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# Newsletter

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## President's Corner

Happy Summer fellow homeowners! It seems like we already experienced it, then went directly into fall! I have confidence it will be coming back for our enjoyment over the next few months!

I am pleased to report that there is nothing to report. By that I mean it has been uneventful since our August meeting with no development/house build issues for requiring our association's concern.

Instead, our community can focus on the health of our lake! We have a Wake-Safe Map on order that will assist wakeboarders in finding the best/deepest parts of our basins for their activity while preserving our lake bottom from scouring. We will make it available on the website once received. There is a link for more about this issue in this newsletter.

Remember July 4th, rain or shine, the parade is at noon. We look forward to celebrating your creativity!

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For our annual meeting I am hoping our members can share photos, or other documentation of their history on the lake that we can lay out for view at the annual meeting in August. I always find it fascinating to hear/see folk's connection through the years and think others would enjoy that history too.

See you on the lake!

Kristin Galatowitsch  
President



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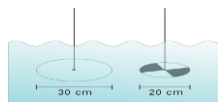
#### Facebook Page

Dave Baker  
Carla Gillispie

## Committee Reports

### Water Quality, AIS, Membership, Lake Items

#### WATER QUALITY



Our thanks to Jerry Martin, who has been taking Secchi Disc readings on Horseshoe Lake for many years and has passed the duties to Scott Skinner.

The reading on May 15, 2025:  
West basin- 12'6"  
East basin -12'3"

To compare:

The May reading in 2024:  
West basin—26'  
East basin—30'

According to WaterRangers.com

Typical values are:

Murky lakes: 1' – 3.5'

Typical lakes: 3.5' – 24'

Very clear lakes: 33' – 196'

#### MEMBERSHIP

We have 255 families on Horseshoe Lake, with a few new builds in process. We have about 70% membership into the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association. We appreciate all the support in investing into the care of our beautiful lake. We will start collecting yearly dues in

August, the beginning of our fiscal year. Members can pay at the Annual Meeting on August 2nd so watch for more information on that later this summer. Thank you to those who paid the 2024/25 dues and a very special thank you to those who added an optional donation to the lake fund. Also, please help us keep our family contact information current. If any contact information changes, please let us know. Also, if you get new neighbors in your neighborhood, please direct them to Judy so we can inform them about our lake association. Please reach out to Judy at mdeis@comcast.net if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you all!

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Net income to expenses since September 2024 has been positive. Our largest disbursement/expense is Lake Protection efforts against aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) for boat & trailer inspections at our public launch. A detailed financial report will be shared with the board at the June meeting and also at the annual meeting on August 2.

Anyone desiring more financial detail should feel free to contact treasurer Mark McCormick at [mamccor2@gmail.com](mailto:mamccor2@gmail.com).

#### AIS

Keeping our lake free of invasive species is of utmost importance. Please decontaminate your watercraft after using it on another lake and remind your guests to do the same. The Crosslake decontamination station is no longer open, but use the following link to find other locations:

[www.crowwing.gov/ais](http://www.crowwing.gov/ais).

Aquatic Invasive Species inspectors will monitor watercraft at the public landing from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer. These hours include those provided by the DNR, plus those contracted and paid for by HLPOA. If you are interested in volunteering to staff the landing, the DNR offers free AIS training. For more information, go to:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais/volunteer.html>.

#### HORSESHOE LAKE ITEMS



#### Calendar for 2026

We had such a successful sale of Horseshoe Lake Calendars depicting "Lake Life" that we are proposing to create a 2026 calendar. Please send photos for the new edition to

[nancysayresjones@gmail.com](mailto:nancysayresjones@gmail.com)

no later than Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unleash your creative imagination and include high resolution photos from the past and/or reflect the four seasons! Questions regarding the photos can also be sent to Nancy by e-mail.

#### Clothing

We will post Horseshoe Lake "Spirit Wear" on a separate website by GLS promotions. We are working with them to have a selection of sweatshirts, tees, and fleeces. An announcement will be forthcoming when the site is available to order products. Don't forget they make great holiday gifts for family members.

#### Miscellaneous

Lastly, we will be looking at rubber keychains that float in the water with the HLPOA Logo for your boats, etc. Stay tuned for updates!



## Boat Parade

It will be here before you know it: the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade. Gather all creative friends/family members and put them to work on a plan for a boat that will WOW!

**As an added bonus, this year's winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Zorbaz!**

The parade will be held rain or shine, with participants gathering in the channel at 11:45 am.

Last year's winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> place:  
**Huestis/Trenary Family**

2<sup>nd</sup> place:  
**Roger Family**

3<sup>rd</sup> place:  
**Gilbertson Family**

For more information contact parade coordinator Carla Gillespie.

## Fishing Contest

Fishing season has opened and there's plenty of time for young anglers to practice their skills before the annual Horseshoe Lake Kid's Fishing contest, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025 beginning at 7:30 am. 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. The picnic is open to all Horseshoe Lake friends!



## Share Lake History

Nothing says summer more than a relaxing pontoon ride on a beautiful evening. Many of us have done it hundreds of times. But have you ever—during one of those rides—thought, “huh, I’ve never noticed that little structure before. I wonder what it is?” Or mused, “was that group of cabins a resort at one time?” Horseshoe Lake is rich in history and many of our residents have been here for multiple generations and are eager to share the stories.

**The HLPOA board would love to highlight this history at the annual meeting on Saturday, August 2, 8:00 am at Mission Town Hall.**

We're looking for photos, stories, and memorabilia, so if you have anything of interest, please contact a HLPOA board member.

We'd love to feature a historical speaker at the annual meeting, so if you'd like to speak or know someone who would, please contact a board member.

## EYE ON IT



(The following is from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, a non-profit group dedicated to preserving and protecting Minnesota's waters)

**“Boats today, particularly wake surfing watercraft, are larger, faster and more powerful. Negative impacts on public safety, shoreline, lake beds and diverse recreation are increasing.**

**Minnesota Lakes and Rivers is taking action to improve safety, prevent negative ecological impacts, and reduce user conflicts on our lakes. Wake boat owners want reliable information on how to operate this watercraft in ways that do not damage lakes, loon nests or feed algae blooms.”**

For more information, please visit:  
[MinnesotaLakesandRivers.org](http://MinnesotaLakesandRivers.org)

The HLPOA board is working with MN Wake to produce and distribute a map of the contours of Horseshoe Lake. The map will designate areas where it is safe to operate wake boats, both to protect the boat from damage and to prevent shoreline erosion and lake bottom destruction.

## Asparagus Wraps with Prosciutto and Mozzarella

½ cup Italian dressing  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
8 oz fresh mozzarella, sliced  
1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed  
2 Tbls. Olive oil, salt and pepper  
4 flour tortillas or flavored wraps (8 inch)  
12 thin slices of prosciutto, about 6 ounces

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Mix Italian dressing and Dijon in a shallow dish, then add mozzarella and set aside

To marinate. Toss the asparagus with the olive oil, salt and pepper, transfer to a baking dish and roast 8-10 minutes. Heat a non-stick skillet over medium/high. Brush the inside of each tortilla with marinade, then top with 2-3 slices of mozzarella, 3 slices of prosciutto and ¼ of the asparagus. Tightly roll up wraps, brush the outside with Marinade. Brown wraps-- using any remaining marinade-- in hot skillet until golden and mozzarella slightly melts. Remove from heat, slice in half on the bias and serve with a delicious salad—one with fresh strawberries!  
(Recipe credit to Cuisine at Home)





## 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.

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***“I am thankful that in a troubled world no calamity can prevent the return of spring.” —Helen Keller***

Photo credit: Bryan Stuhlstaz



## MISSION TOWNSHIP AND PARK NEWS

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

The pickleball nets are up and the courts are available now for open play during park hours.

Pickleball Court Reservation:

LinkCourt Reserve is active for reservations for the 2025 season. <https://app.courtreserve.com>

The Crosslake Pickleball Camp will be held at Mission Park pickleball courts June 23 – 26<sup>th</sup>. Mission Park members/residents will have 1 week priority sign up.

[Pickleball Camp 6-23-25 thru 6-26-25](#)

[Pickleball Camp Information](#)

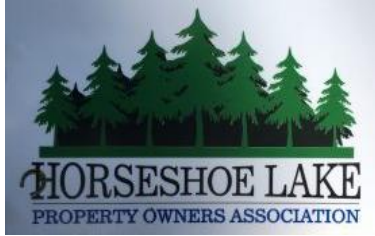
[Pickleball Camp Registration](#)

## UPCOMING 2025 HLPOA EVENTS

<b>Saturday, June 7</b>	<b>Board Meeting 8:30 – 10:00 am</b>
<b>Friday, July 4</b>	<b>Boat Parade Noon</b>
<b>Thursday, July 10</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, July 31</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, August 2</b>	<b>ANNUAL MEETING 8:00 – 11:00 am</b>
<b>Thursday, August 14</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, August 30</b>	<b>Kids Fishing Contest and Potluck</b>
<b>Thursday, September 18</b>	<b>Board Meeting 8:30 – 10:00 am</b>

## 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  
Pamheller24@gmail.com

### UPCOMING LAKES AREA EVENTS

If you are in the Brainerd Lakes Area, check out all the activities at the website: [business.explorebrainerdlakes.com/events](http://business.explorebrainerdlakes.com/events) (Check before you plan to attend as events can be cancelled)

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sun., May 25	11:00 -2:00	Family Sundae Funday — Open House	Kamp Knutson, 11148 Manhattan Pt. Blvd Crosslake
Sunday, June 1	11:00 – 4	10 Year Anniversary	Common Goods, 35562 Co Rd 66, Crosslake
Every other Thurs., June 5 – Sept. 25	3:00 – 7:00	Farmer's Market at the Woods	Gather on 3 - The Woods 19624 Co Rd 3, Brainerd
Sat., June 7	6:00 am – 5:00 pm	Tour of Lakes: Get Ready to Ride	Crosslake Community Center 14126 Daggett Pine Rd, Crosslake
Fri, June 20 - Sat., June 21	7:00 am – 8:00 pm	Minnesota Loons & Lakes Festival	14303 Gould Street Crosslake, MN
Saturdays June 28 – Aug. 30	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Music in the Square 2025	Crosslake 35770 Allen Avenue
Fri., July 4	Noon	Stars & Stripes Days Parade	Pequot Lakes
Tues, July 15- Wed., July 16	5:00 pm Tues.– 2:00 pm Wed.	2025 Bean Hole Days in Pequot Lakes	Trailside Park Pequot Lakes
Sat., Aug. 9	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	2025 Cardboard Boat Races	Moonlight Bay 37627 County Road 66, Crosslake



### **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 on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Plus every Thursday morning 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

### 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

Hello Lake Friends! Welcome to our favorite time of the year!

Please join us for a potluck picnic at Mission Park

Saturday, August 30      11:30 a.m.

Bring a dish to share and your own utensils/plates



*In memory of the lake friends we've lost:*

Reverend John Schroepel

Rick Hanson