

Harper Lake Association Newsletter

May 2019



Harper Lake Association Membership Meeting - Memorial Day Weekend

Please join us on Saturday, May 25 at 9 am at Skinner Park Pavilion in Irons for the biannual member meeting to discuss happenings around the lake, fish stocking, weed control, events, etc. We will have hats, sweatshirts and t-shirts for sale, so be sure to bring some cash or your checkbook if you're interested.

Harper Lake Day – July 7, 2018

Make sure you're at Harper Lake the weekend of July 6-7 for the annual Harper Lake Day. The Fishing Contest, Scavenger Hunt and Float Parade will return this year with a theme of "SPORTS!" Gather your friends and family, pick a specific sport or sports team and get ready for a day of fun. We need volunteer families to host a dock to stamp cards and we need \$10-\$25 prizes for the drawings (contact Dawn May at 616.292.1224 or dmm1224@hotmail.com). Watch the HLA website (www.harperlakeassociation.org), your email and the HLA Facebook page for more information.

Board of Directors Election - 2019

There will be four seats open on the Harper Lake Association Board this summer. If you're interested in serving on the board, contact President Jim Brown at (616) 928-5558 or jbrown@mediatechnologies.com. Ballots will be sent out in August and tallied at the September general membership meeting.

Fall Membership Meeting

Make sure Saturday, August 31 at 9 am is on your calendar for the next membership meeting at Skinner Park. There's always valuable information on what's going on around the lake and your chance to meet your lake neighbors.

2019 Membership Dues

If you haven't already paid your 2019 dues, we've included a form with this newsletter.

We will also have copies available at the membership meeting on May 25 at Skinner Park. Your membership dues help the association plan for weed control, lake monitoring, fish stocking, events, and memberships for lake and stream organizations.

2019 Fish Stocking Update

Funds available for fish stocking this season total \$1800. Of this total, \$800 is from donations and \$1000 is from the Harper Lake Association fund. We have submitted an application to the State of Michigan to plant approximately 1000, 4"-6" Hybrid Bluegill and an order has been placed with Stoney Creek Fisheries to provide the fish. Along with the Bluegill, Stoney Creek will provide 14,000 Fat Head Minnows to act as a food buffer for the fish as they are added.



Due to some recent weather issues, Stoney Creek is unable to commit to the actual delivery date, but they have indicated it should be around June 1st. Once a date is firmed up; we will be asking for volunteers to meet the truck and help distribute the fish around the Lake, contact Jim Brown if you are interested in helping out. We are always interested in feedback from association members regarding stocking, both in terms of fishing success and viewpoints as to the effectiveness of our continued stocking activity, please feel free to reach out to any board member with feedback.

Special Assessment District Update

Petitions were submitted to Elk Township in December and reviewed with township officials in early April. There were several instances where mailing addresses did not match township records or where one of the property owners did not sign for a property that was owned jointly. Board members Jim Brown, Karen Brower and Annette McCormack are working to correct the address issues, contact property owners and collect additional signatures to resubmit the petitions to township officials.

We thank everyone for their support thus far and appreciate your continued help if we contact you about an issue or to obtain your signature. If you haven't already signed a petition, contact Karen Brower at 616.460.6090 or Annette McCormack at 616.340.8729.

2019 Dates

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| May 25 | HLA General Membership Meeting – 9 a.m. at Skinner Park Pavilion in Irons |
| July 6 | Harper Lake Day – Fishing Contest, Scavenger Hunt, Float Parade & Prizes |
| August 31 | HLA General Membership Meeting – 9 a.m. at Skinner Park Pavilion in Irons |

Board of Directors

Jim Brown, President
Karen Brower, Vice President
Dawn May, Secretary
Ann Storberg, Treasurer
Annette McCormack
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