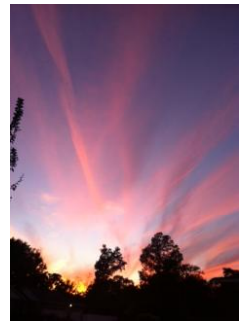


Lake Watch



Oak Hills Lake Development Association (225) 769-5452

November 2013

www.oakhillslakebr.com

Sunset in Oak Hills 11-11-13

Events on the Lake

Plan now and mark your calendars!

December Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 6:00

at the home of

**Jordana Pomeroy and Edwin Penick
792 W. Lakeview Dr.**

More information will be coming – look for our holiday flyer the 1st week of December for all the details! Lake members and relatives living in the home are invited. Don't forget to "light up the lake" during December!

Thank you to Mary Dunbar and all those who volunteered to make the meeting a success!

The Annual General Meeting, held on Mon. October 21, 2013 at Mary Dunbar's home was a huge success that was well attended and enjoyed by all. We managed to squeeze in a business meeting also and new officers were elected by the board following the meeting. For more information on the meeting check out the website – click on the "Board" tab.

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

Evelyn Redwine

Shelly Johnston

Sealann Longwell

Spring Garcia

Note: Important current information or alerts are sent via email. If you want to receive emails, send your email address to:

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Jackie Labaue

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

A Fond Farewell to the Goodwin's -

Margaret and Randall Godwin, original residents of Oak Hills, have lived on W. Lakeview Dr. for the last 53 years. They plan to move into a larger home which they will share with their daughter's family – a win-win situation for all parties involved!

The Goodwin's both attended the general meeting in October and got to visit with many of the lake residents at that time. They received a lifetime invitation to attend all the Oak Hills Lake parties in the future and we certainly hope that they will! Please keep in touch with us!



Lake Drawdown in Progress!

The lake drawdown has started and we wanted to get the word out! Mark McElroy, our lake consultant, expects the lake to drop about 2 inches per day, barring any large rain events. You might want to start planning any maintenance, bulkhead installation, or dredging work to do on your property while the water level is lower. It would probably be a good idea to hire a professional who is licensed & bonded to do any major work and wait for the newly exposed lake bed to dry out enough to do the work without sinking into mud! Also, those who want to look at the weir and siphon operation, please do so from a little distance, as the grate covering the weir is moved slightly. It is a pretty simple device, but we think it is quite impressive and will do the job. The drawdown will last through February. Thanks Mark, Mike M. and his committee!

Tentative Schedule of 2014 meetings:

1st Quarter

Tues. Jan. 14th at Roy Johnson's home - 6:30

2nd Quarter

Tues. April 8th at Sealann Longwell's home - 6:30

3rd Quarter

Tues. July 8th at Dianna Underhill's home - 6:30

4th Quarter

Tues. Oct. 7th at Martha Austin's home - 6:30

General Membership Meeting

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

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

Greater Oak Hills Civic Association Website – get involved in your neighborhood civic association to stay informed and to support the effort to maintain the safety and beauty of the neighborhood. www.oakhillsbr.com



Revised 2014 Proposed Budget for Oak Hills Lake Development Association

Approved at the Oct. 21, 2013 general meeting:

Revenues	
Dues - \$200.00 x 48 lots	\$9,600.00
Estimated Expenses	
Insurance – State Farm	\$996.00
Lake Consultant	\$1,200.00
Lake Management – Pilot construction	\$1,100.00
Maintenance/repairs	
Chemical treatment – lake/weeds	
Utilities – Entergy	\$840.00
Crawfish boil	\$1,000.00
Social – General meeting/Christmas	\$400.00
Equipment replacement	\$3,000.00
Supplies – stamps/envelopes	\$65.00
Lake Drawdown	\$1,000.00
Estimated Expenses	\$9,601.00
Projected year-end revenue for dredging	[\$1.00]

“Bird Bangers” and the Cormorants

Cormorants are abundant in the United States and many of them migrate south to spend the winter on lakes, ponds, and along the shorelines in the warm southern states. They can be seen diving, looking for fish, and can be a problem in small lakes because they eat many of the smaller fish, including the bass fingerlings that we usually stock in the lake in February. For this reason, we have “bird bangers,” which are similar to a starting gun used at a track meet, located in 4 or 5 homes around the lake. These designated volunteers fire the bird bangers to disrupt the feeding cormorants, causing them to fly. This is a humane way that is used to try to save our young bass. You can expect to hear the bird bangers after the cormorants arrive!

Welcome to Oak Hills Lake – Meet your new neighbors!

By Sealann Longwell

What a delight to have two new couples move on the lake. Both couples are busy with renovating and remodeling their new homes.

Jordana Pomeroy and Edwin Penick moved into their beautiful white house with the red door on June 1st. They moved here from Washington, D.C. after Jordana became the director of the LSU Museum of Art, which is housed in the Shaw Center downtown. Edwin is a realtor with Coldwell Banker One. They have 2 children, a son who is a senior at Yale and a daughter who is a sophomore at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. When I asked Jordana about hobbies, she was quick to answer cooking, traveling and swimming. They have 2 dogs, Mira and Kaja. Jordana said they were very happy to be in the neighborhood and felt it is the best place to live in Baton Rouge. They are graciously hosting the Lake Holiday Party on December 15th and seemed so pleased to be asked.

Ruth and Peter Kovacs are the second new couple to recently buy a house on the lake. Ruth is originally from Birmingham, AL and Peter is from New York. They moved to Baton Rouge from Metairie. Ruth is busy making plans for their renovations and remodeling, which are still in the planning stage. They moved here after Peter, the former Editor of the Times-Picayune, became the new Editor of The Advocate. They have 2 sons; the older son lives in New York and is in the financial field and the younger son is an engineer who designs seafood processing machines for the Shrimp industry. Ruth can explain this in more detail. Neither of the boys is married, but they do stay busy with their work. Ruth is an ex-reporter, but now stays busy at home. They also love being in Oak Hills and especially being on the lake. She said they are “happy, happy to be here”.

Please take a minute to meet both of these couples and welcome them here. You will be glad you did.

Oak Hills Lake Dues -

2014 dues for the Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. will be due during the 1st quarter of next year. Notifications will be sent out during the 1st quarter of 2014. Dues will still be \$200 per calendar year. We hope to have all 55 lot owners pay their dues this year! Help support the lake you live on! Boating and fishing on the lake is for members – boats must have lot number and OHLDA decal.

2013 Weir Cleaning Schedule

November – Paul St. Dizier

December – Carey Messina

January 2014 – Roy Johnson

Warning from Mark: “Watch the weir after a rain event and clean it, but be very careful because the grate is slid over, leaving an opening”. * See rest of 2014 schedule and rules on the website.

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