



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021 - No. 121

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.

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Presidents Corner

Greetings from your Lake Association President. As I write this article, we are just about halfway through the summer, and it has been very dry and hot...the lake has been a great relief on these hot summer days. The weather around the 4th of July celebrations was spectacular even if we were limited in our fireworks by the fire dangers.

You are receiving this newsletter as part of the notification of the Annual meeting of the Association and so please plan on coming to the meeting on the **7th of August**. Save the postage and bring your dues with you to the meeting and get updated on what has been a hectic year for the HLPOA board. We have had several special meetings and members of the board and other volunteers have been busy working for the Association.

Jim Peterson and the park board of Mission Township were successful in writing a matching grant from the DNR which will provide funds to expand the park facilities. New pickleball courts and playground equipment are among the items provided for by the grant. We will see the improvements happening in the fall and next year.

Just a short comment on the item which has taken up most of your Boards time this year and that is Hideaway Bay. A group of association members and your board have been working hard to prevent the Hideaway Bay Development Plan. It has been an uphill battle, and the struggle continues. Read more about the July 14th Board convening at Land Services in the Newsletter. We will also have the latest information at the Annual meeting as the County Commissioners will review this plan on July 27th.

We count our blessings as once again gather with family and friends at the lake and enjoy the wonderful treasure we have in HORSESHOE LAKE. So go have a pontoon ride around the lake or go for a paddle; a sail; or a refreshing swim and enjoy the Beautiful Day!!

Rob Saunders

President

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LAKE EVENTS:

-Kids Fishing Contest
OPEN POSITION

-4th of July Boat Parade
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HIDEAWAY BAY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



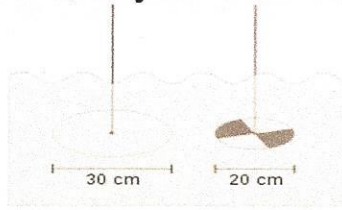
The HLPOA Board of Directors and Officers moved unanimously to oppose the proposed Hideaway Bay on Horseshoe Lake development. This project, under the guise of a Conservation Development, is comprised of fourteen residences and association building with docking capacity totaling three spaces.

Crow Wing County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment met at their regularly scheduled meeting on July 15 to review and decide whether to approve or deny the proposed development plat. Thank you for your petition signatures supporting your HLPOA opposition to Hideaway Bay and all (more than 123) who independently sent letters of opposition. Some residents orally addressed the commission during the meeting pointing out the effect that this high density development would have on the Horseshoe Lake and water shed ecology, increased boat traffic, and the likely impact the development will have on residents health and safety due to increased traffic, added deterioration of the road system, added pressure on safety forces, and the risk inherit from multiple wells and common shared septic system in a comparatively concentrated area.

The County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment ultimately voted 4 to 1 to deny approval of Hideaway Bay. This denial, however, is officially a recommendation to the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners which is charged with the final authority to either deny or approve any plat. The final decision on the proposed preliminary plat by the County Commission is expected at their regularly scheduled public meeting on **July 27th**. Board members and any others interested in the outcome are urged to attend this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water Quality and AIS Management



HLPOA will continue to monitor water quality this year by taking water samples and secchi disc readings May through September. This data is collected for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Crow Wing County Land Services. HLPOA has been monitoring water quality since 2001. Recent water samples have been taken to check for Zebra Mussel Velgers. The samples have been dropped off at Crow Wing Land Services and will be sent out on July 15th. The report will be available at the Annual Meeting in August.

Jerry Martin

AIS

AIS inspections. Inspections began May 14th and will end in September. Shifts are usually Friday through Sunday with additional hours scheduled for holidays.

Dave Baker

Membership

The Fiscal Year Start Date is approaching and That means planning to pay your HLPOA dues. An attachment included with the Newsletter is the form to fill out and either bring to the Annual Meeting or send in to the Treasurer. You may pay your dues online at Horseshoelakemn.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page. It's fast, secure and easy. Let's all do our part this fiscal year and "Pay UP!"

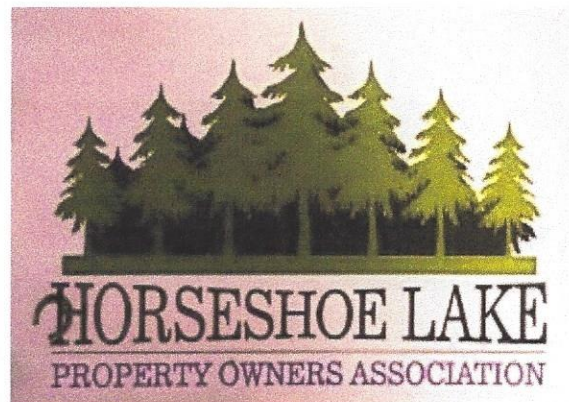
Wildlife

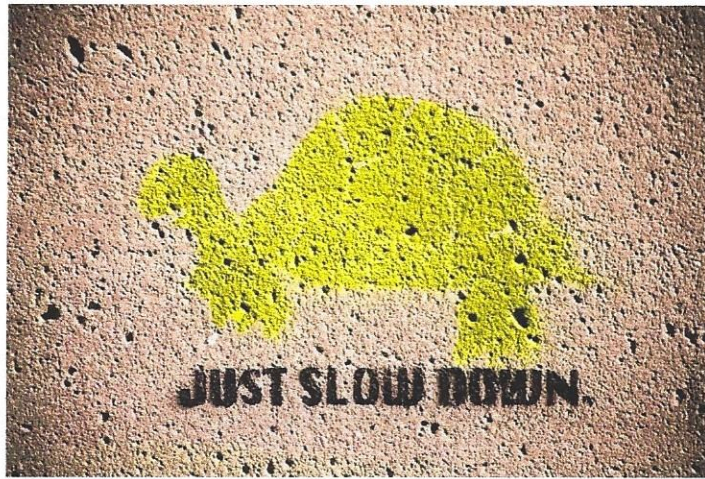
There are five adult loons on the lake! The pair on the east lake have two young loons swimming by their side. Earlier reports indicated two more chicks, but sadly they have not been seen, possibly due to the eagle population we currently experience. Wood ducks have been spotted swimming along the shoreline. Pesky Canadian geese have also made an unwanted appearance on our lake. A beaver was also spotted in the small bay by the public landing. Thanks to all who have been following wildlife activity. A thank you to Joeffrey Bartsh for putting out the loon platform in the channel.

Marlin and Gwen Sackett



HLPOA Membership Signs\$20 – contact Pam Heller24@mail.com





Many of you are out and about this summer, walking on North Horseshoe Lake Road or Huxtable Point Road. There is much foot and bike traffic as folks are enjoying the good weather and exercise. Small children walking or biking with their parents are also on these roads. There has been some concern regarding the ignoring of the speed limits on these roads. Please observe the speed limit and be cautious with families and guests out on the roads. **Don't Meet By Accident!**

ANNUAL BOAT PARADE RE-CAP

The Annual 4th of July Boat Parade was held on Sunday, July 4th with this year's Commodores Renae and Rob Saunders. Judges were last year's winners, the Geiger/Bartsh families. Congratulations to the winners of this year's Parade:

- 1st Place: Christmas In July Janyce and Rick Hansen
- 2nd Place: Pontoon Saloon, Baynes/Winter Families
- 3rd Place: Beach Happy, Mayavski Family





FISHING CONTEST IS BACK!!

A big thanks to Diane Weiner who is this year's coordinator for the Annual Children's Fishing Contest and Potluck. The date is set for Saturday, September 4th. There will be cash prizes awarded to the top three winners. A Potluck will follow at the Mission Township Park, with beverages provided. Plan on preparing a covered dish to share. Further details will be forthcoming at the Annual Meeting, August 7th.

CROSSLAKE BOAT DECONTAMINATION STATION

This station is located at the Joint Maintenance Highway Facility in Crosslake. It is open now until the end of September, Thursday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please decontaminate your boat and any guest boats before entering Horseshoe Lake. If you are taking your boat to other lakes or rivers, this is imperative to help prevent Aquatic Invasive Species.

MINNESOTA LAKES AND RIVERS ADVOCATES

As part of the settlement from the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe, some of the money was set aside for loon recovery efforts in Minnesota.

Two MN agencies have received a part of this funding, the MPCA and the MN DNR. The Get the Lead Out effort MLR has helped support is a result of the funding to the MPCA. Many lake associations have rolled out lead tackle exchange programs through this program.

The MN DNR is ramping up their Loon Restoration Project. The MN Loon Restoration Project is targeting the following counties: Becker, Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Clearwater, Itasca Aitkin, and Beltrami.

The focus of the project is fourfold:

1. Acquire critical parcels of shoreline on lakes that are ecologically important to loons. These lakes include historically important loon nesting sites, have been previously categorized as biologically significant, and contain populations of cisco (an important forage fish for loons prior to fall migration),
2. Engage lake associations to promote loon management and conservation.
3. Work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's 'Get the Lead Out' program to promote the use of non-toxic fishing tackle.
4. Optimize the location of artificial nesting platforms on these types of lakes that lack high quality natural nesting habitat.

MN DNR is currently working with both the United States Geological Survey and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct surveys of key lakes that are important to loons in the eight county project area. Results of these surveys will be used to guide decisions and actions related to the four focus points listed above.

MISSION TOWNSHIP NEWS

<https://missiontownship.org>

- Transfer Station now open Saturdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. through October. If you arrive and gates are closed, contact Jim Roach (218) 765-3638. Joachim@Brainerd.net.
- A grant has been approved to update Mission Township Park with playground equipment and expansion to include pickleball courts.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 2021 Calendar Dates

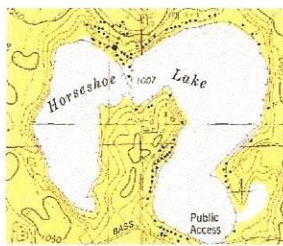
August 7	ANNUAL MEETING (Mission Township Hall)
August 14	Board Meeting
September 11	Board Meeting

IN MEMORIUM

Longtime lake resident Jim Delaney passed away within the past month. He and his wife Jane had a cabin for over 30 years until they sold last fall.

NEW LAKE MAP!

Check out the HLPOA Facebook Page and review the property owners' map with all the names of the current owners. Our thanks to Kathy Bittner-Lee for spearheading this project. If you know of any changes or new property owners, let your board members know.



FEEL THE HEAT!

With temperatures soaring this summer, how 'bout firing up the grill with your favorite fish (walleye, halibut, or bass) and preparing a menu that's easy and will keep the chef cool. In twenty minutes, you have a meal that will have you pulling out the wild tropical shirts, listening to steel drum music and donning your flashiest shades!

4 firm fish steaks coated with olive oil, salt and pepper

Mango Salsa

1 mango diced
1 red pepper finely chopped
1 jalapino pepper minced
½ red onion diced
1 Tbsp cilantro freshly chopped
Juice of 1 lime
Salt and pepper to taste
Mix ingredients and refrigerate

Cajun Slaw

2 bags purchased ready-made cole slaw
¾ cup cider vinegar
¾ cup ketchup
2 tsp Tabasco
Salt and Pepper to taste
Mix sauce and pour over slaw
Refrigerate for one hour and serve

Fire up the grill to medium high and grill fish about 5 minutes on each side.

Add a side of slaw, corn on the cob and key lime pie for dessert and it looks like you worked all day.

The HLPOA Newsletter goes out three times a year:

Spring (May/June)

Summer (10 days before the Annual Meeting)

Fall (October/November) to keep you informed of lake happenings

Check out HORSESHOE LAKE FACEBOOK PAGE - <https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/>

Horseshoe lake Information can be found when you:

- Join HLPOA Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association (\$35.00)
- Check out the Website: <https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/>
- Horseshoe Lake Facebook page – HLPOA Members Only

Emergency Numbers to Remember

Crosslake Police

218-692-2222

Mission Lake Fire Department

218-765-3259

CALL 9-1-1

If you have an emergency

If you are planning to be around the Lakes Area this Summer

*Events**

June 2- August 18	Nisswa Turtle Races every Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. (\$5.00 entry fee)
July 30- August 21	Lakes Area Music Festival , Gichi-zibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd
August 3-7	Crow Wing County Fair, County Fairgrounds
August 14	Crosslake Firefighters Car Show and Pig Roast, Crosslake Fire Station
August 19-22	Crosby Heritage Days

***Check the websites for additional updates and times before you head out**



“Summer is the annual permission slip to be lazy. To do nothing and have it count for something. To lie in the grass and count the stars. To sit on a branch and study the clouds.” —

Regina Brett

If you haven't paid your dues for 2020-2021, there is still time to send in your check.

HLPOA Annual DUES Statement & Lake INFORMATION UPDATES

Paying dues gets you information on what is happening on our lake area through newsletters, directories, etc.

Our Fiscal Year is August 2021-July 2022

Dues - \$35

AMOUNT Paid _____

Donation for Lake Protection (AIS)

AMOUNT Paid _____

TOTAL PAID _____

Checks to "HLPOA". Mail to: HLPOA, PO Box 86 Merrifield MN 56465 / or Bring to Annual Meeting

Help us keep current with any changes in your contact information by updating this form, and checking boxes below.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Home Telephone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Number _____ - _____ - _____ for: _____

Lake Telephone _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Number _____ - _____ - _____ for: _____

As investors in Horseshoe Lake, there is occasionally information that we as property owners like or need to be aware of. The HLPOA Board would like to modernize our messaging to you and add an option to "text" or email information about items involving the lake, including upcoming events. This will be an additional way to share lake information to you. Let us know if we can text you, and if we can email information & newsletters to you. Also tell us below if you do or don't want your information in lake directories.

☐ Yes, you can Text me using Cell Number(s) _____ - _____ - _____; or ☐ No, I don't text.

☐ Yes, Email newsletter or lake information (updated email) _____

☐ Yes, I like having a Lake Directory listing (phone, address, email) and I want to be in it. or ☐ No, don't include me.

(If nothing is checked above, we will automatically include your information in the next updated directory.)

Horseshoe Lake Property Owner's Association 2021-2022 Ballot

POSITION	NOMINEE	WRITE-IN	APPROVED
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Treasurer	Michele Buttweiler		
Secretary	Sue Peterson		
Director	Jim Peterson		
Director	Tadd Ford		
Director	Chad Boeckman		

Signed _____

Please bring completed ballot to the Saturday, August 7, 2021 Annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m.