



## HAGERMAN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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# Spring 2021 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 to join HLPOA. Enclosed is your dues invoice and return envelope.

### FOREST SERVICE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Hagerman Lake is just one of the many lakes within the boundary of the Ottawa National Forest. While most of the land surrounding Hagerman Lake is privately owned, Ottawa National Forest system lands extend along the northern and southern shoreline. The public boat landing and day-use area on the southern shore of Hagerman Lake is Ottawa National Forest system land and provides recreation opportunities and lake access for all to enjoy. The Ottawa National Forest operates and maintains a boat washing station, vault toilet, boat landing, picnic area, and swimming beach open to all, free of charge. The almost one million acres of the Ottawa National Forest in the western Upper Peninsula extends from the south shore of Lake Superior to the Wisconsin border. The area is rich in wildlife viewing opportunities, breathtaking views of rolling hills dotted with lakes, rivers and waterfalls, and spectacular fall colors. For questions about recreational opportunities on the Ottawa National Forest, please contact our Visitor Center located in Watersmeet, MI at 906-358-4724.

### BOAT WASH INFORMATION

The Forest Service has spent several thousand dollars in the past couple of years to repair and maintain the boat wash, and at the end of the 2020 season it was operating well. It is the best tool we have to protect our lake from plants and other invasive species. In 2020 the Forest Service applied for and received a permit to expel water from the collection tank to a site across the drive, as water testing that was completed indicated that there was no danger of heavy metal contamination. The Iron/Baraga Conservation District will occasionally be pumping water from the collection tank into their portable boat wash tanks as well. The Forest Service is also pursuing other more automatic pumping solutions, to keep the collection tank at operational levels, which will keep the boat wash in service consistently.

## W. HAGERMAN LAKE RD RESURFACING

There has been great concern about the condition of West Hagerman Lake and the HLPOA Board sent a letter in late summer of 2019 requesting that the road be placed on the Illustrative List for future resurfacing. Likewise at the 2019 Annual Meeting residents and HLPOA members were encouraged to call the Road Commission to make the same request. This step was necessary to even be considered for future work.

WE WERE HEARD! The Dec. 23, 2020 Iron County Reporter published a Road Commission report saying “A local task force meeting will be held late in 2021. Several roads will be added to the ‘Illustrative List’ for future projects: Baumgartner/Brule Mountain Road, West Hagerman Lake Road, Old Atkinson Road and Amvets Highway.” This project will still take some years to complete, but we are now “on the list.”

## BOAT PARADE

There was again a good response for the 2020 Boat Parade with more than 20 boats participating. Congratulations to the Jeff and Monica Hughes family on West Hagerman who were the winners! They will serve as judges for the 2021 parade, which will be held on Saturday, July 3rd at 3p.m. The parade starts at the beach area and moves counterclockwise around the lake. There is a food drop at 370 West Hagerman Lake Road for the local food shelf in the days leading up to the parade. Watch for signs and thank you for your support!

## ANNUAL MEETING

The 2021 HLPOA Annual Meeting will be held at Covenant Point on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 10 a.m. We met last year on August 1st outside, distanced, and brought our own lawn chairs. We were able to complete that meeting in about 40 minutes and no Covid-19 related physical issues were reported. This

year the camp will have a large tent with picnic tables spaced so we will again meet outside, rain or shine. Feel free to bring chairs and set up outside the tent if that setting makes you uncomfortable. For safety, plan on masking and maintaining safe distance until seated. The earlier date is intended to make the meeting accessible to more owners who are present in July.



## PROTECT OUR LAKE

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

1. Avoid the use of commercial lawn fertilizers on lakefront property. Runoff from such chemicals degrades water quality and encourages unwanted plant life and algae bloom.
2. Retain or plant native plant life along the shoreline in order to prevent erosion and catch runoff.
3. Encourage use of the boat wash for all boats visiting our lake, as an effective way of stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species.
4. Be aware of local ordinance requirements on property development

and septic systems (see HLPOA website for listing of local requirements).

5. Be on the lookout for changes in native species diversity and any appearances of invasives. Report to HLPOA with concerns.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Last year the Ice Cream Social was scheduled at Covenant Point for 11a.m., after the Annual Meeting, and that social was cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. This year, if we schedule a Social as we assess the status of the pandemic, we will move back to the Park with modified ice cream offerings such as individually wrapped bars and sandwiches etc., rather than scooping cones. We will publicize the event with a mass email and WATCH FOR SIGNS at the East / West Hagerman Lake Road split.

### SIGNS ON THE POST

If you are interested in a sign on the posts at the East / West Hagerman Lake Road split, contact Mike Rummelhoff whose information is listed in the Directory. It should be noted that there is a good deal of equipment setup to make signs, so please if you have a new request, get them to Mike quickly. Cost for

the sign is \$45 and be aware that single requests cannot be honored in a timely fashion.

### ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY

HLPOA has adopted a two-mile stretch of M-73 beginning at the Wisconsin border at the Brule River bridge and extending toward Iron River. If you can assist with the pick-up effort, contact Marla Busakowski, our Board Treasurer, who is also listed in the Directory.

**Dates to Remember**

April 30	Association dues deadline
July 3	Boat Parade at 3 p.m. at Beach area
July 17	Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. at Covenant Point