

# NOTES FROM BRUIN

Hello Lake Bruin property owners. It's getting to be that time again. Lake time is around the corner and always a time to celebrate and to get in the swing of summer. I look forward to seeing our friends and catching up. 2016 has been the year for change in our little town of St. Joseph. We have a new mayor who is working hard to get our town back on track. Removing blight is a priority. The town of St. Joseph has obtained nine million dollars to replace their antiquated water system so progress is being made. There are new shops opening downtown and a new level of optimism on the streets. B Viz Design Global Headquarters opened last summer and is experiencing a great first year. Becky Vizard, not only has fine pillows, but she has great gifts that are affordable. A fun place to browse. Roots Garden Shop also opened downtown last summer. Kendall Hardwick has fun gifts and garden things for your lake houses. Really a cute shop! Kendall is a Master Gardener and has her landscaping license, so she can help with your yard. River Traders Antique Shop will be opening soon as well as Plank Road Pottery. So, things are beginning to look up for our little town. There are quite a few artists on the lake, so feel free to jump in with any ideas to promote our creative community. There really are more artist than you would think.

Lake news: The realestate market last year had a slow start. The spring was just crazy, not much interest in Bruin. Then summer came, and suddenly we were back. Summer and fall were good markets, very good markets. I had a great year; houses sold as well as several lots but it started off slow. There is quite a bit on the market going forward from last year, some big and some smaller. If you are planning to sell your camp, go through it with a keen eye. Do the simple things to make it look better; buyers don't like to see a lot of projects while shopping for a house. Refresh things; clean it up inside and out. If the front door needs painting, paint it! Buyers love to see a well cared for house. If you have questions about this, give me a call. I'm happy to help. There have been a lot of new piers built within the last couple of years also. The function of piers has really changed. They are becoming more upscale having large covered areas with nice cooking and eating spaces. They are being used more as an extension of our lake homes, and I love that concept.

The lake is in great shape. The water level is good, plenty of rain has kept us full. New projects for the Lake Bruin Water Conservation and Recreation District (Lake Commission) are to construct and place fish attractants around in suitable locations. This is to provide structures for fishing, and these locations will be published when ready. This summer a vegetation study will be conducted by Dr. Aaron Schad, Aquatic Plant Specialist, and his staff. The outcome of which may provide some insight as to our ability to influence the vegetation density in the lake. Our lake was inspected by DEQ, and we are thrilled with the results. Lake Bruin has the best water quality of any lake in Louisiana.

We are so fortunate that Mother Nature has designed a perfect playground for us. Every day is a good day at Bruin. Every sunrise is a reason for renewal. Every sunset is a time for celebration. This 3000 acre lake gives us room to breathe, take it all in, and enjoy the scenery. Lake Bruin provides a certain comradery to all that are fortunate enough to have places here. Bruin often allows you to slip into a calm, restorative state and rejuvenate your soul. This place is special.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, get your family here and make some memories. Time does slip away, but your family and friends will have wonderful memories of their time spent with you on Bruin. Pass it on.... enjoy the ride. Don't forget the Farmers' market opening Memorial Day weekend and the 5K run. To learn more about the Revive 5 race, go to [Revive5k@gmail.com](mailto:Revive5k@gmail.com). Morrow or Robin will be happy to help. It's always fun to see friends and catch up at these two events.

Our fabulous sunsets never get old. Bruin just keeps on keeping on, so savor the moment. If you know someone looking for a headquarters for the next chapter of their life, give me a call. I can fix them up!

Until next time,

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