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NEWSLETTER

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Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association

MISSION - To protect, preserve, and enhance Horseshoe Lake and its surrounding area. To assure the continued health of the lake's ecosystem, safe and healthy family living, high quality fish and wildlife habitat and the survival of these natural gifts for future generations.

President's Corner

The long winter is finally behind us and it's time to again enjoy the days on Horseshoe Lake!

As we look forwards to another lake season, I have listed a few key topics for you from the board..

Clean and Clear Lake-Most importantly we want to continue to keep are lake clean and free of Aquatic Invasive Species. Unfortunately, we are surrounded by infected lakes and our success is critical to take the steps to prevent the spread to Horseshoe Lake. We again will have extensive AIS inspector coverage at our landing. All week-ends (F-Su) will be covered plus various other days preceding holidays, fishing tournaments etc. Our coverage will go through the end of September.

Remember when you show up at the launch, make sure your plug is out.

High water- With the water at its highest level in over 13 years, please be cognizant of high boat speed near shore, as shore erosion is more susceptible. Technically the lake has a no wake zone 150 feet from shore, unless launching or dropping off a water skier. Additionally, the channel is a NO WAKE ZONE High speeds will back fill the area we dug out 10 plus years ago.

(at considerable cost) If you park your boat with others in the channel, beware of the traffic zone and clean up before you leave.

Ice ridge Removal – In some cases, the ridges can be removed without the need to obtain a permit. Here is a link for you to check the requirements: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/water/answers.html#iceridges>

Fertilizing – Runoff from fertilizer and herbicides can end up in our lake. If lawn fertilizer is used, be sure to use very light treatments of "lake safe" Fertilizer that do not contain phosphorus

(the middle number of the fertilizer analysis should always be zero).

Fireworks Etiquette– Most owners come to our lake to enjoy a natural setting. Please limit use of fireworks to 4th of July celebrations. People and pets will appreciate your courtesy throughout the summer.

4th of July Boat Parade-Please remember the annual 4th of July boat parade. It starts at noon on the 4th. Our goal is to continue to increase participation. It can certainly be a creative fun time with family and friends.

Lastly let's have a safe and trouble-free summer. Remember your neighbors, be considerate in boating, limiting noise and follow the laws of proper boating.

Dave Baker, HLPOA President

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Mark your Calendar

Calendar Dates for 2019

HLPOA Board Meetings are at 8:30 AM on Saturdays at Mission Town Hall

- May 4 BOARD MEETING
- June 8 BOARD MEETING
- June 29 BOARD MEETING
- July 4th Boat Parade—Noon
- August 3 Annual Meeting
- August 10 BOARD MEETING
- August 31 Fishing Contest
- August 31 Potluck-11:30 AM
- September 7 BOARD MEETING

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Committee Reports

Fisheries Management

HLPOA Ice Fishing Contest was held 10am to 2pm on Saturday January 19, 2019. Our first winter contest focused on Northern Pike of which 14 were caught and kept. It turned out to be a fun day for the 19 anglers even with the extreme cold.

Look for information on a Summer follow-up event.

Bob Kalton, Kevin Max, John Knight, Event Organizers

Management of Northern Pike and Bullheads

The Minnesota DNR changed regulations related to possession limits of northern pike effective for the 2018 fishing season. The new limits applicable to the zone in which Horseshoe is located are an angler can keep 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches; and all from 22 to 26 inches must be released. Northern pike taken by spearing follow the same rules except one pike may be between 22 and 26 inches or two larger than 26 inches. These regulations were implemented to encourage the harvest and reduce the overabundance of smaller northern pike, which feed on perch that are important to the walleye population.

Several years ago the association worked with the DNR and a private company to net northern pike and bullheads for removal from the lake. Due to poor weather conditions, many fish were removed but not as many as anticipated. There are no plans at this time for additional netting.

The board continues to encourage the removal of northern pike in accordance with the state regulations, meaning if you catch fish within the prescribed limits, do not release them back into the lake. The limit on bullheads is 100 with no size restrictions so do not release any of them if you are under the limit.

Jim Peterson, Seasonal Director

Look for signage at the public landing directing boaters to Breezy Point for pressure washing.

Kevin Max, Fisheries Management

AIS Management

Decontamination Station Locations

Crosslake Station - off of Whipple drive (turn 1/2 mile south of Pine River Bridge)

- Open Memorial Day to mid-Sept.
- Hours - Staffed Fri-Sun 9am-7pm. On call Mon-Thurs 9-5

Pelican Square at Breezy Point gas station (218-562-4040)

Mobile Decontamination Unit - call for locations

- Hotline 218-824-1055 (Be prepared to write down a phone number)
- Or go to MN DNR website for where decon.mobile unit locations are daily
- https://webapps15.dnr.state.mn.us/ais_decon_sites

HORSESHOE LAKE PUBLIC LANDING will be staffed in 2019 for

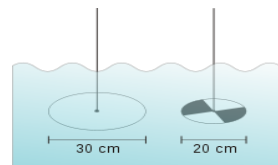
282 hours funded by the State plus an additional 240 hours to be funded by HLPOA provided we can find trained staff.

Dave Baker, Water Quality and AIS Management

Water Quality

Secchi disk readings for the start of this year:

	West Bay	East Bay
5/20/19	19.5'	23.5'



Jerry Martin, Water Quality and AIS Management

Be Informed



Minnesota Personal Watercraft Laws

You Must...

1. Wear a USCG approved life jacket.
2. Travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of:
 - * non-motorized boats
 - * shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water)
 - * docks
 - * swim rafts
 - * swimmers
 - * or any moored or anchored boat.
3. Operate only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset.
4. Use the cutoff lanyard properly.
5. Obey operator age/permit laws for those younger than 18 years old.

You May Not...

- ◆ Chase or harass wildlife.
- ◆ Jump the wake of another boat within 150 feet of the craft.
- ◆ Operate a personal watercraft in a manner that endangers life, limb or property.

Protect Your Sport... Respect your neighbors

- ◆ don't operate for long periods in the same area!
- ◆ or near occupied boats or shore!

This is only a summary of the laws as of January 2014 and is required to be visible to the operator on all personal watercraft in Minnesota.

For more information contact:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Boat and Water Safety
Section 500 Lafayette Rd., Saint Paul, MN 55155-4039

651-259-5400, 1-888-646-6367,
TTY 651-296-5484, 1-800-657-3929
mndnr.gov/boatingsafety

Good Neighbor Reminder

An unsigned letter from a lake property owner was sent to the board that had some important reminders for lake owners. In summary:

1. *There were concerns with the increased amount of partying in the channel that has resulted in litter and other waste left behind. We have always prided ourselves on being a clean lake.*
2. *Drinking and driving while impaired is just as relevant and as big a concern on the lake as on a road. Be aware.*
3. *Another concern in this letter referred to the traffic from Wave Runners, Jet Skis, or other personal watercraft not being responsible. They have been driving too close to docks, swimmers, fisherman, paddle boards, loungers, etc.*

The board felt we should include a summary of the letter as these topics are something we all need to be concerned about when on the lake. If attending a party, plan on having a designated driver. If visitors or extended family are bringing a boat to the lake, share what a "clean" boat is and raise the awareness of AIS prevention.

We need members of our families and/or visitors to know the laws, and especially "what a safe distance looks like" from a dock. Slow down and move back. Be aware of your surroundings. We don't want any accidents to innocent swimmers, etc. resulting from personal watercraft (or even boats and pontoons) driving too close to docks as they very often do (swimmers may be nearby)! Last year, we also had reports of personal watercraft chasing loons.

In general, by being proactive, we are protecting our natural heritage. Being "Up North" brings to most people's minds a pristine picture of our natural surroundings - trees, clean lakes, and animals. When in the boundary waters, you take out everything you bring in—including the smallest things—even gum. Same on the lake. We need to pick up after ourselves. So again, we individually, know the rules, but do our visitors and the youngest members of our families? Help grow their knowledge.



Wildlife



Not a lot of news yet, but when we were last up, we did see a pair of loons in front of our house. We talked to Goeff Bartsh and he had made a special trip up to put out a loon platform by his place.

Marlin & Gwen Sackett Wildlife Committee

Lake Updates

July 4th Boat Parade

On a Thursday in 2019

COMMODORE this year—John Buttweiler

JUDGES for the current year are - Last Years Parade Winners

The **TRENARY/HUESTIS FAMILIES**



Happy 4th of July!



Parade Boats:

11:45 Meet on the West Basin side of channel

- Pack a **lunch, sunscreen, life jackets** and....
- **Take a picture** so winners can share at the annual meeting
- **Look for Horseshoe Lake Flag** on Commodore's Boat

NOON Follow the Commodore's Boat

- Go counter-clockwise around West first, then East Basin

WINNERS - selection based on **Creativity, Attractiveness, & Enthusiasm.**

Good luck to all! Sue Peterson, Boat Parade Committee Chair

Emergency Numbers

Crosslake Police

218-692-2222

Mission Lake Fire Dept.

218-765-3259



Coffee Time

Gathering Place for Men

SPORTSMAN STORE - 9:00 AM Wed.



Horseshoe Lake

Froze: November 20, 2018

**Ice Out in 2019: April 21st East Basin
& April 22nd West Basin**

The HLPOA Newsletter goes out 3 times a year:

- Spring (April/May),
- July (10 days before the Annual Meeting, and
- Fall (Oct/Nov) to keep you informed on lake happenings.

Lake information can also be found on the **Website:**

<https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/>

Checkout **Horseshoe Lake Facebook** page

JOIN the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association—be involved.

IN MEMORIAM



Our heartfelt sympathies to the families of lake residents who have passed away.

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| • Lynda Ackert | February 8, 2019 |
| • Jerry Gillespie | March 8, 2019 |
| • Dale Frandsen | April 6, 2019 |

MISSION TOWNSHIP

<https://missiontownship.org/index.html>

Monthly Meetings

- **MISSION TOWNSHIP BOARD Meetings** 1st Mon./month 7pm -Town Hall / Township News www.missiontownship.org
Be Active. Attend when you can so you keep an eye open about what is happening in our township.
- **WOMEN'S FIRE AUXILIARY Meetings** 3rd Wed./month 1:00 pm - Contact Dar Hays for location 218-765-3616 or bndhays@brainerd.net *Auxillary raises money to support Fire Department. No membership fee.*
**Annual Projects: Sell Christmas Wreaths (order from Dar)*

Annual Events—Fire Station

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT** - Has earned an improved fire rating. This may help lower your insurance. Check it out.
- **FIRE FAIR FUNDRAISER** - 3rd Saturday in July at Mission Park - 11:30 AM (This year - July 20, 2019)
- **FIRE PANCAKE SUPPER & OPEN HOUSE** - Sept 21st, 2019 - 8 AM. See Mission Township Fire Depart online.



Mission Township Recycling 24/7 - Town Hall Cty Rd 3



Please only qualified recycling—No mattresses, furniture, etc.

- Household recycling (Paper/Glass/Tin/Cardboard/Plastic) separation not required.
- Special container for **aluminum cans**—Funds received from Can Recycling spent on improvements at the park.
- Used Oil, Oil filters , Anti-freeze can be recycled also for a nominal fee.

TRANSFER STATION located on E Horseshoe Lake Rd

- Open Saturday April to October from 10am - 2pm
- Transfer Station takes brush, leaves, yard debris for Mission Township Residents.
- There is a fee for any commercial use.



3 NEW TYPES OF SIGNS showing up around Horseshoe Lake:



Did you see... the new signage temporarily displayed to remind us of the annual meeting? The Board will use them to remind us of other lake events, too.
Watch for them.



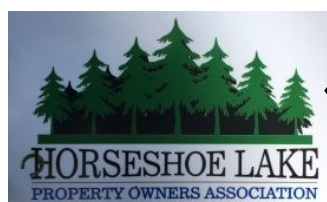
Meeting this Saturday
8:30am Mission Town Hall

Annual Meeting

Did you see... NORTH Horseshoe Lake Road SIGN (it's beautiful)

If you are new homeowners on North Horseshoe Lake Road and would like your name added to this sign...

Please contact Jerry Martin at 147ironwood@gmail.com



Did you see... that HLPOA **Membership Signs** are showing up around the lake and are available - \$20.

Be a member and show support for lake membership.
Contact Pam at pamheller24@mail.com



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