

Harper Lake Association Newsletter

November 2019



New Board Members

In August, we welcomed Heather Davis and Bob Hayes to the HLA Board for new two-year terms. The Harper Lake Association website has been updated with their contact information.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Jim Brown for his six years on the Harper Lake Board. Jim served as President for his final two years and was an invaluable help with the fish stocking, weed control and the research and legwork to set up the special assessment district.

2020 Membership Dues

The 2020 Harper Lake Association membership dues form is included with this newsletter.

Now that the Special Assessment District is in place to fund weed control, the board plans to reduce annual association dues. However, per the bylaws, a reduction can only be done by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting after notice has been sent out. So the dues for 2020 will remain at \$55 and the board will propose a dues reduction for 2021 prior to the May 23, 2020 general membership meeting.

2019 Fish Stocking Report

On June 6, several lake residents assisted with planting 1,000 hybrid bluegills and 14,000 fathead minnows into Harper Lake. Thank you Jim Brown, Bob Randall, Dick Blumenstein, Dave Kott, Kevin Storberg, Annette McCormack and others who came out to help.

Trash Pickup Reminders

Reminder: You must make arrangements for private trash pickup through a carrier, or drop off specialty bags at designated locations. There are no public drop off locations around Harper Lake. Do not leave trash on public road corners.

Harper Lake Day – 2019 Report

The 3rd annual Harper Lake Day started with 16 kids participating in the Fishing Contest. Emma Gill took first place and Trenton Brown took second for their catches.

Next up was the Scavenger Hunt hosted by the May family. There were 56 kids taking photo and video evidence of all kinds of items they were charged with finding. Most everyone went home with some kind of prize.

The rain stayed away and the Float Parade was a great success with over 220 participants touring the six docks that were all decked out in the Sports theme. A total of 70 prizes were handed out to those who handed in their cards.

Thank you to Dawn May, Karen Brower, Annette McCormack, Jeff Toy, Ann Storberg and Jim Brown for organizing the days events and to all who donated cash or prizes. This event wouldn't happen without our board members and all those who host docks and donate prizes.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 4, 2020 for the next Harper Lake Day. The theme will be Red, White & Blue. Plan your decorations and start thinking about prize donations. We hope to see everyone there!



Special Assessment District Update

The Elk Township Board adopted the final documents setting up the Special Assessment District on at their meeting on August 13, 2019. The annual assessment will be \$50 per parcel and will appear on your December 2019 tax statement from Elk Township each year (2019-2025). The funds will be used for the treatment of invasive weed species and the monitoring of water quality in Harper Lake.

The assessment district will run for seven years. At the end of the assessment, the members of the Harper Lake Association will have to petition the Elk Township Board for another seven-year assessment district. Any funds remaining in the initial assessment district will be rolled into a subsequent assessment, if initiated, or returned equally to all current property owners.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Brower at 616.460.6090.

2020 Dates

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| May 23 | HLA General Membership Meeting – 9 a.m. at Elk Township Hall, 8996 Bass Lake Rd. |
| July 4 | Harper Lake Day – Fishing Contest, Scavenger Hunt, Float Parade & Prizes (Red, White & Blue theme) |
| September 5 | HLA General Membership Meeting – 9 a.m. at Elk Township Hall, 8996 Bass Lake Rd |
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Board of Directors

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