



HARSEN'S ISLAND ST. CLAIR FLATS ASSOCIATION

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2018

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Going Strong Since 1945

Greetings from the HARSEN'S ISLAND ST. CLAIR FLATS ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors of the Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association invites you to renew your membership for 2018! If you are new to our Association, we hope you will become a new member. The Association's roots go back as far as the 1920s. In 1945 the St. Clair Flats Association and the Harsen's Island Improvement Association, both active organizations on the Island, merged to form the Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association (**HISCFA**).

Our dues and member volunteers help us maintain our extensive involvement in the community. This year our directors are working on defining short-term and long-term goals we hope will be for the betterment of the Association and our Island community. The newsletter outlines our many areas of responsibilities, and this year with your help as members we hope to expand on what we offer. When paying your dues, remember we are a **501(c)(3)** charity, so any donations of money, property, boats, cars, etc. may be donated and are deductible to the fullest extent of the tax code.

Serving the Island for 73 years!

There are many values the Association provides Harsen's Island residents through our membership dues and volunteers. Many residents see our contributions to the island, but may not know what they are seeing is supported by our HISCFA membership dues, donations, and hard work by our volunteers and directors.

When arriving on the Island, the **Advertising Sign**, equipped with a large digital marquee, and the well-manicured **Browne's Field**, greet our residents and guests. Turning to the right we maintain the Island **Park 'N' Ride** located near the stone yard; a parking area for residents who want to park and ride on the ferry across to the mainland. Turning to the left past Browne's Field is the **Water Station**; a source of clean drinking water for those residents on the Island that do not have access to city water or for use on their boats. The HISCFA also maintains a seasonal water pump further down the main highway at the Bates Cut. **The Delta News** magazine is our annual report, which is full of stories that are of interest to our Islanders, and a showcase for our many advertisers and their services. These are tangible assets that are maintained by the membership dues and by our directors and volunteers.

The Association provides so much more to our community. Your dues provide monthly donations to both the Lions Club and Reader's Cove on the Island. We have an **Outreach Committee** for those Islanders in need, and provide scholarships



The Association Directors and members, led by our late President, Denne Osgood, take a trip through the Krispin Drain

to deserving high school seniors. Our **Government Affairs Committee** strives to keep our Island residents updated on issues that will impact Island property owners. The **Great Lakes Island Coalition** was newly formed this year, and one of our directors attended the introductory summit held on Beaver Island this past fall. The purpose of this exciting new group is an exchange of unique challenges faced by islands in the Great Lakes and to share their

possible solutions for the improvement of all island communities. We are keeping a close eye on what benefits this coalition will have for Harsen's Island in the years to come.

The Association also provides some fun for our Islanders, starting the summer off with the third annual **Car Show** at Browne's field July 14th, followed by **Field Day** on August 4th, and ending with our fall party **Bonfire and Pig Roast**, September 15th.

The inside and back sections of this letter provide more detail on the areas outlined above. The HISCFA needs volunteers, and we ask our members to consider volunteering to help for as little or as much as they can. On the back of your membership form we have a section where you can sign up to volunteer. Don't know what you want to do, but are willing to contribute a few hours? We can keep you informed of our needs! Our directors need our members' help to keep this a valuable Association on our Island.

BROWNE'S FIELD

Browne's Field was donated to the HISCFA in 1970 by the late Cecil R. Browne. It has been our job for the last 48 years, through our membership dues, donations and volunteer help, to keep this piece of land updated and maintained. The acquisition of the field enabled the Association to finally have a permanent home for the **Annual Field Day** event; this year on **August 4th**. The pavilion is available to rent as well as tables and chairs. It is available to rent by contacting Rosemary at rosew@hiscfa.org.

Last year, with the help of Ken Podolski and many pickleball volunteers, our tennis courts have been officially rearranged into one tennis court and three pickleball courts. The ball diamond is the venue for charity ball games put on by the

Harsen's Island Militia. The Association also maintains a volleyball area and horseshoe pits.

This year the Association will host the **3rd Annual Car Show**, to be held on **July 14th**. The profits are earmarked for permanent restroom facilities at Browne's Field. Hopefully with the help of our membership the restrooms will be a reality in the near future. To finish the summer we host our annual fall **Bonfire and Pig Roast** on **September 15th**. This year we are working on permanent lighting in the pavilion we hope to begin restoration to the children's play yard

Come and be part of the Cecil R. Browne Field Improvement!! This is a park that can be used by all of our Islanders. If any of our events or projects are something you can help us with, we welcome all who can help us reach our goals for this lovely and well-maintained property on our Island.

WATER STATION

The water station on the North Channel and the Bates Cut pump are maintained by your membership dues and additional generous donations. Last year the cost for water and maintenance was approximately \$5,500. This was offset by \$2,000 in operational use and donations, but the balance of \$3,700 was shouldered by dues. This facility is a great service provided to Islanders and visitors that have no other source of fresh drinking water. The Association charges a \$20 fee for a refundable card to gain access to the inside of the station, and yearly membership dues keep the card active. Water on the outside tap and Bates Cut remains free for anyone to use from May 1st until November 1st.

PARK AND RIDE & ADVERTISING SIGN

The Association maintains the Park and Ride for all Island residents that wish to park their car and walk across on the ferry. The lot is located next to the big stone pile, south of the ferry. It is used year-round and must be maintained either by volunteers or your directors. We keep this piece of property in good order and your dues help maintain the lights and plowing when needed in the winter.

The Advertising Sign at Browne's field is equipped with an electronic messaging board for special Island announcements. We want to thank our advertisers for their support and service to the Island. When possible please patronize our local businesses. To advertise, contact: barbc@hiscfa.org.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Every year the Association assists the community for specified needs. On your membership application you can donate any additional money to areas specified by you: Lions Hall, Scholarships, Reader's Cove, Water Station, and Browne's Field. Please remember: any additional donations are now tax-deductible under our organization since we have obtained **501(c)(3)** status.

REMEMBERING DENNE OSGOOD



It is with a heavy heart we have to inform our members of the passing of our President Denne Osgood on December 26, 2017. He has served the board as president for two years and signed on for a third year for 2018. Denne was a president with a vision of great things for the Association and its responsibility to our Island residents. The Osgood family has a long-standing history on our Island, and his mother Evelyn and father Milton served on our Board of Directors for our Association. Denne and his wife, Peggy, lived here on Harsen's Island. Denne's leadership and forward thinking will be missed by the board.

GOVERNMENTAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Committee members attend and represent the Association at all relevant local, county, state, and federal government meetings and report back to keep you informed of activities and actions that may have an impact on Island residents and property owners. Sadly, this year, despite an active and involved effort at all levels of state government by your committee members, we were unable to stop legislation written by State Representative Dan Lauwers and sponsored by State Senator Phil Pavlov, gutting the Michigan Water Carriers Regulation act. This action, signed into law by Governor Snyder 12/18/2017, effectively removed government oversight over ferry rates and fares. The Association prepared and sent detailed letters of concern to the bill's sponsors. We requested to be heard at several State House & Senate Transportation Committee meetings on the subject. We were denied that voice. We invited State Representative Lauwers and State Senator Phil Pavlov to come to a Town Hall meeting on the Island to explain their proposed actions. We were ignored. It begs the question: Just whose interest were they representing? Certainly not the residents of Harsen's Island.

On a brighter note, our involvement in other governmental activities were much more productive and fruitful.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee continued its mission to assure Island-related transportation and road-related issues were brought to the attention of the proper local, state or federal authorities, addressed and acted upon. Safety is the committee's first priority. If you have a concern, please contact us. Yet again this year, we worked with township and county officials as well as the Coast Guard and utility company representatives to assure updated emergency preparedness plans were in place for any ice flow conditions that affected the ferry operations.

GREAT LAKES ISLAND COALITION

In 2017, Harsen's Island was privileged to be included in the inaugural summit of the Great Lakes Island Coalition (GLIC) facilitated by the State of Michigan Office of the Great Lakes. The GLIC brings together island community leaders from all around the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River region to discuss the unique challenges of living, working, and playing on the islands within these waters. It is our hope that our inclusion in this peer-to-peer network can be used to share information, leverage resources, and collectively elevate our voices to express our common needs, best practices, and provide successful problem resolution.

DELTA NEWS AND ADVERTISING

This year marks the 75th issue of *the Delta News* Magazine. It is an annual business report on HISCFA, along with special feature articles and reports on Island groups, local churches and family milestones. We urge you to send in any milestone events in your family; weddings, anniversary or the death of a loved on. You can send these to barbc@hiscfa.org

We also invite any member who has a business that would like to advertise to send this information to Donna Halacoglu, dannah@hiscfa.org or Barbara Crown, barbc@hiscfa.org. This magazine is distributed to over 1,000 members and their families.

ADVERTISER'S COSTS

Business Card	\$80.00
One-Sixth Page	\$100.00
Quarter Page	\$120.00
Third Page	\$130.00
Half Page	\$150.00
Full Page	\$275.00
Inside Front Cover	\$350.00
Inside Back Cover	\$300.00
Outside Back Cover	\$325.00
Personal Greeting	\$25.00

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES

Please return by May 1, 2018

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Name (Please Print Clearly): _____
Please include full name as you would like it to appear in The Delta News, including spouse

Primary Mailing Address / P.O. Box: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email Address: _____
Your email is used to send you urgent and important messages only

Summer Address: _____

Mail my *Delta News* to: Primary Address Summer Address (Unless marked, all mail will be sent to your Primary Address)

Annual Dues: \$50.00 Additional Donation Amount: \$ _____, allocated to: _____
Browne's Field, Water Station, Lions Hall, Reader's Cove, Scholarships

Charge my Credit Card Amount: _____ Type: _____ Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Sec. Code: _____

• Make checks payable to HISCFA and send in the self addressed enclosed envelope to P.O. Box 17 • Harsen's Island, MI 48028 •

DO NOT publish my name and address in *The Delta News* Contact me regarding advertising in *The Delta News* (See back for Pricing)

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE ONLY: Annual Dues: \$40 Donated Amount: _____ Check Number: _____

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Remove the attached application and mail it with your check or your credit card number in the pre-addressed envelope on or before **May 1, 2018**. Please be sure to provide your primary mailing address where you would like to receive mail, and print your email clearly. You will note that our dues have increased this year. It has been a long time since the dues have been raised, but as with everything, our maintenance costs have also increased to a point where we are breaking even. If we are ever to realize our goals, we need additional operating funds. Broken down, we are asking our members to contribute only a little over \$4.00 a month for their dues, so we hope you will understand our need for the additional amount. We are a nonprofit, and our dues go directly back into keeping all the areas of our responsibilities maintained. As stated previously, your dues and donations can be declared as a charitable deduction.

COMMUNICATIONS

How do you stay connected? Whether it be by telephone, television, email, or social media, staying connected with family, friends, and current events is an important part of life for everyone. The HISCFA wants to make sure its members stay connected with the Association for special announcements, events, volunteer opportunities, and important information that impacts Harsen’s Island in general. Since we live in a digital age, we recognize that nearly everyone has an email address these days. Our goal is to have an email address on file for each and every member so we can convey pertinent information in a timely manner. If you have not yet received any emails from the Association, please be sure to update your contact information by sending your email to: nevac@hiscfa.org

2018 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President - Barbara Crown..... barbc@hiscfa.org
Vice President - Patrick Feighan..... patf@hiscfa.org
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Advertising - Barbara Crown..... barbc@hiscfa.org
Advertising - Donna Halacoglu..... donnah@hiscfa.org

VOLUNTEERS: Many Hands Make Light Work!

The HISCFA is an all-volunteer organization. We do what we do because we are proud of the Harsen’s Island St. Clair Flats Association and the outstanding community that it represents. We cannot do what we do without the help of many wonderful volunteers. We ask that you fill out the back of the membership application. If you do not have a preference as to what you wish to volunteer for, we will contact you with our volunteer needs. A few hours of your time is more than appreciated. If you have questions about the event for which you would like to volunteer, you can contact Neva Covalle at nevac@hiscfa.org

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CALENDAR AND EVENTS 2018 **Monthly Meetings**

Held the second Saturday of each month at the Harsen’s Island Lions. Begin at 9 am May through November, and 9:30 am January through April. We encourage our members to attend. If we are not aware of an issue or concern, we cannot address it.

“Be Part of the Solution”

- June 2** Island Clean up Day
- July 14** 3rd Annual Car Show - Volunteers needed
- August 4** Annual Field Day - Volunteers needed
- Sept 15** Pig Roast - Volunteers needed
- Oct 13** HISCFA Annual Meeting

Look in The Flyer for all announcements

The membership committee wants to thank you for taking the time to read our letter and we hope you will choose to be a member again in 2018!

NAME (please print clearly)

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

VOLUNTEER INTEREST