

Augusta Shores News

Fall 2003

Deja Vu...

Do people ask why you bought in Augusta Shores? Do they wonder why you'll drive 'so far'?

As an afterthought, I hurriedly threw some recent magazines into my backpack on the way out the door for a long overdue vacation. Finally, uninterrupted reading! Nine hours on a plane unable to sleep gives one lots of time to catch up. After settling into the correct seat, grabbing a blanket, adjusting the airflow valve just right, setting the noise reduction earphones to Sting, kicking off the shoes, and placing my bottle of water in close reach, I'm ready to read away. I pull out the first magazine, *Midwest Living*, October 2003. Great cover - fall scene with pumpkins, apples, and huge purple grapes. Um, when we get back in two weeks, fall will be in full swing. What a lovely thought. Paging through, I settle on an article with gorgeous scenery - photos of deep golden fields, lush purple grapes and full heavy vineyards. Who wouldn't want to spend a day here, I thought. But it is so familiar. Turning the page I quickly realize this is my home, my region, my piece of the world. Linda Ryberg from *Midwest Living* writes,

If autumn could be captured in a glass, it would be this: a cabernet sauvignon, glistening ruby-red like fall leaves, reflecting the golden glint of the late-day Missouri sun. The aroma, too, rich in fruity harvest and earthy roots, speaks to the end-of-season landscape. And if there is a place to capture this vignette, it's here along the Weinstrasse, the "wine road" in central Missouri that meanders along the Missouri River, amid flowing hills and the many scenic wineries of this region.

Wow, I'm speechless. I show the article to Joe. He's speechless (that's amazing in itself). I fall asleep wondering how we could be leaving such a place.

OK, so now we've been away for a couple days and there's time again for some reading. I pull out the next magazine, *Southern Living*, September 2003. Page 14, 'Toast Our Wine Country' by Clay Nordan. Surely this cannot be about Missouri, too. Or can it?

Just 30 minutes from the bustle of St. Louis lies a magical land of peace and beauty. They grow grapes here, and from grapes comes wine - very good wine. When summer's heat finally breaks in mid-September, the air clears with the promise of fall, the harvest reaches its peak, and wine lovers are never more welcome to spend a few leisurely days sampling the local vintages. Dotted a 50-mile corridor on both sides of the Missouri River, from Augusta to Hermann, are 14 award-winning wineries and some of the most beautiful farms and charming towns you'll ever see. The vineyards are a legacy of the German immigrants who settled the region in the 1830s and 1840s; their cultural influence remains strong today.

So have they discovered us? Were we ever really lost? Let's face it Daniel Boone and his family settled here, Lewis and Clark made their way through our valleys, and the German immigrants called this 'Little Germany' when deciding to make their new home here.

The vacation continues. Every day is a new adventure - one port better than the next. The scenery is spectacular, the sunset colors unbelievable, the people gracious, the wines full, the food... As the trip comes close to the end fellow travelers are saddened to return home. "Aren't you dreading leaving all this?" they ask Joe and I. We just smile. Not at all we reply.

We pass a Tuscan vineyard.

Deja Vu

Grounds Committee

Our partnership with the Venture Crew has proven quite successful. Their hard work can be seen around The Shores from weed control and culvert cleanup to debris and limb removal from the lake, to mulching and raking. This fall they will cut back saplings near the dam and assist the Garden Committee in the Spring. Although, their canoe regatta was cancelled due to a lack of canoes, the group was able to enjoy a weekend of good weather and fun. Next summer if any lot owners are willing to loan their canoe for a day please contact Joe Dupre.

The pool stayed open one month later this year to accommodate for a longer season. If membership desires, this can be discussed for the upcoming year.

As a whole, those living in the development last winter were pleased with the snow removal by Town and Country. Even with all the snow experienced last year, our streets stayed quite drivable. For cost control competitive bids were accepted and reviewed by the Board of Directors.

The front lake has been treated for a weed problem.

400 large mouth bass were added to the big lake and 3000 adult Fathead minnows have been placed in the back pond. Some grass carp were added to the lakes for shore control. This spring more bass, blue gill and minnows will be added. **We would like to stress to residents and lot owners who fish in our lakes - release all Bass caught. Bluegill and Catfish can be kept. Any Green Sunfish caught should not be returned to the lake as they compete with the bluegill.**

Remember, to report a streetlight outage, first check the 'Pole Number'. It is usually clearly visible on the streetlamp pole. Then call Jim Warren with the outage condition and pole number. He'll notify UE. Usually the problem is fixed in 3 - 5 days. If not repaired after 5 days please notify Jim again.

To help keep our development as beautiful as possible please pick up and remove any trash and limbs or debris whenever possible.

We are still in need of more members to volunteer their help for the Grounds Committee. This is a huge project. Remember we have over 250 acres of common grounds to maintain, including the roads, pool, lakes, Berg House, tennis courts, entrance, gates, and quarry just to name a few. This extra space is part of what makes Augusta Shores such an extraordinary place. A big thanks to Joe Hudson as our newest committee member. Call Jim Warren for more information and/or to volunteer. Even temporary help is appreciated. We are also pleased to have new co-chairs, Diane Raab and Sharon Crocker, for the Garden committee/Club. (See their article on the next page)

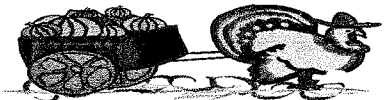
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DSL

THE INSTALLATION OF DSL IS ON SCHEDULE AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY OCTOBER 17. WHEN ACTUAL SERVICE IS UP AND RUNNING, ALL CENTURY TEL CUSTOMERS IN THE AREA WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION BY MAIL REGARDING COSTS AND ORDERING.

WE OWE A HUGE THANK YOU TO JIM WARREN FOR WORKING SO CLOSELY WITH CENTURY TEL ON THIS ISSUE.



FALL HAYRIDE

DATE

Sat. Nov 1

TIME

Pickup starts at 6pm

PLACE

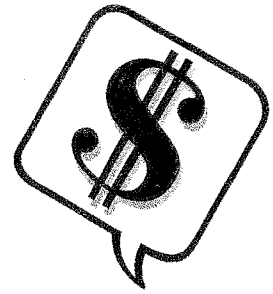
Meet the wagon at the end of your street unless you are on the main drag as we go by.

Bonfire and party after the hayride. BYO drinks and a snack to share or roast. If you play the guitar, harmonica, washboard and/or sing bring that along with you. Dress warm. Absolutely no alcohol or smoking during the hayride!

RSVP

Sharon Crocker
636-482-4077

TREASURY REPORT



Balances:

Checking: \$37,596.03
Reserve account: \$ 9746.01
\$9557.79 in CD's
\$ 188.22 in checking

Accounts Receivable:

The majority of the Lot Owners paid their fees on time. However, several were late in paying. As instructed by the Board of Trustees they were assessed the appropriate late fees. We have two lot owners who have yet to remit payment. Their accounts will continue to be charged the penalties as outlined in our by-laws.

Accounts Payable:

All are current

Reserve Account:

As noted, we have established our Reserve Account. Most of the funds are in CD's. A small balance is in the checking account, due to the timing of receipt and as our bank will accept only \$1000.00 or more for a DC. This balance will be invested in a CD as soon as possible.

Budget:

We remain on Budget for Q1 of FY 2003 - 04.

Accounting:

At my request, the Board approved changing our Accounting firm to Milhouse & Neal in Maryland Heights. I anticipate that their annual fee will be equal to or less than our previous vendor and that the service level will increase significantly.

As always, our books are open for inspection by all Lot Owners.

Please remember to call, write or e-mail us with any change of address or phone number. This is especially difficult when your home is complete and you have moved into the neighborhood. All we have is a Lot #. We have no way of obtaining the street address assigned by the Post Office. Please notify us with the new address upon moving in. We appreciate your help in this.

Harold "Mac" MacFarland, Treasurer
636-228-4410 maccher77@aol.com



FYI

Yoga classes begin again at the Shores on October 16 at 6:45pm. Come to one or all of the classes. Call Janet at 636-482-4115 or e-mail to joewil2@attglobal.net for more information.

We now have 28 families living at the Shores with three scheduled for move-in dates soon and several homes under construction. My how we've grown!

The Architectural committee wishes to remind you to submit any plans for additions such as decks, porches, walkways, pools etc. for approval before construction begins. Contact Joe Williams at 636-482-4115 or joewil2@attglobal.net or Lynn Clasen at 482-4142 or e-mail at mlclas@solutia.com

The Klondike Park boat ramp opened early in October. The concrete boat ramp provides safe river access from the north end of the park. It has an entrance from Hwy 94, across from our water treatment shed, along with parking for vehicle and boat trailers (free of charge). Eventually a convenient trail will connect the boat ramp to the rest of the park trail system and also to the KATY Trail.

Dog/cat and/or house sitting can be provided by Toni Benes, our new sales 'hostess'. Contact her at 636-978-5255.

LOCAL FLAVOR

When you moved here did you think you'd:
be herding cows off the road?
place snakes in a baggie so you could
check the book to see what kind it is?
Be chased out of a field for cutting a few
decorative cornstalks?
Rescue a stray dog from Hwy 94 only
to realize he really knew his way home but
preferred your food and couch?
feed a lost swan only to realize all you
really fattened were the geese?
win all the homemade pies along with
your neighbors at the swing dance?
help your neighbor retrieve a sinking boat
in the dead of winter?
My, don't we have fun!

RULES COMMITTEE

Rules for the grounds are posted at the Pool, Tennis Courts, and Hickory Lake. These areas are for lot owners and their guests only. Residents must be present for use.

Remember **NO HUNTING** or **SKATING**.

Rules for reserving the Berg House and/or the Pool and Pavilion area are drafted and will be listed in the spring newsletter.

For questions and information call

John Care 636-482-4025

Augusta Shores Neighborhood Association Directory

BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

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Don VanGels	636-482-4004
John Care	636-482-4025
Denis Raab	636-482-4091

TREASURER

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GARDEN CLUB

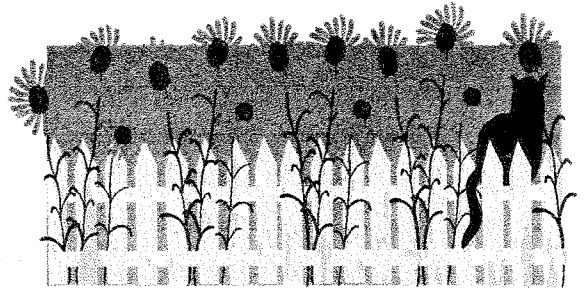
Diane Raab	636-482-4091
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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Sheila Arbogast	636-482-4343
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HISTORIAN COMMITTEE

Cheryl Apel	636-482-4411
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GARDEN CLUB

Anyone wanting to have fun and meet other neighbors please join us. We hope to beautify our neighborhood and learn about plants while doing so.

The newly formed Garden Club will hold its first meeting on the first Saturday in February at 9:30 am at the Berg House.

Come join us for planting information, good company, coffee, and treats.

Please send newsletter info and address changes to Janet Williams at joewila@attglobal.net, or 4364 Augusta Shores dr. Augusta MO 63232, or call 636-482-4115

Contact:

Diane Raab 636-482-4091

Sharon Crocker 636-482-4077

Our little corner of the world...

FROM THE DEVELOPER'S CORNER

Gates to the development are in place and should be operational by mid October. Open hours are 6am till 6pm. Stan Philipak has agreed to assist with installment and maintain 'gatekeeping' requirements. (See Gate article regarding code and remotes).

Marshland area below the dam failed to remain wet enough to maintain waterlife despite having rerouted some drainage. The BOD will discuss allowing this area to return to its natural woodlands.

Work continues on Kingfisher Ct.

Phase 5 dirt work continues this fall. More detailed work will take place in spring 2004.

You will see some disturbed ground areas at the entrance. These were caused by the construction for our DSL and waterworks for the Klondike Park. The companies involved, Century Tel, Water Company and Bommarito are responsible for the repair and should be completed by end of this fall.

Again, I encourage all lot owners to familiarize themselves with the Declarations. This should avoid confusion 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

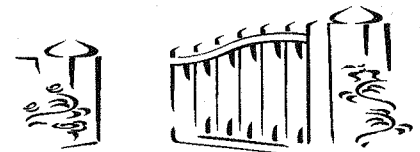
From the Sales Corner...

I thought I'd share a few of the recent comments made to me by prospective buyers. Some are calling this area "the new Ladue", and "the best kept secret in the St. Louis area." this is in addition to the usual "wow!", "one of a kind development", and "unbelievable views". Those of us who live and own in Augusta Shores know how lucky we are.

Including the lots on Kingfisher (the new lake) we have 24 available lots. Lots under contract include 7, 9, 12, 83, and 125. Lot 43 has sold and closed - welcome Jim and Nancy Bonebreak!

A client I'm working with called me the other day to report that she had seen our resident bear. Could there be more than one bear? The sales office now features an aerial photo display of our development. Feel free to stop by and see if your home or lot is featured. Thank you to those of you who have referred friends and family to me in the last few months. Like you, I'm looking forward to the most beautiful time of year here in our little corner of the world.

Margot Braden



From the Gatekeeper's Corner...

Another Fall Wine Season is upon us, *How can you tell?* Traffic jams in Augusta Shores... Here is an update on the gate.

Without boring everyone with the technical details, we are making steady progress on the gate project although it may be invisible to everyone driving by each day.

We had quite a few parts to design and fabricate besides the gates themselves. The safety systems had to be worked out as well as programming the gate computer and planning the associated phone and electrical wiring. These tasks are nearly completed and the installations of the electrical and safety systems have started. Everyone should start to see all of the parts come together at the gate site within the next couple of weeks.

Some details on how the gate system will work:

For Augusta Shores Residents

Two button transmitters (similar to garage door openers) will be available to all Augusta Shores residents at cost (less than \$25 each). Each button will open either the entry or exit gate. In addition, the four digit code can be entered.

For Non-Residents, contractors and guests

Residents can open the entry gate automatically from their home phone when contacted by their guest from the keypad station. A 4 digit code may also be used to open the entry gate without contacting the resident.

To exit, a vehicle sensor is in place that will open the exit gate automatically. The sensor is located just in front of the exit gate and works the same way as a traffic signal sensor.

The gate system has programmable time functions and can be programmed to keep the gates opened or closed depending upon the days of the week, hours, season, weather conditions (snow/ice), etc. The Board of Trustees will determine this timing.

When the installation is nearer to completion I will distribute the code number with instructions as well as the gate schedule and any other required information. Also, the two button transmitters will be made available for purchase.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any questions and/or information.

Stan Philipak, Lot #68
636-482-3022 or e-mail, Philipak1@aol.com

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From 'A History of Augusta, MO. and its Area (I) 1850's - 1860's,
As reported in the St. Charles Demokrat' by Anita M. Mallinckrodt;

18 February 1854

Augusta, MO.

7 February 1854

Among the new, little towns which are blooming rapidly along the Missouri River there is probably none among the German settlements in the upper part of St. Charles County which excels our Augusta in rapid growth and offers a a better opportunity for business people or craftsmen of all kind to establish an existence.

The prosperity of the Township of Femme Osage, populated by a great majority of German farmers, is best seen in the fact that in the year 1852 Augusta alone shipped 10,000 bushels of wheat and last year paid more than 3,000 dollars to various steam boats for freight.

Because the former name of the village, "Mountpleasant," could be easily confused by the Post with another similarly named location in the state of Missouri, so it was changed by the Legislature to the present "Augusta."

Until now we had only one weekly mail delivery. It became so sizeable, however, that the Postmaster in St. Charles understood that the knapsacks and letter bags could no longer be carried well by horse. An answer to his petition to the General Post Office, reflecting this situation, is expected soon, i.e., that we soon receive mail from St. Louis at least twice a week.

Through an act of the Legislature, elections that formerly took place at a very inconvenient location now also will be held in the village itself...

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