



# Hess Lake



## Improvement Association Newsletter

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Fall 2022

### From the Presidents Dock,

Now is the time we bring in Docks and Toys. In Fall the lake takes on a beautiful new look. It was a great summer. Lots of new faces and activity around the lake. HLIA began the season with Carp Cages and Carp Round-up. Other events were Hess Lake Yard Sales in June and August. July we had the Ring of Fire and the Boat Parade. Our Membership Appreciation Picnic was held in August, 2023 and Calendars for members came out before Labor Day.

Our HLIA Monthly meetings have changed. They will now be held on the third Monday of the month. They will continue to be at Brooks Township Hall at 5:30 from May thru September. We are always looking for lake residents interested in being involved to join us. If you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact me by email or give me a call.

We wish everyone a safe and wonderful winter, we look forward to Summer 2023!

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### What is the difference between the HLIA and the HLB?

As we welcome new residents, we 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).

#### **HLB**

##### Hess Lake Improvement Board

The **Hess Lake Board** consists of five people. These five people have legal authority to make decisions on behalf of lake residents, including taxing authority for any lake project they deem necessary. The three lake representatives are appointed positions, with the other two elected. Please visit [www.hesslake.org](http://www.hesslake.org) for a complete description of the HLB responsibilities and meeting dates / times.

#### **HLIA**

##### Hess Lake Improvement Association

The purpose of the **Hess Lake Improvement Association** is to promote a sense of community among its members including homeowners and summer residents. HLIA was created to work together on solutions for better water quality, to stimulate general property improvement around Hess Lake, and to plan fun annual community events.

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.

## News from the Hess Lake Board – HLB 2022

2022 has been a very busy year for the Board. In January we applied for a grant from the DNR. The DNR liked our proposal, but unfortunately, decided to not give us the financing that we were requesting. We will monitor for more grants in the future.

Plant control was successful this year with Progressive AE not having to recommend chemically treating the lake. There was also an increase in vegetation found in the lake. There was an abundance of Lily pads, with Coon Tail, also being spotted - both are beneficial to the lake. 2021 and 2022 vegetation maps have been posted on the HLIA Facebook page.

Straight from Google: "Common carp are **one of the most damaging aquatic invasive species** due to its wide distribution and severe impacts in shallow lakes and wetlands. Their feeding disrupts shallowly rooted plants muddying the water. They release phosphorus that increases algae abundance." Thus, we contracted with Carp Solutions from Minnesota to determine the quantity of carp in the lake. Two nettings eliminated 396 carp which were mostly 21 to 25 inches in length, with a small group in the 14-inch range. The age of the carp range between 8 and 50 years old. It was also determined that there are too many carp to maintain a healthy a lake. The final report is due later this year, which will be shared with everyone on the HLIA Facebook page. Elimination of the carp is a primary effort moving forward.

The Board also contracted Streamside Ecological Services to assess Wheeler Drain. They recommended that some work needs to be done upstream in order to protect the banks and open the center of the channel. Dale Twing, our Drain Commissioner, has offered to contract Streamside Ecological Services to develop the engineering design to meet their recommendation. More to come as we continue to work on Wheeler Drain. The full report was published on the HLIA Facebook page.

In the spring a brochure about Shoreline Restoration was sent to each lake address. Erick Elgin, from the Michigan State University Extension, will be continuing to work on this. Stay tuned for further information.

### **Bart W. Calvi – HLB**



### **Hess Lake Board (HLB)** **2023 Meeting Dates:**

**May 9 @ 9:30 am**

Drain Commissioners Office - White Cloud

**July 12 @ 6 pm**

Brooks Twp Hall - Newaygo

**September 12 @ 9:30 am**

Drain Commissioners Office - White Cloud

# - Highlights of Summer 2022 -



Boat Parade



Start your planning for 2023!

Thanks to all of the Participants of the 2022 Hess Lake Boat Parade, and to all who donated!

- 1st Place - Augustyn Family
- 2nd Place - Merriman Family
- 3rd Place - McCormick Family
- 4th Place - Costannos Family
- 5th Place - Mansfield Family

## Other Participants:

- Saliers Family
- Schehaas Family
- Stawiski Family

## **CARP CATCHING**



Membership Pic-Nic



## LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS

The **DNR** strongly discourages dumping leaves and grass clippings into a lake, river, wetland, or other body of water.

Leaves, grass clippings and similar debris add nutrients to the water that use up precious oxygen as they decompose.

**Aquatic organisms need that oxygen!!**

\*\*Please pass this information on to your Lawn Maintenance Companies as well.

### **Consider Solar Lights for Docks & Rafts!**

**Protect your boat and dock from potential accidents when visibility is poor.** A few well-positioned dock lights will help you avoid bumps and scrapes when docking in low-visibility conditions. Keep yourself safe from an accidental plunge into the water by illuminating the water's edge!



## **HLIA COMMUNICATIONS**

### How to stay connected:

- ◆ Hess Lake Welcome Sign
- ◆ Email - [Contacthesslake@gmail.com](mailto:Contacthesslake@gmail.com)
- ◆ Website: [www.hesslake.com](http://www.hesslake.com)
- ◆ Facebook: [Hess Lake Improvement Association](#)
  - ◆ Newsletters
  - ◆ Zone Reps



## BOATERS SAFETY

**Saturday, June 3, 2023 @ 9am**

To Register, please call:

**Mike Haaser (231) 538-8015**

Class Location: **Brooks Twp Hall**

**\*\* FREE CLASS \*\***

## 2023 Hess Lake Yard Sales

June 8-10  
August 11-13

## **GOOSE ROUND UP**

**Contact your Zone Rep  
If you see Nests in the Spring**

## **HLIA MEET & GREET EVENT**

**Saturday, May 27th**

**9:30 am - 11am**

**Location - TBD**

HESS LAKE  
43.388° N, -85.769° W



- Pay your Membership Dues / Receive Membership Sign
- Meet the Leadership Team and your Zone Reps
- Continental Breakfast
- ORDER Hess Lake T-shirts / Items

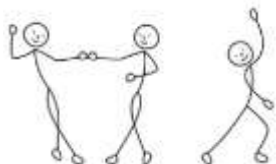
*The Freshwater Company will be onsite taking orders (HLIA Member Owned)  
40% of proceeds on this day will be donated to the HLIA General Fund*

**- SAVE THE DATE -**

**Saturday, June 24th**

**HLIA  
Cornhole Tournament  
& Band Party**

**SONIMANIC**



## **HESS LAKE CALENDARS**

Now accepting Photos for 2024

Send those Fun, Beautiful photos to:

**Contacthesslake@gmail.com**



## Treasurer Report

*Account Balances as of October 2022*

### Gerber Federal CU:

Main: \$10,582.94

Wildlife: \$4,518.98

General Fund: \$3,219.63

### Independent Bank:

Main: \$2,085.51

CD: \$17,011.59

*Nancy Calvi, Treasurer*

## Please Pay Membership Dues

Send Payments to:  
HLIA  
Po Box 239  
Newaygo, MI 49337

Pay via : [www.hesslake.com](http://www.hesslake.com)

*Or attend the MEET N GREET  
In the SPRING*

**Membership  
\$30.00**

Additional donations are accepted and  
appreciated for Wildlife Projects,  
Special Events, etc

# HLIA

## Hess Lake Improvement Association 2022-2023 Leadership Team

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### ALTERNATE ZONE REPS

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**THANK YOU HLIA VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR REPRESENTATION!**

# 2023 Dates to Remember

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
May 27	Meet & Greet Event	9:30am - 11am
June 3	Boater Safety	9am
June 8-10	Hess Lake Yard Sales	
June 24	Cornhole Tournament Band Party	TBD
July 3	Boat Parade	12pm
July 3	Ring of Fire	10pm
July 22	Membership Picnic	12pm-2pm
August 11-13	Hess Lake Yard Sales	



## Hess Lake Improvement Association

### 2023 Monthly Meeting Dates:

Monday, May 15th @ 5:30pm  
Monday, June 12th @ 5:30pm  
Monday, July 17th @ 5:30pm  
Monday, August 21st @ 5:30pm  
Monday, September 18th @ 5:30pm

**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 17th @ 10am**

HLIA Meetings Location:  
**Brooks Township Hall - Newaygo, MI**

## 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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