

Lake Watch

Oak Hills Lake Development Association
www.oakhillslakebr.com

April 2019
Pelicans on the Lake – Jan. 2019



Upcoming Events

Spring Social on the Lake!

The annual spring social is being held at the home of Susan & Mike Puyau, 826 W. Lakeview Dr. on May 19th.

This year, in addition to boiled crawfish, corn, & potatoes, we have added an additional menu choice! Rob McConnell has volunteered to smoke a pork shoulder for barbecued pulled pork sandwiches and to cook baked beans!

Those attending are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. More details later!

Please RSVP by May 5th to:
Dianna Underhill OR TO: Mary Dunbar
dfunderhill@cox.net 766-6083
241-7334

Notes from the April Board Meeting

- ✓ Don't forget to pay your dues!
- ✓ Committee still working on updating our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for presentation to the members.
- ✓ Board Agendas & Minutes (after approval by the board) will be posted on the Lake website, www.oakhillslakebr.com
- ✓ Spring Social – May 19th with crawfish & smoked pork along with potluck dishes brought by members!
- ✓ 3rd annual Lake Drawdown will begin in Nov. 2019 thru Feb. 2020. This has certainly enhanced our fish population and our lake! It's a good time to clean out exposed leaves & tend to bulkheads or downed branches, if needed.

2019 Quarterly Meetings:

Oak Hills Board Meetings are generally held quarterly, on the 2nd Tues. - in Jan., April, July, and Oct.

Tues. Jan. 8th – 6:30 at the home of Mike and DeEte Montalbano, 677 Oak Hills Pkwy.

Tues. April 9th – 6:30 at the home of Mike and Susan Puyau, 826 W. Lakeview Dr.

Tues. July 9th – 6:30 at the home of Jim & Christine Robinson, 544 S. Lakeview Dr.

Tues. Oct. 8th – 6:30 at the home of Jerry and Devera Goss, 735 Oak Hills Pkwy.

Annual General Membership Meeting:
Mon. Oct. 21st - at the home of Mary Dunbar, 822 E. Lakeview Dr.

A Note from the President

I applaud Rob McConnell and Roy Johnson's creative and innovative way to provide an excellent social activity for Lake members. The First Annual Oak Hills Lake Spring Bass Tournament and Fish Fry not only is an economic self-generating function, but promotes an additional lake event that members can either participate in directly or enjoy vicariously from the comfort of their bulkheads or homes. The revenues we save by being innovative and creative with our social events will benefit all lake property owners' long range when we are faced with huge assessments.

In the coming months, you will be requested to review and vote on changes to the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. A Committee chaired by Dr. Susan Puyau is working at making changes that are necessary to comply with State Statutes and to ensure correctness and continuity with our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Louisiana law requires the Bylaws not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation.

If you would like to attend a Board Meeting, request an agenda topic or wish to share your opinion, email me, jrobin1@cox.net, or call me, 225-767-6389. Let us hear from you.

Thank you,
Jim Robinson

On the Lake



First Spring Bass Tournament & Fish Fry - What a Success!

The 1st "friendly competition" bass tournament and social event was a great success! About 35-40 residents, friends & families enjoyed a great Sat. afternoon of fun & food! There were 7 boats with 2 fishermen each, who braved a foggy, overcast morning on Sat. March 23rd to begin the tournament.

Any large bass that were caught - had to be weighed, have a picture taken, & then released back into the lake. The organizers, Rob McConnell & Roy Johnson, oversaw the event and awarded the prizes.

Thanks to Rob for frying the bream (or bluegill) and crappie (sac-a-lait/white perch) caught from our lake, homemade hushpuppies, the smoked pork, and baked beans - and to Melissa for making an assortment of salads, sides & desserts! The fishermen & lake neighbors who came to the first bass tournament and social event thoroughly enjoyed it!

2019 Officers and Board Members

President ----- Jim Robinson
 Vice President ----- Jerry Goss
 Secretary ----- Susan Puyau
 Treasurer ----- Mike Puyau
 Social ----- Dianna Underhill
 Lake Development Resources ----- Mike Montalbano
 Newsletter and Website ----- Martha Austin
 Membership and Welcoming ----- Mac Peek
 Beautification ----- Mary Dunbar
 Rules ----- Christine Robinson
 At Large ----- Rob McConnell
 At Large ----- Steve Baker
 Oak Hills Lake Consultant --- Mark McElroy

Lake Notes

Bass spawning season – March 1st thru May 1st! Catch & Release the bass during this time – you can keep the other varieties of fish!

Lake membership is limited to the 55 owners of the lake lots around our 12 acre lake, which is located in Oak Hills Place. Every lot owner on the lake is eligible for membership.

To become a member, lot owners must pay a yearly membership fee which begins each new calendar year in January.

REMEMBER.... Boating and fishing on the lake is for members only – boats must have their lot number and an OHLDA decals. These decals should be placed on both sides of the bow of the boat. If you need decals, please email Rob McConnell at: rmconn3@comcast.net

NO SWIMMING IN THE LAKE AT ANYTIME!

NOTE: Lake Property owners are responsible for paying Lake dues! Renters cannot use the lake if the lot owner hasn't paid 2019 dues. Owners are responsible for the renters' behavior on the lake.

2019 Weir Cleaning Schedule

2019 Assignments

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

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



The Official Winners of the Spring Bass Tournament:

1st Place (Biggest 5 bass limit) - Matt Lauve and his "ringer" Sotos Economides - 10.58 LBS.

2nd Place (5 bass limit) - Jerry and Howard Cuevas (guests of Jerry and Devera Goss) - 9.875 LBS.

3rd Place (5 bass limit) Mike Montalbano and his guest Lanny Harris - 9.02 LBS.

Winner of the Biggest bass was Lanny Harris - 3.16 LBS

Congratulations to the winners, participants, & organizers for a great day!

Especially cool since it was at Sid Sanders' old house - and son Wyatt Sanders participated in the tournament, fishing with Rob. It was great to see Mr. Jerry Cuevas up and around and on the lake again.

Roy Johnson

2019 Lake Dues

Lake Dues are \$200.00 per household for the year. Don't forget to pay your dues! Dues keep our lake beautiful, our fish healthy, and provide seasonal social functions so you can meet your neighbors!

Please make your check payable to:
 Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. (OHLDA)
 Mail to: Mike Puyau, Treasurer
 Oak Hills Lake Development Assn.
 826 W. Lakeview Dr.,
 Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Hilltop Arboretum – Events

<https://www.lsu.edu/hilltop>

Check it out for upcoming events and camps!

2019 Weir Duties

1. Be safe. Be careful not to twist your ankle on the grating.
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, please find a backup to check the weir for you.