

# Lake Watch



Spring on the Lake

Oak Hills Lake Development Association (225) 315-1173

May 2014

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**Annual Crawfish Boil**  
**Sunday, June 1, 2014 from 3-6**  
**at the home of Mike & Susan Puyau**  
**826 W. Lakeview Dr.**

**Please mark your calendars now!**  
**Current Lake members are invited.**

*Attendees are again asked to bring an  
appetizer, dessert, or side dish.  
An alternate BBQ menu will  
be served in case of a  
crawfish shortage!*

**More information will  
be coming soon!**

## Schedule of remaining 2014 Board meetings:

### 3rd Quarter

Tues. July 8th – 6:30 - at Dianna & Lee Underhill's home, 947 E. Lakeview Dr.

### 4th Quarter

Tues. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 - at Martha & Bill Austin's home, 867 E. Lakeview Dr.

### General Membership Meeting

Mon. Oct. 20, 2014 at 6:30 TBA

**NOTE: The newsletters and the website  
ARE the advance notice of Lake Meetings!**

## **New Officers and Board Members 2014**

**President** – Roy Johnson  
**Vice President** – Dianna Underhill  
**Secretary** – Jackie Lauve  
**Treasurer** – Mike Puyau

### Board Members:

Newsletter/Website - Martha Austin  
Welcoming Committee – Spring Garcia  
Evelyn Redwine  
Shelly Johnston  
Sealann Longwell

**Ad Hoc Committee:** Mike Montalbano –  
Chairman of Lake Drawdown Committee  
Mark McElroy – Lake Consultant

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

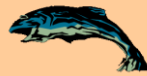
## **Please Welcome to the Lake our new Residents!**

Kathy Torres, who bought the home on S. Lakeview (Mimi Durham's house).

Mac Peek, who bought the home on E. Lakeview (the Gunn's house).

Scott and Cassie Hagood, who bought the home on W. Lakeview (the Goodwin's house).

## **On the Lake**



**The Lake Draw-Down was a success! It began in Nov. 2013 and ended near the end of Feb. 2014. The lake was almost up to its normal level in just a few short weeks, following a rainy Feb. and March.**

**Don't forget!!!! Catch and Release is in effect EVERY March 1<sup>st</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>. This means that ALL Bass must be released immediately back into the lake. Brim, catfish, & sac-a-lait may be kept if caught. No trout lines are allowed in the lake. The Catch and Release program is to allow the bass to spawn that will ultimately lead to better fishing in the lake.**

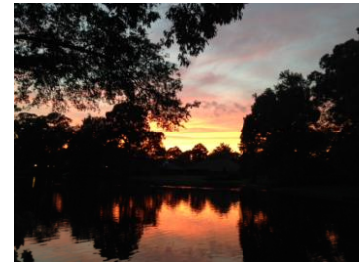
**After May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board will make a decision whether to continue the Catch & Release for a longer period.**

**Sara D. recently spotted a very large turtle with a head the size of an adult's fist and his tail sticking out of the water about 4 inches. It was estimated to be about 2 feet long. Brian H. confirmed that we have 3 or 4 extremely large soft shell turtles in the lake and also some large alligator snapping turtles.**

**The Goodwin's reported that their boat was stolen from their backyard. It could have had either an old Lot number of 10 or 25 on it. Please be vigilant keep an eye on your property. Contact Roy Johnson, [rjohnson35@cox.net](mailto:rjohnson35@cox.net) if you know anything about the boat disappearance.**

## **Don't forget to pay your Oak Hills Lake Dues!**

So far all but 6 or 8 residents have paid their Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. dues for 2014. Dues are still \$200 per calendar year. Please send your check made out to Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. (OHLDA) along with your name, phone number, email address & lot number to: Mike Puyau, Treasurer OHLDA, 826 W. Lakeview Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810. We hope to have all 55 lot owners pay their dues this year! Help support the lake you live on! **REMEMBER....** Boating and fishing on the lake is for members only – boats must have lot number and OHLDA decal. If you need a decal, please email Roy Johnson, [rjohnson35@cox.net](mailto:rjohnson35@cox.net).



Oak Hills Lake  
picture taken April  
30, 2014  
by Martha Austin

**2014 Weir Cleaning Schedule**

**NOTE: CORRECTED SCHEDULE!**  
**Changed due to Lake Draw-down.**

<b>April</b> Carey Messina	<b>May</b> Roy Johnson	<b>June</b> Russell Babin
<b>July</b> Brian Hanchey	<b>Aug.</b> Mike Puyau	<b>Sept.</b> Ralph Lorio
<b>Oct.</b> Paul St. Dizier	<b>Nov.</b> Carey Messina	<b>Dec.</b> Roy Johnson

**2014 Weir Duties**

1. Be safe! Be especially careful around 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.

**You might want to consider....**

Margaret Goodwin found out that if your boat is stolen, you can call the sheriff and they will come out. They can make a report, but if your boat is not **officially registered with the state**, there is nothing they can do to help recover it.

**A letter from the Goodwin's...**

To our very dear Oak Hills friends, Randall and I have moved to our new home with our daughter's family, the Wilsons. Garland, Billy, Wilhelmina (8), Randall (6). It is on the corner of Churchill and Ramsey (the house actually faces Churchill even though the address is Ramsey). It is in Walnut Hills subdivision. We are having a grand time. It is a big house with a pool and we are so comfortable and well cared for. It is great fun when the kids come bounding in the door after school full of stories and excitement. Also, great for grandparents--- they are well behaved and trained to help – put silver on the table, get drinks, pick up plates, run get something for Margy or Poppi. We are so very blessed. Speaking of blessings, we have been richly blessed for these past 54+ years in beautiful Oak Hills and having many of you for dear friends. Keep in touch. We won't forget that by- law about which Jerry reminded us concerning being invited to the parties if you had lived here for 54 years! Just let us know. We have the same phone numbers, 413-9493 and 766-4252 and our new address is 2077 Ramsey Drive BR, LA 70808.

**I optimistically hope that our OH home will close and that you will have wonderful new neighbors but since we haven't closed yet – April 17 is the date -- I cannot tell you their names. They are Charisse's clients so you know they MUST be good !!!**

Love to all, Margaret and Randall Goodwin

**NOTE:** Scott & Cassie Hagood bought the Goodwin's house in late April (after Margaret's letter was written). They grew up in Baton Rouge, are moving back from Houston & were family friends of the Goodwin's.

**A letter from Mimi Durham...**

I miss all of you, but love my new home my e-mail is the same as well as my cell phone (225) 921-6324. My address is 10156 Perkins Rowe, Apt. 409 BR, LA 70810. Please keep me on the newsletter list so I will be able to know what is going on in the neighborhood and also about the parties which I plan to crash (just joking). The person who bought my house is a very nice lady. Her name is Kathy Torres. She is from Houma, LA. I know she will want to have an active part in the neighborhood.

**Hilltop Arboretum**

**Spring Garden Tour – Sun. May 18, 2014, 1-5pm**

Tickets are \$20, available at tour sites or online

Hilltop Summer Sprouts Camp – June 2-13<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm  
Hilltop Junior Master Gardner Camp – June 16-20<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm  
Go to [www.lsu.edu/hilltop](http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop) for more information.

**Neighbor Recommendations (insured & safe)**

**Dentist –**  
Dr. Mike Montalbano – 925-2118

**Electrician – Design Lighting & Electrical Co.**  
Frank Digeralamo - 356-3126

**House painting/pressure washing –**  
Charlie Turner - 936-7406 (painting homes in Oak Hills for many years)

**Plumber –**  
Ken Flory – 763-9632

**Real Estate – Coldwell Bankers One**  
Margaret Goodwin–413-9493  
Charisse Hanchey–315-0612

**Tree trimmers/stump removal – Ace Tree Service**  
Beau Williams, Kurt Delhommer - 667-6764 (since 1965)

**Lawn and Landscape LLC**  
Bilwood Smith, III - 225-287-9533

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