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As I write this note and look out the window at the west basin on a beautiful, late Monday afternoon there is only one pontoon and a paddleboarder on our side of the lake. Horseshoe Lake is a rare natural resource in a state with an abundance of lakes. The opportunity to find peaceful moments, recreation, and share lake life with our friends and family is a gift.

The Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association works to help support the enjoyment of our lake with a kid's fishing tournament, boat parade, and advocacy for fishing, loons, and lake clarity.

Looking to the future, the board is discussing ways to increase connectivity with our neighbors on the lake. There are several impromptu opportunities throughout the year with the sandbar, occasional parties, and music hosted by residents. We are looking for other pathways to create community and friendship. Please join us for our first Happy Hour event on August 24<sup>th</sup> at Mission Tavern beginning at 4:30 pm. This will continue each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. If you have other suggestions, please pass on to a board member.

We have several board members retiring from their positions. Sue and Jim Peterson have been on the board for many terms in different roles with Sue currently holding the Secretary position. Michele Buttweiler has been the Treasurer for 6 years. We also have 2 other positions that will be vacant at the end of this term. Their service has been exemplary.

In addition, Nancy Jones, our fantastic newsletter editor is also relinquishing her role as editor but will stay on the Board. This is a great opportunity to get involved and help shape the way our association supports our members and mission. We meet 5 times from May through September and have recently started meeting on days that the board members determine to be convenient. For example, Thursday evenings. All meetings can be attended via zoom so participation as a board member has become a convenient and pleasant activity. Please note the dues statement at the back of the Newsletter as well as the ballot for the upcoming election of open positions. These can be brought to the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting or mailed to our Treasurer. Our fiscal year is August 1 – July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you very much for those that took part in the boat parade even with the need to move the parade to July 5<sup>th</sup> due to weather. The creativity of the decorations was fantastic.

We look forward to seeing you all at the HLPOA annual meeting August 5<sup>th</sup>. For those that can't make it we hope to see you at another HLPOA event soon.

Have a great second half of the Summer!

- Michael

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**LAKE EVENTS:**

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**-4th of July Boat Parade**

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Jerry Martin, Bud Hays, and Dale Johnson

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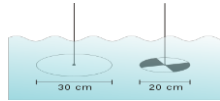
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**-Memorabilia**

Open position

**-Website—Horseshoe Lake**

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**WATER QUALITY**

Secchi disc readings on July 16 - West and East bays 14'. We will be sampling for Spiny Water Flea in July  
- Jerry Martin

**WILDLIFE REPORT**

We have two loon families each with one baby this summer which is a sign of a healthy lake. We continue to see bear sightings around North Horseshoe Lake Road. Remember to s-l-o-w-l-y back away from a bear, keeping it in your sight. A sighting of a Mother Duck along with her 14 chicks was also spotted. The chicks were all lined up and swimming behind her with remarkable discipline! Also, there has been a coyote roaming along County Road 3. A reminder to all pet owners to continually watch your pets and keep them safe. - Sackets

**AIS**

AIS inspections at the boat landing will again go through September, Friday-Sunday. They will be on hand for major holidays.

**MEMBERSHIP**

To keep our contact database updated, please let us know if you are selling, or if your neighbors are new to the lake, or if you are new to the lake.

Please contact Judy Deis at [mdeis@comcast.net](mailto:mdeis@comcast.net) with updated contact information.

- Judy Deis

**Committee Reports, Etc.**

Water Quality, AIS, Wildlife,  
Membership, Lake Items

**BOAT DECONTAMINATION**

It is strongly encouraged for all families and guests to decontaminate boats before launching into Horseshoe Lake if it's been in another body of water in previous 3 weeks, to protect from invasive species. There is a decontamination station in Cross Lake.

218-824-1055 or Text  
CWCDECON

Located at:

13870 Whipple Dr., Crosslake.  
Open Thursdays – Sundays  
9:00am – 6:00pm.

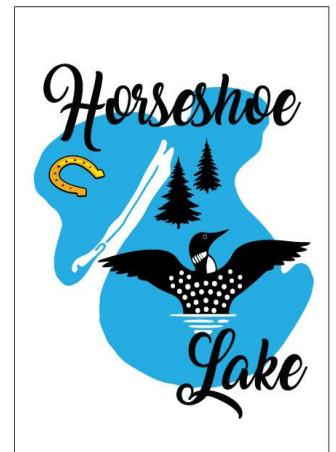
**RECYCLE**

We no longer have our local recycling facility, but have a recommendation, Ideal Corners Transfer Station, near the end of West Island Lake Drive off County Rd. 16, Phone: 218-543-6372.

It is clean and organized, with separate containers by material (paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum, plastic, etc.). They also recycle appliances for a small fee. Cost is \$15 per year for unlimited recycling, one load of yard waste, one load of brush. Hours 8am to 4pm, Wednesday and Saturday all year plus Mondays during the summer. See the website at Ideal Township for details.

**HORSESHOE LAKE ITEMS**

We appreciate your support of the Lake Protection Fund. This year we are offering garden flags for sale with Horseshoe Lake featured on the design. These flags will be available at the Annual Meeting, August 5<sup>th</sup>, and we can also take orders at the event or by e-mailing [nancysayresjones@gmail.com](mailto:nancysayresjones@gmail.com). Cost of the flags is \$40.00. All proceeds go to the Lake Protection Fund. The flags are 12 X 18 inches with a pocket that can slip onto a garden flag holder (sold on Amazon or another vendor). They can also be put on a pole to hang on your cottage. This one-of-a-kind design is unique and is a great way to support our efforts for a clean, non-contaminated lake. We will have 50 flags available at the meeting to purchase and can accept cash or check.





## FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE

Thanks to everyone who took part in the boat parade this year. There were many very creative entries! First place goes to the Gross family for their Dancing on the Horseshoe Dock float

Second place goes to the Pierce family for the USAF Thunderbird float.

Third place goes to the Hansen family's Rubber Duckie float. A special thank you to Nancy and Ron Jones who served as our Commodores and last year's winners, the Tripet Dodge family, for judging the parade.

### First Place



### Second Place



### Third Place



### Fruit on the Grill!

What could be better than a delightful peach dessert with raspberry sauce and lemon cream? Grilling has never tasted so good! Best of all – you are out of a hot kitchen for summer entertaining!!

#### For the Raspberry Sauce:

3 cups fresh raspberries, 1 tbsp lemon juice, 1 tbsp tequila and 2-4 tbsp sugar  
Mix the berries with 1/3 cup water. Strain into bowl and add remaining ingredients

#### For the Lemon Cream:

1 cup heavy cream, 1 tbsp sugar, 1 tbsp lemon juice, 2 tsp lemon zest  
Whip cream and sugar at high speed and add the remaining ingredients. Refrigerate until serving time.  
6 large peaches, 6 tbsp unsalted butter, 1/4 c granulated sugar. Melt butter and add sugar. Brush mixture on halved peaches. Grill over Direct High heat turning every 2-3 minutes until browned. Serve warm peaches with sauce and lemon cream – 6 servings



Weber Cookbook



## EYE ON IT

### Are Picture Perfect Lawns on Their Way Out?

The American lawn has deep roots in our nation's founding story, but environmental concerns have sparked interest in native plants and a wildlife-friendly landscape.

Traditional lawns are huge water hogs, and they need fertilizers and a lot of ongoing care. By going from manicured to natural we teach property owners to shift to buffer zones (unmowed strips of trees and native plants) that absorb lawn chemicals before they reach the water.

With historic drought conditions and water supplies becoming threatened, we can nurture a better future by using more native plants. This will also increase the populations of butterflies, songbirds, and pollinators. Experts recommend starting small. Carve out a little piece of your lawn for a few native shrubs and some perennials that you love. For more information on how to develop natural into the new beautiful, contact Crow Wing County Soil and Water at 218-828-6197. For a fee, they will assess, design, and plant native species and work with you to shift to a new shoreline aesthetic. The good news:

Less maintenance, water conservation and less chemicals threatening our environment. (excerpts from article by Ann H. Klein)







### MISSION STATEMENT

- To protect, preserve, and enhance Horseshoe Lake and its surrounding area. To ensure 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.

- A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawnmower is broken.
- James Dent



### MISSION TOWNSHIP AND PARK NEWS

Check out the Mission Township website for more information on our township developments. <https://missiontownship.org/>.

### UPCOMING HLPOA DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>August 5</b>	<b>HLPOA Annual Meeting for all Property Owners</b>
<b>August 17</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>September 2</b>	<b>Kid's Fishing &amp; Northern Pike Contest – Potluck Mission Town Park</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>HLPOA Happy Hour Mission Tavern</b>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>

### ANNUAL MEETING

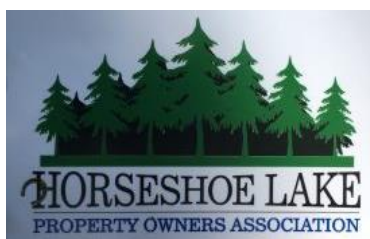
The Annual Meeting for all property owners will be Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mission Town Hall. Social time begins at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting begins at 8:30 am. Speakers include Candi Fuller who will speak on how lakes filter themselves and how we as property owners can help keep contaminants out of the water. Mission Township Supervisors John Auge and Bob Stelle will give updates on what is occurring in the Township and future plans. The Chiefs of Fire and Police have also been invited.

### HLPOA FACEBOOK PAGE

HLPOA Facebook group is a private page and is named Horseshoe Lake Merrifield Website. The Facebook page is for currently paid HLPOA members and their family members. If you want access, go to the Facebook page and request access. The administrator will contact you and ask a few questions.

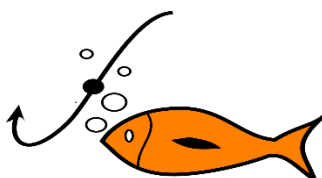
### WOMEN'S MISSION TOWNSHIP FIRE AUXILIARY MEETING

The Women's Auxiliary meets the third Wednesday of the month. The group assembles at Valerie Ann's (County Road 3) at 11:00 am for the meeting and lunch. The goal of the Women's Fire Auxiliary is to raise money to support the local fire department. For more information contact Dar Hays 952-769-7089 [bndhays@brainerd.net](mailto:bndhays@brainerd.net)



HLPOA Membership Signs – contact Pam Heller  
Pamheller24@gmail.com

## Kids Fishing Contest



Mark your calendars for Saturday September 2 for the Annual Labor Day kids fishing contest. The contest is for families with children ages sixteen and younger.

Registration will begin at 7:30 am - 8:00 am and the cost is \$5 per boat. Registration will again be at the public access (East Basin) and at Heller's dock (West Basin). A sign will guide you.

Fish can be weighed and measured where you register between 10:15 and 10:45 am.

This year a category for the most Northerns caught (within the legal limits) will be included.

Again, we will be holding a Potluck picnic following the contest at 11:30 a.m. at Mission Township Park. All families are welcome to the picnic, even if you don't have children in the fishing contest.

Bring a dish to share and your own plates and silverware.

Contest winners will be announced, and awards presented at the Potluck.

## IN MEMORY

Robert Stans, Jim Conway, Louann Pierre and Martin "Marty" Guse passed away in recent months. Our condolences go out to those families.

## UPCOMING LAKES AREA EVENTS

If you are in the Brainerd Lakes Area this Summer, check out all the activities at the website:  
[business.explorebrainerdlakes.com/events](http://business.explorebrainerdlakes.com/events)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesdays through August 9	2:00 pm	Nisswa Turtle Races	Nisswa Town Square
July 30	2:00 pm	Brainerd Lakes Music Festival	Gichi-Zubi Center for Arts, 602 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Brainerd
August 1-5	Daily	Crow Wing County Fair	Crow Wing County Fair Grounds
August 11-12	Daily	Crazy Days	Nisswa
August 19	8:30 am	Flea Market	Crosslake Town Square
August 25-26	9:30 am	Gull Lake Boat Show	Bar Harbor on Gull Lake
September 16	All Day	Fall Rib Fest	Nisswa

As always, check before you plan to attend as events can be cancelled.

## STILL THINKING ABOUT IT?

Our Annual Membership Meeting is on August 5th. This year there are five open positions for the HLPOA Board of Directors on the election ballot - 3 Director positions as well as the Secretary and Treasurer positions.

Michele Buttweiler has been our Treasurer for the past six years and will be stepping down as Treasurer this August. She has provided excellent fiscal responsibility during her tenure and we appreciate all of her hard work.

We welcome Peg Max as our new Newsletter Editor. She has agreed to take over the publication in Spring of 2024.

If you are interested in getting involved, this is a great time to think about stepping in and putting your name on the ballot for one of these positions. The Board meets five times a year and assists in guiding the principles of our Mission Statement. The Board has been instrumental in many critical decisions to preserve and protect our lake.

## BUILDING CAMARADERIE

To get to know more of our Horseshoe Lake Property Owners, the Board cordially invites you to a “Happy Hour” at Mission Tavern on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. This will begin on **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.** and will continue for the upcoming calendar year. No RSVP is needed, just show up! Please join us for a fun, casual late afternoon event and meet old friends and get to know new residents on our lake.



### **The Horseshoe Men’s Breakfast/Coffee Group**

Meet at Valerie Ann’s, Ossipee at 9:00 a.m. every Wednesday.

### **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

Horseshoe Lake information is available when you join HLPOA Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association (\$60.00)

- 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

*Be Well, Be Safe this Summer Season*

\*Please note the latest financials are on a separate attachment

# Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association – Dues Statement and Ballot

You can pay annual dues/donations 3 ways:

- 1 – Complete the form below and submit it with your check at the HLPOA Annual meeting on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2 – Complete the form below and mail it with check to:  
HLPOA, PO Box 86, Merrifield, MN 56465
- 3 – Online at the website ([www.horseshoelakemn.com](http://www.horseshoelakemn.com))

The HLPOA fiscal year is August through July, so annual payments are requested in August.

	Amount Paid
Annual Dues - \$60	
Donation for Lake Protection Fund (optional)	
HLPOA Member sign - \$20 (optional) (one-time fee if you don't have a sign yet)	
<b>Total Paid</b>	

## Contact Information

If your property is shared by multiple families, please include information for all owners.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lake address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support to Horseshoe Lake POA and preserving Horseshoe Lake!

### 2023 - 2024 HLPOA Board of Directors Ballot

Position	Nominee	Write-in Nominee	Approved
Treasurer	Open position		
Secretary	Open Position		
Director	Open position		
Director	Open position		
Director	Open position		

Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed ballot and dues to: HLPOA, PO Box 86, Merrifield, MN 56465, or bring to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Mission Town Hall. Social time begins at 8am, meeting starts at 8:30am.