



Hess Lake



Improvement Association Newsletter

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Spring 2023

President's Note

Spring is here. Soon our entire Hess Lake family, year around and seasonal residents, will be together again. We are all ready for Spring and Summer activities on the lake. The Hess Lake Association is adding some new events! Look inside this newsletter and see what will be going on.

HLIA will be using carp cages again this year. 5 more new cages were added to the 10 we already have. We are grateful to the volunteers who tend the cages. It is a full time job when the carp are in. We are hoping that this, along with the HLB efforts, will be successful in reducing the carp population. We will NOT be having a Carp Roundup this year.

Please join or renew your membership this year! You can join by sending in the enclosed envelope **completely** filled out. Two new ways to pay your dues this year: via our Hesslake.com website and at the Meet and Greet the end of May (information is in this newsletter). Annual membership dues are now \$30. They help offset expenses associated with printing and mailing the newsletter, our Hess Lake signs, fun events, prizes, etc. Membership signs are distributed by your zone representatives (zones are indicated in this newsletter) and will be available at the May Meet and Greet.

Looking forward to a safe and fun summer for all.

Terry Roelofs, HLIA President

HLIA MEET & GREET EVENT

Saturday, May 27th

9:30 am - 11am

Location: Clearwater Drive – Grant, MI

- Pay your Membership Dues / Receive Membership Sign
- Meet the Leadership Team and your Zone Reps
- Continental Breakfast
- Register for 4th of July Boat Parade
- Register for Corn Hole Tournament



BOATERS SAFETY

Saturday, June 3, 2023 @ 9am

To Register, please call:
Mike Haaser (231) 538-8015

Class Location: **Brooks Twp Hall**

**** FREE CLASS ****

SPRING CLEAN-UP

~ It's time to clean up around our Lake ~

Win a FREE HLIA membership!

Pick up an area around the Lake,
text a picture 616-780-1074 of your clean up items
And you will be put into a drawing for a

HLIA membership

Winner will be selected May 27th
(can be used towards 2024 membership costs)

HESS LAKE CALENDARS

Now accepting Photos for 2024
Send those Fun, Beautiful photos to:
Contacthesslake@gmail.com



2023 Hess Lake Yard Sales

**June 8th, 9th, 10th
&
August 10th, 11th, & 12th**

RING OF FIRE - Monday, July 3rd @ 10pm

Flares will be sold at the All American North Country Store

**Proof of HLIA Membership not required*

BOAT PARADE - Monday, July 3rd @ Noon

~ Choose your own Theme ~

Register by 10am - July 3rd

To Register, Contact:

**Nancy Calvi 616-540-4095
contacthesslake@gmail.com**

LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS

The DNR highly discourages dumping leaves and grass clippings into a lake, river, wetland, or other body of water. Leaves, grass clippings and similar debris add toxic 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.



GOOSE NESTS

Geese have started nesting ~

If you see nests or eggs, please contact your Zone Rep and report the location. Thank you!



HESS LAKE ZONE BOUNDARIES

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| Zone 1: | East 88th Street: 1605 to 1844 Catalpa Ave: 9035 to 9593 |
| Zone 2: | Hess Lake Drive: 1717 to 1989 Kathleen Street |
| Zone 3: | Hess Lake Drive: 1411 to 1661 Clearwater Steet & Peninsula Drive |
| Zone 4: | Hess Lake Drive: 941 to 1390 |
| Zone 5: | Hess Lake Drive: 615 to 925 Benjamin Drive & Annie Lane Redwood Drive: 9016 to 9394 |
| Zone 6: | Redwood Drive: 8872 to 9011 East 88th Street: 745 to 1154 |
| Zone 7: | East 88th Street: 1157 to 1596 Graves Drive, Parkwood Drive Lockwood Drive, Wellington Drive |
| *If your address is missing from this list please please email: contacthesslake@gmail.com | |

Please Pay Membership Dues

Online:
www.hesslake.com

Attend:
Meet n Greet Event
May 27th

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

Membership \$30.00

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

HLIA Zone Representatives

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Zone 1 | Hohs, Larry | 517-410-0682 | larry.hohs@gmail.com |
| Zone 2 | Pennington, Betty | 231-452-6619 | kimberlypreston@gmail.com |
| Zone 3 | Bryan, Grant - HLB Rep | 616-293-4383 | bryanstv10@gmail.com |
| Zone 4 | Breen, Mark - Vice President | 616-570-3894 | mdbreens@yahoo.com |
| Zone 5 | Byrne, Janella | 616-550-4766 | jbyrne73@hotmail.com |
| Zone 6 | Spicer, Mary - Media Coordinator | 616-780-1074 | maryspicer21@yahoo.com |
| Zone 7 | Roelofs, Terry - President | 231-287-0971 | rolloffst@gmail.com |
| Zone Rep Alternates 2022-2023 | | | |
| | Bertrand, Pat | 231-834-1092 | hesslaker@hotmail.com |
| | Bishop, Chad | 616-294-5455 | cbishop@equityinc.info |
| | Calvi, Bart - HLB Rep | 616-340-7016 | bartcalvi@gmail.com |
| | Calvi, Nancy - Treasurer | 616-540-4095 | nancycalvi813@gmail.com |
| | Dennis, Paul - Secretary | 616-813-1188 | pdennis1955@gmail.com |
| | Morrow, Joseph | 734-320-1813 | jpmorrow4702@comcast.net |
| | Prusinski, Brent | 616-437-7197 | bprusinski216@gmail.com |



Treasurer Report

As of 12/31/2022

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|------------------------|-------------|
| Checking Main: | \$7,740.39 |
| Wildlife Fund: | \$4,520.14 |
| General Fund: | \$3,220.46 |
| Certificate of Deposit | \$17,097.42 |

Nancy Calvi, Treasurer

Saturday, June 24th

HLIA Corn-hole Tournament & Band Party

Corn-hole Tournament 1pm

Location: 1095 E Hess Lake Drive

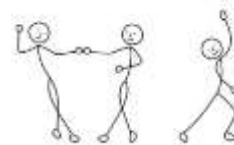
\$5 per member \$10 per non-member

Limit 40 players (with waiting list)

To Register:

Email: contacthesslake@gmail.com

Text: Dan Nowak (616) 446-7403 Nancy Calvi (616) 540-4095



Band Party 6pm

Featuring: **Sonimanic**

Location: 1556 Lockwood Ct (Roelofs/Shawn Wigent)

2023 Dates to Remember

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u> | <u>Time:</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Happening Now! | Spring Clean-up | |
| May 27 | Meet & Greet Event | 9:30am - 11am |
| June 3 | Boater Safety | 9am |
| June 8-10 | Hess Lake Yard Sales | |
| June 24 | Corn hole Tournament | 1pm |
| June 24 | Band Party | 6pm |
| July 3 | Boat Parade | 12pm |
| July 3 | Ring of Fire | 10pm |
| July 22 | Membership Picnic | 12pm-2pm |



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



HESS LAKE BOARD NEWS

2022 - 2023 Lake Board Update

This is the third year of a five-year lake management program for Hess Lake being coordinated under the direction of the Hess Lake Improvement Board. Key elements of the program include aquatic plant control, watershed management, and carp removal.

In recent years, rooted aquatic plant growth in Hess Lake has been minimal and treatments have been limited. In 2022, no chemical treatments were conducted. Biologists from Progressive AE will be conducting multiple surveys of the lake again this year to gage the amount of rooted plant growth and to determine if any treatments are warranted.

While rooted plant growth has been minimal, the same cannot be said for algae growth in Hess Lake. This imbalance is related in part to the abundant carp population in the lake. An assessment conducted in 2022 found that the carp population in Hess Lake is well above a level that causes adverse water quality impacts. A small test trapping project was conducted last year and while about 400 carp were removed from the lake, thousands more would need to be removed to improve conditions in the lake. This year the lake board is planning an assessment to see what can be done to limit carp spawning and reduce carp numbers over the long term.

In addition to in-lake work, an assessment was completed last year to evaluate the causes of erosion that have long been an issue on Wheeler Drain. Measures to control and stabilize severely eroded stream-banks are now being considered for two road crossings. This work would be coordinated by the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly. The lake board continues to remain in contact with the United States Geological Survey, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the Michigan Department of the Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy regarding ongoing management activities on Hess Lake.



Arial Photo taken by Nicholas DeLaat

What is the Hess Lake Board?

The Hess Lake Board - HLB 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.

Hess Lake Board

Dale Twing - Newaygo County Drain Commissioner - Elected Position

Ken Delaat - Lake Resident - District 5 Commissioner - Elected Position

Bart Calvi - Lake Resident - Brooks Township Representative - Appointed Position

Mark Slocum - Lake Resident - Grant Township Representative - Appointed Position

Grant Bryan - Lake Resident - HLIA Representative - Appointed Position

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

HLIA COMMUNICATIONS

How to stay connected:

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



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