



Hess Lake



Improvement Association Newsletter

P.O. Box 239 • Newaygo, MI 49337-0239 • www.hesslake.com Spring 2026

Hello and Welcome Back Members:

It was a very long winter and it certainly has been a trying Spring. The high water has caused quite a bit of damage and continues to be an issue. Until the water levels come down please be mindful of your boating to minimize further damage to neighbor's property or eroding shoreline and seawalls.

May is our "clean-up" month around the lake to minimize trash and leaves, from the fall, entering the lake and it is also our Meet and Greet event. The Meet and Greet will again be held at Smugglers Cove and you will be able to pick up your membership sign. We look forward to your renewal and welcome any new members that would like to join. We encourage you to sign up ahead of the event but sign-ups will be available that day also.

We have many events planned again this year for our members, as you will see in the calendar in this newsletter. We welcome any help/volunteering we can get on organizing these events, it is our Members Association. The board will help with all of these events but added volunteers are appreciated to help organize or work these events.

We look forward to a warm, fun, long, and SAFE summer season with our lake community!

Brian Meyer, HLIA President
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PLEASE PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES!

HOW TO PAY

Online

www.hesslake.com

Attend in Person

Meet & Greet - May 23rd
Smuggler's at North Shore

Call or Email

Your Zone Rep

Mail Payment

HLIA
PO Box 239
Newaygo, MI 49337



SCAN TO PAY:



MEMBERSHIP COST



Additional donations are accepted & appreciated for:
Wildlife Projects
Special Events, etc.

Hess Lake 2026 Events

Mark Your Calendar! 

Make Memories
Build Community
Enjoy Hess Lake!




DATE:	EVENT:	TIME:
May 	Spring Clean-up 	All Month 
May 23 	Meet & Greet Event Location: Smugglers at North Shore	9:00 am - 11:00 am 
June 5&6 	Hess Lake Yard Sales	
June 20 	Corn-hole Tournament Band Party 	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 
July 4 	Boat Parade	12:00 pm 
July 4 	Ring of Fire	10:00 pm 
August 7&8 	Hess Lake Yard Sales	
August 15 	Membership Picnic	12:00 pm 

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HESS LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION (HLNWA)

The **Hess Lake Neighborhood Watch** is a collaborative effort between residents and local law enforcement to foster a safer, more connected community. By working together, we aim to enhance the quality of life for everyone at Hess Lake.

If you are a Hess Lake resident or cottage owner, please join the [Hess Lake Neighborhood Watch Association](#) Facebook page.



A valid Hess Lake address is required for participation in the Neighborhood Watch program.



Hess Lake Neighborhood Watch Update

Greetings from the Hess Lake Neighborhood Watch Association (HLNWA)!

As we enter our **second year**, we're excited to share that our membership is growing, and we're continuing to build a safer, more connected community.

Announcing: *Operation Porch Light* – An HLNWA Program

Beginning **Friday, June 5**, and continuing on the **first Friday of each month**, we're asking all HLNWA/HLIA members to participate:

Participation Dates:

- June 5
- July 3
- August 7
- September 4

Time: Please turn on your porch lights, garage lights, and yard lights around **9:45 PM** and leave them on through the night until sunrise.

Our Shared Purpose:

- **Deter crime** by increasing visibility
- **Enhance safety** by helping monitor unusual activity
- **Build community** by looking out for one another

What's Ahead for HLNWA:

- Adding a new **Zone 7 Captain** (replacing Mary Kettelaar)
- Hosting **safety training opportunities** with our local law enforcement partners

Have a topic you'd like covered?

Email **John Forner** at forner1446@gmail.com

Meet Us In Person:

John will be at the **HLIA Meet & Greet**
May 23 | 9–11 AM
Smugglers at North Shore

Stop by, ask questions, and get involved!

Together, we can keep Hess Lake safe, connected, and strong.

HLIA vs HLB

Two different roles. One shared goal: *Hess Lake.*



HLB

Hess Lake Board

- 5-member board
- Legal authority
- Can levy taxes
- 3 appointed / 2 elected
- Oversees lake decisions



HLIA

Improvement Association

- Volunteer group
 - Builds community
 - Supports water quality
 - Encourages improvements
 - Plans events
- NO AUTHORITY OVER:
- Taxes
 - Septic/testing
 - Official decisions



Different responsibilities. Stronger together. All for Hess Lake.



Hess Lake Board (HLB)

2026 Meeting Dates:

May 18
July 14
September 15

Time:
9:30am

Location:
Drain Commissioners Office -
White Cloud

Please visit the Hess Lake Board website:
www.HessLakeImprovementBoard.org

Hess Lake 4TH OF JULY EVENTS



RING OF FIRE

Friday, July 4th @ 10pm

- ★ Flares will be sold at the All American North Country Store
- *Proof of HLIA Membership not required



BOAT PARADE

Saturday, July 4th @ Noon

- ~ Choose your own Theme ~
- ★ Register by - July 3rd to be eligible for a prize



To Register, Contact:
Sarah Weller



SLWeller32@gmail.com
or 616-862-3118

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH

CORN-HOLE TOURNAMENT

& Band Party



CORN-HOLE TOURNAMENT 1PM

\$10 PER PERSON



BAND PARTY 6PM

LOCATION: TBD

TO REGISTER:



Email: contacthesslake@gmail.com

More Details Coming Soon!



HLIA Membership Picnic

AUG 15 12PM - 2PM

LOCATION: *Smugglers* AT NORTH SHORE

We hope to see you there!

Hess Lake Improvement Association

2026 Monthly Meeting Dates:

- Thursday, May 14 @ 6pm
- Thursday, June 11 @ 6pm
- Thursday, July 9 @ 6pm
- Thursday, August 13 @ 6pm
- Thursday, September 10 @ 6pm

Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 13th @ 9am

HLIA Meetings Location:

Brooks Township Hall - Newaygo, MI



SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026



9:00AM - 11:00AM



LOCATION - SMUGGLER'S AT NORTH SHORE



PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES



RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP SIGN & DECAL/STICKER



MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND YOUR ZONE REPS



CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST



A CHANCE TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPRESENTATIVES



HESS LAKE ZONE BOUNDARIES

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 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
<i>*If your address is missing from this list please please email: contacthesslake@gmail.com</i>	

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

HLIA Zone Representatives

Zone	Representative	Phone	Email	Term
Zone 1	Larry Hohs	517-410-0682	larry.hohs@gmail.com	2023 - 2026
Zone 2	Barb Hemmeke	231-225-8065	barbarahemmeke@yahoo.com	2025 - 2028
Zone 3	Grant Bryan	616-292-4383	bryanstv10@gmail.com	2023 - 2026
Zone 4	Jerry Swendrowski	231-519-1139	swendog59@live.com	2025 - 2028
Zone 5	Katherin Farwell	616-581-1771	thearkby2@gmail.com	2024 - 2027
Zone 6	Mary Spicer	616-780-1074	maryspicer21@yahoo.com	2024 - 2027
Zone 7	Dale Dozeman	616-307-8589	daledozeman@aol.com	2024 - 2027

Zone Rep Alternates 2025-2026

OFFICERS			Term Expires:		
President	Brian Meyer	2027	Deb Coy	616-304-3866	dbvos@sbcglobal.net
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Secretary	Paul Dennis	2025 - pending	John Eichler	734-368-0411	john.eichler@frontier.com
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