

From the Board President – Tammy Basso

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Welcome to the new families who have moved into Augusta Shores this year! Trees and flowers are beginning to bloom, and we're putting another winter behind us. It's nice to see more people taking to the streets – we have lots of walkers in Augusta Shores.

While there have been no *significant events* since our last newsletter, there are several updates from our committees, and I'll let them tell you what has kept them busy, and I'll simply say THANK YOU to the Board and Committee members who do so much to keep this place running and looking great!!

We have some Board positions available this summer, if anyone is interested. I am looking forward to seeing everyone around the neighborhood this spring!

Spring Beautification Day

Please join your neighbors Saturday, April 9th 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.



AirBnB is great, but “not in our backyard”! Want to make sure everyone knows short-term rentals of any kind are **not allowed** in Augusta Shores.

Neighbors of Augusta Shores

John and Glenda Schulte are our newest neighbors! They moved to Murdoch Court on February 28th. They had a nice house in St Peters, but wanted to move out of “the city”.

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John and Glenda have six grown kids, nine grandkids and a cat. The whole family is coming to their new house for Easter!

John works for a heating and cooling company, and Glenda retired from Parkway School District about 3 years ago. She's had a few odd jobs since then, but is now settling into retirement, but still a part-time babysitter for her grandson.

In their spare time, they enjoy going to the wineries, and John loves to read and Glenda loves to paint. They are looking forward to the Augusta Plein Air Festival, and absolutely love living in Augusta Shores – "it's such a beautiful place and the people are so friendly!"

Finance Committee – *Ken Daming*

treasurer@augustashores.com

Jim Bonebrake, Mary Herl, Doug and Lisa Paule, and current Board President, Tammy Basso



The Finance Committee performs reviews to confirm the bank statements match the amounts shown in the financial statements.

Financial statements are available on the website.

Lakes Committee – *Lowell Pfenning*

lakeschair@augustashores.com

Guy Middleton & Jim Curry

The weather in March has been nice and water temperature is already in the low 50's. Fishing has been excellent as bass are moving into shallower water.

Hickory Lake has had too many small bass for several years and our goal has been to remove a minimum of 1,200 small bass per year. Due to these efforts, we are now beginning to see more larger bass. Based on recommendations from the Missouri Department of Conservation, the following fishing guidelines are in place for all lakes:

- Keep all small bass less than 12" in length.
- Release all large bass greater than 12" in length.
- Release all bluegills.
- Keep all crappie & green sunfish no matter the size.

Thanks to the Lakes Committee volunteers, our lakes are looking good! We monitor and treat lakes for weed growth, when necessary. Fertilizer runoff from heavy rains contributes to weed growth in our lakes. You can help by timing applications of lawn fertilizers on days when rain is not in the immediate forecast. If the application of fertilizers is contracted out, please contact your company to coordinate the timing.

All boats at Hickory Lake storage area must have lot numbers marked and must be turned upside down if there is no removable drain plug. Oars, seats & life jackets must be taken

home as you are not allowed to store anything beneath your boat; this helps prevent unauthorized use of boats.

Wood duck houses were placed along Hickory Lake shoreline a few years ago. There have been several sightings this past week of wood ducks congregating on Hickory Lake and hopefully these ducks will stay around and use these homes.



Four beavers and a few muskrats were trapped below Hickory Lake dam in December. More damage to several mature oak & hickory trees on Hickory Lake were recently noticed. The trapper came back and removed another 3 beavers.

The annual Kid's Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday June 18th. This event is open to everyone, so bring your kids, grandkids & friends for a morning of fishing followed by lunch and activities. More information will be emailed to lot owners later.

If you are interested in helping to maintain or have suggestions to improve our lakes, please contact me or one of the Board members.

Social Committee – *Leimomi Gaghan*

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Michelle Newman, Cyndi Beale, Kristy Storts, Kate AufderHeide, Linda Schettler, Pam Pingel, Paula Reavis & Glenda Schulte

Thank you once again to our wonderful community for an incredible 2021 event season!

As we move into warmer weather our next event is in the air... 2022 Plein Air Paint Out & Dinner!



We are thrilled to announce the return of our Chili Dinner, and we welcome you to attend to get to know the wonderful artists and, of course, our incredible neighbors!

We will also have a fun activity the kiddos will enjoy so be on the look-out for updates as we firm things up!

This event is fully funded by the residents of Augusta Shores. All supplies, awards, food and drink are possible because of the generous donations provided by our residents. You may choose to volunteer your time, supplies or both through our online event portal, Perfect Potluck, by clicking [here](#). **We ask that all volunteers and donated goods are signed up by April 7th.** Many hands make light work and we can't thank each of you enough!

Any monetary donations may be coordinated with Kristy Storts at: 314-803-3302
4500 Augusta Shores Ct
Venmo: @Kristy-Storts

We are looking forward to beautiful spring weather and to seeing you all next month!



Your Social Committee

Architectural Committee – *Bob Roberts*

archcommchair@augustashores.com

Lynn Clasen, Denis Raab, Rafael Zamora & Lowell Pfenning

Augusta Shores is undergoing a construction boom, very similar to the rest of the USA. As of this writing, Augusta Shores has five new homes under construction. This is the most homes I can remember being built at any one time in well over ten years. Lots: 25, 52, 116A, 128, and 130 are in various building stages, and three should be complete in the next few months. As of this writing no additional new home construction plans have been submitted. Augusta Shores is fairly well built up with roughly 25 lots remaining in Augusta Shores for new home development.

All lot owners contemplating a build need to submit a full-size set of plans to the Architectural Committee. Plans need to be approved before construction can begin on any new home. Included with the plans must be a recent plot plan showing placement of the home. In addition to the location of the home the plot plan needs to show driveways, walkways, as well as placement of retaining walls if needed. Both location and type of retaining walls need to be submitted. The home footprint, as well as all boundary markers, must be staked out and clearly visible. I would encourage all lot owners who are considering a build in the near future to review the [Architectural link](#) on the newly revamped AugustaShores.com website.



Please keep in mind the one-year time frame for completion of your home. The AC considers the start date to be when excavation begins, or equipment is moved on to the property.

We consider the project to be complete when a St. Charles County occupancy permit has been granted and preliminary landscaping is complete. Preliminary landscaping is all retaining walls, as well as final grade of property with planting of lawn (seed or sod).



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As a reminder to all homeowners in Augusta Shores, you need to have all outside home improvements, as well as landscaping which requires retaining walls, deck, patios, and/or draining ditches, reviewed and approved by the Architectural Committee before construction begins. 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. If the Architectural Committee deems the project unacceptable, fines may be imposed, at a minimum, or worse, the project will need to be removed.

Review / approval of new home plans or additions can take up to one month. It is important plans are submitted as soon as possible to ensure no delays to your project. Please contact any member of the committee for questions you may have.

Technology Committee – Nick Basso

Last year we installed License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras at the front and back entrances. This year we are going to install overview cameras for an added layer of protection (and discount for our insurance coverage).

Added the following codes to the password-protected “About” section of the website.

Augustashores.com

Front Gate code: xxxx for residents & family or xxxx for contractors

Back Gate code: xxxx for residents & family (not to be used by contractors)

Quarry code: xxxx

Under the Documents section of the website, the “Directory”, “Governing Docs & Minutes” and the “Financial Statements” pages are password protected. The “Directory” requires only the password. The “Governing Docs & Minutes” and the “Financial Statements” require user name and password.

User name: xxxx

Password: xxxx

**This is the only user name and password for the password-protected portion of the website. Do not create your own user name and password.

For new construction, contact me before installing driveway / doing final grade to arrange Lumen (CenturyLink) installation of internet fiber from the street to the home.

If you have questions, or would like to join the Technology Committee, please contact me using the contact form on the Technology Committee page of the website.



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Recreational Structures Committee - Ron Hamersen rscchair@augustashores.com

Bill Forbes, Jill Forbes, Cathy Williams, Susan Zamora, Sandi Whitworth and Doug Paule

Spring and summer at Augusta Shores.....

Swimming, fishing, and visiting with our Augusta Shores neighbors.

Our pool is a great place to meet! It may be COLD, but will be open for Memorial Day.

In the last 3 years we poly-jacked the pool deck, replaced the pump and filter system and repaired leaks in the skimmers. Last fall, prior to closing the pool, we repaired an underground leak and had the perimeter seals re-caulked. Our pool is 20 years old, but with these repairs we “ expect “ it will operate clean and efficiently for many more years.

Every year we ask families to help out with weekly POOL DUTY. This does not require any work with testing or chemicals – those are monitored and recorded daily by the Recreational Structures Team.

Please sign up for a week of POOL DUTY at the annual Board Meeting in June, contact Ron Hamersen.

During Spring Beautification Day we will be cleaning and moving pool furniture to the pool deck, opening the pool restroom, and general light repairs and clean up. ONE special project is cleaning the overhead fans and replacing the light bulbs. Sounds easy, but requires a 12’ or 14’ step ladder. Anyone with a ladder this tall let me know.

Later this summer, we will have the Augusta Shores Pickleball/Tennis Courts patched and repainted. We are also looking into having the pavilion deck resurfaced (cost estimated \$5,000-6,000??). More information to follow, and community input is welcome.

A special thanks to the Augusta Shores Pickleball Team for volunteering to deep clean the Berg House prior to the Plein Air events and June Board Meeting.

Jim Ryan is putting together a team to power wash the pool deck, pavilion, sidewalls and front porch. Thanks Jim. If you can help with this project, please contact Jim Ryan or Ron Hamersen.

Have a great spring and summer in Augusta Shores.

Roads, Ditches & Trails Committee – John Gerber roadschair@augustashores.com

Jim Bonebrake, DeLaine Herl, Larry Graves, Antony Westcott, Steve Sostman & Al Spangler

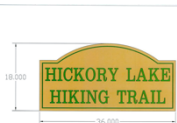
The general condition of the roads in Augusta Shores is good. We continue to keep up with crack sealing in the fall and address situational issues as they occur. March 28th West Construction will be on site to assess the general state of our roads and give us an opinion

on when resurfacing will be required. West construction resurfaced Berg Crossing and Augusta Shores Drive in 2012 and all side streets in 2015. The current plan is to resurface ever 10-12 years.

Augusta Shores has 23 decorative Stone Arches over culverts and over drainage ditches. These arches are sealed annually but remain subject to deterioration and water damage. Last fall we completed reconstruction on several of the arches along Berg Hill. This will continue to be an ongoing effort due to the original materials used.



The front gate brick façade was recently damaged. It was obviously hit by a vehicle leaving the subdivision. If you witness vehicles damaging any of the gates or structures in Augusta Shores please report it to the Board. This will be repaired in April by volunteers (Amy's Brother).



The Hickory Lake Trail is in good shape and open for Spring Hikers. Last fall we cleared deadfall, re-established steps and cleared the leaves off the trail. This spring we will be replacing rope assists and setting signs at both ends of the trail. Spring is wonderful time to hike the trail. The spring flowers and scenes are incredible.

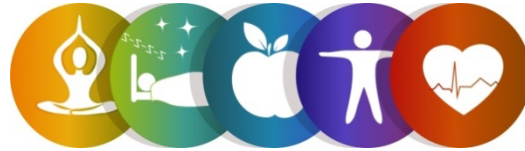
Finally, thank you to all the volunteers that help work on and manage the roads, stone arches and hiking trails. Your volunteer efforts are appreciated and help keep our community beautiful.

If anyone is interested in volunteering these community projects, please email me at jgerber2017@gmail.com.

Augusta Shores Guidelines for Winter Weather and Roads - John Ladley Snow Removal Lightning Rod

It might not seem obvious, but there are specific guidelines in place for Augusta Shores snow removal and road treatment in winter. While individual residents may have a differing philosophy when it comes to managing roads with winter precipitation, we have some self-imposed guidelines. Our guidelines can be found on the "[roads page](#)" of the Augusta Shores website. If you have any ideas, please let us know.





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

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Jim Curry, Sue Haverstick, Mary Herl, Jill Kertz, Rafael Zamora, Amy Gerber, Susan Haverstick, and Marcy Menke

The Augusta Shores Health, Wellness & Safety Committee will resume meetings soon to begin planning for summer and fall programs. The overall purpose of our committee to help us safely “age in place” in the community we love.

Health Committee Update...

Those of you who are new to AS may not be aware that we have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid Kit located on the front porch of the Berg House. The AED is checked and reported monthly by committee co-chairs Dianne Herndon and Mary Pfenning. The AED is in a heated cabinet to help maintain battery life. Remember to always call 911 first, send someone to get the AED, turn it on and follow instructions. We hope to have another CPR & AED training class this year. In the past we provided wellness talks, flu shots, blood pressure and diabetes screenings. The committee will discuss resuming these types of programs, please watch for email notifications.

Wellness Committee Update...



Fall Pickle-Ball Schedule

Join the fun - PICKLE BALL SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE! – Mon, Thur, Fri & Sat @ 8:00 am

PICKLE BALL CLINIC Friday, June 3rd 9:00 - Noon. \$30.00. Contact Amy for details. Space is limited so register early.



Meet at Berg House each Friday at 8:30 am. Bring a yoga mat for a half-hour of classical stretch with Miranda Esmonde White’s full body strengthening and pain relief workouts. Contact Amy Gerber if you have questions or wish to be added to weekly text message reminder and/or change in schedule notices.

The Augusta Shores Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. Join the discussion **"It Ends with Us" by Colleen Hoover** on May 17th - 7:00 pm at the Berg house.



Safety Committee Update...

We are fortunate that the Safety Committee members have completed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Should AS experience a natural disaster, we are grateful to have them trained to be able to assist our community. Ralph Zamora and Jim Curry help lead this committee. Ralph contacted Jamie Albright, Director for the St. Charles County Regional Emergency Management Department, to give our community a presentation on severe weather preparation. Additionally, a tour of the St. Charles County Emergency Operations Center is being planned for our CERT trained members and anyone else interested. Again, watch for email notifications for all upcoming programs. Stay safe, healthy and well.



Spring has sprung in Augusta Shores, and with it comes the joy of neighbors spending more time outdoors. Good time for a **'Safety First'** reminder when sharing our roads with walkers, bikers, and vehicles of all shapes and sizes.

1. **Obey Speed Limits** - When driving, it's important to stick to the posted speed limit. The restrictions placed on vehicle speed are not established arbitrarily. Rather, they are carefully selected to maximize the safety of our community.
2. **Blind Corners** – The curves and hills of Augusta Shores are esthetically pleasing, however blind corners do pose potential hazards. Slowing down to make sure you remain in your lane could prevent a regrettable incident.
3. **Avoid Distractions** - Sending text messages isn't the only dangerous distraction drivers need to avoid while operating a vehicle. Changing stations, using cell phones, eating, and interacting with passengers are just a few examples of the types of distractions that you should take care to avoid when driving.
4. **Use Turn Signals** – While you can't depend on others always signaling their intentions when driving, you can certainly control whether or not they have realistic expectations for your actions.
5. **Exercise Patience** - Many accidents are caused by impatient drivers who are rushing to get from point A to point B. Remember that you are not the only driver on the road. Share the road with others graciously.
6. **Respect Stopped Vehicles** – Ideally avoid stopping/parking on the street. There are instances where this is not avoidable, so use caution when passing vehicles that are stopped or parked to ensure the way is clear for you to pass.

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7. **Make Adjustments for Weather**-When the weather is less than perfect, such as rainy, snowy, or foggy conditions, use extra precautions when driving and follow guidelines for staying safe in the particular situation you are facing.

When operating a motorized vehicle, you have a responsibility to do your part to keep our roadways safe, which includes ensuring drivers of ATV or golf carts hold a valid driver's license.

Safe driving has been a topic of discussion at the Board level for the past several years. A focus group has been formed in an effort to ensure we are doing all we can to ensure the safety of our community. The purpose of the focus group is to examine issues and recommend actionable steps, where necessary, to ensure Augusta Shores roads remain safe. If you have any suggestions or you experienced an incident where unsafe driving resulted in a near miss, please contact Amy Gerber.

Grounds Committee – *Larry Graves and Mark Kaiser*

Spring is upon us, and March has ended us with some significant moisture. This will mean the common ground areas will need a lot of attention in the way of grass cutting, trimming and weed control. Anderson Lawn Care has already started clean-up around the Berg House and Pool Area, and they are set for another busy season to support our development.

There are no significant projects planned this year, but there will be some smaller initiatives to address areas around the lakes, pool and entrance areas to remediate known issues. Shady Landscaping will be supporting these projects as they require some heavier equipment Anderson does not have.

If you are planning a landscaping project and / or are in need of grass cutting or clean-up, please keep Anderson and Shady Landscaping in mind. They both do great work, and the more active they are in our development, it is a win / win for all to support the various committees that are charged with ensuring the Shores look great!

Lowell Pfenning ordered Bald Cypress tree seedlings from the Missouri Conservation Department and these will be planted in select areas in the development.

Larry Graves is putting together a spring clean-up list for Spring Beautification Day, April 9th, and will need volunteers to accomplish various tasks. Please come out and help us get ahead of areas that need attention.

Have a great Spring and Summer!

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.

As a reminder, it is the responsibility of each assigned lot occupant to keep their space cleaned up. Please trim the weeds around your trailer and all the way to the quarry wall.

Keeping your spot looking good allows the use of the quarry for storage without having to charge a fee. Thank you for doing your part!

Taste of Augusta Shores

We have some great chefs/bakers in the neighborhood and today we are sharing a recipe from Dianne Herndon.

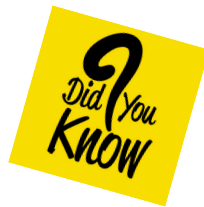
Twinkie Trifle



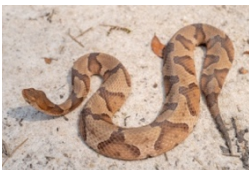
Ingredients

- 10-14 Twinkies (not chocolate)
- 1 – 6 oz box strawberry Jello (can use sugar free)
- 1 – 3 oz box strawberry Jello
- 4 c boiling water
- 4 c sliced fresh strawberries—or more
- 12 oz Cool Whip

Place Twinkies in 9 x 13 inch pan. Do not crumble. Cover with sliced strawberries. Dissolve both boxes of Jello in boiling water. Pour Jello mixture over strawberries and Twinkies. Refrigerate until Jello is set. Spread Cool Whip on top and garnish as desired. Serves 12



- We have a great ambulance service. Check out the capital improvements and updates happening at St Charles County Ambulance District [Pulse Point](#).
- Stay up to date on St Charles County road projects: [Your Transportation Dollars in Motion](#)
- Missouri gives credit to certain senior citizens and disabled persons for a portion of the real estate taxes paid. See if you or a family member [qualify](#).
- Copperhead snakes are the most common venomous snake in our area. They are 2-4' long with a distinctive pattern (beige & brown with reddish color on their head). They emit a musky odor (some compare to a cucumber smell) when they are ready to strike. If you smell it, you are in range to be bitten. Here's a guide to [Missouri Snakes](#) from the Missouri Department of Conservation.
- April 5th is election day – exercise your right to vote.





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Upcoming Events

April 4	Meridian will deliver a Yard Waste Dumpster to the Berg House Parking Lot for all to use. Yard Waste ONLY! It will be removed April 11th. Please make sure the door is open and you carry your waste to the front to fill the dumpster most efficiently.	
April 9	Spring Beautification Day	8:30 AM
April 13	Board of Directors Meeting – Berg House	6:30 PM
May 11	Board of Directors Meeting – Berg House	6:30 PM
June 11	Annual Board of Directors Meeting – Berg House	10:00 AM

Recurring events:

- Board Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.
- Beautification Days are the second (or third Saturday) in April and October.
- Newsletter deadline for articles are March 31 and September 30.