

Lake Watch



Oak Hills Lake Development Association
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September 2016

Close-up of Black-bellied Whistler Ducks – Mike Puyau

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 10th (Mon.) General Membership Meeting at Mary Dunbar's home at 6:30
- Late Oct. – Lake Drawdown
Exact date TBA – discussed at the General Meeting!
- Dec. 4th (Sun.) Lake Christmas Party – TBA! We are looking for a volunteer to host this year's annual Christmas Party. Please contact Roy if you can host. The social committee will get volunteers to help with the food!

Remaining 2016 Board meetings:

Board meetings are held quarterly, usually on the 3rd 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!

NOTE: New Dates for the last meeting and General Membership Meeting!!
Please note the changes!!

****Tues. Sept. 27th @ 6:30 at the home of Roy & Pinney Johnson, 767 Oak Hills Pkwy.**

****General Membership Meeting**
Mon. Oct. 10th @ 6:30 at the home of Mary Dunbar, 822 E. Lakeview Dr.

Officers and Board Members 2016

President: Roy Johnson
Vice President: Spring Garcia
Secretary: Martha Austin
Treasurer: Mike Puyau
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

Drawdown Committee: Mike Montalbano

Lake Consultant
Mark McElroy

Notes from the president...

Hello, neighbors - a couple of events approaching next month:

The General Membership meeting will be Monday, October 10th at Mary Dunbar's.

Normally the meeting takes place on the third Monday in October, but due to the start of the lake drawdown we moved it up; please make plans to attend.

The lake will be drawn down beginning in late October, exact date TBA. This will be the main topic of discussion; at last year's meeting, funds were allocated to do some cleanout work on the worst areas of the exposed lake bed. We are looking for contractors, and more importantly, access to the lake through members' yards, especially in the finger. Please consider volunteering your property if needed.

Please read the attached letter from the drawdown committee for the details.

See you at the meeting,

Roy Johnson

On the Lake

Our 2nd Lake Drawdown is scheduled for this fall in late OCTOBER - 2016!!

The scheduled lake drawdown will begin in late October and last until late January or February 2017. The 2013 drawdown lowered the lake about 3-4 feet. It is recommended by our lake consultant that the lake be lowered to about 6 feet in order to allow sunlight & oxygen to reach a larger area and provide a bigger benefit.

This was very successful in aiding & maintaining the health of the lake in 2013 and it was decided at the 2015 General Meeting that we should continue the drawdowns every 3 years. This is a good opportunity for individual property owners to repair or to construct new bulkheads and to removal silt and leaves from the shoreline of their property!

Please see the attached 2016 Drawdown Letter and the Lake Timeline for more details.

In the last few months the cove circulator was removed, cleaned, and repaired and has been returned to the lake – with the help of Mike Montalbano. Repairs were also made to the grate on the weir – the work for this was arranged by Jak Kunstler.

2016 Lake Dues

Dues are \$200.00 per household. If you haven't yet paid, you can pay at the General Membership Meeting!

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

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

NO SWIMMING IN THE LAKE AT ANYTIME!

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.

Hilltop Arboretum – www.lsu.edu/hilltop

Sep 27 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Discover Nature Program ~ Native Plants Attract Native Pollinators: Gardening for Butterflies @ LSU Hilltop Arboretum (see details and ticket information on their website)

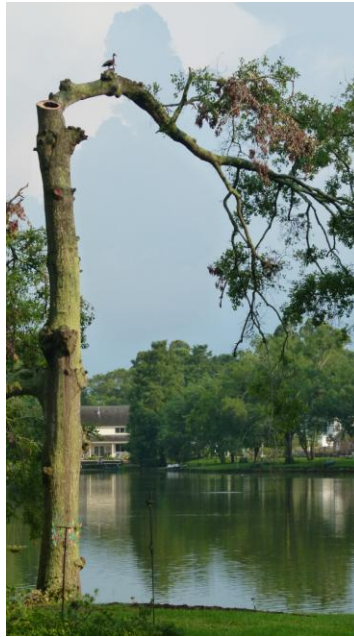
Oct. 1st & 2nd - PlantFest!
 Sat. 9 am – 4 pm
 Sun. 12 noon – 4 pm

For more events and activities at Hilltop Arboretum, please check out their website!

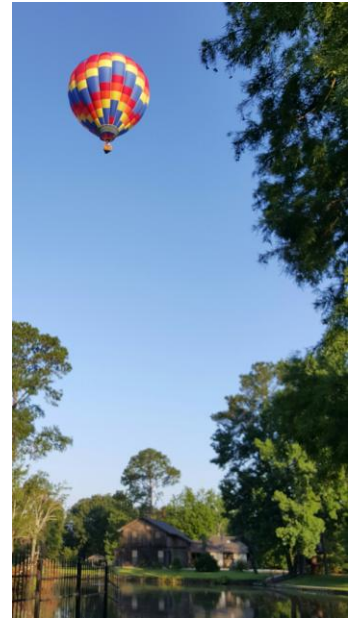
2016 Weir Cleaning Schedule

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.



Black-bellied Whistler ducks Mike Puyau
 June 2016



Balloon over Oak Hills Lake! Spring Garcia
 June 25, 2016

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– 315-0512 (corrected number)	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