

Lake Watch



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July 2011

Summer

Events on the Lake

Pinney's 2nd annual Plant Pass-along was a great success! Thanks Pinney for a great Sunday afternoon!

Pinney and Roy Johnson hosted another plant pass-along party on Sunday, May 15th. A group of 10-15 plant enthusiasts gathered to share plants from their own yards, meet neighborhood friends, and discuss gardening tips over cookies and lemonade. Everyone enjoyed the day and nobody left empty-handed! This is a great Oak Hills Lake spring tradition – plan to try it next year if you missed this one!

Ice Cream Social

Due to the incredibly hot weather, we are postponing the ice cream social

Lake Clean-up in May

Two Saturdays in May were designated as Lake clean-up mornings. Thanks to Roy Johnson, Greg Booth and his sons, and Jerry and Devera Goss. We also want to thank the Ripples, the Phillips, and Sarah Downing for helping clear debris near their lots. Please continue to remove excess vegetation and limbs from your area. NO blowing leaves or grass into the lake!

Quarterly Board Meetings

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 2011 6:30pm

The third Quarter Board meeting will be held at the home of Heston and Ashley Hodges, 522 S. Lakeview Dr.

All Members are Welcome to attend!

If you have any items that you would like added to the agenda or would like to speak at the meeting, please notify Devera Goss at least 1 week prior to the meeting at 766-2947 or email her at devgoss@hotmail.com

Remaining Scheduled Board Meetings for 2011

4th Quarter: Oct. 11th – 6:30

Mike and DeEte Montalbano's home – 677 Oak Hills Pkwy.

General Membership Meeting – October 2011 – T.B.A.

Hilltop Events

August 27th – PlantFest! 2011 teaser

For a yearly calendar of events visit their website at: www.lsu.edu/hilltop and search “events” or call 767-6916

Lake News

Welcome!

We want to welcome the *Ripples* and *Carlos Padial* as new neighbors on the lake.

Congratulations to *Harold and Jean Place* as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary!

Deepest sympathy to the families of *Alice Jordan* and *Charles Bossier* for their recent losses.

Lake Beautification

Thanks to Allen Baker for maintaining the weir walk, to Mary Dunbar for the circle maintenance on E. Lakeview, and to Harold and Jean Place for replacing the crepe myrtle on the triangle of W. Lakeview.

Oak Hills Lake 2011 Board

President – Devera Goss
Vice President – Roy Johnson
Treasurer – Jerry Goss
Secretary – Spring Garcia
Social – MiMi Durham & Ashley Hodges
Rules – Dianne Underhill
Newsletter & Website – Martha Austin

Committees

Beautification – Pinney Johnson, Jean Place, Charisse & Brian Hanchey
Lake Management & Fisheries – Sid Sanders, DeEte Montalbano, Fletcher Baker, Stuart Bosarge, Heston Hodges

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

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



Fish Report

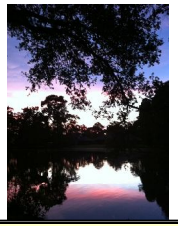
A fish count is under way by Mark McElroy and David Moreland, formerly of Wildlife and Fisheries. So far there has NOT been a fish kill. PRAY FOR RAIN! Look for updates on the OHLDA website.

Stinky, blue-green algae has been moving around the lake. Our lake consultant has not recommended treating it at this time. Instead he again said, “PRAY FOR RAIN!”

You are reminded that all bass caught through Dec. 31, 2011 must be released. You may keep all other fish. And please fish the bream!

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 about the crawfish boil and the plant pass-along events, then we do not have your email address. To be added to the Oak Hills Lake Development Assoc. 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.



Meet your Neighbors

DID YOU KNOW?

Our own neighbor, A. J. Meek, a retired Art Photography Professor from L.S.U. has had several books published. His book on beautiful churches in Louisiana is called:

Sacred Light: Holy Places in Louisiana.

It is a wonderful book and a great gift idea! Check it out at: www.ajmeek.com

Reminder -- It's not too late to pay your dues!

Only a few people have not paid dues. You may send \$200.00 to Jerry Goss at 735 Oak Hills Pkwy., payable to Oak Hills Lake Development Assoc.

We would like to feature your family in the newsletter!!!

If you would like to share your story please submit it to: Devera Goss at devgoss@hotmail.com or Martha Austin at mhaustin2001@yahoo.com
You can also submit a picture with your story.

Need ideas??

- * **Your Family** – you, your children, your grandchildren
- * **Any Special trips** – vacations, mission trips, places to visit that you would recommend, etc.
- * **Your Work or retirement** – your occupation, avocation, volunteer work, or business, etc.
- * **Your Interests** – art, reading, gardening, photography, computers, animals, etc.
- * **Your Life in Oak Hills** – how long you've lived here, if you are the 2nd or 3rd generation living in Oak Hills, if you have special memories of living on the Lake, etc.

Things you can do to help keep our neighborhood beautiful

It is summer and more homes are being offered for sale

CIVIC PRIDE – It is very important to maintain your home to preserve our neighborhood property values. It directly affects you and your neighbors' ability to stay competitive in the housing market.

Look at Your House!

- Does it need painting or pressure washing?
- Does your home have good "curb appeal"?
- A fresh coat of paint to your shutters will brighten up your home.
- A neat, uncluttered carport and driveway enhances the appearance of your home.

LawnTips: "A well-maintained lawn and landscape can add 5 to 7 percent to a property's value. Not only beautiful, it reduces noise pollution, has a cooling effect during the hot seasons, and prevents soil erosion."

(<http://www.bbb.org/us/article/lawn-care-and-lawn-care-services-413>)

- Mow your grass regularly.
- Get rid of weed-choked monkey grass - round-up and a shovel will do the trick!
- Does your landscaping need updating?
- Trim and/or remove overgrown and crowded azaleas.
- Mulch flowerbeds to help prevent weeds.
- Remove dead trees BEFORE they cause harm to your home, power lines, or fall into the lake.

City Ordinances:

- Parking cars in the yards is against City Ordinances. "No parking, storing or driving motor vehicles or watercraft on or across neutral grounds, right-of-way, sidewalks, strip of land between a property line and street curb."
- "Abandoned, inoperative motor vehicles on private property constitute a public nuisance because they tend to reduce property values, create a hazard to the health and safety of minors, create fire hazards, harbor rodents and insects, etc. Sec. 12:500

If we fail to do our part, we can TRANSITION into a DECLINING AND RENTAL NEIGHBORHOOD!

Several homes are coming up for sale on the lake. Let's move in a positive direction!

The joys of being a homeowner: How to find help for your home and yard!

Baton Rouge Better Business Bureau

(accredits reputable businesses)

<http://batonrouge.bbb.org/>

BBB accreditation standards

<http://batonrouge.bbb.org/bbb-accreditation-standards>

Home contractors – tip-offs to potential rip-offs

"Be suspicious of contractors who attempt to gain business by visiting door-to-door. "Cold calls" can sometimes mean that the contractor is not from a local, established business but is instead just passing through and trying to make a quick buck."

<http://www.bbb.org/us/article/home-contractors-tip-offs-to-potential-rip-offs-536>

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

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