

HLC Newsletter Winter 2024

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HLC NEWS

NEW Electronic Gate Lock Coming in April

We will be transitioning to an electronic gate lock at the boat launch this spring. You can pick up your new key fob on **April 6th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the boat launch**. There will be one fob issued per household at a cost of \$15, in the form of cash or check, due at the time of pick up. To obtain a new key fob your annual dues must be current and must remain current to avoid deactivation. Please keep your old key as a precaution in the event of electronic lock malfunction.

Additionally, each watercraft belonging to an HLC member will be required to have two stickers displayed for identification, one on each side of the bow. These stickers will be numbered and linked to your address. You may pick up these stickers when you pick up your new key fob on April 6th.

Snow Removal

We've received many questions about snow removal. Per our contract, our roads will be plowed once accumulation reaches four inches and they will be maintained at/around four inches if there is additional accumulation. We understand the need to access safe roads and, while we really appreciate neighbors who use their own equipment to help, we're noticing that it's causing quite a bit of additional damage to our roads. We kindly ask that you refrain from using your own equipment to plow the roads and allow our contracted company to handle it.

Road Maintenance/Grading

This winter has not been kind to our roads. We acknowledge all the potholes and are working to get those filled soon. However, this is only a temporary fix. These roads have been maintained by volunteers for decades, specifically George Brown, who is considering retiring soon from road maintenance. Most roads need professional grading. We are seeking bids for professional road maintenance this spring for grading and, in some cases, to widen certain roads (for emergency vehicles, snow removal, etc.). However, this would likely come at a significant cost and would require an annual dues increase with a vote of the entire membership. Please help with the roads when you can and watch for notifications on the status of road maintenance bids.

Voicemail Updates

We've updated our voicemail notification system. The phone number will remain the same, 734-332-9043, but we will now receive a real-time notification that will allow us to retrieve and respond to messages quickly. Our email is monitored frequently as well, so please don't hesitate to send an email to horseshoelakecorp@yahoo.com.

Annual Summary

There have been lots of things happening within HLC over the last two years. Below is a summary of all that we've accomplished...

- Our clerk, George Brown, gifted HLC a slice of lakefront property in Shady Beach that will become another park/access for fishermen and fisherwomen as well as children. Play structure for the kids coming soon.

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- The board obtained membership approval and moved forward with the purchase of 82 wetland parcels within HLC boundaries. These parcels were previously owned by the township.
- As provided for by law, HLC has begun foreclosing on members with unpaid dues and has recovered \$4,708.09 in delinquent dues so far and will continue to pursue those with the most significant delinquencies.
- The recommended trash hauler was changed to Duncan Disposal, and we've had nothing but highly satisfied customers. We recommend that if you are using another trash hauler, please consider switching to Duncan to limit the number of large trucks on our roads. They offer a better rate, pick up recycling every week, and provide a rolling cart for recycling.
- Damaged/outdated signs were replaced in the parks that clearly state the rules of park use.
- The boat launch dock was resurfaced, and a new ramp installed that is much safer.
- Our first annual membership picnic this past August was a great success! Food, games, and local Horseshoe Lake musicians were enjoyed by all.
- Trick or Treat on the Trail in October is gaining popularity, as well as the Holiday Caroling and Hayrides in December. Record numbers participating last year with much promise for years to come!
- The nature trail in Leocadia will be treated as needed for mosquitos and ticks to make it more enjoyable for all who use it. Just a reminder that the trail is available for use by all HLC members. Signs will be posted when the treatment has been applied. The chemicals used for this treatment were approved by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

Feel free to join us for the next board meeting on April 2nd at 7:00pm.