothly.

Our next meeting will be held on July 10, 2017 at 10:00am at the Drain Commissioner's Office.

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