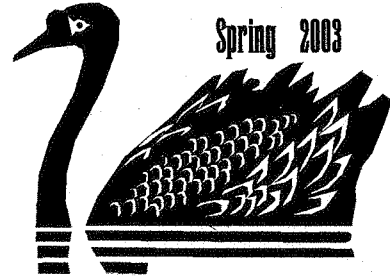


Augusta Shores *News*

Spring 2003



AUGUSTA SHORES ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

Saturday June 7, 2003

11:00 AM Meeting

Reports/Updates from

Treasurer

Developer

Grounds Committee

Rules Committee

Developer

Architectural Comm.

Elections

Vote/Assessment

1:00 PM Picnic

Bar-B-Q & drinks provided.

Please bring your favorite dish to share. (crowd sized)

Come meet fellow lot owners and residents

Another year at Augusta Shores has passed and I can truly say I love living here more now than when we first rounded the corner with the moving van. It's sort of like reading a great book. You can't put it down, relish unfolding each new twist in the storyline, can't wait to see how it evolves, yet don't want it to end because you've come to love the characters and scenes. Being in this area of Missouri and living daily surrounded by rich history, wildlife, and magnificent scenery, makes everyday an adventure.

As each new home is built an undeveloped lot takes shape and I marvel at how the earth is sculpted by the talented crew and their giant "Fred Flintstones" equipment. As the house's skeleton slowly takes shape to become someone's dream home I take in all its changes along the way and count the number of trades it requires for completion. And then the new family moves in introducing character to the home and bringing diversity to the development.

Every season brings something fresh and undiscovered. Spring subtly changes the scenery. One begins to see the white of the Dogwoods and lavender petals on the Redbuds in the distance. Gradually everything greens up and formerly seen homes become private behind vegetation curtains.

Summer exudes energy and activity abounds among the resident human and animal life. The lake shimmers and the fish tease. Everything comes alive.

When fall tumbles in so do the tourists. The autumn colors at Augusta Shores in 2002 were more brilliant than anywhere else, if I do say so myself. I'm not sure why, but as you turned into the development, the colors steadily increased into a fiery tapestry.

This winter was long - lovely but long. The Christmas Eve snow blanketed the area making Christmas decorations picture perfect. In fact, suffice to say we won't be sending store bought Christmas cards next year. As the awe began to wear off after about the tenth snowfall,

the sky just seemed to become an overcast grey. The charm of the winter decorations dwindled, the lake became dark and still and the animals as well as the neighbors stayed in. Life became pretty routine, boring even. But just when we thought the darkness of winter would never end, a peculiar incident occurred.

On the morning of February 7th a solitary snow-white swan was spotted. She glided on the dark still water like a ballerina brightening the scenery. The neighborhood was alive wondering where she came from, whether she was a Trumpeter or a Mute, why she was here, and whether she would stay. We placed corn at the shoreline for her to eat but it wasn't enough to keep her. The day after Valentine's Day she was gone, but her brief appearance was enough to energize the lazy winter and carry us into spring.

The swan made me wonder about other wildlife in the area. I realized there is wildlife everywhere; in the shadows, on the hills, up in trees, on the driveway. There are deer, opossum, squirrels, owls, skunks, foxes, hawks in the sky and Canadian Geese in the water. Neighbors report seeing a bobcat, a cougar, and even a black bear. Some have seen the work of beavers although not the mammals themselves. We hear the coyote but few have seen them.

Lucky? You bet! It's a privilege to live here. Just remember, along with each privilege comes a responsibility. They were here first. They have dibs on the land. Let's make sure we protect them so we can enjoy the wildlife for many years to come.

FROM THE DEVELOPER'S CORNER

Regarding the wastewater treatment plant: When the plant first went on line it was running at a very low capacity. As more homes have been completed, slowly but surely more of the plant's capacity was utilized. In mid March, weekly testing by Duckett Creek indicated it was time to turn on a larger blower. When this was done, I received a call from a resident expressing concern about the noise level. A meeting was held the next morning between Duckett Creek and myself. A phone call was placed to the manufacturer of the equipment and it was determined that the best course of action was a small sound proofed building. Duckett Creek was willing to fund this building, but it was clear that as a government entity, this process would take between 90 and 120 days. I found this to be unacceptable and have chosen to fund the building myself. The building is partially erected and I anticipate this project will be completed before this newsletter reaches you.

I closed the valve on the dry lake between lots 44 and 45 the first week of May. Based on the watershed, this lake will take approximately eleven months to fill. During the same time frame, we plan to begin construction of Kingfisher Court with a completion date of approximately August 1.

As I am sure you are aware, if you've read the Declarations, Augusta Shores, L.L.C., also known as the Developer, has rights to add adjacent property to Augusta Shores for a period of five more years. The Developer surrenders this right with the exception of Phase 5, previously discussed with the Board of Trustees.

Lastly, I would encourage each lot owner to invest some time and familiarize themselves with the Declarations. I think this will avoid confusion in the future as to what everyone's rights are and what the responsibilities are of the Trustees to maintain the integrity of the development.

JOE DUPRE 636-926-2137

FYI

The Post Dispatch now provides home delivery weekday and/or weekend. The paper is usually here by 5:30 AM weekdays and slightly later on weekends. Call 800-365-0820 (ext. 8888) or 314-340-8888 for service.

There is a two year catch and release program in place for all Bass fishing here at The Shores. We ask that you strongly observe this so that we may be assured of a future healthy population. For questions call Denis Raab at 636-482-4091 or Jim Warren at 636-300-9699.

The night sky has been magnificent lately. If you are interested in astronomy and/or viewing the stars contact Don VanGels at 636-482-4004.

Research is being done as to whether DSL service is a possibility here.



KUDOS FOR AUGUSTA SHORES

Augusta Shores celebrates its first home to receive the prestigious Homer Award. Built by The Therrien Group (477-8966), the Raab home on Lot 80, received the award for Outstanding Custom Home in St. Charles County. Congratulations to all.



GROUNDS COMMITTEE



Watch the Excitement:

The Augusta Shores Board of Directors, Rules Committee and Grounds Committee have initiated a community involvement activity with a Venture Crew. A Venture Crew (16-21 yrs.) is the highest level of scouting within the BSA organization. This year the local Venture Crew will use Hickory Lake for a day of fun with a sponsored regatta, one or more camping nights, and other approved events. In return we will be the benefactors of clean up and maintenance activities performed by the Crew. It is envisioned that the Crew will have two major maintenance activities per year, one in spring and one in fall, with minor efforts once a month throughout the year. This year's spring maintenance tasks have already been completed and are listed below:

- Mulching and weeding at entrance
- Raked leaves, gathered dead limbs
- Trimmed grass and cleaned up blackwalnuts around Berg House
- Scrubbed pool furniture
- Replaced sump pump in Berg House
- Cut saplings back side of dam (near Lot 98)
- Cleaned culverts

With a small donation to the Venture Crew we will get lots of help in grounds maintenance and all of us can be part of the overall community spirit. The regatta is scheduled for June 14. Get your cameras ready to capture the action and come cheer the young adults to victory.

Remember each owner is responsible for the upkeep of their lot. This cannot be stressed enough not only for appearance, but more importantly, to prevent animal and insect infestation. If you are unable to personally maintain your lot please call Jim Warren at 636-300-9699 or Joe Dupre at 636-926-2137. They can arrange to have someone do this for a nominal fee.

HELP - We are in dire need of new members due to increasing responsibilities and member changes. Call Jim Warren for more information or to volunteer.. Thanks.

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TREASURY REPORT

Balance as of the end of Q3, '03 (March) was \$3813.03

Current Balance is \$2709.07

All Accounts Payable and Receivable are current.

The invoices for Lot Owners Assessments for FY 7/1/03 - 6/30/04 will be mailed in early June. Please note that our Fiscal year begins, and thus payment is due, on July 1.

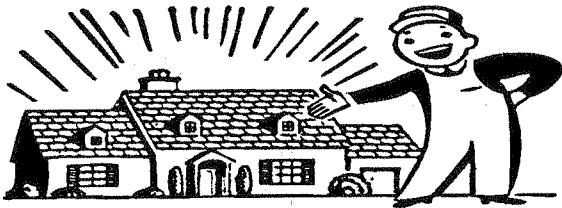
In past years, more than a few Lot Owners have been extremely late in remitting their payment, in spite of multiple reminders being mailed. This is not only unfair to those who do pay on time, but is a violation of our Association Rules. The Board has instructed me to remind all Owners that failure to remit in a timely manner could result in the imposition of a late fee of one and one half (1 1/2) percent, per month. Continued failure to remit could result in a Lien being placed on the Property in question. Said Lien would include Assessment, late charges, Court filing costs, and collection costs. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and is in everyone's best interest.

Look for a letter soon from the Board of Directors/Trustees detailing the need for an increase in assessment fees with the vote to be held at the Annual Meeting.

Thanks to all of you who have provided updated mail and phone information. Please continue to let us know when you move or sell, or if your phone number changes, even if it's temporary.

As always, the Association Financials are open for inspection by any Lot Owner. A Fiscal year recap will be provided at the Annual Meeting in June.

**Harold "Mac" MacFarland, Treasurer
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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

What in the heck is the Architectural Standards Committee? When do I need to contact them?

Let's take a look at the chain of events that brought us to this point...

You have purchased your lot and are getting ready to build your dream home. You have settled on a builder, and finalized your house plans and are ready to go. The plan has been approved by the developer, your builder is selected, and you have everything planned...

Now 6 - 8 months later...

Your construction is complete, the house has been inspected by the county, and the Certificate of Compliance has been issued by the developer, and you are more than ready to move in...

Now fast forward one year...

Everything is just as I dreamed. Augusta Shores is a fantastic place to live...

But, a workshop would sure be nice... Maybe I could build a small building on my lot... While I'm at it, I'll make it big enough for my lawn and garden equipment... An addition to the deck, a gazebo, or patio might be nice. How do I go about it?

That's where we come in...

The Architectural Standards Committee is a group formed to review any additions or modifications to a lot once the Certification of Compliance is issued by the developer. Please submit your plan to Lynn Clausen, Joe Dupre, or Joe Williams for our review. We will review the plan, check to ensure it adheres to Article 8 of the protective covenants, and send an approval or disapproval letter. If the plan is disapproved, the committee will ask that you modify it to comply with Article 8. Once approved, you are on your way to that workshop!!

Joe Williams 636-482-4115,
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RULES COMMITTEE

New signs are posted with the Augusta Shores Rules. Just a review:

Pool, Tennis Courts, and Lakes are for lot owners and their guests only. Residents must be present for use.

POOL

No lifeguard on duty, swim at your own risk. Owners and Assoc. not responsible for any accidents.

Pool hours are 8am till 11pm

Absolutely NO DIVING, RUNNING, PUSHING

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by adult

Please confine all food and beverages to pavilion area only

Please be courteous of your environment by cleaning and removing

all trash before leaving area

No glass containers in pool area

TENNIS COURTS

Court hours are from dawn until dusk

Owners and Assoc. not responsible for accidents

Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult

Non marking shoes required on courts at all times

Absolutely NO SKATING, SKATE BOARDING, OR ROLLER BLADING

No food or glass containers permitted in court area

LAKE

Lake hours are from dawn until dusk

Please use lake at your own risk. Owners and Assoc. are not responsible for accidents

Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult

NO HUNTING or SKATING

Please be courteous of your environment and remove trash before leaving area.

John Care

636-482-4025

Augusta Shores Neighborhood Association Directory

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Please send newsletter info to Janet Williams at joewil2@attglobal.net,
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Local Flavor



Apparently the opening of Ksoudike Park (across from Augusta Shores) has been delayed until Fall of 2003, possibly around Labor Day. It will include camping, boat ramp access to the Missouri River and a conference center along with hiking and biking trails.

The St. Charles County Council unanimously approved the formation of a commission to propose restrictions for a scenic portion of Hwy 94 corridor during its meeting Jan. 28, 2003. County Executive, Joe Ortwerth, named Stephen Butler, a sales & marketing representative from the Defiance area, to chair the commission. The six other appointees are Donald Howell of the Defiance area and Robert Struckhoff, Ellen Knoernschild, Joan McWilliams, Tony Kooyumjian and Rick Rehmeier, all of the Augusta area. All are pending approval by the County Council. The panel will investigate the need for tighter regulations for cellular towers, billboards, roadway signage and commercial, industrial and residential development in the 21 mile stretch of highway between Weldon Spring and the Warren County border.

New town informational website is www.Augustamissouri.org
History Weekend is May 3-4. Beginning Apr. 27 dozens of artists will set up their easels on Augusta's historic streets and countryside. They will paint on canvas in what is called a Plein Air Event. Numerous events will be held during the weekend including a live auction of the painting works.

There will be a FIREWORKS display at the ballfield in Augusta on July 4th. We hear from some who attended last year it is quite good and no traffic!

CALLING ALL HANDS

I am interested in putting together a listing of handy and informational numbers for Augusta Shores. I'd like to include names and numbers for carpenters, handymen, plumbers, lawn care, painters etc. If you've had good luck with any of these and know that they will drive this "far" to work, let me know. I'm sure it would be a great help for all of us. Janet Williams
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14 June 1860 St. Charles Democrat newspaper written regarding the Augusta Harmonie-Verein's June Fest.

Some things never change, or do they? The Historian Committee will be delving into local history this summer. Interested parties can call Cheryl Apel at 636-482-4091 or Cheryl MacFarland at 636-228-4410.



YOGA in AUGUSTA

Amy Stephens, yoga instructor at the St. Charles Community College and prior owner of Yoga Connection Studio in St. Charles, has agreed to offer a trial run of yoga classes this summer in our very own Augusta.

Classes will be Tuesdays 6:00pm till 7:15pm, beginning June. It will be a four class session for \$40. The exact site is still pending but will be either here at The Shores or in the town of Augusta.

Classes are coed and for all levels with an emphasis on stretching, breathing, and stress reduction. A minimum of 10 students is required.

For additional information and/or to register call Janet Williams at 636-482-4115. Registration must be made by May 5th.

PLANNING TIPS FOR BUILDING

“Ask around to get the names of well-respected contractors in your area. Talk to homeowners to find out whether they have been satisfied with the work they’ve had done and ask whether things were handled smoothly. Also ask homeowners whether they feel as if they have been treated respectfully and if the work has given them a product they love.” Architect Jeff Visser

“Prioritize around needs and lifestyle. Plan everything before construction. That includes details from the kitchen layout to finish materials. Learn enough building terms to ask for what you want from pros. Knowing what the house is going to look like, including the kitchen layout, cabinets, and fireplaces, eliminates a lot of the horrors during the construction process.” Gary Nance, residential designer

“Make few modifications once construction starts, a key to staying on budget. Fit the home plan to the site.”
Joe Ahmann, residential designer

Joe put his master bedroom behind the garage and the kitchen at the opposite end of the house, unlike most floor plans to fit it to the slope of his site.

“Call for creative home design solutions for unusual lot problems. Be a good neighbor when building an infill home, and respect the character of nearby homes.” Frank Cheney, Architect

“Make plans, not alterations. It’s easier to make changes on a computer than with a jackhammer. Fine-tune window locations and roof overhangs to block summer sunlight but warm your home in winter.” Rob Taylor, Architect

“Build a house with character. If you don’t add details, you end up with a drywall box that’s cold and uninviting.”
Jim McLagan, Designer-builder

“Find the best views and plan around them. Use a professional to help design around site problems. Hold off on upscale items that you can add later as your resources permit. Have complete, detailed drawings in hand before construction begins. Unexpected equals expensive.” Doug Cutler, Architect

All quotes from Better Homes & Gardens Home Planning Ideas