



2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Going Strong Since 1945

Greetings and Happy New Year

The Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association (HISCFA) began in 1945 when the population of the Island was small, but everyone worked together to accomplish goals to make Harsen's Island great. Many things have changed on the Island but one thing that hasn't changed is the sense of community and belonging that membership affords. With that said, we look forward to increasing our membership and volunteerism in 2019, and working together to fulfill our goals and continue to keep Harsen's Island the special place that it is. We invite you to renew or become a new member this year.

WHAT YOUR DUES MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT

BROWNE'S FIELD

Browne's Field is the crown jewel of the HISCFA. This beautiful property was donated to the Association in 1970. Contrary to popular belief, it is not owned nor taken care of by Clay Township. It belongs to the members of the Association. It gives the community a great space for recreational activities such as pickleball, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis, soccer, football, and baseball. It also provides an area to let the little ones play and/or have a picnic or gathering. In 2019, a new net will be purchased for all pickleball players to use.

This wonderful facility is where events such as the **Trunk-to-Trunk Sale, Field Day, Classic Car Show, Fall Bonfire, and free concerts are held.** These functions allow the Association to raise money for the maintenance and upkeep of this fantastic asset. Did you realize Field Day is a free event for all the children (and grandchildren) to come and have some fun? It has been a free event for all families for many, many years. Did you know you can rent the pavilion for parties, weddings, etc. at a reasonable cost? HISCFA members receive a discounted rate for rentals! We also rent table and chairs.

In 2018, an **Algonac/Clay Community Grant** was awarded to the Association and was used to resurface two

of the smaller play yards at Browne's Field. We will be applying for this grant again in 2019 to use for additional improvements. We will also be looking into several more recreational grants in 2019 that will allow HISCFA to continue making improvements to the park. A few improvement ideas that keep coming up are a walking path around the field and permanent restroom facilities.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The HISCFA also donates money to local community organizations such as the Lions Club, Reader's Cove, and we provide scholarships to many deserving students on the island. Without the support of the members, this would not be possible. Your membership dues, additional charitable donations, and participation at our events help support these **Island** causes.

The HISCFA holds monthly **Board of Directors** meetings at the Harsen's Island Lions Hall on the second Saturday of every month. We would love to see more people involved in these meetings. We discuss **Association** business and address concerns of the **Islanders**. Please attend a meeting or two! Without your involvement, it is impossible for the **Board** to know your concerns. The **Association** is here to help.

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Visit our website: www.hiscfa.org You can view our monthly meeting minutes, or other important information. You may also "Like" us on Facebook **Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association**. Please put this website and Facebook on your favorites lists for reference on Island events and issues.

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 **April 15, 2019**. Please be sure to give us your primary mailing address where you would like to receive mail.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES

Please return by April 15, 2019

www.HISCFA.org

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: _____ Please print clearly, thank you

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, Lions, Readers Cove, Bathrooms at Field, General Fund

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: \$50 _____ Donated Amount: _____ Check Number: _____

VOLUNTEERING & DONATIONS

This year our goal is to increase our membership, and gain more volunteers. **The Board of Directors** and their families donate countless hours to do great things. We also appreciate the members that volunteer their time. Donating an hour or two of your time is very helpful. Whether you can work during the week or weekends we are happy to have an extra pair of hands. By volunteering we avoid having to pay others to accomplish the task. **There is a space on the membership form to sign up for volunteer work.** We thank you in advance. HISCFA is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization, so if you have something to donate (car, boat, etc.) or can provide any monetary donation, it is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Of course, we would also love and appreciate your donation of time.

OTHER BENEFITS

The Association also maintains **two water stations** that provide fresh drinking water to Islanders that have no other source of fresh drinking water. **The Park-and-Ride** and the large **Advertising Sign** are maintained by the Association as well. We maintain all of these assets for **Islanders'** use. Please support the local advertisers that pay to have their sign on the board or in *The Delta News*.

A NEW ALLIANCE

In 2017, HISCFA joined the **Great Lakes Islands Alliance**. This group was organized by the State of Michigan Office of the Great Lakes and was formed joining multiple island communities to foster broader island-to-island dialogue, and explore solutions to critical island-specific issues. As a charter member of this organization, Harsen's Island has a collective voice with our sister Great Lakes Islands and benefits from access to their abundant information. This is another great source of information that can be very beneficial to some of our needs.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

Like many organizations we are transforming to digital communications in an attempt to save time and money. This gives us a convenient way to receive our members' input. This year you will be sent a HISCFA digital survey. We hope you will take the time to fill this out and send it back to us. It is important for us to have accurate email information.

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 Business Card Size.....	\$ 25.00

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TRANSPORTATION

In 2018 as we well as 2017, the transportation committee worked diligently with Clay Township to keep the freighter speeds down on the South Channel. HISCFA monitors the speed and has direct communication with the Great Lakes Shipping Carriers and Ship Captains and Pilot Associations, as well as the US Coast Guard. There seems to be a noticeable difference in the speeds. In 2019 the ice jammed on the North Channel in mid-January. Champion Ferry and the crew worked diligently to open the channel for travel. Bobby Bryson and his airboat made many trips getting people, mail, and supplies to and from the Island. HISCFA assisted Bobby financially with the additional expense for the rider on his insurance to be able to transport Islanders. Your membership helps in times of need on the Island.

GOVERNMENT

Another significant thing that took place in 2018 was HISCFA working with the township and other local municipalities and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in establishing new floodplain water designations for the area. We will continue to work with these agencies in 2019 to hopefully produce more positive money-saving results.

THE DELTA NEWS & MEMBERSHIP

It only costs fifty dollars a year (per household) to be a member of this fantastic charitable organization. With your membership, you receive a copy of our annual publication, *The Delta News*, which is provided in August of every year. This is a keepsake book, which has informational articles, stories, and highlights the many clubs and activities taking place on the Island. We would love to include notifications and stories about memorable family events such as anniversaries, weddings, births or the death of a loved one. Please send your milestone event information to barbc@hiscfa.org so we can include these in this tremendous book. If you have a business and would like to advertise, please contact **Donna Halacoglu, dannah@hiscfa.org** or **Barbara Crown, barbc@hiscfa.org**.

2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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CALENDAR AND EVENTS HISCFA 2019

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 in 2019!

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at the H.I. Lions Hall, 9 am May to November, 9:30 am January to April. We encourage our members to participate. If we are not aware of an issue or concern, we cannot address it.

"Be Part of the Solution"

June 1 & 2 Island Clean Up Day

July 13 Annual Car Show - Volunteers needed

August 3 Annual Field Day - Volunteers needed

Sept 14 Fall Party and Concert in Park

Oct 12 HISCFA Annual Meeting

See *The Flyer* for all announcements

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER!

NAME (please print clearly)

EMAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly)

PHONE NUMBER

VOLUNTEER INTEREST
