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## **2021 Dues Reduction Proposal**

Now that the annual invasive weed control and lake monitoring expenses are paid by special assessment on your summer tax bills, the HLA Board recommends that annual association dues be reduced to reflect the lower expenses. After careful consideration of expected revenues and expenditures for the next several years, the Board of Directors is proposing the annual dues be reduced from \$55 to either \$40 or \$45.

Annual dues of \$40 would provide the bare minimum to cover basic operations, insurance, directory costs, printing/postage, website hosting and misc fees.

Setting the dues at \$45 will allow expanding the minimum budget to add a base amount for the annual fish stocking and budgeting for the printing/supplies for Harper Lake Day.

The members will make this decision at the Spring Membership meeting on May 23 at 9 am.

Please contact any board member with questions.

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## **Bylaws Amendments**

Two bylaws amendments will be presented to members at the May 23 Membership Meeting. A separate flier is enclosed in this mailing with more details.

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## **Harper Lake Day Events – July 4, 2020**

Mark your calendars for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Harper Lake Day on Saturday, July 4, 2020. Events will again include a fishing contest and scavenger hunt for those 16/under, along with the popular float parade and twilight boat cruise. A full schedule will be posted at [www.harperlakeassociation.org](http://www.harperlakeassociation.org) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HarperLakeMI](https://www.facebook.com/HarperLakeMI).

If you'd like to donate cash or prizes for the float parade drawings, contact Dawn May at 616.292.1224 or bring them to the Spring Membership Meeting on May 23. We're also looking for dock captains to stamp cards during the float parade. Let Dawn know if you can host a dock when you donate your prizes.

## **2020 Fish Stocking**

Thank you to all those who donated extra funds for the fish stocking program this year. We are working with the hatchery to plan for the date and types of fish that will be stocked this year Stay tuned!

## **Trash Pickup 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.

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## **Weed Treatment Plans**

Professional Lake Management has included information with this newsletter detailing the surveying and treatment plans for this summer along with a schedule of dates.

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## **Contact Information Update**

If you've recently moved or if you know of new property owners on Harper Lake, please send an email to [harperlakeassociation@gmail.com](mailto:harperlakeassociation@gmail.com) so that we can update our files.

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## **Fertilizer / Phosphorus Info**

If you fertilize your lakefront lawn, experts suggest using a phosphorus-free fertilizer (the middle number on the bag should be 0) and avoid using the fertilizer within 10 feet of the water to prevent fertilizer components from leeching into the water.

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## **Clean Up Day – May 16**

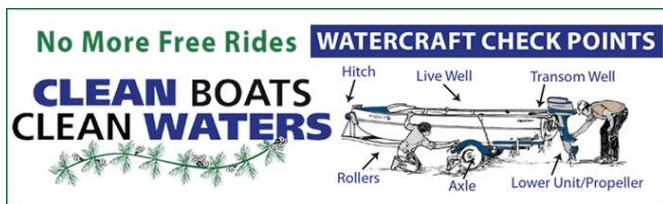
Kevin & Ann Storberg will be hosting another road cleanup day on Saturday, May 16. Meet at the corner of Granger and Aqua at 10 am. Bring a trash bag and gloves. Everyone is encouraged to pick up any trash found floating or sunken in the lake whenever you see it.

## August Ballot / Call for Board Members

As provided by the association bylaws, board members are elected by vote at the Fall membership meeting (September 5, 2020 at Elk Township Hall). If you are interested in having your name placed on the ballot for a two-year term on the board, please contact Karen Brower at 616.460.6090 or [kkbrower@charter.net](mailto:kkbrower@charter.net). Ballots will be mailed to all current association members in August.

## Reminders for Renters & Guests

Please remind your guests and renters about the basic navigational rules of the lake (ie, counterclockwise travel, and no wake between 7:30 pm and 11 am, slow around buoys and through the channel) to avoid accidents and property damage. Renters often also don't know what to do with trash and sometimes leave it outside or by the street where it attracts animals.



## 2020 Dates

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- May 23 HLA General Membership Meeting – 9 a.m. at Elk Township Hall, 8996 Bass Lake Rd. (may be held outdoors to assure distancing).
- July 4 Harper Lake Day – Fishing Contest, Scavenger Hunt, Float Parade & Prizes (Red, White & Blue theme)
- Sep 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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