

Lake Watch



Winter on the Lake
Photo by Martha Austin

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Events on the Lake

Greetings and Best Wishes for 2012 from your Board!!

The Annual Christmas Party was held in December at the home of MiMi Durham. We had a wonderful turnout for the party, with grandchildren adding to the fun. MiMi would like to thank all of you who brought the wonderful Christmas goodies and all those who came to share Christmas on the Lake. We hope to have even more at next year's party! Thanks MiMi!

We had a tie for the best Christmas Light Decorations on the Lake. The winners were Brian and Charisse Hanchey and Bennett and Shelly Johnston! Caroling on the Lake was canceled because of the cold weather, but the Johnstons were ready to sing and sail!

The Annual Membership Meeting was held in October at the home of Mary Dunbar. We had a large group in attendance. Thanks to all those who brought the great food and thanks Mary for again hosting this meeting!

Thanks to everyone who donated their time and effort to make our lake events so special this year!

2012 Quarterly Board Meetings

First Board Meeting for 2012 –

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012 at 6:30pm

The first Quarterly Board meeting will be held at the home of Roy & Pinney Johnson. **All Members are Welcome to attend!**

If you have any items to add to the agenda or would like to speak at the meeting, please notify Roy Johnson by January 8. You may call him at 769-5744 or email him rjohnson35@cox.net

Tentative Future Meetings (Time/date TBA)
2nd Quarter Meeting – April 2012 – at the Longwell's home
3rd Quarter Meeting – July 2012 – at the Redwine's home
4th Quarter Meeting – October 2012 – at the Goss' home

Annual General Membership Meeting –
October 2012

New Officers and Board Members for 2012

President – Roy Johnson
Vice President – Michael Puyou
Secretary – Shelly Johnston
Treasurer – Sealann Longwell

Board Members:
Newsletter and Website – Martha Austin
Community Liaison – Evelyn Redwine
Beautification – Devera Goss
Social – Mary Dunbar –
Committee: MiMi Durham
By-laws – Dianna Underhill

Lake Website - stay informed without waiting for the next newsletter! www.oakhillslakebr.com

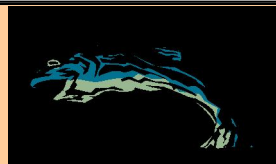
Google groups discussions -
<http://groups.google.com/group/oak-hills-lake-association>

Lake News

Neighborhood Hero! Stuart Bosarge!

Stuart, a retired Marine, helped out the police last night (Jan. 2nd) and captured a burglar – right under his own carport around 6:15 pm. He stopped a “kid” armed with a crowbar and various other “tools of the trade” needed to break-in, called 911, and held him at gun point until the police arrived. The kid was on a bicycle, but another white truck was noticed in the area, pulling in and out of several driveways. Charges will be filed and the police will hold the kid for questioning.

Great Job, Stuart! Everyone be vigilant!



On the Lake

We will continue the **Catch and Release Plan on ALL BASS** throughout the 2012 year until the bass population shows significant improvement. You are encouraged to catch and remove all other fish caught – especially the bream!

Spawning boxes – Thanks to Jim Redwine, Steve Garcia, Roy Johnson, Lee Underhill and Sid Sanders for helping construct the pea gravel spawning boxes that were placed in the lake to help the bass spawn. **DON'T FISH** around the floating corks that mark their locations!

Stocking the Lake - We will be adding one pound bass again to our lake this winter.

Our lake expert, Mark McElroy, gave us an update on the lake's status at the October Membership Meeting. The drought, high summer temperatures, and high nitrogen content caused in part by the large goose population, resulted in an algae bloom on the lake. Mark has chemically treated the water in the fingers and coves to facilitate the breakdown of leaf debris.

The circulator in the lake finger will be turned off for the winter. At this time we do not plan to add any other circulators.

NEWSFLASH!



Our Swans have made a nest and laid 4 eggs!



Welcome!

We want to welcome our new neighbors to Oak Hills Lake:

**Walter Smith – 633 Oak Hills Pkwy.
The Pastore family – 1066 W.
Lakeview Dr.**

We look forward to meeting you!

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of Greg Ellis and Ann Lyles in their losses.

Peculiar Animal Group Names

A group of hawks – a “cast”
Hawks in flight – a “kettle”
Hawks spiraling – a “boil”

Weir Management

We need new volunteers to help one month a year to keep the weir clear of debris after storms. Please contact Russell Babin at 768-1930 to volunteer.

Sign up to receive E-mails from the Lake Assn. for faster notification of information and/or emergency situations!

If you did not receive emails in 2011 about upcoming Oak Hills Lake events or security messages, then we do not have your email address.

To be added to the Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. email list, please send an email to Martha Austin at mhaustin2001@yahoo.com Be sure to put “Oak Hills Lake” in the subject line of your email.

2012 Dues

Bills for the 2012 dues will be mailed out in late February. Please send your \$200.00 check made out to “Oak Hills Lake Development Association” to Sealann Longwell at 821 E. Lakeview Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

YOU MUST HAVE CURRENT DECALS ON YOUR BOAT FOR ACCESS ON THE LAKE.

Only OHLDA members (or one of his immediate family) can accompany their guests in the boat. For more information, please read our by-laws on the website, www.oakhillslakebr.com - click on the “Lake Assn. Documents” tab.

Security

Several cars were broken into on West Lakeview during the holidays, but two offenders were apprehended. A potential burglar was detained by Stuart Bosarge and arrested by police on Jan. 2nd after he was caught under the Bosarge’s carport. Please stay vigilant and report suspicious behavior!

We ask that in compliance with city ordinances, that cars not be left parked on the streets for long term. It creates a safety hazard for all neighbors.

Please join the Greater Oak Hills Civic Association. The dues are \$50.00, which go to pay for extra Security Patrols and maintain our entrances to the neighborhood. Notices will be sent out to all residents during the 1st quarter of 2012. For more information go to the GOHCA website: www.oakhillsbr.com

Have a Great Recipe??

With all the great parties we had in 2011, we think it’s time to start a recipe collection! We will try to add one or two in each newsletter and will also post them all on the Lake website. Please email your recipes to: mhaustin2001@yahoo.com

Did you know?

One of our neighbors on the Lake, Attorney James Redwine, was featured in an article in The Advocate on Aug. 21, 2011, entitled “Cleaning up GM” by Ted Griggs, Advocate business writer. “Attorney James Redwine was tapped to create and oversee the environmental remediation plan for the GM bankruptcy, the largest industrial bankruptcy in the country’s history.” The article describes how Jim was hired on June 1, 2009 after GM was split into two companies in an effort to save GM through a controversial bankruptcy plan. After being hired, he was told he had two weeks to come up with a plan to deal with the environmental issues at the closed plants and to figure out how much it would cost. By May 2010, Jim had the approval from all 14 states involved, two Regions of the EPA and the EPA headquarters, and the U.S. Treasury that the money he estimated to be set aside was indeed adequate. The result was the largest environmental trust in U.S. history. The trust is now in the process of conducting remediation work to restore the sites to productive use and helping the affected communities to prosper again. To read the article in its entirety, go to www.oakhillslakebr.com. Congratulations to our neighbor, James Redwine!

Leaf debris in gutters – Please promptly remove leaves from your gutters before they enter the storm drains. Anything that enters the storm drains around the lake and other parts of the neighborhood goes directly into the lake. Help protect our Lake!

Neighbor Recommendations (insured & safe)

Yard Service – Allen Baker-803-3180	Electrician – Frank Digeralamo- 356-3126
House painting/pressure washing – Charlie Turner - 936-7406	Tree trimmers/stump removal – Ace Tree Service Beau Williams - 667-6764
Plumber – Ken Flory – 763-9632	Real Estate – Coldwell Bankers One Margaret Goodwin–413-9493 Charisse Hanchey–315-0612
Dentist – Dr. Mike Montalbano – 925-2118	

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