



## HAGERMAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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# Spring 2018 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.

**WHITE WATER 2017 REPORT.** Last August, aquatic biologist Angie Stine, with assistance from HLPOA director Chad Johnson, conducted monitoring of the lake. Stine tested for evidence of E. coli in the beach area, and tested water samples in various areas of the lake for water clarity, phosphorus and chlorophyll levels (you may read the 2 pg. report on our website, under “documents”). Readings were consistent with White Water past reports. Stine also looked for signs of aquatic invasives such as Eurasian milfoil.

She encouraged the association to promote a healthy natural shoreline by limiting the use of lawn fertilizers and creating natural shoreline barriers to avoid harmful runoff. Without such measures, water quality can become compromised!

**PETITION ON WEST HAGERMAN LK ROAD SAFETY.** With the encouragement of your board of directors, a petition was circulated calling for the speed limit to be lowered and better posted on the west side of our lake. 67 seasonal and year around residents signed the petition. It was sent to Doug Tomasoski, IC road engineer and Kevin Isaacson, Stambaugh township supervisor. Isaacson responded, stating that speed limits must be set by the State, with the first step requiring a “speed survey.” Isaacson promised to have a survey ordered. We hope for a response within this year.

**RESTORED SIGN OPEN FOR ADDITIONS.** Last year our sign post at the east/west road divide was restored. The project included new posts/supports, plus the inclusion of north end residents. Space is now available for those who would like to add their name and number. If interested, contact Joe Guzzardo (listed in our web directory). Cost is \$30-35.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLANT SURVEY SLATED FOR 2018.** For several years, White Water has encouraged us to develop an Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Beginning with a survey and cataloging of all aquatic plant species in the lake, the plan would provide a comprehensive picture of the lake’s health and provide a baseline for tracking any future changes, while also assisting in preventing invasive

plant life from becoming established. At its September '17 meeting, the board voted unanimously to engage White Water for the project.

The two-year project will begin with a field survey and data gathering this year. The final Report and Management Plan will be completed in 2019. Board director Chad Johnson has been our liaison with White Water.



include a return mail ballot for those who will not be able to attend and cast their vote on August 11. The revision committee included Beth Hjelm, Pete Frisk and Kent Palmquist, with further input from board members.

**4TH of JULY BOAT PARADE.** Over 20 water craft participated in last year's parade. Winners for the most creative display went to the Dwights on West HL Rd. The winners will serve as judges for the next parade. This year the event will be on Wednesday the 4th, starting at the beach area at 3 PM. Watch for road signs announcing the event. Food items for our local pantry will also be collected.

**HLPOA CONTINUES COOPERATION WITH FOREST SERVICE.** The Ottawa National Forest supervisor's office continues to rely on us to monitor the use of the NFS boat wash. Board members have made sure the holding tank is periodically pumped and the system is in working order. All property owners are asked to encourage lake visitors to use the wash before launching. Park lawn mowing has been provided by several of our lake volunteers. Thanks to all for keeping this area in good shape.

**HLPOA BYLAWS TO BE UPDATED.** Our association was reorganized 8 years ago under a first-time set of Bylaws. Recently the board studied the guidelines sensing the need for updating. Proposed changes include: reducing officer terms from 4 to 2 years with a 2-term limit, thus encouraging more involvement for these positions; adding language to strive for more equitable representation (ie. year round/seasonal residents, male/female), and removing the webmaster as a director, serving rather as a consultant (reducing board from 8 to 7 members).

A complete listing of the proposed changes will be mailed to all dues paying members prior to the August 11 Annual Meeting. The mailing will also

**ALL LAKE ICE CREAM SOCIAL JULY 17.** This year the Memorial Weekend gathering will be replaced with a July Ice Cream social. Sponsored by your HLPOA Board, the early evening event will begin at 7 PM on the 17th, at our beach area. (see flyer for details)



**HLPOA ANNUAL MEETING.** This year's meeting will be held at Covenant Point on August 11th (2nd Sat. 10 AM). Reports and a ballot will be presented. Position to fill will include a director (2 yr. term). Our thanks to two retiring directors: Bill Reed and Pete Frisk.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE.** Maintained by webmaster Pete Frisk, the site ([hagermanlake.org](http://hagermanlake.org)) contains a complete directory of all property owners, recent reports from White Water, local land use requirements, favorite lake photos, and more. Password : boatwash.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND SUPPORT.** As your board, we always welcome your helpful suggestions as together we work to protect our valuable natural resource.

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Kent Palmquist (President - 2020), Pete Wedegartner (Vice President - 2019), Dave Lindahl (Treasurer - 2019), Beth Hjelm (Secretary - 2020), Chad Johnson (Director - 2019), Steve Sands (Director - 2019), Bill Reed (Director - 2018), Pete Frisk (Director/Webmaster - 2018).

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

April 30 - Association dues deadline  
July 4th - Annual Boat Parade - 3 PM  
July 17 - Ice Cream Social - Beach 7 PM  
(rain date 19th)  
Aug. 11 Annual Meeting - 10 AM Covenant Point



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SPONSORED BY THE HAGERMAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Enjoy ice cream and conversation with fellow Hagerman Lake property owners. Please bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating. Questions? Contact Beth Hjelm at 847.732.7431 or [bhjelm118@gmail.com](mailto:bhjelm118@gmail.com)

**07.17.18**

7PM-8:30PM | TUESDAY

HAGERMAN BEACH

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**RAIN DATE JULY 19**