



HAGERMAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Spring 2019 Newsletter

“The purpose of the association is to preserve and protect Hagerman Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of the lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.”

HLPOA Bylaws

Dear Property Owner,

This yearly Newsletter is being sent to you and other property owners (members and non-members) to update you on the association’s work on your behalf, and to encourage you to renew your membership or join HLPOA. Enclosed is your dues invoice and return envelope.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANT SURVEY COMPLETED

Last August the White Water Associates crew under the direction of botanist Angie Stine did a comprehensive aquatic plant survey of Hagerman Lake, identifying and cataloging all plant species in the lake. The survey now gives us a comprehensive picture of the lake’s health while providing a baseline for tracking future changes. Their final report will assist us in preventing invasive plant life from becoming established in our lake. This major project compliments prior work done by White Water: water quality testing and survey for invasive aquatic animal life.

Recommendations in the report that pertain most directly to you as a property owner are:

1. Avoiding use of commercial lawn fertilizers on lake front property. Runoff from such chemicals degrades water quality and encourages unwanted plant life and algae bloom.
2. Retaining/or planting native plant life along shoreline in order to prevent erosion and catch runoff.
3. Encouraging use of the boat wash for all boats visiting our lake, as an effective way of stopping the spread of AIS (aquatic invasive species)
4. Being aware of local ordinance requirements on property development and septic systems (see HLPOA website for listing of local requirements).
5. Being on the lookout for changes in native species diversity and any appearance of AIS, reporting findings to HLPOA or White Water.



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Hagerman Lake
is a healthy
and diverse
ecosystem which
deserves careful
ongoing lake
stewardship,
minimizing the
possibility of
future threats.”
- Management Report

Your Board will be reviewing the complete Report and all its recommendations at its June '19 meeting. Pertinent portions of the report will appear later on our website (hagermanlake.org)

HLPOA OFFICERS MEET WITH OTTAWA FOREST SERVICE

Last August our President and VP - Kent and Steve - met with Tony Holland, District Supervisor for Ottawa NFS and Ranger Brian Hinch. Initiated by Kent and Steve, the meeting was welcomed by the Forest Service, interested in establishing a more formal understanding with HLPOA. Presently, we are monitoring the boat wash, overseeing park mowing and basic cleanup, plus seasonal setup for swim area. The Forest Service will continue maintenance and repair of the boat wash, remove fallen timber while maintaining the timbered area, and replace picnic equipment as needed. There was mutual agreement that in working together we will be able to adequately maintain this valuable resource.

4th JULY BOAT PARADE

Last summer's parade was met by a sudden and severe thunderstorm! After it passed over, a number of brave sailors launched their craft and sailed around the lake. Winners were the Rossetti's on West Hagerman. They will serve as judges for this coming parade, held on Thursday the 4th at 3 PM. Parade starts at the beach area, moving counterclockwise around the lake. Watch for road signs announcing the event.

SECOND ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL



With more than 100 residents and guests attending, we've decided to do it again! Tuesday, July 16, 7-8:30 PM at the beach area. And it's free! See attached flyer.

BYLAWS REVISION ANNOUNCED

Paid members attending our upcoming August 10 Annual Meeting, will be asked to vote on a revision recommended by the Board. The current bylaws require the Annual Meeting to be held on "the second Saturday of August." The revision reads for it to be held "during the summer months, on a date selected by the Board." The hope is that an earlier date in July, with more lake members on site, will increase attendance, giving more individuals a sense of ownership in the affairs of our association.

HLPOA ANNUAL MEETING

This year's meeting will be held at Covenant Point on August 10th (2nd Sat. 10 AM). Reports and a ballot will be presented. Coffee and donuts served!



Positions on the ballot to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, one Director.

An appointed nominating committee served by Suzie Sands, Debbie Snow and Erik Strom are seeking eligible candidates. Nominations from the floor are also permitted.

Retiring from their present positions are Kent Palmquist, Steve Sands, Beth Hjelm, Dave Lindahl and Chad Johnson. All but Kent and Dave are eligible to be on the ballot.

SO HOW DOES YOUR BOARD COVER HLPOA AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY?

Below lists areas to which each is assigned: Pres. Kent Palmquist ('19) create agenda, chair meetings, newsletter, VP. Steve Sands ('19) Forest Service contact, Sec'y Beth Hjelm ('19) minutes, Treas. Dave Lindahl ('19) financials, dues and membership list, Dir. Chad Johnson ('19) White Water contact, Dir. Pierre Gendron ('20) park and beach, Lakes and Streams Assoc, CLMP. Dir. Marla Busakowski ('20) Ice Cream Social. Also, Pete Frisk serves as our appointed webmaster. The Board meets 3 times between June/Sept.

IS YOUR NAME ON THE POST?

You may still have your name on the display at the Y in the road by contacting Joe Guzzardo (listed in web directory). Cost for sign and mounting is \$35.

MEMBERSHIP AT ALL TIME HIGH

Presently we have 120 paid memberships covering the 165 lake/off lake residences. Some properties have multiple owners, although each property is permitted one membership. IF YOU HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR, encourage them to become a member. Share with them this newsletter and send us their name and mailing address!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT

We always welcome your helpful suggestions as together we work to protect our valuable natural resource.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

April 30 - Association dues deadline
July 4 - Annual Boat Parade - 3 PM.
July 16 - Ice Cream Social - Beach 7 PM (rain date 18th)
August 10 - Annual Meeting - 10 AM. Covenant Point



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FREE!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

ALL WELCOME!

Come one, come all! Enjoy ice cream & conversation with fellow Hagerman Lake property owners (& guests!). Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating.

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7-8.30 p.m.
TUESDAY

HAGERMAN
BEACH

RAIN DATE | JULY 19