

Augusta Shores News

Spring 2004



*" Come gather 'round people wherever you roam
And admit that the waters around you have grown . . .*

*For the Times They Are a Changin'"
Bob Dylan*

We've been living here in Augusta Shores a little over three years now. Time has gone by quickly. Time has made some changes. And, I'm pretty sure time will make some more.

When we arrived on St. Patrick's Day in 2001 with moving van and several packed cars, there were only six other occupied homes. Two main roads were paved. Mail was picked up at the front of the development from temporary mailboxes, and much to Joe's dismay, the Post Dispatch could only be purchased at a stand in Defiance or at Johann's in Augusta. Joe preferred Johann's because it made him feel "Norman Rockwell' ish" to place his money in a cigar box and retrieve his paper. People still trusted others to do this? What a fine place this must be! It was easy to recognize your neighbors as they drove by and waved. You knew all their cars. It was safe to walk the dog in your nightie - who would see you? If you went for a swim rarely would anyone else be present. To be sure, you never fought for a chair. Turkeys were spotted frequently on "Turkey Row" later to become Augusta Shores Ct. It was quiet, very quiet. One felt extremely small and childlike taking in the air, the wildlife, the many stars.

Yes, change has come to Augusta Shores. Nearly 35 homes are now occupied with numerous ones being built. The mail and newspaper is delivered directly to our homes. The school bus safely transfers our children to and from school.

Fishermen/ women say the stocked fish are second generation and the first have matured. Another lake has been filled and stocked. More acreage for Phase Five and common grounds along with the quarry was acquired. DSL arrived for quicker access to the WWW. An entrance gate has been installed (soon to be functional) which will minimize the weekend and evening traffic. More homeowners have made for larger parties, extra help and welcomed diversity.

Fortunately, many of the reasons we chose to live at The Shores still remain. There is the quiet peacefulness, the calming effect of the water, and the hometown atmosphere. Wildlife still abounds. The sky is awesome, from its billowy clouds to its brilliant sunsets to its spectacular night time star show. Stay young in your childlike awe of this amazing community. Or as Dylan would put it:

*" . . . May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb in every rung,
May you stay forever young. . ."*

AUGUSTA SHORES ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

Saturday, June 19, 2004

11:00 AM Meeting

Reports/Updates from
Treasurer
Rules Committee
Ground's Committee
Developer
Elections- (2 Trustees)

1:00 PM Picnic

Like last year, *Bar-B-Q & drinks are provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share. (crowd sized)*

Come meet fellow lot owners and residents.

RULES COMMITTEE



Pool/Tennis Court & Lake Rules

It's that time of year again - time for fun and sun. Please review the Development rules for use of these wonderful amenities

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

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, 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. 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 areas.

RESERVATION PROCESS

Because of increasing requests to reserve the pool, pavilion, and Berg House we have established a reservation process and basic rules.

Members in good standing may reserve the pool area, pavilion, tennis courts & Berg House for private parties. Contact one of these board members at least two weeks prior to reservation date.

John Care (636)482-4025

Denis Raab (636)482-4091

Don VanGels (636)482-4004

The following are some basic rules. More detailed information may be obtained when calling to make a reservation.

POOL & PAVILION

Pool may not be reserved on holiday weekends or weekdays.

Reserved hours are the first three hours of normal operating hours or from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM.

Members must sign a release & indemnification agreement.

\$50.00 refundable deposit in the form of a check to Augusta Shores Owners Assoc.

A/S home/lot owner must be present during party at all times.

Pool area restricted to 20 persons, only 12 which may be children under age 12. 1 responsible adult for every 4 children.

Posted pool rules must be adhered to.

Areas must be cleaned prior to leaving. Return furniture to proper location, remove trash, turn off all lights, turn off ceiling fans, close bathroom door.

Report any damage immediately to one of the above board members.

BERG HOUSE

Board member will open the Berg House prior to gathering.

Phone will be removed during gathering.

May be reserved on any holiday.

Members must sign a release & indemnification agreement.

\$50.00 refundable deposit by check. Deposits refunded as long as area in pre-party condition.

A/S home/lot owner present during party at all times.

Restricted to 40 persons, only 20 may be children under 12. 1 responsible adult for every 10 children.

If pool reserved for same gathering ensure that wet clothing & towels are not left on furniture or wood floors.

All pool & tennis court rules must be adhered to.

Clean & straighten prior to leaving. Return furniture to proper place, turn off lights, remove trash, return thermostat to previous temperature, lock doors & windows.

Report any damage immediately to above Board members.

Deposit will be refunded when Berg House key is returned and area is found to be in pre-party state.

The Berg House is a beautiful & historical facility. It is the reserving party's responsibility to ensure that it is properly taken care of and returned to the same condition as it was prior to the gathering.

Thank you.

TREASURY REPORT



Assets: as of 4/22/04

Checking	Account	\$18,856.49
Reserve	Account	\$10,306.58

Assessments:

There are no past due assessments

Liabilities:

Fiscal Year 2004, (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005) Assessment Invoices will be mailed on/about May 29th, 2004. This should give all Lot Owners ample time to budget for, and remit payment for, the annual \$600.00 assessment. Payment is due no later than **July 1, 2004**. Any checks received prior to that date will not be deposited into our bank until the first business day after July 1. Please make your checks payable to: Augusta Shores Lot Owners Assoc. Cash payments will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The Board was forced to assess some owners with late fees last year. As your Treasurer, I take no pleasure, whatsoever, in having to be a "bill collection agent", and in the verbal or written abuse that often goes along with that task. So, please, make your payment in a timely fashion.

If you have moved in the past year and have not reported your new address, or if you plan to move in the near future, please advise me or any other Officer or Board Member as soon as possible.

Harold "Mac" MacFarland, Treasurer

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Important Announcement from the Augusta Shores Board of Directors

Recently the St. Charles County Highway Department was prepared to pave Terry Road (back road entrance to our subdivision and most direct access to Hwy 94 during flooding). That event was cancelled. Upon contacting a Mr. Pieper, the manager for that project, the BOD was told that the residents on Terry Rd indicated they did not want the extra traffic paving would bring. The county had been prepared to pave it until these complaints. We (Augusta Shores residents) were not involved in the decision process at all. If you are interested in trying to change this decision or to voice your opinion please call **Mr. Peiper at 636-949-7305**.

Augusta Shores Board of
Trustees



Augusta's 2nd Annual Plein Air Art Event

During the week of April 23 - Sunday, May 2nd nearly 100 artists will be in town drawing & painting Augusta scenes. It is a wonderful event and oftentimes you will see artists painting in our own Augusta Shores community.

At 8pm, Apr. 24th, local artist Steve Noble's stainless steel sculpture of a palm tree will be publicly unveiled and illuminated. Augustans have watched with wonder for three years while Steve welded the sculpture in his backyard at 5524 Walnut St.

On Thursday, Apr. 29 at 1pm in Town Square there will be a "Quick Paint" competition. Like a race, when they are told "Go," the artists start to paint rapidly; when they hear "Stop," they put down their brush and see how well judges think they did.

Saturday, May 1 artists will be painting, visiting, and offering their works for sale along Walnut St., 11am - 5pm. Their artwork will also be judged by professional artists and experts.

About 20 pieces will be auctioned on Sunday, May 2, 3:00pm at Mt. Pleasant. A portion of the proceeds are contributed to the Sesquicentennial Committee.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE



GARDEN CLUB

The Augusta Shores' Garden Club is open to all. We plan to have fun while we learn and work together. There will be two work days a year (this year's 2nd date undetermined) to keep the flower beds and plantings attractive. Meetings are informational consisting of such things as soil preparation and easily adaptive plants to this area. They are on the second Saturday every other month at 10:00am in the Berg house. Come join us!

April 17 - soil preparation

June 12 - Meet at Wine Country Gardens for a Garden tour and stay for lunch if you can at the new Cafe.

August 14

October 9

December 11

Please call us for any questions...

Diane Raab - 636-482-4091

Sharon Crocker - 636-482-4077

Lake Report by Denis Raab

Last fall we stocked the big lake with larger bass and bluegill. We ask that all bass caught this year be released. All bluegill can be kept. If green perch are caught do not return them to the lake.

We will survey the big lake this fall for a population update.

The small back lake was stocked with minnows last fall and will be stocked this spring with bass and bluegill.

The new lake is full and will be stocked this spring with minnows. Bass and bluegill will be added in the fall/spring 2005.

The front lake continues to be a problem.

We are fairly certain the leak has not been stopped. Potential actions are pending further research.

Cemetery Report by Cheryl MacFarland

With the approval of the Board, I have volunteered to oversee the clean up, restoration, and ongoing maintenance of the Cemetery located behind the Berg House. Augusta Shores LLC (Joe Dupre) has generously set aside funding to cover the anticipated costs. My husband and I have agreed to cover any expenses beyond the budgeted amount. We've done some preliminary clean up, but until the weather improves, I'm mostly in the research and planning mode.

Research first:

The actual name of the cemetery is listed as "The Zumwalt-Murdock Burial Ground", according to *The Cemeteries of St. Charles County 1988*. Some of the headstones are readable, while others are so smoothed out so that only a few letters/words can be read. The largest stone reads "George Murdock 1813-1897". In the book, he is listed as a soldier in the Black Hawk War. (More research is being done). There are small stones in the shape of what you would think of as "natural" headstones. They are off to the side, away from the known family members. They may be markers for slaves he owned, or perhaps indentured servants. All of the stones will be left in place.

From the *St. Charles Demokrat 1850-1860 (Printed in German)* I've learned that Mr. Murdock was appointed to The Committee for the Femme Osage Township Citizens concerning surveys for the rail routes and taxes to be assessed. The committee felt that the taxes were unjust and benefited few at the cost of many. They also determined that the tax was "un-Republican" and decided to not pay... such a deal! More info to follow on Mr. Murdock, et al, as I find it.

Now to the Planning:

The Cemetery is a major mess due to overgrowth and neglect. Clean up and restoration on the site should be underway by the time of our next Newsletter, depending on weather and Joe building a foot-bridge for me to access the site. (Just kidding Joe!) At present, you need to be a mountain goat to get there... when it's wet, it's almost impossible. Another George Murdock story and a progress update on the site clean up/restoration to follow. Stay tuned!

Late Note:

The scouts helped with the cemetery cleanup on 4/17 and in return were allowed to camp that evening at The Shores. What a great bunch of kids and adults and hard working, too! They asked that I pass on their thanks for allowing them to stay the weekend. We uncovered more "markers". While we'll never know with any certainty that each stone is actually a "marker" we are going to assume that they are, since each grouping has somewhat of a pattern. Total count is now up to 53 and each is temporarily marked with a red flag.

Cheryl MacFarland 636-228-4410 maccher77@aol.com

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

General Report by Jim Warren

The Venture Crew worked the first weekend of April to spread mulch, rake and perform general landscape cleanup. They'll assist the Garden Club with upkeep when needed.

It's pool season again. The pool will be opened by a service this year and should be quite helpful. An exact opening date is pending but the end of May, early June is the target date. Charlie Apel will oversee the pool area. again this year.

Town and Country provided our snow removal this year and luckily mother nature saved us some dollars by limiting the snowfall.

All streetlights seem to be working at this time. To report a streetlight outage, first check the 'Pole Number'. It is usually clearly visible on the street lamp 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 in 5 days please notify Jim again.

Grass mowing and Brush Hog work for the common grounds etc., will be provided by Joe Heinle of Lawn Mowing and Landscape Services. His contract covers the next two years. He can also provide individual residential lot cutting and/or brush hog work. His cost to the lot and/or home owner is much less if the work is done at the time he is maintaining our common areas. If you are interested in his services please coordinate your initial request with Jim Warren at 636-482-4404 or warrenjo@centurytel.net. Jim will provide you with detailed information and a contact number for Joe Heinle. Remember it is the responsibility of each lot owner to maintain their lot whether they are onsite or not.

DSL is up and running and aren't we happy!! Call CenturyTel for service.

Margot Braden (Director of Marketing) has a Resource listing with various services of help to all home and lot owners. Contact her at the sales office 636-482-4820 for more information.

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

Maintaining over 250 acres of common grounds, roads, pool, tennis courts, gates, Berg House, and quarry (just to name a few) is an huge undertaking. The more helpers we have the less work for all. Please consider volunteering with us. Thanks.

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Architecture Committee

Earlier this year three new members were appointed to the committee by the Board of Trustees, thus completing the five member committee. Newest members are Pete Maguire, Stan Philipak, and Greg Smick. We are now focusing on drafting specific guidelines for requests and approval. Any permanent structure such as a garage, deck, pool, walkway, out building etc., being added after original home completion must be approved by the Architectural Committee. Contact these members for further information.

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FROM THE GATEKEEPER'S CORNER...

Just a quick update on the Entrance Gates to Augusta Shores:

Many of you have seen me installing hardware or pulling wire down at the entrance gate. Well, that work is done so you won't have to dodge me anymore... Thanks for your patience.

The wiring is completed (thank goodness!) and we are now programming the access controller and testing the safety systems. We have a few minor items to work out such as providing local authorities with access and verifying the resident program data. *In addition, we are developing the information and operation instructions to be mailed out to the current landowners.*

Our plan is to send out, by separate mailing, the gate information and operation instructions to all landowners. Transmitters can be purchased at cost and will be available in early May.

We are targeting on or before June 1st to have the gate in full operation.

If you have any questions regarding the operation/installation/transmitters please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stan Philipak Lot 68 636-482-3022 philipak1@aol.com

FROM THE DEVELOPER'S CORNER

With the start of better weather and some new machinery, work on Kingfisher Ct. is progressing. Paving should begin in June and several lots have already been sold.

The plat for Phase 5 will be recorded in June or July, at which time those lots may go on sale.

Completion of the stone abatement (over drainage ditches) will be delayed until building is near completion. Several have already been damaged by construction equipment and trucks.

Due to several unfortunate occurrences, the following letter has been created by the Developer, President and Trustees of the Augusta Shores Owners Association.

Joe Dupre 636-926-2137

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE DEVELOPER OF AUGUSTA SHORES, AND THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES OF AUGUSTA SHORES ASSOCIATION

It has become clear that many lot owners do not understand that there is mandatory plan approval prior to home construction at Augusta Shores. Plan submittal must be accompanied by a site plan. In the past, lot owners have been allowed to do their own stake out of the house. This has led to two unfortunate instances where the building envelope was placed outside the County required set back lines. To avoid this in the future, effective 4/1/04 we will require a licensed surveyor to stake out the house, or at a minimum, to stake out the required County set back limits. Additionally, lot owners must understand they are responsible for the behavior of their builders and his subcontractors. Unfortunately, we are finding entirely too much debris blowing or washing off the site during rain. As of 4/1/04 all new housing sites will be required to have:

1. A silt fence in place after clearing the site, but before basement excavation.
2. A dumpster on site around the time the roof sheeting goes on so the roofer has a place to dispose of all the debris created.
3. A porta-potty will be required. Some builders are getting one and some are not. Those builders that have one on site complain that they are getting an inordinate amount of use by the builders who don't place one on site.
4. It is unavoidable that mud will get on the roads during the construction process. Some of the builders have made no attempt to clean it up. As most of you know, the developer has equipment on site, at least through the 2004 season, and if contacted will assist in removing the mud for a nominal fee of approximately \$100 each time.
5. The gates will be functioning soon. You must explain to your builder that the delivery of trusses will have to be coordinated with the developer. The control panel and the structures in place that protect the gate are removable on a pre-agreed upon time so that the trusses can be delivered. If you fail to do this and the gates or operating equipment are damaged, the Trustees will present you with the repair bill.
6. Burning is permitted of trees or brush removed from the site along with cut offs of the framing lumber. What is not acceptable is the burning of roofing material, left over vinyl siding, insulation or its packaging or any other plastics such as pipe or any electrical wiring. These must be disposed of in the dumpster.

In closing, these rules are being put in place for the good of all. We would like to reinforce that the builders and all his subcontractors are acting on your behalf and you are the responsible party. Your signature and the signature of your builder are required on this document. A signed copy must be returned to the developer prior to the start of construction.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

As the community grows so do the activities.

The hayride and bonfire this Fall for all the lot owners was a great success. After an initial cancellation due to rain, we bucked up, covered up, and toured the development on the wagon, expertly pulled by Joe Hudson. A big thank you to Mark Weiman of Bluff View Nursery for the use of his wagon. There was even an appearance by a "Captain Morgan". As usual, the Crocker/Hudson home provided warmth and hospitality for all.

In December those residing at The Shores showed their holiday spirit by moving from home to home, sharing delectable treats, and general good will. Our thanks to those who opened their homes; the Langes, the Clasens, the Philipaks, and the Florians.

Come join us for the Annual meeting and Picnic on Sat., June 19th. We promise good eats and good times for all.

Got an idea for a neighborhood activity? Call us and along with your help we'll start the ball rolling.

Chair Teresa Waddington 636-482-4305




FROM THE SALES SIDE . . .






In my mind one of the most interesting aspects of life at Augusta Shores is the historical perspective. As most of you know, we have the marker placed by Nathan Boone, son of Daniel Boone on the property that marks the corner of the Spanish Land Grant to the Boone family after they had traversed the Cumberland Gap and moved to this area from Kentucky.

If you have not yet visited the new "River Meadow" - the fifth and final phase of Augusta Shores, feel free to do so. The corners of the last 10 lots are staked. Located in this area is the old Murdock family cemetery for which the two new roads into that area have been named. I recently ran across some interesting information about that family. I am quoting from "History of St. Charles County, Missouri (1765-1885)";



"Alexander Murdock was one of the pioneer settlers of this county. He was from Pennsylvania and came here as a trader, away back in the wilderness days of the country when the Indians were still here, and but very few white people, those who were being principally Spanish and French. He came here some years before the beginning of the present century (1800), and lived here until his death, at a good old age, in 1824. He held the office of justice of the peace and was afterwards a member of the county court (Judge 1825-1826). He was also tendered an election to the legislature, but declined the honor, preferring to remain at home and look after his private interests and those of the county, and to enjoy the comforts of home life in the bosom of his family. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Zumwalt, survived him for 20 years, dying in 1844. They had a family of eight children, five of whom lived to reach mature years."

Sales have been brisk this spring. New sales information is available at the Berg House. Stop in and see what's new. Margot Braden 636-482-4820




View the 4th of July fireworks away from the crowds. Get a bird's eye view from across the river. Join your neighbors in front of The Raabs (Lot 90) S. High Post Rd. around dark. Bring an appetizer, BYOB, and bring a lawn chair. Last year fireworks shows were spotted coming from Chesterfield, Washington, St. Albans, and possibly more. For info call Diane Raab at 482-4091.



Isn't it interesting...

The longer residents live here, the more they seem to enjoy it and the less they want to leave. Take for example the number of homeowners who are now working *from* home since DSL has become a reality.

A few are now working *closer* to home, even right here in the Augusta area. You may see them at the local businesses. Some are even making dreams come true, turning a hobby into a livelihood... Take for example, Shea's Corner on Design, LLC., located behind Ashley Rose's Restaurant in town. Stop by and see the lovely home decorations offered by our own Augusta Shores Sharon Crocker.



VOLUNTEER

We are very lucky to have some terrific volunteers who make owning at The Shores so wonderful for all of us. If their hard work doesn't benefit you at this particular time, just wait. It will. I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to all those who have helped in any way, shape, or form. I'd also like to challenge the rest of you to offer your help. You don't have to head a committee. You don't even have to join a committee per se. But if you can spare a few hours, offer a special talent, spray some weeds, carry a cooler, clear a path, print a flyer, paint, cook, sing - you name it. Tell us what you'd like to do and we'll find the right fit.

There will be a volunteer sign up sheet at the picnic or call me, Janet Williams at 636-482-4115, e-mail to joejanjoc@yahoo.com. And, thank you, thank you very much....

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