

Lake Watch



Oak Hills Lake Development Association (225) 769-5744

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Events on the Lake

Thank you to the Puyau's, boil master, Todd Woods, the Lake Board, and to everyone who attended, helped, contributed food, time, and/or money to help make our 3rd annual spring crawfish boil such a great success!

We had a great turnout. The crawfish was boiled and seasoned perfectly, along with the added corn, potatoes, sausage, and mushrooms. The desserts and appetizers brought by everyone were simply the "icing on the cake!" Nobody went hungry and the afternoon was enjoyed by all!

Fall Plant Pass-along

We have decided to move the plant pass-along to the fall this year when the weather is cooler. Come exchange any plants you might have & try some new ones in your yard! If you can host our annual plant pass-along this fall, please call Devera at 766-2947 or Martha at 766-5860 and let us know a date and time!

Officers and Board Members 2012

President – Roy Johnson

Vice President – Michael Puyau

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!

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2012 Quarterly Board Meetings

Third Board Meeting for 2012 –

Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 6:30pm

The third Quarterly Board meeting will be held at the home of Evalyn and Jim Redwine, 544 S. Lakeview Dr. **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 prior to the meeting. You may call him at 769-5744 or email him rjohnson35@cox.net

Tentative Future Meetings:

4th Quarter Meeting – Tues. October 9, 2012,

6:30 at the Goss' home, 735 Oak Hills Pkwy.

Annual General Membership Meeting – October 2012 – TBA (after quarterly meeting)



On the Lake

We will continue the **Catch and Release Plan on ALL BASS** throughout the 2012 year. You are encouraged to catch and remove all other fish caught – especially the bream and the mud cats!

Once again the intense temperatures and lack of rain have combined to cause an algae outbreak on the lake. While we have had a pretty good spring, summer is here. However, it is thought that with a few good rains, the algae should dissipate – so once again... Pray for Rain!

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Sid Sanders and his family in the loss of his wife, Teresa, on May 22, 2012.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Nickie Bertrand, former lake resident, who passed away June 23, 2012.

It's always cool at Hilltop – and it's just next door to Oak Hills!!

Hilltop Arboretum

<http://hilltop.lsu.edu>

“Welcome to LSU Hilltop Arboretum! These fourteen extraordinarily beautiful acres in Baton Rouge showcase an extensive collection of Louisiana native trees and shrubs. The property known as Hilltop is located on Highland Road south of LSU.”

Hours: The Arboretum is open to the public free of charge during daylight hours seven days a week.

Tours: Self-guided tour maps are located on the grounds of the Arboretum. To schedule Group Tours, contact the Hilltop Office at (225) 767-6916 Tuesday-Friday between the hours of 9 AM - 3 PM.

Want to volunteer?

“Friends of Hilltop provide volunteer services and financial support for the arboretum. Their volunteers and staff conduct guided tours, sponsor educational programs, and hold community events throughout the year, including the annual **PlantFest!** plant sale, **garden tours** in the Spring and Fall, a January **Symposium**, day trips to regional gardens of interest, and more. Friends of Hilltop publishes a quarterly newsletter, "**Hilltop: My Story**" by Emory Smith, and "**A Pocket Guide to Louisiana Native Trees**".

Upcoming Events at Hilltop

PlantFest! 2012 Teaser

Sat. August 25th 9:00 – noon

PlantFest! 2012

Sat. Oct. 6 9:00 - 4:00

Sun. Oct. 6 noon – 4:00

The Fall PlantFest! is a major fundraising activity at Hilltop Arboretum. The sale boasts the "broadest selection of native plants at any one time and place in the southeastern United States."

Why Your Dues Are Important!

History of the Oak Hills Lake Development Association:

The Oak Hills Lake Development Association was incorporated On July 28, 1959. The purpose was to unite the lake property owners and to maintain, improve, and regulate the use of the lake in the best interest of all property owners.

Who can become a member?

Everyone who owns a lot on the Oak Hills Lake is automatically eligible to become a member of the lake and may become a member by paying their annual dues.

Privileges of being a member – provided by YOUR dues:

Insurance: One of the most important reasons for being a member is to have the benefit of the Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. insurance policy. As lake lot owners, we are all liable for accidents that occur on the lake. We are protected through carrying a liability insurance policy, which is a yearly expense that is paid for by the Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. and covers only Lake Assn. members.

Lake Improvement: In 2010 an air compressor for 6 diffusers and 1 circulator to improve the finger were purchased to improve water quality. Electricity is needed to keep these working. A lake consultant was also hired to provide expertise in the areas of lake maintenance, algae treatment, water quality monitoring, stocking the lake with bass, and advice on dredging if needed.

Social functions: Various lake functions, including the crawfish boil, plant pass-along, and the annual membership meeting with a meal, have been provided to encourage meeting your neighbors and having a voice in the regulation of the lake.

Ultimate goals: The ultimate goals for maintaining and improving the lake is to restore our lake to its original natural condition for fishing and for bird and wildlife watching and to maintain the property values of lots on the lake through keeping the lake as clean and beautiful as possible.

Use of the lake: The use of the lake is restricted to dues-paying members only, as it is owned by the OHLDA.

Since this is a privately owned lake, only lake residents who pay their yearly dues are allowed on the lake. Just know that you are within your rights to approach and question any unmarked boats that are on our lake. The lake is posted and is not for use by the general public!

We are happy to report that all but 9 lake residents have paid their 2012 dues.

If you have not yet paid, 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.

Thank you!