

Lake Watch



Romeo & Juliet in Jan. 2015
by Brian Hanchey

Oak Hills Lake Development Association
www.oakhillslakebr.com

April 2015



SAVE THE DATE!!!

**6th Annual Crawfish Boil
Sunday April 26th**

The annual Crawfish Boil will be held on Sunday, April 26th from 3-6pm at the home of Mike & Susan Puyau. Todd Woods will be again be our "Boil Master".

You must be a current member who has paid their 2015 dues to attend – please pay at least 1 week prior to this event!

Members & their families are free

Guests are welcome at \$10/person - kids under 10 are free.

More information to come later this month!

Schedule of 2015 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 Spring Garcia at her email address: esg127@yahoo.com. This should be done at least 1 week prior to the meeting! This is your notification of the meetings for 2015!

****Tues. April 14th @ 6:30** at the home of Mike Montalbano, 677 Oak Hills Pkwy.

****Tues. July 14th @ 6:30** at the home of Spring Garcia, 12234 N. Lakeview Dr.

****Tues. Oct. 6th @ 6:30** at the home of Sealann Longwell, 821 E. Lakeview Dr.

****General Membership Meeting**

Mon. Oct. 19th @ 6:30 - at the home of Mary Dunbar, 822 E. Lakeview Dr.

Officers and Board Members 2015

Officers

President: Spring Garcia

Vice President: Roy Johnson

Secretary: Jackie Lauve

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

Claudia Choo

Lake Consultant

Mark McElroy

Note: Important current information or alerts are sent via email. If you want to receive emails, send your email address to: mhaustin2001@yahoo.com or check the website at www.oakhillslakebr.com

Notes from the president...

All, Just a quick note to let you know how honored I am to serve our association as president this year. Steve and I count our blessings every day when we spend time in this beautiful environment right in the heart of Baton Rouge!

Besides usual business, this year's board is currently working on the following special projects: a digital archive of Lake Association documents and the creation of a lake maintenance schedule timeline to post on the web and in the newsletter to aid the board and residents in planning.

With many new members and former members re-engaged in our association 2015 can't help but be a productive year! If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at esg127@yahoo.com.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the 6th Annual Crawfish Boil on April 26th.

With warmest regards,
Spring Garcia

2015 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

There are several reports from Lake fishermen who have reported catching some very nice, healthy bass during the first week of April! Mark McElroy, our Lake consultant, will try to get an estimate of the fish population in the coming months to see how they survived the winter (and the birds)!

The Lake is especially beautiful this time of year! It has been a busy place for wildlife – with our black swans and their babies, the Canadian Geese, the Cormorants, and for the first time, the white Pelicans on our lake!

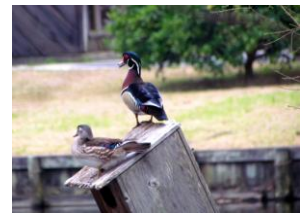
Pelicans by Belinda Meek



2015 Weir Cleaning Schedule

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

For a list of the Weir Duties, look on the website www.oakhillslakebr.com or contact Russell Babin.



Nesting wood ducks
by Spring Garcia

Welcome to Oak Hills Lake – Meet your new neighbors!

By Sealann Longwell

Blair Hagood - Scott and Cassie Hagood bought the Goodwin house on West Lakeview, but don't plan on moving in for 3 years. He will retire then and they will come back to Baton Rouge from Houston. Until then their daughter, Blair, is living there. Blair and her fiancé, Jace, will be married in April and will live there for several years. They have a dog, Boogar, who loves to go on walks. They seem to enjoy walking too, but mostly love the water. They are currently looking for a boat so they can enjoy the lake even more. Blair is in nursing school and Jace is a student at LSU. Blair said they have really enjoyed being here since the move and found everyone exceptionally friendly. You may have met her at the annual meeting, she was there.

Donna and Jak Kunstler - Donna and Jak (pronounced Jack) Kunstler are also new residents on the lake. They are busy having their house and yard changed to their liking. The new Red front door looks great. Donna and Jak moved here from Sherwood Forest. Donna said they traded the honking of the car horns for the honking of the geese. Jak is self employed in commercial real estate, while Donna is retired from teaching and then retail. Donna really enjoys playing mahjong and belongs to a weekly mahjong group. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. They have 2 dogs and one 20 year old cat. They truly enjoy being here and said they have enjoyed meeting some wonderful people. Everyone has been so very nice.

Christine and Jim Robinson - James and Christine Robinson are our third new residents on the lake. Their children are grown and they have eight grandchildren between them. They are almost newlyweds, having been married for only 13 years. Christine is from New Orleans and James is from the U.K. They moved to Oak Hills from the garden district. You may have met them at the lake annual meeting or at the neighborhood meeting. Christine lists her interests mostly in music. She belongs to the Baton Rouge Foundation for Opera (BRFO) and the music club. James is eager to help with weir maintenance and similar lake projects. James is a professor with LSU Eunice, while Christine is retired from LSU Hospital System where she was in charge of staff development. Currently they are busy fixing up their new home. They absolutely love looking out on the lake. Both of their fathers, who are in their nineties, enjoy visiting and being on the lake.

It was such a pleasure interviewing these new neighbors. If you didn't get to meet them at the Lake Christmas Party, we hope that you will get to meet them at the spring crawfish boil!

Welcome to Oak Hills Lake!

Keith and Leila Miller – 944 W. Lakeview Dr.

Dr. Boyd Helm – 792 W. Lakeview Dr.
We are very sorry to report that Dr. Helm's home was broken into on March 3rd - just weeks after he moved in. The garage door was kicked in between 1:15 & 3:15. Everyone needs to be vigilant!

We hope to see you at the Lake crawfish boil!

Hilltop Arboretum – www.lsu.edu/hilltop

Spring Garden Tour - \$20

April 12, 2015 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at **Chene Vert**, the early nineteenth century-style home and garden owned by Cheryl and Wayne Stromeier, located at **14732 Highland Road (70810)**.

The winners of the annual Christmas Light up the Lake contest were:

- Best Overall:** Sealann & Sidney Longwell
- Best Louisiana Theme:** Pinney & Roy Johnson
- Best Multimedia:** DeEtte & Mike Montalbano
- Best Children's Display:** Ashley & Heston Hodges
- Best Party Atmosphere:** Ruth & Peter Kovacs
- Best Use of Space:** Charisse & Brian Hanchey
- Best Religious Display:** Susan & Mike Puyau

GREAT WORK ON ALL THE DECORATIONS! The participation was great this year and the competition was evident! Pictures by Spring Garcia.



**Oak Hills Lake Christmas Party
Dec. 14, 2014**

Thank you Ruth and Peter Kovacs for hosting the Dec. 14, 2014 Christmas holiday party! It was a very well-attended event with wonderful food and company! Your newly renovated home is beautiful! We all enjoyed visiting with our lake neighbors and meeting our newest neighbors too! It was such a great event to kick off the holiday season and the weather cooperated so that we could enjoy being indoors and outdoors to enjoy the wonderful lake view and holiday lights. Thanks to all who helped and contributed food for this event – it was absolutely wonderful!

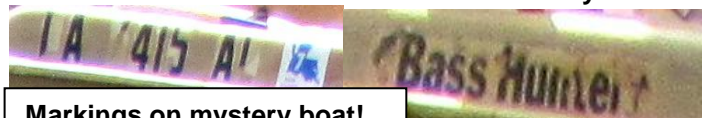


Know this boater? He was fishing on the lake Fri. March 20th. His boat does not have a GOHCA sticker or Lot #
Contact: paulstdizier@la.gov
our rules chairman

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

To fish on Oak Hills Lake, you must be a current (2015) member and have a sticker and lot number on your boat!



Markings on mystery boat!