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NEWSLETTER REDUCED TO FOUR ISSUES

As a way to decrease expenses, there will now be four issues of the newsletter rather than six. The newsletters will be distributed in February, May, September and December.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER SAVES COSTS!

If you would like to help us further save mailing costs, e-mail the office at hlaoffice@verizon.net and ask to be on our list of members who will stop receiving the newsletters through the mail but instead read them on-line. Just give us your e-mail address and you'll be added to the E-Newsletter list. Your e-mail address will not be used for any other purpose nor will it be given to any other party.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed from April 14 –18.

MORE NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

More important articles and information can be found online at: www.heritagelakeassociation.com/newsletter.htm. Due to budget cuts, we have shortened the amount of pages in the newsletter.

THE CONSERVATION CORNER

Now that the first Sediment Basin is complete and working as expected, the Conservation Committee and the Board of Directors of Heritage Lake continue their work with our Engineering firm, Foth. To resume those efforts at keeping new sediments out of the lake, plans have been prepared for a second Sediment Basin, located near the "sandy beach" area off Heritage Drive (the southeast finger of the lake). This location was previously determined to be the second largest contributor of sediments into Heritage Lake.

As with the first sediment basin, the transfer of equipment and materials to this basin work site will require caution for all motorists in that vicinity. Notice will be posted when the project begins and we thank you for your cooperation.

HLA Fall Classic 5K

Next race scheduled for **October 11, 2008 at 3:01!**

Look for more information to come!

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Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday March 15, 2008

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 vote for candidates to fill three four-year terms and to conduct business on any matters properly presented. Please attend and remember if you can't attend you can send in your ballots and proxies.

February 1, 2008 has been established as the date of record for the 2008 Heritage Lake Annual meeting. This means that members who have paid all 2007 HLA fees (and earlier) and are paid in full as of February 1 will be eligible to vote for the board director candidates and on any business properly brought before the membership. 'In Good Standing' includes payment of any balance owed Heritage Lake through the collection agency.

A mailing will be sent to each member at their home address that will include the meeting information, ballots and proxies. The mailing is scheduled to go out by February 28. Watch for the information and please plan to attend the Annual Meeting. As we learned last year, please plan to come a bit early to avoid registration delays.

Members Declare Candidacy

Three seats will be open in the upcoming election for Board of Directors, and three members have submitted their name for candidacy. On the ballot are: **Pete Burdette, Ryan Joos and Dustin Schmidgall**. As per the by-laws and past practice, the vacant seats will be filled by election through written ballots.

The vacant seats were all created through expiration of terms. Janet Bremner and Matt Eggenberger have both served on the board for four years and Gary Patton has served for six years. We owe them special thanks for their dedication to their community and their willingness to serve.

More important articles found on website at:
www.heritagelakeassociation.com/newsletter.htm

Meet Candidates Night

The three candidates for Board seats will be available for the membership to meet on Thursday February 14 at 6:00 at the Lodge. Each candidate will have an opportunity to speak about their qualifications and provide a brief statement about their background. Members will then have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates, so please plan on attending to take advantage of this important opportunity.

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- March 1** Lot Assessment due; \$204.60 per lot
- July 1** Road Fund due; \$71.43 per member
- October 1** Lake Fund due; \$54.89 per member

The 2008 Lot Assessment invoice was mailed to you on January 25. If you haven't received your statement yet please call the office at 359-8012 and leave a message. We can either prepare and mail a statement or give you the amount due.

If you misplace your statement, you'll have this reminder. Please don't be late - the \$50.00 late fee is applied one time to each of the three funds.

Vehicle Decals Distribution

The 2008 vehicle decals will be distributed inside the May newsletter, so please watch for the envelope. Those members on our E-Newsletter list will be mailed a separate envelop with your stickers. As an alternative, we will also open the office on Saturday April 5 from 10:00 until 2:00 for decal pick-up. As you are aware, in order to receive your decals, your 2008 lot assessments must be paid in full. The 2007 decals will be honored through May 15. Please remove them on or prior to this date and attach your new 2008 decals. If you do not have a 2008 decal displayed by May 15, your vehicle won't be recognized as "authorized" to be in our private subdivision. Please help our security officer by affixing your decals promptly.

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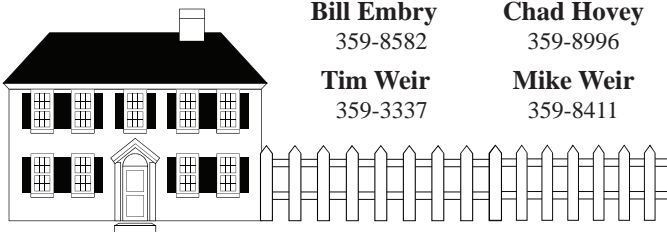
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Scheduled Board Meetings

Next regularly scheduled Board meetings are:

Thursday, February 14, 2008 7:00 PM at the Lodge
(meet the candidates at 6:00)
Saturday, March 15, 2008 10:00AM at the Lodge
Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:00 PM at the Lodge
Thursday, April 17, 2008 7:00 PM at the Lodge

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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LATEST DOG PARK SCOOP

The Santa Paws event held in December was a huge success! Thanks to everyone that braved the winter weather and came to have their dogs (and 1 cat!) meet Santa and have their pictures taken. There were a total of 32 photos sold, along with 156 greeting cards, photo CD's and other unique gifts such as holiday collars, beautiful pewter photo ornaments and personalized stockings. We raised close to \$500.00 which will go towards dog park maintenance and future campground improvements. A huge thank you to the volunteers and especially Santa. We couldn't have done it without you!

Watch for details on our next fun filled event - the 2nd annual Dog Festival coming this spring. Last year brought over 150 people and close to 80 dogs! You won't want to miss this one. We promise your dog will have a howling good time!

Keep up to date with the latest news and event details on our Dog Park Scoop at www.heritagelakeassociation.com

We are always looking for friendly dog-lovers to join our pack! If you are interested in helping out around the park, fundraising, event planning, etc., please contact us at ealegner@telstar-online.net or **359-8289**.



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Parking on Roadways

Vehicles parked on the roads and cul du sacs present an especially difficult situation during the winter when our snowplows are trying to clear snow and ice. Sections of streets, entire streets and cul du sacs have been left un-plowed or treated because the plow driver could not navigate through the vehicles. Sometimes there are so many vehicles in a cul du sac that there is no place to push the snow or turn the salt spreader to properly treat the area.

In the past, there has been much leniency in enforcing our rule that prohibits parking on any of our roadways or cul du sacs. However, now we are faced with the task of enforcing this rule due to the increasing number of vehicles parked on the streets and cul du sacs.

Starting **November 1, 2008**, the no parking rule will be enforced on a regular basis. Warnings will be left on windshields and traffic citations may be issued to individuals who continue to park illegally on the streets. It is understood that some members have steep driveways that make them impossible to use during snow or ice. Some members have been parking their boats, trailers, vehicles, etc. in cul du sacs for a long time. This more stringent enforcement of the no parking rule is being announced now so that you have time to find a solution for your vehicles parked in an illegal location. Please help rectify this problem.

Road Weight Limits

Between January 1 and April 15 the weight limit on our roads is 6 tons (12,000 lbs). This rule is in place to try to save our roads from damage as the ground flexes during the winter months. The rule includes fees and costs associated with the collection of fines will be applied against the property of the Heritage Lake Association member responsible for contracting the overweight vehicle. Please be sure to ask for small delivery trucks if you are having anything delivered during this time period. Please contact the HLA office if you have questions or require an exemption. Exceptions are only made for moving vans and utility vehicles.



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