

Lake Watch



Oak Hills Lake Development Association (225) 769-5452

April 2013

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Events on the Lake

Annual Crawfish Boil – will be held on Sunday, April 28th from 3-6pm at the home of Mike & Susan Puyau, 826 West Lakeview Dr. This event is free for all 2013 Lake Members & their households. Any invited guests are \$10 each. Todd Woods is again our “Boil Master” Please RSVP to Mike at 769-5452 or email him at michaelpuyau@cox.net so he will know how much crawfish to order. Water, iced tea & lemonade will be served – BYOB for any other beverages. Please bring a dessert or appetizer too!

2013 Board Meetings

In 2013, Board meetings will be held quarterly on the 2nd Wed. of the month, beginning in January. Paid members are invited to attend.

Wed. January 9, 2013 – Puyau’s home
Wed. April 10, 2013 – Johnson’s home
Mon. July 8, 2013 – Austin’s home
Wed. October 9, 2013 - TBA
General Membership Meeting – October 21, 2013 TBA

Officers and Board Members 2013

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

Board Members:

Newsletter and Website – Martha Austin
Evelyn Redwine
Jackie Labauve

Mark McElroy – Lake Consultant

Lake Website - stay informed without waiting for the next newsletter!

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2013 Dues Reminder

Dues are now Past Due!

Please send your check for \$200 made out to “Oak Hills Lake Development Association” to Sealann Longwell, 821 E. Lakeview Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

There are 12 residents who have not yet paid – please take care of this! Dues are necessary to keep our lake stocked, healthy & beautiful. A lake that is totally neglected becomes stagnant, stinky, & a detriment to our property and well-being.

Announcements:

Next Scheduled Board Meeting:

Monday, July 8, 2013 at 6:30pm

The third Quarterly Board meeting will be held at the home of Martha & Bill Austin, 867 E. Lakeview Dr. NOTE: The date had to be changed to Monday because of conflicts by the board.

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 Michael Puyau at least one week prior to the meeting. You may call him at 769-5452 or email him at michaelpuyau@cox.net



On the Lake

It has been reported that fishing is good on the lake right now. Our bass are healthy and getting larger!

At this time, we ask that you “catch and release” the bass. All other fish may be removed from the Lake. This may change later in the year as we assess the status of the bass.

As agreed upon by the OHLDA members who attended the General Membership meeting in October 2012, a Lake Draw-down Committee was formed. This committee has been meeting on a regular basis and has put in many hours investigating the feasibility of using the “draw-down” method in an effort to help control the excess vegetation on the bottom of the shallow lake areas and as a way to help provide a better environment for spawning for the fish.

The Draw-down committee, composed of elected board members, lake residents, and our lake consultant, Mark McElroy, made a proposal to start a lake draw-down that would begin in Nov. 2013 and continue through February 2014. This proposal was approved at the April board meeting.

The committee and board have done a lot of work, and have considered all options and possibilities, and we feel this will be a great enhancement to our lake, and secondarily, our property values.

The board wants to thank those on the committee for their extensive research and timely proposal to the board in an effort to improve the quality of the lake

More information on this will be available in July.

Hilltop Arboretum Summer Camps

Sign-Up Your Children or Grandchildren Today!



Sprouts Camp

Junior Master Gardener Camp

HILLTOP SUMMER SPROUTS CAMP 2013

June 3rd -14th (2 wks / Mon-Fri) 9:00 – 1:00 daily
Ages 4 – 7

\$225.00 Hilltop Members / \$260.00 Non-Members
(Includes Annual Membership)

Your kids will love this hands-on outdoor experience as they explore the beautiful grounds of the LSU Hilltop Arboretum. Hilltop's 14 acres is the perfect outdoor space to learn about plant and animal life. Kids will enjoy our trails, pond, trees and flowers. Sign up for this fun and educational camp experience! Limited spots are available. [For additional information and to register your sprout, call 767-6916 or email \[hilltop@tigers.lsu.edu\]\(mailto:hilltop@tigers.lsu.edu\) or go to their website at \[www.lsu.edu/hilltop\]\(http://www.lsu.edu/hilltop\)](#)

HILLTOP JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER SUMMER CAMP 2013

June 17th- 21st 9:00 -1:00 daily
Ages 7 - 10

For 5 Days: \$125 Members / \$160 Non-Members
(Includes \$35 Annual Membership)

Sign-up today for the Junior Master Gardener Summer Day Camp for young gardeners ages 7-10. Join us and you'll have fun learning about how to design a garden and what's bugging you and your plants by exploring the world of insects and plants and diseases. And finally you'll learn more about you, your friends and your community, and discover how to make plans for your future. Children who participate will be eligible for Junior Master Gardener Chapter Pins: Chapter 4 (Beetle Bug), Chapter 5 (Flower) and Chapter 8 (Compass). Register Early! Spaces Limited! Nutritious snacks will be provided throughout the day. **Parents will provide a brown bag lunch and drink.** Online Registration at www.lsu.edu/hilltop or call 767-6916.

Hilltop Spring Garden Tours

Hilltop has two more spring garden tours! The first was in Walden on April 7 that showed off beautiful gardens and landscaping around the lakes.

TOUR II: Sunday, May 5

"A Pastiche of Garden Styles" 1-5pm

BONUS TOUR: Sunday, May 19

"An Afternoon in St. Francisville" 12-5pm – for an additional \$12 prepaid, you can enjoy a picnic on the grounds of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Spring Garden Tours Ticket Prices:

The two-tour and bonus series packet is \$35. Tickets available at each garden the day of the tour. Single tour tickets \$20. Tickets and more details are available online at www.lsu.edu/hilltop, at the LSU Hilltop Arboretum or call (225) 767-6916 or email hilltop@tigers.lsu.edu

Lake website temporarily down

The Oak Hills Lake website is currently down due to "upgrades" by the web hosting service. This is a chance to switch to a newer format and a different hosting service – it should be back up in a few weeks with a new look at the same URL – www.oakhillslakebr.com

2013 Weir Cleaning Schedule

- January – Brian Hanchey
- February – Mike Puyau
- March – Ralph Lorio
- April – Paul St. Dizier
- May – Carey Messina
- June – Roy Johnson
- July – Russell Babin
- August – Brian Hanchey
- September – Mike Puyau
- October – Ralph Lorio
- November – Paul St. Dizier
- December – Carey Messina

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)

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