

# Lake Sherwood Acres

## News & Views



2023 FALL EDITION

### SLA President's Message by Doug Pacas

Neighbors,

*Welcome to fall in South Louisiana! Football is in full swing, schools are back in session, and our high temps still remain near triple digits. I would say all is "normal" by Baton Rouge standards, I suppose!*

*In spite of a crazy hot summer, our subdivision grounds continue to be in relatively good shape. Thanks to the daily running of irrigation systems at our Sherwood Forrest entrances, our flower beds continue to thrive with bright seasonal flowers. Even so, garbage is a constant issue at these locations, since they are adjacent to a busy thoroughfare. I would encourage us all to take a moment to pick up litter whenever and wherever. While our grounds crew will do their part, they aren't around 24/7. When we all commit to as little as 5 minutes to check our sidewalks and streets and do a quick pickup – well, it can truly make a huge difference.*

*The lake continues to do relatively well, again in spite of lack of rain. We typically rely on those summer showers to continue an effective flow of water in and out of the lake. Please continue to be careful not to send debris through our storm drains, as it will flow directly into the lake. Hoping that both our lake and our yards get some precipitation soon!*

*So thankful for our security team who serves us diligently in deterring crime. Your HOA leadership has asked officers to be diligent and impartial in enforcing traffic citations through Lake Sherwood. Speeding, running through stop signs and careless driving will not be tolerated. With so many young families living here, it's important that our community and our roads stay as safe as possible. Please encourage and support our officers, both by words of affirmation as well as by adhering to the law. Our community is worth it!*

*We have completed another spectacular summer season at the Lake Sherwood Club. The LSCA board, led by Reed Mundy, as well as their enthusiastic staff are to be commended for a tremendous job! If you missed some of the summer activities, never fear! There are more social events planned for upcoming months. As dues-paying residents, it's your club – so please avail yourself of these opportunities! Stay tuned for those announcements.*

*It's hard to believe but we are now on the "back side" of 2023. Your HOA and club boards are making plans for 2024, as they analyze their annual budgets and proposed dues. Please know that we are working diligently to keep services going at the most reasonable cost. Our annual budget forum will soon be scheduled for early December. Once we announce that date, I hope you'll choose to attend and learn more of how Lake Sherwood operates. In the meantime, if we can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to reach out.*

*Here for you!*



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### Unusual Dues Shortfall Explained by Don Frattini

For the past 25 years, we have had 100% payment of annual dues. However, this year could be different. There is one resident lake lot owner whose property is in the process of foreclosure. A lien has been filed, but foreclosures can sometimes get around liens. This may not be resolved until next year.

We have collected dues from the remaining 312 resident lot owners. We also added \$600 due to the payment of 6 late fees. This would not be possible without your continued support. Thank you so much for your continuing cooperation.

### Welcome to New Residents by Don Frattini

Please extend a warm welcome to the new residents below, and help them become a part of the Lake Sherwood family.

Lot#	First Name	Last Name	Arrived	Address
223	John	Hayman & Chris Nevarez	Jun 2023	12311 Lake LaBelle Circle
258	Steve & Jenny	McGee	Jun 2023	12132 Lake Sherwood Ave South
312	Trevor & Allison	Young	Jun 2023	4215 Lake Limestone Court

# SLA Financials by Shannon Long-Treasurer

### Financial Notes:

- SLA expenses are proceeding as planned.
- One lot remains unpaid for 2023.
- We are in the early phase of collecting budget information for 2024. This will include the annual review of the Reserve Study Fund items and calculation of the 2024 contribution.

Income	Budget	Actual Jan-Sep	Projected Oct-Dec	Fav (Unfav)
Dues	\$162,750	\$162,064.00	\$0.00	(\$686.00)
Late Fees & Interest	300.00	519.68	0.00	219.63
Village Dues	1,344.00	1,344.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Income	12.00	199.00	0.00	187.00
Operational Reserve Supplement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Security Reserve Supplement	4,230.00	4,230.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$168,636.00</b>	<b>\$168,356.63</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$279.37)</b>

Expenditures	Budget	Actual Jan-Sep	Projected Oct-Dec	Fav (Unfav)
SLA Operations	\$87,256.00	\$48,595.97	\$34,006.00	\$4,654.03
SLA Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LSCA Operations	49,494.00	49,138.00	158.00	158.00
LSCA Projects	31,926.00	31,722.00	102.00	102.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$168,636.00</b>	<b>\$129,455.97</b>	<b>\$34,266.00</b>	<b>\$4,914.03</b>

Net Worth	
Cash and Bank Accounts	\$159,754.48
<u>Less Liabilities</u>	<u>76,044.35</u>
Net Worth	\$83,710.13

## Thank you Residents

Thank you to all residents that were diligent in locking vehicles and property. Because of your efforts, Lake Sherwood Acres remains one of the safest and lowest crime areas of Baton Rouge.

Traffic issues were lower this year through July than they were in 2022, (161 vs 198). Unlocked vehicle burglaries 0 vs 1, and home burglaries 1 in 2023 compared to 1 in 2022. Stop sign violations represent most of these numbers and may be lower due to fewer people cutting through our neighborhood, or perhaps more folks obeying the signs.

I would encourage each of you that do not have a Monitored Security System to investigate getting one and using it even if you are at home. We have not had a successful robbery attempt to any home that was monitored, and turned on in the past several years.

Please do what you can to protect your property.

As a reminder, should you experience a burglary or some other type of security issue, please call the police first at 225 -389-2000, and then report the issue to me for information purposes.

Thanks again for everyone's security efforts.

## Get To Know Our Officers

Below are photos and a short biography on each of our current officers.

These officers mean a lot to our Security Program and take a personal interest in the well-being of our neighborhood.

Feel free to chat with them when you see them.



Sgt. Jarod Averette



Cpl. Curtis Wilson  
(New to LSA)



Cpl. John Shirley



Officer Timothy Wilkinson

**Sgt. Jarod Averette** is rejoining our security team after taking another position for a short time. He will replace Sgt. Randy Bonaventure, who will be retiring.

**Cpl. Curtis Wilson** is a 10 year veteran of the EBR Police Dept.

**Cpl. John Shirley** was born and raised in Baton Rouge and has been with the BRPD since 2007. He serves in the District 3 Uniform Patrol Division.

**Officer Wilkinson** is a three-year veteran of the EBR Police Dept. He is assigned to Uniform Patrol. He grew up and is currently living in Central. Timothy graduated from Southeastern University in 2013 with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science.



### ***Remember—don't tempt this thief!***

*Lock your home, storage area and vehicles.  
Set your alarm whenever you leave your home.  
Make it impossible for the bad guys to succeed in Lake Sherwood.*

## Landscaping Comments by Doug Pacas

### Keeping Our Entrances Colorful!

Despite long hot summer days, the entrances to Lake Sherwood Acres remain fresh and colorful. The seasonal flowers stay fresh during our irrigation system that operates daily. Once the weather cools, we anticipate a seasonal planting of fall foliage will fill these same beds.



## SLA-LSCA Neighborhood Garage Sale by Colleen Fava

Supported jointly by the Sherwood Lake Association (SLA) and the Lake Sherwood Club Association (LSCA) and organized by LSCA Board Secretary Bonnie Kersch, our first-ever neighborhood garage sale was a pretty big hit! As with all first off initiatives there were some minor hiccups with signage and promotion, but overall, we had over a dozen households participate and there was a strong showing of shoppers from both within and outside our community. My stepdaughter, Abigail Peck snagged her very own digital multimeter! She and one of her friends also snatched up some odds and ends for their first off campus apartment! Thanks, Jillian & Dylan Sellars for furnishing the girls with an excellent communal sack station.

The Boards will plan for a follow-up event in the cooler weather. Let your presidents know if you'd like to help and stay tuned for more info!



## Club President's Message by Reed Mundy

We had a wonderful year at our pool, seeing an increase in outside members and an overall increase in pool usage. We were also very fortunate to have a reliable and robust staff this year; many pools throughout EBR had to reduce swim availability due to staff shortages. Our swim instructors stayed extremely busy and our LSCA Sharks swim team had an excellent season with a record number of team members. The summer season wrapped up with a fun run and final pool day on Saturday, September 9, 2023. I would like to thank our Board of Directors, staff, and all our volunteers; you have all made this year's swim season one to remember.

We acknowledge that not everything was positive this summer and some challenges proved impossible to surmount. We were not able to get any food trucks to come out for Fun Fridays. Our BoD and volunteers tried very hard, but none was willing without a guaranteed minimum and that is something we could not do. We hope to get a jump on planning for next summer and would love suggestions and assistance from the community!

We did a survey this year and the number 1 item patrons would like to see improved are the bathrooms. The LSCA BoD. agrees with this. Not only are they a bit unsightly, they are not built to ADA compliance requirements. We are hoping to include a renovation into the 2024 budget as a special project and will have more news on this soon. We were able to modify access to the clubhouse with ADA compliant ramps and designated parking, which was a necessary, and overdue accommodation. Hopefully, the bathrooms will be soon to follow.

While the pool season has come to a close, LSCA events are still on the horizon! We'll host our annual Halloween Bash next month, our first Friendsgiving will be in November, and Breakfast with Santa follows shortly after in December. As always, we welcome and appreciate help with events and activities. Please reach out if you would like to volunteer for these or future events!



*Reed*



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## Fantastic Season for the Lake Sherwood Sharks by Bonnie Kersch

The Lake Sherwood Sharks swim team had another fantastic swim season this year!

We had a team of 53 swimmers and a very good group of coaches and parents supporting the team.

Bonnie Kersch, head coach, was supported by wonderful assistant coaches Hayley Budyach, Maddie Wilson, Alexis Budyach, and Anna Feinberg. ALL swimmers involved improved exponentially throughout the season, but four-year-old Grant L. had the highest percent improvement in his times throughout the season and was also our youngest swimmer.

The Sharks had a fantastic showing at the City Meet where over 1,000 swimmers from around the city and the surrounding area competed against each other at the LSU natatorium. Our girls 6 and under freestyle relay team came in 2nd place in the city at this competition. Standout swimmers Lila M. and Lynk S. both came in first in the entire city in their respective age group's freestyle events. We have many swimmers who enjoyed the season so much that they have gone on to swim for either their school team or a year-round swim program!

Ultimately, we are so proud of all our swimmers. We had a great season and saw lots of wonderful friendships form that continued throughout the summer. Our athletes worked very hard in the pool, got some great exercise, and had FUN!

If your child will be between the ages of 5 and 18 by June 1, 2024, we would LOVE for them to join us for next year's season, starting in early May.

**GO SHARKS!**



## 2023 Swim Team Photos







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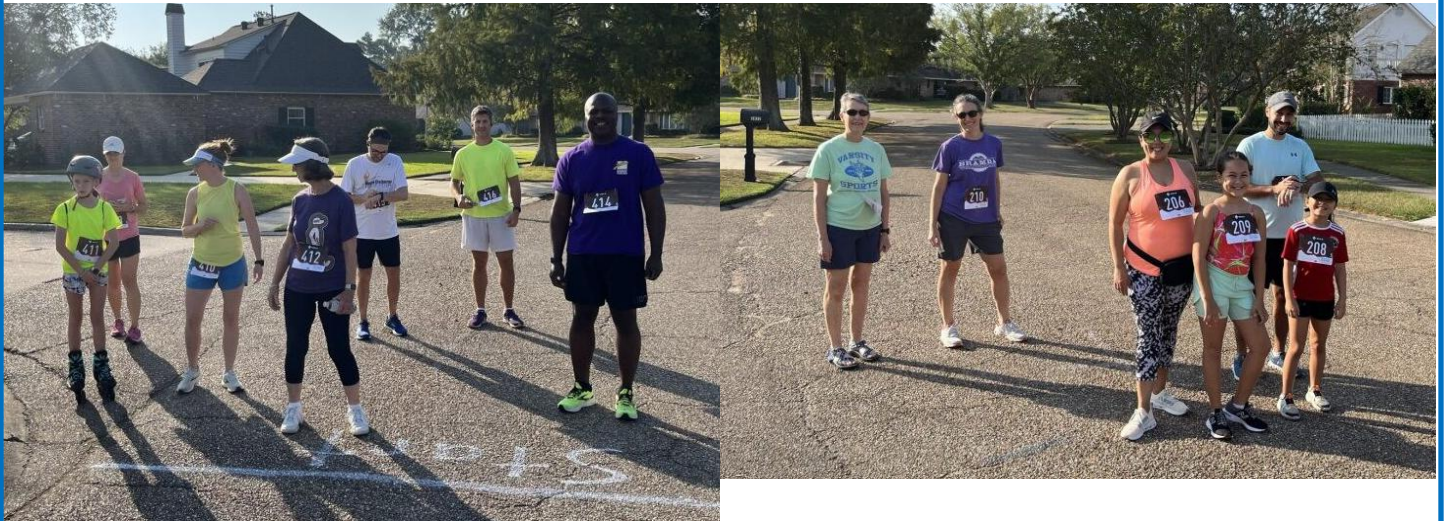
# LSCA Fun Run and Final Splash of the Season by Colleen Fava

The Lake Sherwood Club Association wrapped up the summer season with a fun run around the neighborhood followed by a celebratory last splash at the pool on September 9, 2023.

Board President Reed Mundy mapped the route to accommodate runners, walkers, and rollers on a 5k or 1 mile jaunt through the lovely, curvy streets of our neighborhood. We had thirteen total participants, with six on the 1-mile route and seven taking on the 5k. The one-miler was a lovely, family affair with mother-daughter team Jennifer Kleuh and Sarabeth Kleu-Mundy joined by the Fabulous Fazely Four (Michael, Shandi, Norah, and Ella). Another mother-daughter team showed up for the 5k, Tiffany and Morgan Patrick and were joined by Dana Gozer, Marilyn Ober, Damiane Ricks, Bradford Smith, and Board Member Kyle Whitfied. Bradford Smith led the pack with a time just over 28 minutes, no doubt slowed down a bit by this author's overly social water station. The Fun Run wrapped with the arrival of our only 5k walker, Marilyn Ober.

While the run was over by 9:30 in the morning, the fun kept rolling into the afternoon. Attendees were treated to free hot and gooey cheese and pepperoni pizzas, bottled water, chips, and cookies. In addition to enjoying the refreshing pool water, some of our youngest members took time out to create some impressive poolside chalk art! Makes me think a neighborhood Halloween Chalk Art Competition is in order!

## 5K Run and 1 Mile Jaunt



## Pizza Pizza



## Splash



## Pool Season Recap by Kyle Whitfield

Plenty of fun. Scorching heat. And a record number of outside members. The popular four-month LSCA pool season ended Saturday, Sept. 9, with a 5K race and party complete with free eats and sweet treats -- and a lot of sun too.

A big THANK YOU to the lifeguard and pool maintenance staff for their hard work. Their dedication is deeply appreciated.

The early part of the pool season saw a frequent number of rain outs and thunder watches, while the latter summer months saw record heat. Demand for swimming lessons was at an all-time high, as was swim team participation and overall outside memberships. In total, 61 families outside the neighborhood joined as members, bringing both new and familiar faces to the LSCA community. Our popular Monday evening water aerobics classes, led by Board Member Loyce Smith, suffered numerous cancellations due to weather, but participants enjoyed the classes they attended and look forward to more next year.

Overall, we'd say the summer was a hit. According to results from a survey distributed to outside members, more than 80 percent of respondents said they plan to renew their membership for another year. The lifeguard staff also received high marks in the survey. The areas identified as opportunities to improve align nicely with pool leadership's ideas too. More details will follow in the coming months on planned enhancements for next year.

Keep an eye out for membership renewal notices in the spring. Be sure to tell a friend about the pool and other club activities, too.

## Great Job 2023 Pool Team

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# Garden Club Kick-Off BBQ by Christy Harelson

At left are the hostesses for the barbecue: Betty Lou Nunneley, Susan Vaughan, LaNell Johnson, and Glenda Guffey.



Charlotte and Don Frattini Richard and Marilyn Ober and Barbara Bates

Greg Derbes Tinker Harelson Christy Harelson Caroline Derbes Sam Poole and Barbara Poole



Glenda and Gene Guffey

Hostesses for the September Garden Club meeting at the home of Judy Edwards: Susan Vaughan, Glenda Gudrun, Judy Edwards, Celeste Ellender, and Marilyn Ober.

## October: Halloween Bash



Join us at the Clubhouse for our Annual Halloween Bash. Held concurrently with the announced EBR trick-or-treat times, the LSCA will host a Halloween party complete with pizza, bottled water, and CANDY! The 2023 Halloween Bash will once again be hosted by Board Member April Roux. Be on the lookout for more details in early October!

## November: Friendsgiving



LSCA will host its first ever Neighborhood Friendsgiving at the Clubhouse on the afternoon of Sunday, November 12, 2023. Board Vice President Colleen H. Fava will lead the event. Be on the lookout for notifications to RSVP and sign up to bring a dish. If you would like to help with the planning and execution of Friendsgiving send Colleen a text (504-616-2499) or email ([colleenfava@gmail.com](mailto:colleenfava@gmail.com)). Planning should begin in earnest in early October.

## December: Mr. & Mrs. Claus Breakfast



Santa and Mrs. Claus will join the Lake Sherwood children for breakfast once again at the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Guests will feast on pancakes, flex their creative muscles at the arts and crafts station, and have an opportunity to take a picture with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Board Secretary Bonnie Kersch will host this event as always. Rumor has it she's related to the celebrity couple! Be on the lookout for more details in November!

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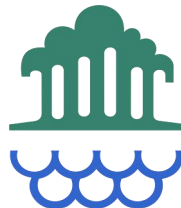
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