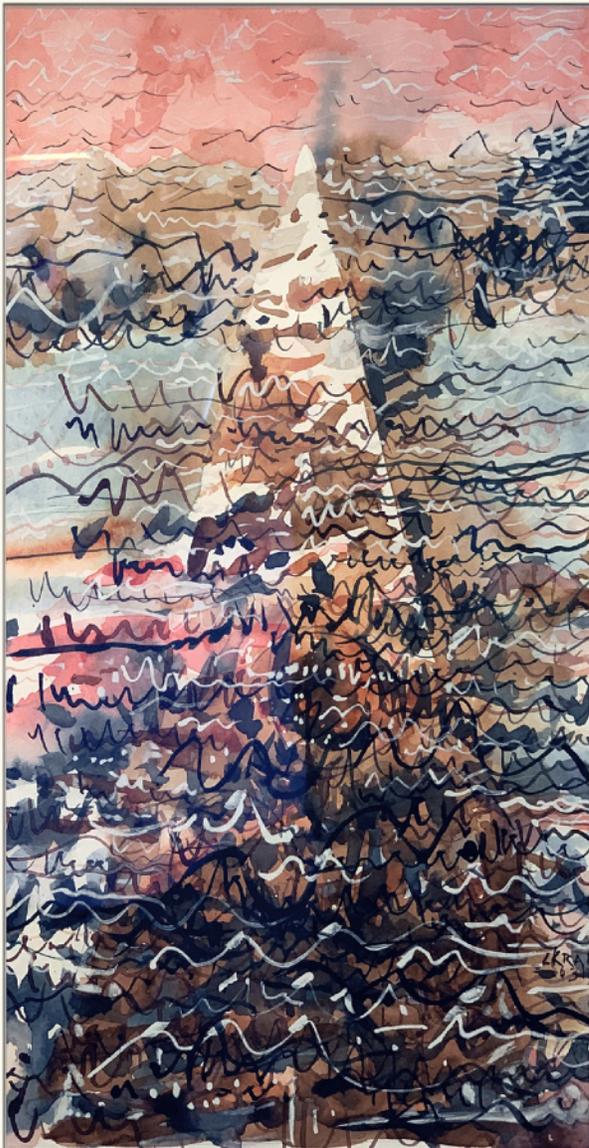

HOUSTON LAKER



Community Calendar

Layers of the Lake

March 2: Recycling and Trash pickup

March 8: 7:30pm City Council Meeting via Zoom unless otherwise posted.

Public is welcome. For zoom link email cityclerk@houstonlake.net

Please email public comments to: cityclerk@houstonlake.net by Friday March 5th at 5:00pm.

March 14: Who is ready to “Spring” forward? Daylight savings time begins at 2:00am. Remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour.

March 17: Venetian Gardens Homes Association Zoom Meeting.

Public is welcome. For zoom link email hoacommunications@houstonlake.net by 5:00pm Wednesday March 17th.

March 30: Recycling and Trash pickup

April 6: General Municipal Election, at Heartland Christian Church.

Painting by Linda Kramer for

Layers of the Lake

View on site at City Hall

March 2021 Community Calendar Events

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March 30th - Recycling and Trash pickup day



April 6th - **General Municipal Election**, at Heartland Christian Church.

Absentee Voting begins Feb. 23rd, 2021 for the April 6, 2021 General Municipal Election.

Mail your absentee request form to: **Platte County Board of Elections, P.O. Box 560, Platte City, Mo. 64079**

Attention Cat and Dog Owners, Proof of Vaccinations Due May 1, 2021

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 the 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. (Section 205.020: Vaccination)

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):

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Houston Lake

Planning and Zoning Commission

The **Planning and Zoning Commission** offers recommendations to City Council for zoning districts and land use regulations within the City.

The HOA has requested the City Council update the Zoning and Usage codes. To review this request, the Board of Alderman recommends it to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Unfortunately, the City of Houston Lake does not have such a Commission.

Therefore, we need to form one and we need citizen-volunteers to help!

Below is a brief outline of Houston Lake's Planning and Zoning Commission, provided by our City Clerk.

Title IV: Land Use
Section 400.00

7-15 members

Including the mayor (if they choose), an Alderperson selected by the board and minimum 5 citizens.

Terms of 4 years, to be staggered.

Chairmen and secretary from among the citizen members, elected by the commission. Serve terms of 1 year with eligibility to be reelected.

Holds regular meetings and special meetings, as necessary.

Records should be kept by the secretary and are public record.
These meetings should be posted similarly to board meetings.

If you have questions or are interested in serving on our Planning and Zoning Commission, please email Evonne Briones, sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net and join the City Council meeting on Monday, March 8, at 7:30pm. Find the Zoom link on our Facebook page or email cityclerk@houstonlake.net. Thank you!

Homes Association Dues: was mailed Jan. 30, 2021. Annual dues are \$450.00 for a year, and they will become delinquent March 2, 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:

call	Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges 816.786.2377 or email her at hodges.susan@outlook.com, Thank you
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Our next **Homes Association Zoom meeting will be March 17th**, 2021 at 7:00pm. Public is welcome to attend, to obtain the zoom link please email to: hoacommunications@houstonlake.net. By 5:00pm Wednesday March 17, 2021.

2021 Lake Wristband

If you would like your 2021 Lake Wristband please call Homes Association Treasurer Susan Hodges @ 816.786.2377. Wristbands are required to be worn on Homes Association property, such as the Beach, use of Shelters, Boating and Fishing. Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2021 Wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2021 Wristband.

ABSOLUTELY NO FISHING IN THE BEACH AREA.

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

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

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

You name optional _____

Your Email optional _____

ARTICLE II. PERMITS

SECTION 500.100:

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

All persons desiring to construct, erect, alter or add to any building, boat dock, fences, road or drive or any structure in the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, must first obtain a building permit for such construction, alteration or addition from the Board of Aldermen of said City. (Ord. No. 282 §2, 10-14-02)

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All persons desiring to obtain such a permit shall submit an application with the complete plans and specifications and plot plan for such construction showing sizes, estimated cost and details of such proposed construction and the location of such construction upon the plot of land. No new dwelling construction or property line fence construction will be permitted until after certified surveys have been filed with the Board of Aldermen. Certified surveys will be required on all additions to old dwellings where the new construction will be closer to the property line than the old dwelling. (Ord. No. 282 §3, 10-14-02) Applications for a building permit may be obtained by leaving a message at City Hall 816.741.0644 or contacting your Alderman.

Dumpster Permit is required for all homes in our city. (Ord. no. 359 Section 235.060).

Ordinance 334, Section 230.025

Open Burning for Recreational Purposes

All residents of Houston Lake wishing to apply for an open burning permit can do so by downloading the application on our website Houstonlake.net or you may call city hall and leave your name and phone number. After you have filled out the form, please slip it through the mail slot on the door at City Hall for review and approval by the City Council.

Fire Danger

Over the years, Kansas City has issued several Red Flag Warnings to alert residents against starting fires. Please pay attention to the local news and refrain from starting any fires.

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 mail box at the front of the building. Thank you for your consideration.

Important Ballot Issue! Please vote on April 6, 2021

On the ballot April 6, 2021 the voters of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri will be asked to continue the existing special tax levy of 78¢ for fire suppression services for the City of Houston Lake.

This levy has expired and must be readopted by the voters to extend it for an additional four-year period. This levy provides the funding necessary to provide the City of Houston Lake with fire suppression services. If the voters do not choose to continue this levy, it could be devastating to the City's ability to provide fire suppression services.

This levy is not a new tax; it is a continuation of the existing special tax levy. It is important for the voters to understand that this will not increase their levy, but only continue it at the same rate it is today.

The existing special tax levy of 78¢ expired at the end of 2020. By state law this issue must be brought back to the voters every four (4) years in order for it to continue.

The ballot language will read: "Shall the City of Houston Lake continue the existing special tax levy of seventy eight cents (\$.78) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for an additional period of four (4) years for fire suppression services?"

Yes

No

This issue must be passed by the voters in order for the City to maintain fire suppression services for the City.

If you have any questions regarding the special levy, please contact:

Houston Lake City Council

Pam Freese, Mayor, mayor@houstonlake.net or 816.726.4455

Chuck Stone, Alderman, nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net

Sarah Farsace, Alderman, sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net

Evonne Briones, Alderman, sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net

City Council Meeting
January 11, 2021
Held Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Restrictions

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on January 11, 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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

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

Absent: Alderman Otte – due to health will be unable to return to serve out his term and will not be seeking re-election.

Public Discussion - None

Minutes 12.14.2020-

Motion to approve minutes to 12.14.2020 and approve tonight's amended agenda made by Alderman Stone, Second by Alderman Briones.

Yes: Stone, Farsace, Briones

No: None

Motion carries.

Emergency Management

Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Taylor – Report included with the packet, presentation given.

Sheriff's Department – Deputy not present- report included with packet.

Burning Permits – None

Building Permit -

DW – 5452 NW Venetian Dr

Inspection and interviews done by Alderman Stone. Recommends approval based on his inspections made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Farsace.

Yes: Farsace, Briones, Stone

No: None

Motion Passed

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Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept treasurer's report for January 11, 2021 made by Alderman Briones, second by Alderman Stone.

Yes: Stone, Briones, Farsace

No: None

Motion carries

Collectors Report

City Collectors report is included with the official packet.

Pay bills – Resolution 01.11.21

Motion to approve Resolution 01.11.2021 made by Alderman Briones, second by Alderman Stone

Yes: Briones, Stone, Farsace

Motion carries

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Codes Report – December 2020 – 0 violations month of November. Worked on address letters, mailed those. These are just notifications; they are not violations. There is not a fine attached to this.

Most improved goes to the whole city for the holiday lights

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report – Yearly statement going out end of the month. \$450 dues.

Old Business – Elections – filings due by 1-19-2021 at 5pm

New Business –

- **Building Permit Process** – In an effort to make sure bond checks are returned to the resident promptly upon completion, a post inspection will be completed and follow up with the City Clerk via email.
- **Ordinance #373 - AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE SPECIAL TAX LEVY FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE, MISSOURI FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021.**
 - **First Reading done by City Clerk**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Second Reading done by Alderman Stone**

Alderman Stone motions to pass ordinance #373 and place the question on the ballot.
Alderman Stone : Yes
Alderman Briones : Yes
Alderman Farsace : Yes
Motion passes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Briones – Officially running for Alderman Position in April

Alderman Stone – Wishing a speedy recovery to Alderman Otte. Met with JC Ellis and was involved in the hiring of them. Collected several bids. Will be looking forward to spring and working on the roads.

Alderman Farsace – Sending well wishes to Alderman Otte. Has a spot in the road near her house, where something metal has been pulled up by possibly a snowplow, concerned about another snowplow going across it.

Alderman Otte – Absent

Mayors Report –

Will be looking into a new computer for the city clerk position, or a possible repair for the battery life.

Sending well wishes to Alderman Otte and will update as they become available. At this point well wishes and prayers are appreciated.

Adjournment -

Alderman Farsace motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Briones second.

Yes: Briones, Farsace, Stone

Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday February 8, 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom unless posted otherwise

Instructions

Completely fill in the target next to the candidate or question response of your choice like this: ●

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Park Hill School District

For School Board Member

(Vote for TWO)

- Kyla Yamada
- Kimberlee Nicole Ried
- Tammy M. Thompson
- Alberto Rivera
- Brandy Maltbia Woodley
- Jay H. Blumenthal
- Write-in
- Write-in

Houston Lake

For Mayor

(Vote for ONE)

- Chuck Stone
- Write-in

For Alderman South Ward 1

(Vote for ONE)

- Evonne C. Briones
- Write-in

Question

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- YES
- NO

Platte County Health Department

For Trustee - Unexpired term

(Vote for ONE)

- David Park
- Doug Jones
- Jeffrey Kingsley
- Write-in

**If you live on
Edgewater Trail,
Edgewood Trail,
Edgewood Circle,
Wagon Trail,
Wagon Trail Circle or
Johnson Trail**

You vote from this page.

Cast your Official Ballot at the
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Time 6:00am to 7:00pm.

Any Questions please call:
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Houston Lake

For Mayor

(Vote for ONE)

- Chuck Stone
- Write-in

For Alderman North Ward 2

(Vote for ONE)

- Teena Walker-Robin
- Write-in

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Adrian or
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REQUEST FOR MISSOURI ABSENTEE BALLOT

I, _____, do hereby request an absentee ballot for the
Printed name

_____ Election.
Election Date

For identification purposes, the last four digits of my social security number are: _____.

If this is a primary election, please print the name of the political party ballot you wish to receive: _____.

Reason for requesting an absentee ballot:

- _____ Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered
- _____ Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability
- _____ Religious belief or practice
- _____ Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place
- _____ Incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting
- _____ Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

Address where I am registered to vote:

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Address where ballot is to be mailed:

(Street Address or PO Box)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Telephone number: _____
(Include Area Code)

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Registered Voter

Date

Mail this completed form to your local election authority. Addresses can be found [on the Missouri Secretary of State's website](#). Missouri law requires that requests for absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday prior to Election Day if the ballot is mailed. The deadline for absentee voting in person in the office of the election authority is 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. If you registered by mail and this is your first time voting, you must provide a copy of either: (1) an ID issued by the Federal Government, state of Missouri, or a local election authority; (2) ID issued by a Missouri institution (public or private) of higher education; or (3) a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains your name and address.

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Marlene