



Harper Lake Association

P.O. Box 53, Irons, MI 49644

www.HarperLakeAssociation.org

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 1, ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FEES \$55.00

**MAY 25, SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING
9:00 AMELK TWP HALL**

JULY 6 POKER RUN 2:00 PM CHECK IN

JULY 13 ELK TWP TRASH DAY, 9:00AM

AUGUST 31 FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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2012 / 2013 Board of Directors

Dick Blumenstein President
Randy Heemstra Vice President
Kathy Abbott Secretary
Lisa Mullen Treasurer
Lance Lamar
Susan Badalucco
John Gochis
David Kott

Fletch & Rhonda MacGregor have moved on to Seattle Washington. We all thank Fletch for serving on the board all these years and welcome Sue Badalucco who will finish out Fletch's term.

Phone numbers and email addresses can be found in the Harper Lake directory or on.....

www.HarperLakeAssociation.org

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HARPER LAKE SHIRTS & HATS

If you have a Harper Lake logo shirt or hat, we would like a picture of you wearing the shirt or hat in an identifiable distant location...in front of the Eiffel Tower, on the Great Wall of China, in front of the Grand Rapids Museum, etc. You might win a prize for the most distant location. You might just have your picture on Clothing page of the web site. Send pictures to:

dbadalucco@aol.com

MAY 2013

HARPER LAKE WEB SITE

The 2013 Harper Lake Association web site is now on line. The new web site includes:

- An expanded calendar of events
- The board and committee roster
- Amended Bylaws
- Harper Lake Clothing information
- ORV use in Lake County
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Business Friends
- Fun Times
- Links to local contractors
- Current weather conditions
- Photos of happenings around the lake.

The goal is to make the web site a convenient tool for all residents, and to provide current, relative information to help make our time on Harper Lake enjoyable. Take a moment and log on. Add the web to your "Favorites" and check it often.

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THANKS FOR BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Five neighbors on W. Harper Dr. funded last year's shoreline dredging project. Our five families want to thank our neighbors who were inconvenienced on both sides of the project and who helped make it a success. Thanks to the Lamar family for allowing a long pipe line to cross their property to dispose the lake muck at the gravel pit.

Thanks to the Santos, Mays and Brooks for allowing the cable to stretch across their lake front property for the entire summer.

Gratefully...
John Gochis

ICE OUT

Every year we haul out the Ice Out buoy on the north side of the lake. When it falls through the ice and the flag begins to fly, Spring is officially declared...much more accurate than the groundhog. See the web site for details. This year the ice melted on April 16th and **Karen Humfleet** was our winner.

SPRING MEETING

Mark your calendar for May 25, 2013. Our Spring Membership Meeting will be held at the ELK TOWNSHIP HALL south on Bass Lake Rd. Come a little early and share a cup of coffee with your neighbors.

Spring Meeting Agenda Topics

MILFOIL AND WEED CONTROL:

Weather changes, mild winters and warm water have contributed to an increased weed concern. Our recent weed survey designed to provide direction on how far we go with weed control produced some interesting results. Major changes will be discussed at the Spring Meeting.

POKER RUN:

The 2013 Poker Run is scheduled for **July 6th**. Howie & Lisa Mullen, Roger & Kathy Zeh and Jim & Kathy Abbott are heading up the event this year. Our Dock Captains include:

- Scott & Phyllis Reyburn
- Joe & Erin Kozak and Mike & Diane Miller
- Frank & Janice Maggini
- Gary & Karen Humfleet
- Steve & Dawn May and Gary & Kim Santo
- Sue Badalucco and Family
- Curt & Kim Walbridge
- Bill & Julie Mullally

Dock captains have as much fun, if not more, than all those who participate in the Poker Run.

Details will be covered at the Spring Meeting!!

FINANCES:

Lisa Mullen has reported that we are ahead of last year in collecting Association Dues. A special thanks goes out to all those members for their unwavering support. All residents around Harper Lake who benefit from the efforts to preserve our home values, and quality of our lake by all our volunteers are urged to participate and join the Association.

Lisa will update the Treasurers Report at the Membership Meeting on May 25th.

HARPER LAKE PICNIC:

Over the years, the Harper Lake Picnic has been a wonderful occasion for residents to meet and fellowship with each other. This is a particularly good time for new residents to learn about our lake community and why so many of us enjoy being here.

In the last three years, the number of members attending has been dwindling. Residents are invited to suggest how we can increase interest in attending this event.

The future of this great event will be determined at the Spring Membership Meeting.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ORVS AND QUADS:

Road open in Elk Twp April 1, 2013 and will now be OPEN ALL YEAR.

Restrictions include but are not limited to:

- 25 mph or less speed
- Helmets or roll bars
- ORV stickers
- Licensed drivers 18 years or older
- Seat belts and lights
- Roads open ALL YEAR!!!!!!!.
- **Respect for others and property.**

Check out the all the details on

www.HarperLakeAssociation.org.

FISH PLANTING

Lance Lamar has reported that another 1320 Hybrid Bluegill will be released into Harper Lake in early May. We have heard some pretty successful fiiiisssshhhh stories the last several years. Your story or suggestion about the fish planting would be appreciated. See you at the Membership Meeting.

TIME TO SAY GOOD BYE

David Sacksteder moved to Harper Lake in 1984. David passed away this last August at the age of 80.

Ross Springer has passed away at the age of 81. He and his wife Linda have been a part of Harper Lake community since 1986 are long term members of HLA. Ross cared about preserving the environmental quality of Harper Lake and served as the Loon Watch for Harper Lake starting in 1980. The family will continue to enjoy the lake, and we look forward to seeing Linda Springer this summer.

GET INVOLVED

Do you have an interest in getting involved?

We need volunteers to serve on the board, and all the committees. Call or email Richard Blumenstein. Go to www.HarperLakeAssociation.org for contact info.