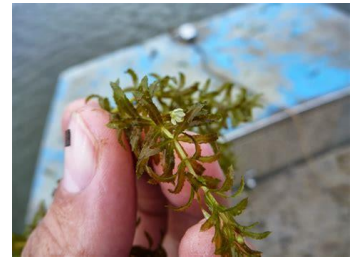


# Lake Watch



Hydrilla invasive aquatic plant  
See article in "On the Lake"

Oak Hills Lake Development Association  
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April 2022

## **Our Lake Crawfish Boil is BACK!!!**

Mike & Susan Puyau are once again  
hosting our Lake crawfish boil!

**Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**826 W. Lakeview Dr. 3:00-6:00pm**  
FREE for all 2022 Paid OHLDA households  
Invited guests of members are \$10 each &  
children under 10 are free.

RSVP by Mon. April 18<sup>th</sup> to:

Martha Austin: (225) 270-7048

[mhaustin2001@yahoo.com](mailto:mhaustin2001@yahoo.com)

OR call Mary Dunbar (225) 766-6083

## **2022 BOARD MEMBERS**

A ballot for OHLDA MEMBERS to vote  
"yes" or "no" for the 2022 Lake Board was  
passed out to all lake members to vote on  
in Nov. 2021. The results from 22 returned  
ballots were as follows:

Re-elected on the board were Steve Baker,  
Jerry Goss, Susan Puyau, Martha Austin,  
Mary Dunbar, Mike Montalbano, Mike  
Puyau, and Walter Smith.

Newly elected to the board were Roy  
Johnson, Jackie Lauve, and Keith Miller

The board needs to consist of at least 9  
members, but more can be on the board.  
Married couples on the board count as 1  
vote only!

## **2022 Lake Officers and Board**

President - Michael Puyau  
Vice President – TBD at next board meeting  
Secretary – Jerry Goss  
Treasurer - Susan P.  
Social - Mary Dunbar  
Lake Development Resources - Mike  
Montalbano  
Newsletter & Website - Martha Austin

Other 2022 Board Members:

Steve Baker  
Roy Johnson  
Jackie Lauve  
Keith Miller  
Walter Smith

Oak Hills Lake Consultant - Mark McElroy

## **2022 Quarterly Meetings:**

Oak Hills Board Meetings are generally  
held quarterly, on the 2nd Tuesday in  
January, April, July, and October.

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Tues. Jan. 11, 2022 – 6:30 via Zoom  
meeting was called to order by Mike  
Puyau. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, it was  
not held in person.

Tues. April 12, 2022 – 6:30 - At the home of  
Roy & Pinney Johnson

Tues. July 12, 2022 - 6:30 - TBD

Tues. Oct. 11, 2022 – 6:30 - TBD

General Meeting - Oct. TBD



## **On the Lake**

Recent NEWS – April 2nd!

(See Picture at top of page)

Steve Baker discovered an invasive  
species of aquatic plant called Hydrilla  
growing in the "finger" of the lake. Mike  
Montalbano then looked off his bulkhead  
and saw it there too.

The problem, now that Hydrilla is in our  
lake, is that it can clog a waterway, cause  
oxygen depletion in the water, and can  
result in a fish kill.

What can we do about it?

1. Nothing and let it overtake the lake
2. Drain the lake. Our planned drawdown  
may help some but won't get it all.
3. Chemicals. These can cost in the  
thousands.
4. Grass Carp. (Not as expensive) They can  
live 10-15 years. A minimum of 3 fish per  
acre (or 36) was suggested on the Internet.  
Mark suggested that we get 40 carp. We  
would need a permit, but Mike M. has  
already purchased one for us (\$50), good  
for one year. The big issue was that the fish  
needed to be ordered and it could take a  
couple of weeks to procure them. It was  
estimated that the fish would cost \$10-\$15  
apiece or about \$600. A vote was taken by  
the Lake Board via email and it was  
unanimously approved to try this. The  
Fisheries biologist for the state agreed with  
Mark that it would be a good idea.

### Welcome to our New Lake Residents!

Adam and Alyssa Bohnert  
998 W. Lakeview Dr.

Kevin & Krystalin Schexnayder  
12030 Chester Dr.

We hope that you can come to our crawfish  
boil & meet some of your new neighbors!

### Water Fowl on our Lake

#### **Please be aware!**

Over the last several months, the remains of several Canadian Geese have been spotted and several of our Black Swans have disappeared. There was some speculation that it could be foxes, raccoons, or coyotes attacking our waterfowl. However, on April 5, 2022, we had an eyewitness to a mature black Swan being attacked & pulled under water. The Swan put up a valiant fight. But she was no match for the aggressor. The suspected aggressor? Possibly, a very large alligator snapping turtle or maybe an alligator gar fish? The takeaway from this? Please beware - keep your pets away from the lake! (Remember: there is NO swimming in the Lake for any of our residents! There will be more investigation into this incident! Our sincere condolences to the Hanchey's.

### 2022 Weir Cleaning Schedule

Jan.....Steve Baker  
Feb.....Rob McConnell  
Mar.....Boyd Helm &  
          Adrienne Bourgeois  
Apr.....Roy Johnson  
May.....Russell Babin  
Jun.....Brian Hanchey  
Jul..... Mike Puyau  
Aug..... Walter Smith  
Sep.....Ralph Lorio  
Oct.....Paul St. Dizier  
Nov.....Steve Baker  
Dec.....Rob McConnell

Contact: Russell Babin  
at [rababin@cox.net](mailto:rababin@cox.net) if you need to change  
your month or have any problems. Thanks  
to all our 2022 volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer, please let  
Russell know that you're interested in the  
fall prior to 2023!

Prayers for all our Lake families and Greater  
Oak Hills Neighborhood families who have  
suffered from Covid, Cancer, Floods, Spring of  
2022 Storms & Hurricanes in this 2021-2022  
year!

### Lake Notes

Lake membership is limited to the 55 owners  
of the lake lots around our 12-acre lake,  
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 – lake boats must  
have their 2 lot number decals and 2 OHLDA  
decals.

These decals should be placed on both sides  
of the bow of the boat. If you need decals,  
please email Roy Johnson at:  
[rjohnson35@cox.net](mailto:rjohnson35@cox.net)

**NO SWIMMING IN THE LAKE AT ANYTIME!**



And then there  
were two .....  
So sorry for the  
loss of our  
beautiful Black  
Swan families, the  
Canadian Geese,  
and Herons.

### 2022 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, find a backup to check the weir for you.