

Lake Watch

Oak Hills Lake Development Association
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April 2016

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Notes from the president...

Greetings neighbors! Please make an effort to attend the annual crawfish boil Sunday, May 15th at the Longwells' home. Watch for the flier at your door shortly.

The lake drawdown will take place this November; many residents used the previous drawdown as an opportunity to install or repair bulkheads. This year we are looking into ways to deepen the worst areas. Any and all input is welcomed and encouraged.

Roy Johnson
315-1173

Schedule of 2016 Board meetings:

Board meetings are held quarterly, usually on the 2nd Tues. of that month.

NOTE: If you would like to add a topic to the agenda, please notify Roy Johnson at his email address: rjohnson35@cox.net This should be done at least 1 week prior to the meeting! This is your notification of the remaining meetings for 2016!

****Tues. April 12th @ 6:30** at the home of Martha & Bill Austin, 867 E. Lakeview Dr.

****Tues. July 12th @ 6:30** at the home of Sealann & Sidney Longwell, 821 E. Lakeview Dr.

****Tues. Oct. 11th @ 6:30** at the home of Jak & Donna Kunstler, 545 Oak Hills Pkwy.

**General Membership Meeting

Mon. Oct. 24th @ 6:30 at the home of Mary Dunbar, 822 E. Lakeview Dr.

Officers and Board Members 2016

Officers

President: Roy Johnson

Vice President: Spring Garcia

Secretary: Martha Austin

Treasurer: Mike Puyau

Members-at-large

Beautification: Roy Johnson

Liaison with Lake Consultant: Mike

Montalbano

Rules: Paul St. Dizier

Social : Dianna Underhill, Mary Dunbar

Website & Newsletter: Martha Austin

Welcoming: Sealann Longwell

"Where needed": Jak Kunstler

Lake Consultant

Mark McElroy



SAVE THE DATE!!!

7th Annual Crawfish Boil
Sunday May 15, 2016

The annual Crawfish Boil will be held on Sunday, May 15th from 3-6pm at the home of Sealann & Sidney Longwell, 821 E. Lakeview Dr.

Todd Woods will be again be our "Boil Master".

Please plan to bring a dessert or an appetizer, your own beverage (water & lemonade will be available), and a lawn chair.

RSVP to Mary Dunbar (766-6083) by May 5th so the crawfish can be ordered! Also – let Mary know if you can bring extra tables or chairs the day of the boil.

You must be a current member who has paid their 2016 dues to attend. Members & their families are free. Guests are welcome at \$10/person - kids under 10 are free.

2016 Lake Dues are Due!!

Dues are \$200.00 per household. If you haven't yet paid, please make out your check to Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. or OHLDA and mail to: Mike Puyau, Oak Hills Lake Development Assn., 826 W. Lakeview Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810

On the Lake

Our lake consultant, Mark McElroy and the Board agree that *any bass caught between 3 pounds and 7 pounds be released year round!*

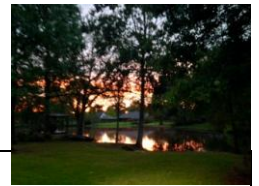
These are the bass that not only spawn, but also have the potential to reach "trophy" bass sizes of more than 7 pounds!!

Our 2nd Lake Draw-down is scheduled for this fall - NOVEMBER 2016!!

This is a great time to remove leaves & tree limbs from your lakefront property! This was very successful in aiding & maintaining the health of the lake three yrs. ago (2013) and it was decided at the General Meeting that we should continue the draw-downs every 3 years. This is a good opportunity for individual property owners to repair or to construct new bulkheads. So begin making your plans for the draw-down in November.

REMEMBER.... Boating and fishing on the lake is for members only – boats must have their lot number and an OHLDA decal. If you need a decal, please email Roy Johnson, rjohnson35@cox.net

NOTE: Lake Property owners are responsible for paying Lake dues! If the owner hasn't paid, then renters cannot use the lake!! Owners are responsible for the renters' behavior on the lake.



Welcome to Oak Hills Lake!

Welcome to: Caleb Neames and Carla Kim Corkern, who recently purchased the Villa's house, 998 W. Lakeview Dr!

Our Heartfelt Condolences...

To Claudia Castillo and Dominick Choo on W. Lakeview Dr. and their families for the loss of Claudia's son, Randall Antonio Stevenson, who passed away on April 5, 2016.

To Paul St. Dizier and Amy Taylor St. Dizier; on W. Lakeview Dr. and their families for the loss of Paul's son, Daniel Louis St. Dizier, who passed away on April 11, 2016.

Our deepest sympathy to both of these families during this saddest of times.

Hilltop Arboretum – www.lsu.edu/hilltop

“Discover Nature Programs” Hilltop has recently started a series of nature programs.

All programs will begin at 6:30pm and will be held in the Beverly Brown Coates Auditorium at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. For members of Hilltop and LMNGBR the fee is \$5 per program, \$10 for non-members. Check the link above for more information.

2016 Weir Cleaning Schedule

Apr – Brian Hanchey	May - Mike Puyau
Jun - Ralph Lorio	Jul - Paul St. Dizier
Aug - Carey Messina	Sep - Roy Johnson
Oct - Russell Babin	Nov – Brian Hanchey
Dec - Mike Puyau	

Contact: rababin@cox.net if you need to change your month or have any problems.

NOTE: Thanks to Jak Kunstler for arranging to have the grate on the Weir repaired to make it safer for those who volunteer to keep it clean!

Special Thank You's!

....To Mary Dunbar – for once again hosting the General meeting in October and providing the main courses of the meal! It was a festive night, with great food, libations, and a very sociable lake meeting! Newly elected to the board was Jak Kunstler. Officers for 2016 were elected by the board after the regular meeting. Thanks to everyone who brought food!

....To Devera & Jerry Goss – for hosting the wonderful Christmas Party in December and to De'Ette Montalbano for helping with the organization and food prep – and everyone who brought their special “Christmas Party Treats”. It was another festive night – the lake was well-lit with Christmas decorations and the weather was mild. Again, thanks to all who brought food for this wonderful annual event!

Both events were very well attended!

2016 Weir Duties

1. Be safe. Be careful not to twist your ankle on the grating – especially during the Drawdown!
2. Check the weir for blockage at least once a week.
3. Check the weir for blockage after any rains.
4. Watch the weather forecast and check the weir for blockage before any big storms.
5. During big storms (1+ inches) during the fall/winter, I usually check the weir during a lull in the rain to avoid anything "getting out of hand". Bring a flashlight at night if necessary.
6. Keep the grates with smaller openings propped up and out of the way. They just plug up the weir faster.
7. Bring a small trash bag to haul off the small non-biodegradable stuff (cans, bottles, paper, toys, etc.)
8. I simply push the small organic stuff (leaves, pine needles, twigs) through the grating.
9. I stack the larger stuff (branches, boards, fence posts, etc.) by the street. The city will haul it away.
10. Watch out for floating clumps of elephant ears near the weir. Break them up and get them out of the water. They can quickly plug the grating.
11. If things get out of hand during a big storm and the lake water level keeps rising, call other weir team members for help.
12. If you will be out of town during your month, find a backup to check the weir for you.

Neighbor Recommendations (insured & safe)

Dentist – Dr. Mike Montalbano – 925-2118	Electrician – Design Lighting & Electrical Co. Frank Digeralamo - 356-3126
House painting/pressure washing – Charlie Turner - 936-7406 (painting homes in Oak Hills for many years)	Plumber – Ken Flory – 763-9632
Real Estate – Coldwell Bankers One Charisse Hanchey–315-0612	Tree trimmers/stump removal – Ace Tree Service Beau Williams, Kurt Delhommer - 667-6764 (since 1965)
Lawn and Landscape LLC Bilwood Smith, III - 225-287-9533	

If you have any other trustworthy and insured that you would like to recommend, submit their names, service, and phone number to mhaustin2001@yahoo.com