

Lake Watch



Oak Hills Lake Development Association
www.oakhillslakebr.com

October 2017

Upcoming Events

Oak Hills Lake General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2017
At 6:30 pm

Held at the home of Mary Dunbar,
822 E. Lakeview Dr. 766-6083

Don't forget to put the annual Lake meeting on your calendar! This is a much anticipated meeting with lots of participation! There will be great food & drink – provided by Mary & her talented volunteers! More details will be coming later.

A business meeting will follow, along with the election of new board members.

There will be several vacancies on the board this year so please think about volunteering!! Board members are restricted by our Articles of Incorporation to serving a term of 3 years, with a limit of 6 consecutive years. It's time for new members to step up!

Hilltop Tour

"Illuminated Garden Nightscapes" Sunday November 12th

An exciting evening tour sponsored by Hilltop Arboretum, will take place on Sun. Nov. 12th, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Cost is \$20

Two of the featured yards are in are on our Lake! The yards of DeEtte & Mike Montalbano and Devera & Jerry Goss will be highlighted on this tour, along with the home of Patrice & Richard Ellis on Kenmore Ave.

As described on the Hilltop website, "A unique feature of this tour are the lighted pathways that connect both gardens for strolling back and forth, and enjoying the water front views. The "Tiki Bar" will be open at the Goss garden and "Garden Kitchen" at the Montalbano garden for refreshments throughout the evening."

See more information on the back of this newsletter!

Remaining 2017 Board Meetings

Board meetings are held quarterly, usually on the 2nd Tues. of that month.

NOTE: If you would like to add a topic to the agenda, please notify Spring Garcia at her email address: nolaghurl@gmail.com This should be done at least 1 week prior to the meeting!

4th Quarter

Tues. Oct. 10th at Martha & Bill Austin's home, 867 E. Lakeview Dr. – 6:00

General Membership Meeting - Mon. Oct. 23rd at Mary Dunbar's home - 6:30

On the Lake



The Lake Drawdown that ended in late February was definitely a success! Fishing has been good throughout the summer and the Lake has stayed beautiful and healthy.

Mark McElroy, our Lake Specialist, does have a warning about certain water plants that can be purchased for individual Koi ponds but are extremely detrimental to our lake. At our July board meeting, Mark explained that he was currently working with several local Baton Rouge lakes to kill some of these plants – to the tune of \$2,000/gal. for the select weed killer that will kill these plants! PLEASE do not buy the following invasive plants for your yard ponds: Giant Salvinia, Crested Floating Heart, Snowflake Lilies, and Cuban Sedge. They can spread in multiple ways, including through the air!

"Giant salvinia, which forms a mat on the surface of water bodies and blocks sunlight, can create low-oxygen conditions that are harmful to organisms such as fish."

These plants all block waterways, are harmful to fish, and can co-exist with each other!
(Taken from LSU AG center workshop.)

Go to our website to learn more about these plants!
www.oakhillslakebr.com

Officers and Board Members 2017 Officers and Board Members

President: Spring Garcia

Vice President: Sealann Longwell

Secretary: Roy Johnson

Treasurer: Mike Puyau

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Liaison with Lake Consultant: Mike Montalbano

Rules: Paul St. Dizier

Social : Dianna Underhill, Mary Dunbar

Website & Newsletter: Martha Austin

Welcoming: Sealann Longwell

Drawdown Committee: Mike Montalbano

Lake Consultant - Mark McElroy

Don't forget the Greater Oak Hills Civic Assn. General Meeting – Tues. Oct. 17th at Hilltop Arboretum – 6:30



Hilltop Arboretum – www.lsu.edu/hilltop

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Exciting Hilltop Night Tour – featuring two homes on our Oak Hills Lake!
“Illuminated Garden Nightscapes”
Sunday, Nov. 12th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Cost: \$20

To add to the garden and lake nightscape, anyone on the lake is invited to turn on their outdoor lighting or fire up their fire pits for that night. It's a night to show others what a beautiful lake we enjoy and would be appreciated, as it would add to the ambiance of the evening!!

This promises to be a very special event! The nightscapes tour will feature “festive gathering spaces for socializing, music and enjoying beverages and appetizers from the new Hilltop cookbook. Pre-orders will be taken for the new cookbook, Passalong Recipes From the Podge II – “Digging Deeper.”
Show your support for Hilltop and Oak Hills!

Tickets for this event can be purchased:
Online: <https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/hilltop/fall-garden-tours/>
By Calling: 225-767-6916 or
By Email: hilltop@lsu.edu or
Evening of the tour at any of the gardens.

See Hilltop website for more information on these events.
<https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/hilltop/fall-garden->

More Area Events

34th ANNUAL PLANTFEST!

RAIN OR SHINE at Hilltop Arboretum
Sat. Oct 7 @ 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sun. Oct 8 @ 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Hilltop - www.lsu.edu/hilltop

Harvest Days (admission charged)

Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8,
8:00am until 5:00pm, both days
Rural Life Museum
<http://www.lsu.edu/rurallife/events.php>

Corn Maze Festival

Sat. Oct. 7th 10am–5pm
Find your way out of the Corn Maze, paint a pumpkin, visit the Red Barn Petting Zoo, enjoy a hayride, climb the straw mountain, play in the corn box and more! Featuring our most popular attraction, a children's zipline!
Cost: \$10 (Free for ages 3 & under)
LSU Botanic Gardens (at Rural Life)
<http://www.lsu.edu/botanic-gardens>

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the family of Mickey Pounders, who passed away on July 1, 2017.

Lake Notes

Lake membership is limited to the 55 owners of the lake lots around our 12 acre lake, which is located in Oak Hills Place. Every lot owner on the lake is eligible for membership.

To become a member, lot owners must pay a yearly membership fee which begins each new calendar year in January.

REMEMBER.... Boating and fishing on the lake is for members only – boats must have their lot number and an OHLDA decals. These decals should be placed on both sides of the bow of the boat. If you need decals, please email Roy Johnson, rjohnson35@cox.net

NO SWIMMING IN THE LAKE AT ANYTIME!

NOTE: Lake Property owners are responsible for paying Lake dues! Any renters cannot use the lake if the owner hasn't paid 2017 dues. Owners are responsible for the renters' behavior on the lake.

2017 Lake Dues

Dues are \$200.00 per household per year. Please make your check payable to Oak Hills Lake Development Assn. (OHLDA) (if you haven't already done so for the 2017 year).
Mail to: Mike Puyau,
Oak Hills Lake Development Assn.,
826 W. Lakeview Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70810

2017 Weir Cleaning Schedule

2017 – remaining months

Oct - Carey Messina
Nov - Roy Johnson
Dec - Russell Babin

Contact: rababin@cox.net if you need to change your month or have any problems.

2017 Weir Duties

1. Be safe. Be careful not to twist your ankle on the grating – especially during the Drawdown!
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.