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President's Corner

Welcome back to the Lake for Spring of 2024. It is nice to see so many families opening up their summer residences and getting ready for the summer season. Docks, lifts, and boats are appearing on the shoreline, another sure sign that our lake residents will be enjoying our beautiful lake.

For those of you who traveled to sunnier climes, it was a quiet winter here with NO SNOW! We had our token snowstorm in April with about 7 inches that quietly disappeared after four days. Other than one week of below zero temperatures, it was an uneventful winter weather-wise.

Now that spring is here and warmer temperatures are upon us, it's time to get back to embracing life "Up North". We will kick off the season with a Happy Hour this Saturday June 1st at Mission Tavern. Come join us at 4:00 p.m. and mingle with old friends and new. Also in this issue is a listing of upcoming events to participate in as we head into summer. There is always something to do in Lake Country.

Once again, we will be hiring boat inspectors at the public access to check for invasive species during weekends and peak holidays. If you are hosting guests, please alert them to have their boat inspected before launching. It's all about the preservation of our clear, clean lake and our Secchi readings prove that we are maintaining our waters. This year is predicted to be an especially bad year for invasive plant growth so we need to be extra vigilant.

Don't forget about our beautiful Mission Park and the activities available.

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Pickleball courts are getting busier with our lake residents partaking in court times. There is also a softball field, playground equipment for the younger generation and walking trails.

We had another controversial building project on our lake this year. The County erroneously provided a setback measurement for a new home build allowing it to be 86 feet from the lake vs the required 100' foot required. Although we protested the Alternative Variance request at the Crow Wing Planning Commission Board of Adjustment meeting in April, the planning commission board unanimously approved the alternative variance for the builder, B-Dirt, to proceed with completing their house. HLPOA Board Members agreed that our best approach would be to work with the builder to improve lake protection on that lot instead of appealing this decision by hiring an attorney. We worked with the builder (B-Dirt) and finalized an agreement to waive our right to appeal the variance in exchange for B Dirt's commitment to work with Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation to develop a strategy for lake protection on this property. They agreed to develop and execute a plan to improve runoff protection with landscaping and plants to improve filtration. We look forward to seeing the results of their commitment.

Mark your calendars now to plan to attend our Annual HLPOA Meeting on August 3rd. The Board will provide updates and we will also have lake items available for sale. Watch for updates. Social time will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Plan to come and see what's happening on Horseshoe.

Have a fun, safe, and pleasant spring season! Michael and the HLPOA Board

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-4th of July Boat Parade

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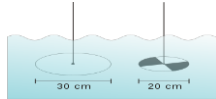
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WATER QUALITY



Secchi disc reading in May:
May 6 - West bay- 26'
East bay 30'
Surface water temp 54 deg.
May 19 - West bay - 23.5 –
East bay - 22.5
Surface water temp 63 deg.

AIS

Aquatic Invasive Species
Inspectors have started working at the public landing, but their hours are limited.
If you are interested in being trained to volunteer as an AIS inspector at the public access, training will take place in June. Please contact Judy Deis ASAP at mdeis@comcast.net for more information.
Help keep our lake free from invasive species by decontaminating your boat or jet ski if it's been on another lake. Also encourage guests or renter to do the same.
The Crow Wing County AIS decontamination stations are also open to boaters free of charge. The County's permanent decontamination unit at the Crosslake Joint Highway Maintenance Facility at 13870 Whipple Drive is fully staffed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Two mobile units are located at different public accesses throughout the county. They will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For locations of all decontamination stations call (218) 824-1055 or text CWCDECON to 1-833-258-7509.

Committee Reports, Etc.

Water Quality, AIS, Wildlife,
Membership, Lake Items

MEMBERSHIP

Are you new to the lake? Or do you have new neighbors? Please let us know so we can keep our database up to date. Please contact Judy Deis at 612-481-5151 or mdeis@comcast.net
Annual dues of \$60 will be collected at the meeting on August 3rd.

WILDLIFE REPORT

The loons are back! There have been reports of pairs swimming in both basins. The nesting platform built by Eagle Scout Thomas Hansen has been put in the bay in the East Basin. Please be respectful of the loons' space!
There is a bobcat roaming the east bay area so watch your pets!

There have been many bear sightings as well. We have had bears getting into trash on the west basin. Properly disposing of garbage before leaving the cabin and putting a little bleach on top of the bags in the garbage receptacle will keep the bears away.

You can find additional helpful bear information at Bearwise.org.

HORSESHOE LAKE ITEMS



Horseshoe Lake items will be for sale in late summer and will be available to purchase at the Annual Meeting. We plan to offer boat totes/beach bags, key rings, and fleeces. Stay tuned for the final list of items and their cost. Proceeds from these sales supplements our Treasury. Thanks for supporting our efforts to keep our lake clean and enjoyable for family and friends.

Fishing Contest

Please join us for the annual Labor Day kids fishing contest and potluck picnic on Saturday August 31, 2024.
Kids up to 16 years old can register from 7:30 am to 8 am at the public access in the East basin and at Heller's dock (look for the balloons on the North Shoreline) in the West Basin. Entry fee is \$5.00 per boat. Measuring is from 10:15 am to 10:45 where you registered. Potluck picnic and awards start at 11:30 am at Mission Park.



4th of July Boat Parade

Ahoy! It's not too early to start planning for the Horseshoe Lake 4th of July Boat Parade! The parade starts at noon on the west basin, so participants should gather at the channel at 11:45 am. You don't need to decorate your watercraft to participate, but it sure is fun if you do! Our 2023 winners—the Bonnie Gross Family with their Dancing on the Horseshoe Duck float—will be our judges this year. Commodores are the Tripet/Dodge families. A special thank you to Sue Peterson, who has chaired the boat parade for many years. Sue will hand her duties off to Carla Gillespie. If you have questions, contact Carla at 651-983-9421 or Carla.Gillespies68@gmail.com



Grilled Corn with Lime Butter

Finely grated zest of one lime
1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1/8 teaspoon tequila (optional)

Kosher salt and freshly grated pepper

Mix ingredients with ½ cup (4 oz.) of unsalted butter at room temperature. Transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate until hardened before using. It will keep for one week in the refrigerator or one month in the freezer. You will have enough for 8 ears of grilled corn.

Shuck the corn and remove silk. Prepare a charcoal or gas grill for direct grilling over medium heat. Brush grill grates with oil. Place corn on the grill directly over the fire and cook, turning every couple of minutes, all the way around each ear. The kernels should become bright yellow and pick up some charring from the grill. You don't want blackened corn, just an accent of caramelization from the fire. Usually corn needs no more than 5 minutes on the grill, 8 minutes at the most.

From Williams-Sonoma Grill Master cookbook

Recycling

Some area recycling centers have closed due to misuse, but there is still a local option: Ideal Corners Transfer station is located at [33503 W Island Lake Dr, Pequot Lakes, Mn 56472](https://www.idealcornerstn.com). This recycling center is monitored and is clean and organized for regular recycling as well as appliances, paint, etc. A yearly permit fee of \$15 is required to use the facility plus there is an additional charge for each item. It's open Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm from June 1 – through September 15. For more information: <https://www.idealcornerstn.com/services/transfer-station>.

Summer Events

Do you enjoy the slow, lazy days of summer? Sipping a cool drink, swinging in the hammock, or lounging on the beach? Or do you love activity? You're always looking for things to do.

Although we include an activities calendar in this newsletter, the summer activities are too numerous to mention. If you're looking for Bingo, Trivia Night, Meat Raffle, Music in the Park, an art activity, or fun for kids, you'll be able to find it nearby. The chamber of commerce sites in Crosslake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, and other cities include events calendars. Or go to Lakesareachamber.com for other listings. Have fun!

Safe Drinking Water

If you'd like to test your well water, AW Research Laboratories in Brainerd is a good resource: 218-829-7974; awlab@awlab.com

EYE ON IT



'How Well Do You Know Minnesota?', a video series brought to you by Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, aims to help Minnesotans stop the spread of aquatic invasive species in our lakes and rivers.

The May video, which can be viewed here ([link](https://youtu.be/fcV-9_kaHKM?si=Wwrf9cGs7yiWxYZn)) focuses on releasing animals and plants into lakes and rivers.

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June's video <https://youtu.be/6EzR0tzzMdM?si=XOxUNrApHh97u9FD> is about invasive species.

"There are so many water quality issues for which there is no simple solution. But the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species has a simple solution - if everyone thoroughly Cleaned, Drained and Dried their boats and water related equipment after each use, and then inspected it prior to each use in a new water body, AIS would not spread. This is why education is the cornerstone of all efforts to protect our lakes and rivers from aquatic invasive species. "Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates.

Visit the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates web page to watch all the videos airing May- Sept 2024 to learn how you can help keep our waters clean.

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.

“When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest.” Ernest Hemingway



MISSION TOWNSHIP AND PARK NEWS

Mission Township's Fire Department is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and will be honored as part of the township party on June 22. E Horseshoe Lake Road and E Bass Lake Road have new speed limits, so be alert to those changes. Check out the Mission Township website for more information on our township developments. <https://missiontownship.org/>.

UPCOMING HLPOA DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Saturday, May 4 | Board Meeting 8:30 – 10:00 am |
| Saturday, June 1 | Board Meeting 8:30 – 10:00 am |
| Thursday, June 27 | Board Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm |
| Thursday, July 18 | Board Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm |
| Thursday, July 4 | Boat Parade Noon |
| Saturday, August 3 | ANNUAL MEETING 8:00 – 11:00 am |
| Thursday, August 8 | Board Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm |
| Saturday, August 31 | Kids Fishing Contest and Potluck |
| September 14 | Board Meeting 8:30 – 10:00 am |



Have you joined the pickleball craze? The pickleball courts at Mission Park are extremely popular. There is now the option to reserve a court by becoming a member: membership is \$25 per year for Mission Township property owners and immediate family members, \$50 per year for all other individuals with no family deals. Download the Court Reserve app to get started.

Court times are:

Weekdays noon – 9:00 pm

Weekends all day

Weekdays 7:00 am – noon

No reservations needed—first come, first served

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Available for members to reserve times

HLPOA FACEBOOK PAGE

HLPOA Facebook group is a private page for Horseshoe Lake Merrifield MN. The Facebook page is for currently paid HLPOA members and their family members. To join, go to the Facebook page and request access from coordinators Dave Baker or Carla Gillispie.



HLPOA Membership Yard Signs – contact Pam Heller
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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
(Check before you plan to attend as events can be cancelled)

| DATE | TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sat. June 8 | 11 am-1 pm | Fun Run 5K | Roundhouse Brewery, Nisswa |
| Tuesday, June 11 | 9 am – 3 pm | Book Sale | Brainerd Library |
| Sat, June 15 | 11 am – 4pm | Classic Boat Show | Moonlite Bay, Crosslake |
| Sun, June 16 | 7 – 9 pm | Rhythm and Blues Cruise | Breezy Point Resort |
| Sun, June 17 | 6:30 – 8 pm | Ski Loons Free Water show | Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge, Deerwood |
| June 20 – 22 | All day | Loons and Lakes Festival | Crosslake |
| Wed, July 3 | Noon | Freedom Days | Nisswa |
| Thurs., July 4 | Noon | Stars and Stripes Day | Pequot Lakes |
| Sat., July 6 | 9 am – 4 pm | Craft and Flea Market | Crosslake County Roads 3 and 103 |
| Sat., July 6 | 7 – 10 am | Grandpa's Run for the Walleye | Crosslake Community Center |



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.

Saturday, June 1 4:00 pm at Mission Tavern

Saturday, July 13 4:00 pm at Mission Tavern

Saturday, August 3 4:00 pm at Mission Tavern

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 Lake Men's Breakfast/Coffee Group

Meet at Valerie Ann's in Ossipee every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

The Horseshoe Lake Women's Get-Together

Meet at Valerie Ann's the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

The HLPOA Newsletter is published twice a year:

Spring (May/June)

Fall (September)

Please contact any board member with news that may be of interest to fellow HLPOA members!

Horseshoe Lake information is available when you join HLPOA Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association

- Check out the Website: <https://www.horseshoelakemn.com/>
- Horseshoe Lake Facebook page – HLPOA Members Only
- Please note the latest financials are on a separate attachment

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

Greet your neighbors, old and new, as we celebrate lake life!



In memory of lake friends we've lost:

Lee Mayavski