



## Fall 2021 Newsletter

**From the Board President** – Tammy Basso

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Our secret is out – this is the best place to live, and others are discovering it! The number of empty lots in Augusta Shores is dwindling, and there are no houses for sale, but there are several homes under construction. Welcome to the new families who have moved into Augusta Shores this year!

Hard to believe it's fall! As the temperatures drop and the leaves turn, Augusta is a beautiful place to be. I hope you get to spend some time with friends and neighbors around a fire pit or on a scenic foliage ride.

I'm happy to say the neighborhood is in good shape. We'll have some big expenses in the next 2-3 years when we dredge Hickory Lake and resurface our roads, but no major expenses this year.

Thank you to the Board and Committee members who keep this place running! And a big thank you to our Technology Committee of one, my husband, Nick Basso! He installed security cameras and redid our website – it looks amazing!

### **Fall Beautification Day**

Please join your neighbors Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to do some small jobs around the neighborhood. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors, and save money on association fees because we won't have to hire the work to be done. Many hands make easy work! Meet at the Berg House at 8:30, or when you're available.

Donuts will be provided!

### **Board Meetings**

Just a reminder Board Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30, and all are welcome.

### **Neighbors of Augusta Shores**

Augusta Shores was developed starting in 1997 by Joe Dupre. Mac and Cheryl MacFarland were the first residents to move into Augusta Shores. Here are some "before pictures".



Dan & Cheryl Smith are our newest residents. They purchased and moved into Ron & Marcia Kellam's home in September. Dan & Cheryl moved from St Charles to the beautiful, spacious setting on Augusta Shores Court for a little peace and quiet, and to enjoy our lakes.

Dan & Cheryl have 2 grown kids – living on their own and paying their own bills and taxes! Their favorite child is Winnie, the Boxer Doodle – say hello when you see them walking through the neighborhood.

Dan is the VP of residential lending at American Bank and Cheryl is an elementary teacher in Francis Howell school district. In their spare time they like to hike, fish, golf, travel and are looking forward to giving pickle ball a try!

They have met several neighbors on the court and at Swingin' in the Vines, and look forward to meeting others.

### **Finance Committee** – Ken Daming

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Jim Bonebrake, Mary Herl, Doug and Lisa Paule, Ken Daming and the current Board President, Tammy Basso.



The Finance Committee met July 28, 2021 to confirm the bank statements match the amounts shown in the financial statements at the end of FY2020-21. Both the CD account statement and the Checking account bank statement matched the Balance Sheet. We do ask any residents who are paid a reimbursement to please deposit those checks as soon as you can. Thanks!

### **Lakes Committee** – Lowell Pfenning

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All the lakes are full and look great. This time of the year fish are actively feeding and there have been a few 4 and 5 pound bass caught.

**Berg Pond:** The pond is full and we did not have problems with milfoil there this summer.

**Cedar Lake:** Logan Veatch has done a great job keeping this lake looking nice by applying algaecides and dyes as needed.

**Chardonnay Lake:** We repaired the electrical receptacles and purchased a suction hose for the pump this spring. Wolfgang Knierim has done most of the work maintaining the pump and keeping the weeds trimmed.



**Hickory Lake:** We saw an aggressive bloom of milfoil this spring and with the help of Jim Curry we treated it with an aquatic herbicide. Within a few weeks we saw the milfoil dying but it took almost eight weeks to finally disappear. The Missouri Department of Conservation recommends we remove approximately 1,200 bass per year so please continue to keep all bass under 16" in length and release the larger bass. I'm not sure how channel catfish got into Hickory Lake, but three have been caught in the past few weeks. Keep all Channel catfish and green eared sunfish that you catch as both are detrimental for raising trophy bass.

The annual fall fishing tournament was September 25th and a total of 120 bass were caught this year! Guy Middleton and Mark Birsinger caught the most bass and took home the trophy, and Dave Beale caught the largest bass weighing in at 2.88 pounds.



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**Social Committee** – *Leimomi Gaghan*  
Happy Fall Y'all!

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Back by popular demand we are thrilled for the return of the *Augusta Shores Trunk or Treat!*

The Trunk or Treat will take place Saturday, October 30 from 5pm-6:30pm at the Berg House Parking Lot & Pavilion.

To get into the Halloween spirit we will have music, games for the kiddos to play, fun Halloween decor and of course several decorated trunks with the help of our incredible neighbors!

All snacks and refreshments are BYO, so please feel free to bring your favorite treat and beverages!

If you "dare" to decorate a trunk please contact Kristy Storts at 314-803-3302. She will keep a running list of all our spooky volunteers (thank you so much in advance!).

This event is open to all so please feel free to invite grandkids, nieces, nephews and even your "fur" children along, too! We kindly ask that all guests are accounted for so please do RSVP for any and all attending.

In other news, your Social Committee is working diligently in securing a space and date for the upcoming Holiday Party. Please be on the lookout for future updates. We have had great success in the past and look forward to another fun and festive event in 2021!

Thank you for allowing us to plan for our community. We look forward to bringing more joy through the end of the year and beyond.

Your Social Committee,  
Michelle Newman - Cyndi Beale - Kristy Storts - Kate AufderHeide - Linda Schettler - Pam Pingel - Paula Reavis - Glenda Schulte - Leimomi Gaghan (314-800-4221)

**Architectural Committee** – *Bob Roberts*

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As most Augusta Shores homeowners already know it has been a busy year in Augusta Shores for new home construction. Currently we have four homes under construction, lots 25, 116A, 128, and 130. There have also been several inquiries from lot owners as well as potential lot owners who are interested in building. I would expect this trend to continue for the foreseeable future.

For any lot owners contemplating building soon I strongly recommend you review the Augusta Shores website regarding building requirements and documentation that will need to be submitted. Doing so you will save yourself time and expedite the approval process. Please keep in mind it takes up to four weeks once plans are submitted before the committee can meet to review plans and documents.

As a reminder to all homeowners in Augusta Shores, you need to have all outside home improvements reviewed and approved by the Architectural Committee before construction begins. If you are looking to add an addition to your home or any other major project, architectural drawings (not hand drawn schematics) are required. Simple projects such as decks, pergola, etc. need not have detailed architectural drawings. Any project that will effect a change to the exterior of the home must be approved.



Many homeowners have taken on construction projects without approval, they do so at their own risk. If the Architectural Committee deems the project unacceptable, it will need to be removed. Please be sure to have projects approved prior to beginning construction. All construction projects on your homes exterior as well as landscaping that requires retaining walls, decks, patios, and or drainage ditches needs to be approved. Please contact any member of the committee for questions you may have.

**Technology Committee** – *Nick Basso*

Happy to say the Augusta Shores website has had an overhaul! Check it out – there’s lots of information and great pics.

The neighborhood directory, minutes and financials are in the password protected section of the website.

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Another big project this year was the installation of security cameras at the front and back entrances. These are License-Plate Recognition cameras and are connected to the police department. If a license plate is captured from their “criminal hot list”, the police are immediately notified. Next year we will look at the possibility of overview cameras for the entrances and the Berg House.

If you would like to join the Technology Committee, please contact me at [nickbasso@yahoo.com](mailto:nickbasso@yahoo.com)

**Recreational Structures Committee** - *Ron Hamersen*      [rscchair@augustashores.com](mailto:rscchair@augustashores.com)

We continue to “re-build“ our pool and pump equipment. Keep in mind our pool is over 20 years old. After the pool closing this year, we will be replacing an underground pipe and re-caulking the perimeter seal.

Our tennis / pickleball courts get a lot of use. The Augusta Shores Pickleball Team plays every Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 8:30. Feel free to join. That said, the courts need some minor repair. The courts were resurfaced 3 years ago and need a little work sealing the cracks.

The pavilion deck looks worn. Structurally it is fine. We discussed simply repainting it with non-slip concrete paint, but some residents want a more substantial finish. This can be costly.

The Recreational Structures Committee is looking for help. We need to get bids to repair the pickleball courts and resurface the pavilion deck. If anyone is willing to help gather quotes and be the project manager for either of these projects, please contact me.

We have the standard list of projects to be done on AS Fall Beautification Day, October 16th.

- Move pool furniture off pool deck.
- Clean basement.
- Clean Berg House.
- And a new project: A groundhog took up residence in the Berg House foundation. He has been relocated. I need a team of 2 people to fill the hole he made with concrete and rock. Anyone with this special talent is asked to contact me.

Have a great autumn season.

**Roads and Ditches Committee** – John Gerber  
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### **Roads and Ditches:**

Work will begin in early October to seal the cracks on all streets in Augusta Shores. This effort takes about 2 weeks and requires about 80-100 hours of volunteer labor. Sealing cracks prevents damage created when water gets into the cracks, freezes and breaks up the road surfaces. Sealing cracks extends the life of our roads and will delay the need for resurfacing. Augusta Shores has approximately 5 miles of road surfaces plus the parking lot at the Berg House. Berg Crossing to High Post were resurfaced in 2012 and may require resurfacing in 2024/25. All side streets were resurfaced in 2015 and will likely need resurfacing in 2028/29. Resurfacing the 2 segments mentioned will cost approximately \$175,00-\$200,000 per section depending on cost of materials.



As mentioned volunteers will be begin sealing in early October so please slow down when approaching the teams working on the sealing.

Road Sealing volunteers—Jim Bonebrake, DeLaine Herl, Mike Haverstick, Kevin Schettler, Larry Graves, Antony Westcott

**Hickory Lake Trail:**

Last Spring volunteers removed deadfall, reestablished steps and repaired rope assists in several areas. Cedar benches were also placed in several locations providing places to rest and enjoy Hickory Lake. This fall volunteers will schedule several work days to clean up encroaching undergrowth and remove addition deadfall. This past winter Cedar trees from August Shores were harvested and sawed into planks for picnic tables for the trail. These planks are drying in the quarry and should ready to begin making the tables this winter.

The Fall is a beautiful time to walk this unique trail!!!

Trail Volunteers—Ron Hamersen, Ken Daming, Ken Pingel, Jim Bonebrake, Mike Haverstick, Dave Beal, Nick Basso, Jack Hishon, Kevin Schettler, Forrest Williams, Allan Spangler

Volunteers are always need for both of these efforts. Please contact [Jgerber2017@gmail.com](mailto:Jgerber2017@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering.



**Health, Safety and Wellness Committee** – *Mary Pfenning and Dianne Herndon*

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First of all, the Health, Safety and Wellness Committee want to encourage everyone to get vaccinated and continue to stay vigilant.

**Fall Pickle-Ball Schedule**

Beginning Oct 4th: Monday-Thursday-Friday & Saturday @ 8:30 am.

**30 Minute Stretch Class** - Berg House each Friday @ 8:30 am

**Book Club** - Meets 3rd Tuesday of every other month - Berg House @ 7:00 pm

**Committee members:** Mary Pfenning and Dianne Herndon (co-chairs), Jim Curry, Amy Gerber, Susan Haverstick, Mary Herl, Marcy Menke, Rafael Zamora, Jill Kertz, Amy Gerber (Board Sponsor)

**Grounds Committee** – *Larry Graves and Mark Kaiser*

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Our common ground maintenance is running a bit behind schedule this year due to illness and a labor shortage. We hope to catch up through the October/November period.

Aside from the regular mowing & trimming, the following projects are on our list:

- Add more rock to the bog in the front meadow where the bald cypress trees are planted, the west side of the front gate entrance, and the area on the left side of the quarry entrance.
- The lower portion of the access road to Hickory Lake will be overlaid with additional rock, including the parking area.
- Large rock will be added and existing rock repositioned to repair erosion issues on the ridge adjacent to the canoe storage area of Hickory Lake. Unfortunately, the Hackberry tree located inside the circle driveway, adjacent to the Berg House, has suffered damage to the point where removal appears to be the only logical course of action. The tree has been inspected by a certified Arborist and expensive repair attempts would seem to only delay the need to remove. This work is on the fall schedule.
- A winter project will be trimming back the vines and undergrowth along Berg Crossing & Augusta Shores Dr along the area that borders Hickory Lake.

Other Updates:

- Top soil, seed, and straw have been added to the area near the firepit & concrete spillway of Hickory Lake. Please do not drive UTVs thru this area so the new grass can get established!
- We have requested MODOT do a more thorough mowing of the ditch area along our property adjacent to Hwy 94. This is of particular concern to the west of our front entrance for a clear view of traffic. Of late we also requested the water accumulation on the west lane of Hwy 94 (just east of our front entrance) be removed through better drainage. MODOT will review and let us know.
- Future plans call for a review of our existing mowing, spraying, and trimming for the coming year. The use of a wing type mower for trimming of our street shoulders will be considered to enhance appearance and lessen the need for labor. We welcome any volunteers where a bit of your time on occasion helps to maintain our neighborhood and lessen the need for outside labor.

### **Quarry Committee** – Kevin Schettler

The quarry storage area is full. We can review additional storage options if we get additional inquiries about storage. Keep in mind, the storage is limited to utility trailers, boats on trailers and camper trailers.

There was a major clean up in the quarry last fall, but some areas have not been maintained and in need of some clean up. It is the responsibility of each assigned lot occupant to keep their space cleaned up, weeds cut and mark your boat or trailer with your lot number. It is also recommended you mark your space so no one takes it while you are using your trailer or boat. If it is necessary to hire our grass cutting company to cut and

spray the area, that additional cost would be passed on to the assigned lot occupants with deferred maintenance. Please help out and keep your spot looking good.

### Taste of Augusta Shores

We have some great chefs/bakers in the neighborhood and thought it would be nice to share a recipe or two with neighbors.

Our first recipe is from Sue Roberts – originally from her grandmother.

#### **Chicken Tetrazzini (Reunion Casserole) From Maw Maw (Grandma Doerr)**

##### **Ingredients**

16 oz pkg linguini noodles  
5 lbs chicken breasts, cooked and cubed  
2 cans Cream of Chicken soup  
1 can Cream of Mushroom soup  
5 slices bacon, diced  
1 onion, chopped  
1 green pepper, chopped  
1 lg jar pimentos  
1 jar salad olives, chopped  
8 oz cheddar cheese, cubed  
1 can peas (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°. Cook noodles. Fry bacon. Sauté onion and green pepper with bacon. Mix all ingredients together and then mix with noodles. Put in large casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.



Our second recipe is from Sue Haverstick.

#### **Caputa's Baked Pasta**

1 pkg (16 oz) rigatoni pasta  
2-3 T extra virgin olive oil  
3/4 lb ground salsiccia (recommend Manino's)  
6 lg garlic cloves, chopped (about 2 Tablespoons)  
1/2 tsp, crushed red pepper flakes  
1/3 C vodka  
1 jar (26 oz) "good" pasta sauce (recommend Zia's)  
1 C heavy whipping cream  
1/4 C fresh Italian parsley

1/2 tsp kosher salt  
1 pkg (5 oz) Asiago cheese, shredded

Cook pasta according to directions (drain, but do not rinse and return pasta to the same pot). Lightly spray a 9x13 baking dish with non-stick spray. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

While pasta is cooking, in another skillet cook sausage, garlic, red pepper in olive oil until sausage is browned, breaking up sausage with a spoon. Remove from heat. Carefully stir in vodka, pasta sauce, cream and parsley and salt. Cook over medium heat for 5 min just until the sauce begins to simmer.

Add sauce to pasta and toss until well blended. Pour pasta into a prepared baking dish. Sprinkle pasta with Asiago cheese. Bake 6-7 min or just until cheese melts.

Serves 6. Enjoy with a good red wine!

**Calendar Dates to Mark**

10/13	Board of Directors Meeting – Berg House	6:30 PM
10/13	Meridian will deliver a Yard Waste Dumpster to the Berg House Parking Lot for all to use. <b>Yard Waste ONLY!</b> It will be removed about a week later. Please make sure the door is open and you carry your waste to the front to fill the dumpster most efficiently.	
10/16	Fall Beautification Day	8:30AM
11/10	Board of Directors Meeting – Berg House	6:30PM
12/8	Board of Directors Meeting – Berg House	6:30PM
TBD	Holiday Party	

**Recurring events:**

- Board Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, occasionally skipped in the winter due to low level of activity.
- Beautification Days are normally the third Saturdays in April and October;
- Newsletter deadline for articles are March 31 and September 30.

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