

# Lake Sherwood Acres

## News & Views



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*As is customary, the Spring Newsletter is dedicated to promoting the Club, and timed to bring you information about the upcoming pool season. If you haven't yet heard, Lynn Rogstad has recruited some new members for the Club Board, and, for the first time in many years, the Club has a full complement of directors. New blood means new ideas, and we are anxious to see what they can do.*

*In the following pages, you will find the Club President's message from Lynn, as well as reports and updates from some of the committees of both Boards. It is an opportunity for you to see the work and dedication of these volunteers. It is only through their efforts that the many things that comprise the smooth operation of the subdivision and the Club are accomplished. They work very hard on your behalf.*

*For the SLA, much of the 2011 plan has already been accomplished. Since our last newsletter, the lighting of the North Entrance and the oak trees is now complete, and its elegant look fits our neighborhood perfectly. Also, through hard work and a little money, the Grounds and Lake Committees have combined their efforts to renovate the "ZZ Property" located at the bridge on Lake Sherwood East. The change is remarkable, and it adds a destination and a lake view for our many walkers. And finally, the long anticipated website upgrade is being unveiled. The basics are covered in an article by our volunteer webmaster Lisa Peacock, but the biggest change is that the new website opens many new possibilities for providing you with more unique information and services.*

*Please visit the new website to keep up with the latest news and do not hesitate to contact me, Lynn, or any director to give us your ideas, voice your opinion, or ask for information.*

*We thank you for your continued support.*

Scott



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## **ZZ Property** by: Leif Grottness and Dick Hevey

One of our major capital improvement projects for 2011 was the construction of a bulkhead and new landscaping for our “ZZ” Property on Lake Sherwood Ave E. For many years this property was simply an eyesore. After the City expanded and upgraded the sanitary sewer lift station at that site in 2010 the area looked even worse. In anticipation of improving the attractiveness of this area, your Board started planning four years ago to make the improvements once the City finished their sewer project.

We began accruing funds in 2010 and with the overwhelming approval by the residents of additional funds in the 2011 budget, the work was started in early February and was completed in early April. The work consisted of the removal of several scrub trees along the water’s edge, trimming and shaping the lone live oak, building a 78’ long sheet vinyl piling bulkhead and a 6’ x 20’ wooden deck, adding several truckloads of fill, installation of an irrigation system, applying two coats of sealer/stain to the wooden fence around the sewer station, planting several red tip photinias and some Indian hawthorne, and laying 4.5 pallets of St. Augustine grass. It will take one to two years for the landscaping to achieve the intended appearance but even at this early stage the area looks great!

Most of the work was contracted out but the wooden fence around the sewer lift station was stained by board members Jim Cazes, Leif Grottness and Scott Shean. In the next few weeks, we plan to add an attractive waste disposal container to the area and make some repairs to the picnic table. Also, new lights have been ordered for the fountain near the site which, when installed, will make the area even more attractive in the evening. This project was a joint effort of the Grounds Committee, headed by Leif Grottness and the Lake Committee, headed by Dick Hevey.

### **BEFORE**



### **AFTER**



## **Council Report** by: Dick Hevey

The year 2011 is shaping up to be a busy time for Lake Sherwood Acres with lots of construction and renovations going on. This is a real positive step for LSA in that new families are moving in and modernizing the houses they purchase. So far the Council has issued five construction permits and taken action on two other matters to ensure compliance with our Restrictions and Covenants (R&C’s). In addition, several homes are currently undergoing major interior renovations. Generally, interior renovations do not require a permit from the Council. Other residents are repainting and/or doing other exterior restoration work. As far as exterior painting is concerned, please contact the Council for a permit prior to repainting the exterior of your home.

To get a permit for your project simply go to our website at: [www.lakesherwoodacres.com](http://www.lakesherwoodacres.com), and click on [Permit Applications](#) on the left side of our home page. The form can be filled out on-line and e-mailed to Dick Hevey at: [rhevey@bellsouth.net](mailto:rhevey@bellsouth.net). Getting a permit usually only takes a day or two and helps all of us maintain the integrity and beauty of our wonderful subdivision.

Dick Hevey—Lake Sherwood Acres Council Chairman  
Don Frattini – member  
Louise Wen - member



## LSCA President's Message by: Lynn Rogstad

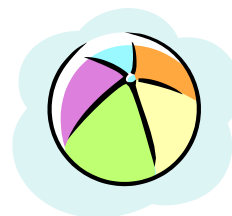
*Hello everyone! Well, your neighborhood club is really gearing up for a busy summer! The pool and clubhouse are really shaping up and we are busily planning many fun activities for kids and adults. I'm glad to report that we now have a full board of very enthusiastic people with lots of new and interesting ideas for how to bring our club to the next level. I encourage all of you to come by and see how great the club and pool area are looking, and be on the lookout for many fun events coming up.*

*We are excited to announce this summer's tennis lessons, late night swimming, swim lessons and swim team information as well as our pool party on June 4th! More information can be found on the next page.*

*Even though we have a full board, we still need your help! Please contact any of us to let us know your ideas, what you want to see happen at your club, or to help with any of the great stuff we have going on!*

*Looking forward to a great summer!*

*Lynn Rogstad—LSC President*



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Please feel free to contact any board members about questions you may have pertaining to the Club, pool or any ideas you would like to suggest!

## POOL PARTY JUNE 4th!

Come join us at the Club on **Saturday, June 4th**, from **2 p.m. to 4 p.m.!** There will be hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks! You can help by bringing a dish to share:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bring</u>
A – G	Salad or Veggie
H – P	Chips and Dips
Q – Z	Fruit or Sweets

Come and share an afternoon of food, games, waterslide, swimming, fun and fellowship with friends and neighbors. For more information call Christine Doiron, 788-3610 or 302-7574 or Christine.doiron@cox.net.

## 2011 Pool News

### POOL HOURS May 28<sup>th</sup> thru September 5<sup>th</sup>

May and June:	Mon. thru Sat. 11-8:30	Sun. 1-8
July thru Aug.7:	Mon. thru Sat. 11-7:30	Sun. 1-7:30
Aug 13- Sept. 5:	Sat. 11-7:30	Sun 1-6
Sept. 5 Labor day	11:00 -6:00	<b>(LAST DAY)</b>

The pool will only be open on weekends after August 13<sup>th</sup> thru September 5<sup>th</sup> due to our lifeguards being back in school.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is also a shortened day due to families heading off before dark to see the fireworks.



### Updates to the Pool and Club House:

Our Club has and continues to undergo some remarkable changes to make your family's summer more fun than ever. Last year, we installed new pool lights, added new pool furniture, new tennis court lighting, lovely new landscaping and a sprinkler system. That's more than \$45,000 of improvements. A new PA and audio/visual system sound, a new roof as well as improvements to the interior of the club house, computerized swim team scoring, more deck with shading may be in the plans in the near future. We want to make this the best facility in Baton Rouge.

### Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to meet other members and a way to accomplish improvements that you would like see happen at the club and pool. It certainly takes a village to make this a great place for your family and volunteers make it happen. Volunteers serve on your Board of Directors and at regular committee meetings to make decisions of how to sustain and continue to improve the club for all to enjoy. We are constantly looking for members to serve on the Board and bring fresh ideas to the table. If you are interested in giving a little time please contact one of the Board members listed in this Newsletter. **We want you to be involved.**

We are also trying to increase the social aspect of the Swim Club for both the children and adults. We need your help in volunteering to chair one or more of these social activities. We would like to continue and/or organize such activities as dance lessons, wine tastings, Halloween get-together, margarita parties, football parties, pizza and movie nights and much, much more. Get with a friend or two and make one of these activities your own fun project. You may even have an idea of your own.

We are looking forward to a great summer of **"fun in the sun"**. Please come join us for all of the pool activities and programs. Watch your email, the bulletin boards at the entrances to the subdivision and postings at the pool for times and dates. See the website for specifics: [www.lakesherwoodacres.com](http://www.lakesherwoodacres.com)

### Outside Club Membership

Lake Sherwood Club and Pool has Family Outside Memberships for only \$350 a year which includes seasonal pool privileges, club house and grounds rentals, tennis courts and child and adults planned activities and parties all year long. It also includes separate swim team, group and private swim lessons and tennis lessons plus so much more.

**GUEST FEES** are \$3.00 per guest (other than members' grandchildren, out of town guests, and full-time babysitters). These fees are payable at the pool gate to the lifeguard on duty. Guests' identification will also be required at the pool gate.

### Club House Rentals

Take advantage of the great club house facilities all year round. Use the club house, pool and/or the grounds for swimming parties, weddings, graduation parties, birthday parties, meetings, office parties, crawfish boils, family reunions, etc. Contact **Greg Charlton at 335-9101 or [greg.charlton@cox.net](mailto:greg.charlton@cox.net)** for information and rental fees.

### Gazebo and Pool Parties

The gazebo can be reserved for 2 hour poolside parties. There is no charge, only a \$3.00 guest fee of any guests that are not Club members. However, there is a limit to the number of guests you can include. Please call the **Greg Charlton at 335-9101** for reservations and see the website for details.

## Pool News cont'd

### “LAKERS” SWIM TEAM

#### A message from the “Lakers” Swim Team Coach:

Dear Lake Sherwood Swimmers and Parents:

I would like to welcome you to the 2011 Lake Sherwood swim season! I am very excited to start the new season. For those of you who are new or do not know me, my name is Erica Allen and I am a senior at St Joseph’s Academy. I have lifeguarded at Lake Sherwood for the past 2 summers and assisted the swim team coach last year. I also taught swim lessons last summer and am going to teach lessons again this summer. I love working with children and I love to swim so I know we will all have fun and it will be a great summer.

Swim team is open to all swimmers ages 4 to 18. Swimmers must be able to swim or dog paddle 1/2 length of pool. Our **Early Bird Discount Fee** for joining the team this year is \$75 for 1<sup>st</sup> child, 10% discount for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> child, and 15% discount for 4<sup>th</sup> and more. The fee includes the team t-shirt. After May 25<sup>th</sup>, fees go up to \$80 for each swimmer. If interested, fill out the registration form along with your check for the fees and bring them to the first day of practice.


Our first scheduled practice will be held on **May 16<sup>th</sup>** in the evening. Ages 4-10 will start at 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM and ages 11-18 will start at 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM. Normal summer time practice begins Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Ages 4-10 will begin at 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM and ages 11-18 will start at 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

There will be three to five regular meets will be held on Thursdays in June in addition to the City Meet at LSU which is in mid July. We encourage all swimmers to wear any kind of blue one-piece swimsuit. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet for parents to work at our home meets at the concession stands and to work the timers. Go to the website for swim team applications.

Erica

#### SWIM TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Here’s a quick and easy way to get involved with your pool and your children’s swim team activities. There are several opportunities to help at the swim meets. We need timers, place judges, scorers, clerks of course and concessionaires. See **Elaine Meroney** and they will be happy to give you the particulars of each job and their availability. It’s a lot more fun when you get involved plus the bonus is that you get the best views of all of the races!

Tennis	Swim Lessons
<p>Open to everyone!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>When:</b> Every Tuesday and Thursday in June and July</p> <p><b>Times:</b> 5-6 p.m. for 8 years old and younger 6-7 p.m. For 9 years old and up</p> <p><b>Rates:</b> \$12 per hour</p> <p>*Must have a minimum of 5 people per hour in order for the class to be held so sign up today!</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Email Diana Vincent, Director of Operations, Break Point Tennis, dianav1972@cox.net, or call 803-3361.</p>	<p>Open to Beginners to Advanced Increase skills at all levels</p> <p><b>Group Lessons:</b> Ages 3 &amp; up , (8) 45 min lessons per session Cost: \$55 each for group session of 3 to 6 children Dates: Monday – Thursday  10:30 -11:15 <b>or</b> 11:30- 12:15 <b>or</b> 6:00- 6:45</p> <p>**Due to Swim Meets being held every Thursday evening in June, the Thursday evening lessons will be held on Friday evening from 6:00 to 6:45</p> <p><b>Private Lessons:</b> (4) 30 minute lessons, Cost: \$65 each Dates: arranged on an individual basis</p> <p>QUESTIONS? Call Erica Allen at 328-3514 or email <a href="mailto:eeallen92@gmail.com">eeallen92@gmail.com</a></p>

## Grounds Report by: Leif Grotness

### **Keeping our Neighborhood Clean** Leif Grotness— Grounds Committee

These days many are taking advantage of the spring weather by walking the sidewalks around our neighborhood lake. Unfortunately, trash tossed from a few passing cars often spoil the look of our otherwise clean and beautiful subdivision. This is particularly true along the LSA-N and LSA-S entrance areas and along Tower Plaza Drive.

Lee and I have started bringing a couple of small plastic grocery bags on our walks. We pick up some of the trash, bring it home or properly dispose of it on the way. We enjoy doing our small share to keep our neighborhood clean and we even get a little extra exercise. Would you please join us in helping keep our beautiful neighborhood clean?

### **Grounds**

Three capital projects are planned for this year. The Lake Sherwood North Entrance work is nearly complete. Lighting of the live oaks, entrance sign and planter was completed during the first quarter. The Dept. of Public Works has agreed to take care of the two items still remaining: placing mulch under the live oaks and planting a new live oak to take the place of one destroyed by lightning several years ago.

The Lake Sherwood South Entrance work is under way. DPW has removed the eight ligustrum trees and several old azalea patches from the median. Some median cleanup work remains but will be completed soon. A new brick wall and subdivision sign will be built, new shrubs will be installed in and around the planter and the irrigation system will be upgraded. This entrance will look very similar to the upgraded LSA-N entrance once completed.

Bulkhead and landscape work on Lot ZZ, the small lakeside lot near the sewer pump station on LSA-E, is nearly complete. See the article on page 3 for more information.

Common areas maintenance work continues to be done by Performance Lawn and Landscape Management. Care of the LSA-N planter and surrounding shrubs has been added to PLLM's existing contract.



## Progress LSA by: Dick Hevey

Our efforts to identify, photograph and catalog all of the broken sidewalks in LSA has taken much longer than anticipated. We underestimated how much time it would take and two of the principal volunteers have both undergone surgeries since the first of the year. The trimming of trees and shrubs that overhang the sidewalks has seen much progress this past year. The entire subdivision has been inspected and most of the needed trimming has been accomplished thanks to a lot of hard work by George Atherton and homeowners. As a reminder, these trees and shrubs are growing vigorously now and may need more pruning the rest of the year. So take a look at your walk periodically to make sure it stays clear.

Once the inspections of concrete in the neighborhood is done, a preliminary determination is made as to who is responsible for the repairs, either the City or the homeowner. In early March a partial list of needed repairs was submitted to the City for consideration. The rest of them should be ready to submit in early May and hopefully the repairs can be made this year.

The next step will be to contact the homeowners directly who have broken sidewalks, not deemed the responsibility of the City, and encourage them to make the needed repairs. LSA has a quotation from a concrete contractor of \$150 per sidewalk segment or panel. The quote includes demolition, debris haul-off, preparation of the sub-bed, forming, pouring and finishing of the new concrete and removal of the forms and clean-up. The contractor's price is based on getting enough orders from homeowners to utilize a minimum concrete order which is 6 cubic yards.

Soon we will send e-mails to you homeowners with broken sidewalks to see if you are interested in having the contractor contact you about making the repairs. If you are interested he will contact you directly and you will pay him for the work once it is done. Of course, you can do the work yourself or hire some other contractor to do it.

The purpose of this work is to make LSA a safer place to walk, jog or bicycle. It is also aimed at reducing any potential liability of the City and/or homeowners for falls and injuries.

If you have any questions please call Jim Rogstad at 751-3548 or Dick Hevey at 292-5870.

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**Newly designed website is finally online!**

**Garden Club**

Lisa Peacock originated the Lake Sherwood Acres website and has since served as its webmaster. She has done all of our website improvements and upkeep on a volunteer basis. Lisa has done a remarkable job and our site has been as attractive and informative as any in the city.

Lisa's goal, however, is to provide a superior site that provides additional services to our residents. For much of the past year, she has been working on a redesign of the site that will simplify navigation and provide new capabilities. Initial plans call for a "resident directory" section, a "for sale by owner" section where you can advertise items for sale, a "wanted by owner" section where you can advertise your need for a particular item or service, a "doing business with residents" section where residents can list services that they can provide other residents, and a neighborhood calendar of events. Because some of these sections contain sensitive information, such as names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. they need to be restricted from the general public, so an important part of the new website is the ability to restrict access to some sections to LSA residents through a login process.

In the near future, each of you who provided your email address on the 2011 dues invoice will be receiving your personal login name and password. Please keep your user name and password confidential. Initially, your password will be fixed. In the future, it may be possible for you to interface directly with the password program and change your own password. In the meantime, if you should lose your password, you will have to contact Lisa Peacock (lisa@lakesherwoodacres.com), 292-0276 or Don Frattini.

If anyone would like a little help in reaching the website, please call Lisa and she will connect you with a volunteer coach. If there are volunteer coaches out there, please call Lisa and let her know you are willing to help others.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Lake Sherwood Garden Club hosted a St. Patrick's Day party at the Lake Sherwood Village Retirement Community. It was so well received that the Garden Club is planning another function in the future. Pictured are some of the Club members who helped make the party such a success: L-R Karen Pickren, Betty Sue Nunneley, Pat Rea, Pat Brown, and Glenda Guffey.

