



Heritage Lake Association Newsletter

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JANUARY 15, 2008 – DEADLINE TO DECLARE INTENT TO RUN FOR BOARD

Three directors' terms will expire in March 2008, so the Heritage Lake Association will need to fill these vacancies at the Annual Meeting to be held on March 15. Elected directors will serve four-year terms. Members of the Heritage Lake Association who are interested in running as a candidate for the Board should have a letter of intent to the Heritage Lake Office or sent to PO Box 402, Mackinaw, IL, 61755, by 5:00 on January 15.

A brief (200 words or less) written introduction of yourself and why you wish to serve should accompany your letter of intent. Additionally, you should be available to attend the February 14 regular meeting of the Board for "Meet the Candidates Night". At that meeting you will be given an opportunity to introduce yourself, share some of your experiences at work or home that would make you an asset to the Board, and briefly tell why you want to serve as well as answer any questions from the membership and Board.

In order to be on the ballot you must be a member of Heritage Lake Association and you must have been in good standing for 12 months previous to the board meeting. Individuals who have been members for less than 12 months qualify as long as they have been in good standing for the full time they have been members.

Board members are elected for the purposes of working for the best interest of the entire community as well as for the Heritage Lake Association. Each Board member is assigned a specific area that he or she is responsible for and is the chair of a committee established to assist in decision-making.

Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings (about 3 hours in length), meet with their committees, conduct business for that committee and the Association, meet for budget development and other purposes as needed. It is a commitment to your community and your neighbors.

Your Association needs you!

MARCH 15, 2008 - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday March 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lodge. The purpose of the meeting is to elect three new Board members and conduct business on any other matters properly brought before the Board - should there be a quorum. If you cannot attend this meeting you may send in your votes and proxies. Voting materials will be mailed out by February 28.

FEBRUARY 1, 2008 – DATE OF RECORD

Members with all 2007 fees and outstanding balances paid in full by February 1, 2008 will be eligible to vote for the board director candidates and on any business properly brought before the membership.

VOLUNTEER DAY ANOTHER SUCCESS

Thanks to all the people who volunteered their time and energies to the fall Volunteer Day. A lot of work was accomplished. Food and prizes were enjoyed. Watch for information about the Spring Volunteer Day. It's a great way to meet people and to serve your community.

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Mackinaw, IL 61755-0402

HLA DOG PARK SCOOP



Be sure to check out www.heritagelakeassociation.com for all the latest news and information about the dog park. You'll find everything from helpful hints & tips to upcoming events. You can view pictures of the dog park

and past events, and even add your own pictures to any album in our collection!

Let there be light! The days are getting shorter and the nights longer. We will be installing a light on the electric pole located on the southeast corner of the dog park. Details are being worked on now and the light should be up within the next month. If you would like to donate towards the Light Fund, please contact HLA D.O.G. at ealegner@telstar-online.net

1st Annual Santa Paws is coming to town!

Saturday, Dec 8th 11:00am-3:00pm

Capture the Spirit of the Holidays with a picture of your dog with Santa.

For more information check out the web site or call 359-8289

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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

How would you like to receive your newsletter via email or read it online at the HLA website? As a way to cut costs we are seeking members who would be willing to take their names off of the newsletter mailing list to receive or read the newsletter electronically. Please call the office at 359-8012 and leave a message or email the office at hlaoffice@verizon.net with your email address. Signs will be posted on the entrance bulletin board alerting you to a new on-line edition.

SHORTENED NEWSLETTER

Due to budget constraints, this newsletter has been reduced in size. Income and expense information, Safety on the Frozen Lake, Snow Removal Regulations, Golf Cart Regulations that would normally have been in this newsletter can be found on the website at www.heritagelakeassociation.com.

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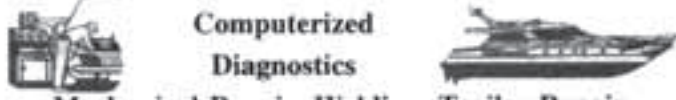


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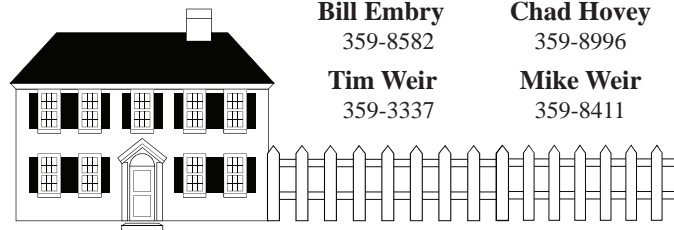
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Scheduled Board Meetings

Next regularly scheduled Board meetings are:

Thursday, December 20, 2007 7:00 PM at the Lodge

Thursday, January 17, 2008 7:00 PM at the Lodge

Thursday, February 14, 2008 7:00 PM at the Lodge
(meet the candidates at 6:00)

All members are encouraged to attend.

Heritage Lake Board:

Matt Eggenberger, President

Curt Greer, Vice President

Dan Maurer, Secretary

Janet Bremner, Treasurer

Jim Johnson, Director

Patrick Jones, Director

Gary Patton, Director

Lodge & Pool Reservations:

Call HLA Office: 359-8012

HLA Office Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Thursday - 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday - Closed

Saturday - Closed

Sunday - Closed

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Conservation Committee Fish Survey

Over the past several months, the Heritage Lake Conservation Committee has been reviewing the population and overall health of the fish in Heritage Lake. We have been talking with some fish management consultants and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources biologists about that review process. From those discussions, we believe that the first step in this process is to ask our residents who fish at Heritage Lake to fill out an Angler's Survey. We are enclosing a survey in this newsletter that we ask you to fill out to the best of your knowledge and drop off at the office. We will also have these daily catch survey's at the boat launch next spring so that they can be filled out while fishing and that will give us an even better idea of the size and health of the fish in Heritage Lake. The goal of conserving our most precious natural resource starts with fishery and lake management planning. Your accurate reports during this beginning phase of the plan will help us accomplish that goal. **Thank you in advance for your input and cooperation in this matter.** Heritage Lake Conservation Committee.

AUTO DEDUCTIONS NOW AN OPTION

If you are interested in having the three annual Heritage Lake fees (lot assessment, road and lake fees) paid by automatic deductions from your account, see the website for more information. The required form is also on the website. Please print it off, fill it out and hand deliver to the office. Identification will need to be verified so bring a driver's license or other form of id. You must sign up by January 15.

BY-LAW CHANGES

The Board recently approved two changes in the By-Laws. The first established financial protocols for the board (see Article VI Section 10). The second established the qualification of being in good standing for 12 months in order to be on the ballot for election to the board (see Article VI Section 2). The By-Laws are on the website and, if interested, you can find the changes there.

Fees For 2008 Established

The Board, through resolution, approved the following as the fee rates for 2008:

Lot Assessment: \$204.60 per lot Due March 1

Road Fund: \$71.43 per member Due July 1

Lake Fund: \$54.89 per member Due September 1

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