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# HOUSTON LAKER

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Neighborhood Series no.1

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## January Community Calendar Events

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> -



Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - Recycling and Trash pickup Day

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - City Council meeting – 7:30pm We will plan on the January meeting being a zoom meeting unless otherwise posted, public is welcome to attend, to obtain the zoom link please email: [cityclerk@houstonlake.net](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.net) . Public comments will be received via email – please email all public comments to: [cityclerk@houstonlake.net](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.net) by Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00pm.

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - Closing date for Candidate filing. Please contact City Clerk @ 816.663.0894

### Homes Association Dues:

The Homes Association dues statements will be mailed Jan. 30, 2021. Annual dues are \$450.00, and they will become delinquent March 1, 2021. Past due amounts are charged a 10% penalty each year. Payments can be mailed to City Hall or delivered to City Hall. If mailed please mail it to Venetian Gardens Homes Association, 5417 NW Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo. 64151. If delivered, please put your payment in the HOA mailbox on the front porch of city hall.

If you have any questions call Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges 816.786.2377  
or email her at [hodges.susan@outlook.com](mailto:hodges.susan@outlook.com), Thank you

There will be **NO** Venetian Gardens Homes Association meetings in January & February. Our next virtual meeting will be in March 2021.



**“Houston Lake Ice”, is not  
thick enough to skate on.**



**Please do not get out on the ice**

### Cover Art Needed

We’d like you to contribute photos of our neighborhood or of your art for 2021 Laker issues. If you are interested, please email [arts.circle@houstonlake.net](mailto:arts.circle@houstonlake.net) or Mary Head @ [editor@houstonlake.net](mailto:editor@houstonlake.net). If you have any questions please call Mary @ 816-741-5639. Don’t miss this opportunity to publish your artwork or photo! Volunteer today!

**CITY OFFICIALS**  
**CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE**

Mayor = Pam Freese 816-726-4455  
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City Clerk = Megan Micek 816-741-0644  
([cityclerk@houstonlake.net](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.net))

Sewer Grinder Pumps  
Megan Micek 816-629-8566

City Collector = Jean Anderson  
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Alderwoman (Ward 1 So.)  
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([codesenforcement@houstonlake.net](mailto:codesenforcement@houstonlake.net))

Platte County Circuit Court Clerk  
Kim Johnson = 816-858-2232

Platte County Sheriff  
Non emergency 816-858-3521  
For emergencies please call 911  
Fire Dept. Dispatcher = 816-741-1191  
Fire Dept. Admin. = 816-372-9024

**VENETIAN GARDENS**  
**HOMES ASSOCIATION (HOA)**

President = Kerry Hallowell  
816-695-4100 ([hallowellkerry2020@gmail.com](mailto:hallowellkerry2020@gmail.com))

Vice President = Jeff Lister  
573-645-7393

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Water Quality Officer = Sharron DeLaFuente

Dam/Watershed Officer

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For more City and Homes Association Info  
and the Houston Laker Newspapers go to  
[www.houstonlake.net](http://www.houstonlake.net)

City of Houston Lake City Hall (816)741.0644

**Would you like to have the Houston Laker newspaper delivered to your house every month? If yes please notify me. And if you decide later you want the paper call or email me.**

**Call me 816-741-5639**

**Email me [maryjewel40@gmail.com](mailto:maryjewel40@gmail.com)**

**Or put this questionnaire in the mail slot that is on the front door of City Hall, a simple yes or no will do.**

**Thank You Mary Head, Editor**

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## **Mary Head – Editor of the Houston Laker**

**Please put your address down if you say yes, so we make sure you get the Houston Laker Newspaper.**

**YES \_\_\_\_\_ address optional \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO \_\_\_\_\_ address optional \_\_\_\_\_**

**The Houston Laker Paper is posted online = [www.houstonlake.net](http://www.houstonlake.net)**

**You name optional \_\_\_\_\_**

**Your Email optional \_\_\_\_\_**



# Important Notice

## Trash Pick-up Day



Blue Lid Trash Cart

**Your recycling day will also be on a Tuesday once a month.**

**Trash carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. Items must be inside the cart (Not on the ground, not on top – INSIDE). If you need an extra cart, please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. City Hall: 816-741-0644.**

**For questions relating to your service please call 816-254-1470 between 7:30am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday.**

**The holidays that Republic Services Trash Company observes are New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. When any of these holidays fall on Monday or Tuesday, your trash pickup will be on Wednesday of that week.**

### 2021 Holiday Schedule

**New Years (Friday 1-1-21)**  
**Memorial Day (Monday 5-31-21)**  
**Independence Day (Sunday 7-4-21)**  
**Labor Day (Monday 9-6-21)**  
**Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-25-21)**  
**Christmas (Saturday 12-25-21)**  
**New Years (Saturday 1-1-22)**

### Pick-up Day

**Tuesday 1-5-21**  
**Wednesday 6-2-21**  
**Tuesday 7-6-21**  
**Wednesday 9-8-21**  
**Tuesday 11-30-21**  
**Tuesday 12-28-21**  
**Tuesday 1-4-22**

## Trash and Recycle Bin Retrieval!

**If you have extra Trash or Recycle bins that you are NOT using, the city would like them back! The trash bins are blue with wheels and the recycle bins are blue with yellow lids and wheels. Please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number and we will arrange a time to pick up the extra bins. City Hall: 816-741-0644**

**Thank You!**

# 2021 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid  
Recycling Cart**

January 5  
February 2  
March 2  
March 30  
April 27  
May 25  
June 22  
July 20  
August 17  
September 14  
October 12  
November 9  
December 7  
January 4, 2022



Items must be inside the cart (**Not on the ground, not on top – inside**). Recycle carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. If you need an extra cart or would like to recycle, please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. City Hall: 816-741-0644.

# Mask

## Call to Artists



## Art, Life & Folks Houston Lake Arts Circle

Registration Dates: May thru July  
Art Delivery Date: August 7, 2 - 4pm  
Exhibit: August 14, 1 - 4pm

**Houston Lake Arts Circle** is honored to announce a call for entries to our 7th Annual Art Show **Mask**

This is a call to residents for their handmade creations in any medium. Let your art be inspired by the theme, **Mask**. Whether your art is modern, traditional, still or kinetic.

### Entry Guidelines

Open to all Houston Lake Residents. All works must be made by the artist. Floor works must be firmly stable and less than 3 sq ft. Wall mounted pieces are limited to 20 lbs, and must be ready to hang. Limit 2 entries per artist.

### Exhibit

Performance works performed only at the exhibit opening.

Physical art remains on display after the opening. Selected pieces displayed Aug - Feb, remaining pieces displayed March - July.

### Mask Registration Form (due 7/31/2021)

*Please print clearly*

Artist:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Art Work

Title:

Approximate size:

Medium (watercolor, yarn, etc):

May we post you and your works on Facebook / Instagram? Yes/No:

The Arts Circle will care for your art, however we aren't responsible if damaged

### Mask Artwork Form (attach to back of art)

Artist:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Art Work

Title:

Medium (watercolor, yarn, etc):

The Arts Circle will care for your art, however we aren't responsible if damaged

# Attention Cat and Dog Owners

## Proof of Vaccinations due May 1, 2021

### SECTION 205.020: Vaccination

The owner or keeper of any dog or cat in the City of Houston Lake is hereby required to have such animals vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and to procure a certificate of such vaccination from the veterinarian and to present such certificate to the City Clerk on or before **May first (1st) of each year**; and the City Clerk shall register such certificate, which registration shall remain in force until April thirtieth (30th) next following said registration. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit such animal to remain in the City of Houston Lake unless vaccinated as above provided.

**Feral Cat - If you see a Feral Cat on the Lake that you are concerned is not Spayed or Neutered, please contact City Hall 816.741.0644 to be put in contact with our local vet. We will coordinate to set a trap for capture.**

**Please note that this program is NOT for domestic cats.**

**Any other animal concerns should go through the Platte County non-emergency line 816-858-3521**



*Happy New Year  
and Peace to all!*



# Sewer Grinder Pump Information

There are two sewage systems in Houston Lake. The North Ward/North Side is connected to a gravity system. The South Ward/South Side consists of a low pressure pump system and a gravity system.

The low pressure system pumps sewage uphill to a point where it connects to the gravity system. Each home connected to the pump system requires wastewater to be collected in an underground storage tank on their property. When this tank becomes full the grinder pump goes on and the waste is pumped into a low pressure line that eventually connects to a gravity line. The pumps are maintained by the city. Every residence connected to the low pressure system has a pump on their property. The pump is maintained by an annual fee. This fee is collected with the property tax statement each year. The money is set aside by the City in a Sewer Fund only to be used to repair / replace a failed pump.

There are a few things that can be done to help prevent premature failure of these pumps. The grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping household waste. It is recommended that you use a liquid detergent for laundering. Regulatory agencies advise that the following items should not be introduced into any sewer, either directly or through a kitchen waste disposal unit: Glass, Diapers, Socks, Rags or Cloth, Metal, Plastic (toys, utensils, etc.), Seafood Shells, Sanitary Napkins or Tampons. Do not use caustic solutions for drain cleaning. If you must use a drain cleaner, use an enzyme cleaner. Do not connect gutter downspouts or sump pumps into a sewer system.

In very cold weather a pump can freeze if there is no water usage in the house. If you are going to be gone during the cold weather have a friend, relative or neighbor run hot water down the sink every day or two.

**CAUTION:** Do not disconnect power to the pump. The grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electricity. If electrical power is interrupted, keep water usage to a minimum. The grinder pump is installed with a warning device (yellow light / or horn). The yellow light should be removed and tested periodically.

If you have any questions please call **City Clerk @ 816.629.8566** or

Email her at **[cityclerk@houstonlake.net](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.net)**

# **NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING**

The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election,  
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 to elect the following offices:

**Mayor for Two (2) year Term**

**One Alderman from Ward 1 (South) for two (2) year term.**

**One Alderman from Ward 2 (North) for two (2) year term.**

**To be a candidate for one of these offices you must file with the City Clerk,  
no earlier than Tuesday December 15, 2020, and no later than 5p.m.  
Tuesday January 19, 2021. The filing forms will be made available by contacting  
City Clerk at 816.663.0894**

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## **City Council Meeting**

**November 9, 2020**

**5417 N.W. Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo. 64151**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on November 9, 2020 at 7:30pm at City Hall

**Opening Session: Mayor Freese called the meeting to order at 7:30pm**

The following members were present: Alderman Evonne Brionnes, Alderman Sarah Farsace,  
Alderman Phil Otte, Alderman Chuck Stone, Mayor Pam Freese

**Public Discussion – None**

**Minutes 10.12.2020:** Motion to approve minutes to 10.12.2020 with edits and approve tonight's agenda made by Alderman Farsace, Second by Alderman Otte. Yes: Otte, Stone, Farsace No: None  
Abstain: Briones Motion carries.

**Burning Permits – None**

**Building Permit -**

**TW – 5336 NW Houston Lake Dr - extension**

Motion to approve extension permit for 5336 NW Houston Lake Dr made by Alderman Otte,  
second by Alderman Stone, Yes: Stone, Briones, Farsace, Otte No: None  
Motion passes

**Note: Please submit all applications for burn permit or building permit to City Hall 10 days prior to the meeting for consideration. Those applications not received 10 days prior to a meeting will not be considered until the following months City Council Meeting. Applications can be deposited in the mailbox at the front of the building.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept treasurer's report for November 9, 2020 made by Alderman Briones, second by Alderman Stone. Yes: Briones, Otte, Stone, Farsace No: None  
Motion carries

**Collectors Report:** City Collectors report is included with the official packet.

**Paybills – Resolution 11.09.2020:** Motion to approve Resolution 11.09.2020 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Farsace Yes: Briones, Stone, Farsace, Otte Motion carries

**Emergency Management: Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Taylor** – No report included with the packet, no representative present

**Sheriff’s Department** – Deputy Present- report included with packet.

**Codes Report – October 2020** – Report was presented; written report is included with the packet. October improved property - 3610 NW Edgewood Trail – new roof was put on; it looks nice!

**Venetian Garden Homes Association Report** – Please check your Houston Laker for results of the voting in the October meeting

**Old Business – None**

**New Business – None**

**Alderman Reports:**

**Alderman Stone** – Thank you to the Boy Scout troop that spent time this weekend cleaning the City Hall. They worked extremely hard and it was great to see.

Alderman Stone and Andrew Freese spent time repairing the foot bridge this weekend.

Starting this Spring, they will be working on the I29 bridge over 56<sup>th</sup> street and the Waukomis bridge. Will see how the traffic pattern will affect us. Mary Head will contact MoDot again and make sure we are getting our signs up.

**Alderman Otte** – Discussion on clarification of Houston Lake v KC taxes and trash pickup with sewer systems.

**Alderman Farsace** – Thank you to Alderman Stone, Mayor Freese and Andrew Freese for the work on the foot bridge. Concerned about detours through Houston Lake with the construction plans coming up this spring.

**Alderman Briones** – Halloween was fun, they took out a group of 11 through the South Ward, residents came together for the kids, and they had fun.

**Mayors Report** – Made goody bags and left them at City Hall for the kiddos to stop by and get them.

Next month there will be a resolution of thank you to the Boy Scouts for their work at City Hall. They got everything donated, including the mulch. There are two more upcoming Eagle Scouts who want to do projects for the city also.

Thank you to Al Horriner, who spent time filling potholes on Venetian.

Contract with Barkley has been signed. Road repair will begin in April next year.

**Adjournment** - Alderman Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Briones second.

Yes: Farsace, Briones, Otte, Stone, Motion Carries. **Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm by Mayor Freese.**

**Next Meeting will be held Monday December 14, 2020 at 7:30pm at City Hall unless posted otherwise**

Merry  
Christmas

May your  
New Year be

Happy  
and  
Healthy!

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Blessings,  
Marlene