

HENDERSON LAKE NEWSLETTER

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Loon Report: The Loons successfully nested this year and produced a single chick. As of this writing, both parents and the chick are swimming and fishing / feeding all around the lake. Please inform family and friends boating on the lake to be on the lookout for the Loons and give them at least 100' of distance. The location of the shoreline nest was in the southwest tip of the lake, about 100 yards north of the single pontoon dock.

Winter Ice Party Fundraiser / Fishing Report: The Henderson Lake Fishing Club Committee (HLFC) is planning to hold a February 12, 2022 Winter Ice Party Fundraiser. COVID-19 numbers and trends will be evaluated and will drive the final determination in December/January. There was no Spring 2021 planting due to a shortage of fish supply. This Fall the Committee hopes to plant Large Mouth Bass (a predator recommended by the June 2020 fish sampling survey), Crappie and Fat Head Minnows assuming supplies can be found. Low water levels in Fishery ponds and an unusually large number of migrating Cormorants have been tough on the fisheries generally used by HLFC. As of this writing, HLFC has about \$3,000 available for fish planting. This will fund a modest planting given elevated pricing due to supply shortage, so PLEASE DONATE! Finally, a Bass Fishing Tournament is being planned for 2022. Follow the Henderson Lake Facebook Group for coming details about this fundraiser.

2020	4.5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, conducted Northpoint Fisheries survey, fall planting of 1,155 Walleye (6-8")
2019	725 Perch (4-6"), 1100 Hybrid Bluegills (3-5"), 200 Walleye (4-6") and 29 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
2018	740 Hybrid Bluegills (5-7"), 6 gallons of Fat Head Minnows, 600 Black Crappie (4-5"), 400 Perch (4-6")
2017	950 Large Mouth Bass (5-8"), 100 Walleye (6-9"), 300 Black Crappie (3-4"), 3 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
2016	25 gallons of Perch
2015	300 Hybrid Bluegills, 500 Bass (very small sized at 2-3")
2014	300 Hybrid Bluegills, 5 gallons of Fat Head Minnows
2013	250 Bass (4-6"), 200 Sunfish, 8x5 gallon buckets of Perch and Minnows. The Perch should spawn Spring 2013
2012	500 Perch
2010	300 Black Crappie (4-6"), 300 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6"), 200 Walleye (4-6") and 300 Perch
2008	500 Large Mouth Bass (5-7"), 200 Black Crappie (4-6"), 200 Hybrid Bluegill (4-6"), and 100 Walleye (4-6")
2006	500 Bass (5-7"), 160 Black Crappie (4-6"), 160 Hybrid Bluegills (4-6")

Lake Health Management: The Special Assessment District (SAD) which provides funding for aquatic management of our lake was renewed for seven years (Dec. 2019 – Dec. 2025 winter tax bills) by Cumming and Hill Townships. The previous five-year SAD ended with the 2019 treatment season. The overall health of Henderson Lake is A-Rated in large part because of funding from the SAD. The assessed monetary amount and technical content of the SAD did not change.

Invasive species of weeds (Eurasian Water Milfoil, Starry Stonewort, Curly Leaf Pondweed, etc.) found anywhere in the lake, and nuisance weeds only along the developed shoreline out to five feet of water depth are being treated. **Please see HendersonLake.org for downloadable copies of all the various reports and studies.**

Henderson Lake Fishing Club Volunteers:

North End	Ron Chapman, Dave Attenberger, Mike Kujawa	50
Allen Sub	Bryan Pepper	25
Henderson Heights	Dave & Adam Skornia, Brad Bellville	30
South End	George & Barb Losee, Bill Olsen	85 = 190

Please mail your generous donation, or use PayPal from <http://www.hendersonlake.org/fishing-club.html> or this QR Code →

(PayPal charges a 2.9% service fee, so please account for that in your donation.)

HLFC will soon have a Venmo account. Watch for details on Henderson Lake Facebook and Website.



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Make all checks payable to **HENDERSON LAKE FISHING CLUB**
Basic Family Donation \$ 30.00 (More is always welcome!)

- Practice **CATCH AND RELEASE!** Please do not keep all that you catch.
- Keep a **rake-by-the-lake** to remove / clean-up weeds washed ashore. Milfoil spreads by fragmentation, so get those weed fragments out of the water.