



# Improvement Association Newsletter

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## 6TH ANNUAL SON OF A SAILOR A SUCCESS!

The 6th Annual "Son of a Sailor" 10K Walk/Run was a success. Thanks to all of the volunteers, participants and generous donors, we were able to donate \$11,000 to the Holton/Lemmon Cancer Research Center. Over the six years that we have held this event we have donated well over \$60,000 for Cancer Research and Awareness. We couldn't have done this without all of your help. You make our job of organizing and putting on this event a lot easier.

The 7th Annual race is set for July 14, 2012. Start your training program now to be in shape to enter next year and start saving your pennies to donate. We are always looking for new ideas to improve this event and would love to hear from you with those ideas. Please contact Katie Lipner 231-834-9915 or [kllipner@aol.com](mailto:kllipner@aol.com), or Betty Bosowski, 517-930-0297 or [bettybuzz@juno.com](mailto:bettybuzz@juno.com). If you are not a walker or a runner, we need people to volunteer in other areas. Contact either Katie or Betty at the above numbers or e-mails. Our main goal for this coming year is to find a company or sponsor to completely underwrite this event. If you know of such a company or person, please let us know.

We will see you next year!

*\*For a list of this year's sponsors see page 3.*

To the right of this page is a list of HLIA board members. There is a vacancy in Zone 6A (trailer park behind Smuggler's Cove). 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

## HLIA

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**Zone 6A - vacant**

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**Please note:** The new Zone Alternate pool representatives are no longer assigned a specific zone.

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## 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.]

This past spring, Hess Lake was treated with Floridone (aquatic herbicide) which targets and controls the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil (a non-native invasive aquatic plant) at a cost of \$74,470, by Clarke Aquatics, formerly Weed Patrol, Inc., our licensed applicator. Floridone is a substance that prevents the production of chlorophyll during the process of photosynthesis. The plants starve to death. Floridone is harmless to humans, fish and other critters. It is applied lake-wide at 6 parts per billion.

Your HLB also paid another \$950 for water samples and analysis by Clarke Aquatics related to the application/use of Floridone that were required by our permit. The total cost for this lake-wide treatment and sampling/analysis came to \$75,420. The last time we conducted a "lake-wide" treatment using Floridone was in 2006. The next year (2007) no weed treatment was needed and from 2008–2010, only less expensive "spot" treatments were applied to control pockets of various non-native invasive weeds. However, the size and number of pockets increased each successive year to where 2011 required the more expensive lake-wide treatment to control Eurasian Water Milfoil. We expect a similar pattern to take place beginning next year with very little to no treatment needed, meaning reduced treatment costs.

It is important to understand that your HLB prudently manages its financial reserve via tax assessments over 3-5 years to meet the expected treatment needs based on historical patterns we've come to recognize. In September, the HLB will meet to review its 2012 budget requirements and a computation of cost that will determine any potential tax assessment for 2012, also taking into account future years anticipated needs. HLB tax assessments are typically reflected in your winter tax bill.

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

Cordially,

Dick Besser (HLB Chairman) 652-2009

Gary Noble (HLB Vice Chairman) 652-6661

### TO ALL HESS LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:

With the endorsement of our new Boat Safety Coordinator, Mr. Andrew Lapham, the HLIA Board has decided that some emphasis needs to be put forth towards boat safety. Our sole intention with this effort is merely to promote boat safety and to encourage HLIA members to practice all boat safety rules and regulations. Beginning with this Fall Newsletter issue, we will be showing various boat safety rules and regulations which will be taken from the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources Guide for Boat Safety. You may view all of these at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). All enforcement of these rules will be left solely up to the Newaygo County Sheriff's Dept.

#### BOAT SAFETY - DID YOU KNOW....

1. The maximum speed in all waters, unless otherwise regulated is 55 mph.
2. A person shall not operate a vessel in a manner so as to interfere unreasonably with the lawful use by others of the water.
3. No water skiing between 1 hour after sunset and 1 hour before sunrise.
4. Persons operating vessels shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction insofar as it is reasonably possible.
5. Personal watercraft (PWC) SHALL NOT be operated by anyone under 14 years of age.





## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To all HLIA members and friends:

I just find it so hard to believe that once again we are about to the end of another most wonderful summer here on Hess Lake. Even though we seemed to have lost one month this year, (June) July and August were wonderful. Soon Mother Nature will be dazzling us all with the brilliance of another fall season, where the leaves turn golden, with warm days and cool evenings, and a very plentiful harvest. We here in Michigan are truly blessed to be offered four different seasons each year. I sincerely wish to express to all of those individuals who each and every year give a little extra back to all of us here on Hess Lake in any and all of the many HLIA sponsored activities and projects. To each and everyone of you I say, THANK-YOU! In closing, I wish to share with all of you a little writing I found by author/writer Ralph Marston:

*Make it a habit to tell people thank-you. To express your appreciation sincerely, and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you'll soon find many others around you. Truly appreciate life, and you'll find that you'll have more of it.*

Peace,

Jerry

**A note to Mr. Phil Laven who for so many years gave of himself in service to the members of HLIA in so many different ways.**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

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Please think about these businesses when shopping for a product or service and remember to thank the individuals when you see them.

As summer winds down, we look back on a typical day on Hess Lake...



from fishing at sunrise...



...to a beautiful sunset at the end of the day.

