



HARSEN'S ISLAND www.HISCFA.org ST. CLAIR FLATS ASSOCIATION

2024

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Serving the Community Since 1945

WELCOME 2024!

The Harsen's Island St. Clair Flats Association looks forward to another successful year!

First and always, HISCFA would like to say **THANK YOU** for the continued support of our members, advertisers, volunteers and Island retailers! This support makes it possible for the Association to continue to hold events, plan special projects, maintain and improve Browne's Field and the water stations.

HISCFA is an **all volunteer organization and welcomes anyone interested in being a director or volunteer**. There is no better way to meet your neighbors and improve the community than getting involved.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual membership dues are \$50 and your monetary donation may be tax deductible.

Membership payment can be made *two ways*:

1. By fully completing the attached renewal slip/application and mailing it along with your payment in the return envelope provided - *or* -
2. By going online to <http://www.hiscfa.org> and making an online payment. All current members are already in the system.

Please submit your dues by APRIL 1, 2024 to ensure that your name is listed on the roster of the 2024 edition of The Delta News.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Re-elected to another term are Craig Baloga, Steve Lawrence, Dennis Szymanski and Lois Whipple. The Association welcomes newly elected directors Fred Cardinali, Gordon Couture, Jim Stieber, Jennifer Weaver and Stacy Williams. Newly elected Executive Officers are Steve Lawrence as Vice President and Jennifer Weaver as Treasurer. Vacancies remain for the executive positions of President and Secretary. Anyone interested in filling one of these vacancies, please contact any board member or attend a meeting to speak to the board in-person.

NEW & IMPROVED

Most notable for the upcoming season is HISCFA has contracted with Project Control Engineering to provide a detailed site plan for the installation of a half-mile **Walking Path** around Browne's Field. The detailed site plan is in the final stages and once received, quotes for construction will be sent out. Funding options are being explored.

Over the past year, the **Water Station on the North Channel** underwent repairs to the outside taps and received a new roof. The **Browne's Field** parking lot was graded and 6 loads of stone put down. Repairs to the fence were made due to a fallen tree and the fence line underwent a cleanup. Recently completed were repairs to the north wall of the Pavilion due to weathering and new entrance doors to both the pole barn and kitchen were installed. The largest improvement to Browne's Field was the significant upgrade, resurfacing and expansion of the **pickleball courts**.

The **Browne's Field Permanent Restrooms** fund currently has a balance of \$72,109.57. Grant applications for the balance of funds needed have been unsuccessful to date.

2024 HISCFA EVENTS

MDOT Adopt-A-Highway – Saturday, April 20
(Adopt-A-Highway rain date April 27)
Island Cleanup – Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19
Trunk-to-Trunk Sale – Saturday, June 15

2024 HISCFA FUNDRAISERS

7th Annual Car Show – Sunday, July 14
HISCFA Field Day – Saturday, August 3
Fall Party – BBQ & Bonfire – Saturday, September 14



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES

Please return by April 1, 2024

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: _____ Phone Number: _____ 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 Name on 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*

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE ONLY:

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

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

The MDOT Adopt-A-Highway annual road and stream clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20** with a **rain date of April 27, 2024**. Roadside trash and debris are collected and bagged from St. Mark Church to the Bates Cut; the airfield to just past the former Weaver’s Market; and the Bates Cut to the end of the Island’s turn around.

Island Cleanup Days is a two-day event hosted at Browne’s Field by the Association and Clay Township. Mark your calendars **for May 18-19, 2024. Fall - TBD**

The Clay Township Recreation Department’s **Music in the Park Series** will be held at Browne’s Field again this year. The concert schedule will be posted at <http://www.hiscfa.org> when it becomes available.

A **Trunk-to-Trunk Sale** at Browne’s Field is scheduled for **Saturday, June 15, 2024** from 9:00am-12:00pm. A \$10 seller fee will be donated to the HISCFA general fund and can be paid on the day of the event. The sale provides our community with an opportunity to come together for a social meet-and-greet with the buying and selling of treasures!

Reader’s Cove Library and the HI Lions Club receive monthly donations from HISCFA to support their community endeavors.

HISCFA awards academically-qualified Harsen’s Island high school graduates with **scholarships** to further their education.

HISCFA **Water Stations** provide safe drinking water for those residents who do not have access to potable water in their homes. The main water station is located across from Browne’s Field on the North Channel and the second station is located at the Bates Cut on the South Channel. The inside of the North Channel station is open all year. However, the outside faucets of the North Channel and Bates Cut stations are turned off during the winter months. During the winter, members need a fee-based water station card to access the North Channel station.

The HISCFA-owned **Park-n-Ride** is located adjacent to the ferry in front of the large stone piles near Sunset Harbor. Pedestrian ferry riders can use this parking lot.

HISCFA is a member of the **Great Lakes Islands Alliance** (GLIA). The focus of GLIA is to bring together representatives from all of the Islands in the Great Lakes to discuss island-related topics. Harold Stieber is Harsen’s Island GLIA representative. Harold’s yearly summary article is included in *The Delta News*.

BROWNE’S FIELD - THE ISLAND HUB

HISCFA is able to improve and maintain this Island treasure through fundraising efforts, generous membership donations and money generated from leasing advertising panels on the **Browne’s Field Welcome Advertising Signboard**. Standing since the 1960s it is located directly across from the ferry. **We encourage all our members to use our supporting vendors.**

THE DELTA NEWS

The Delta News committee is currently accepting new advertisements, member and group articles, memorable moments, graduation notices and obituary notices for the 2024 edition. **Submit your articles by March 18 to DeltaNews@hiscfa.org**. Text/phone (248) 752-0541 with questions or for assistance.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2024

President - Currently Vacant

Vice President - Steve Lawrence
SteveL@hiscfa.org

Treasurer - Jennifer Weaver
JennyW@hiscfa.org

Executive Secretary - Currently Vacant
Margaret Marchwinski, Acting Interim
MargM@hiscfa.org

Water Card – Harold Stieber
HaroldS@hiscfa.org / 248-425-0029

MONTHLY HISCFA MEETINGS

2nd Saturday of each month at the Lions Hall
9:00am May–November, No December Meeting
9:30am January–April.

Please visit <http://www.HISCFA.org> for the Island calendar of events, meetings, HISCFA meeting minutes and online membership payments.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 2024!

This year we hope we will be able to hold our usual events. Watch The Flyer and Social Media for dates.

Listed below are the events we need volunteers. Please fill out this form with your name and contact information and we will get in touch with you. Your email is helpful for our communication. Thank you in advance.

- Trunk-to-Trunk
- Car Show
- Annual Field Day
- Fall BBQ & Bonfire

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER!

NAME (please print clearly)

EMAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly)

PHONE NUMBER

VOLUNTEER INTEREST