

# HOUSTON LAKER

4<sup>th</sup> of July Pet Show, Bike Parade at the Mayor's Park and picnic at City Hall



Mayor Stone lip syncing "Wild Thing" performance.



Tica Felise singing with her Ukulele at the 4th of July picnic.



4th of July 2021 Pet show and Bike Parade ...photos taken by Rick Delafuente



Pet Show and Bike Parade at the Mayor's Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> -  **LABOR DAY!**

## September 2021 Community Calendar Events

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - Trash pickup

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - September City Council Meeting, will be September 13, 2021 at 7:30 via Zoom. Link will be posted on Facebook or you can email [cityclerk@houstonlake.net](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.net) to receive the link.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day and Trash pickup

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - Venetian Gardens Homes Association Virtual Meeting, 7:00pm. This meeting might be held virtually if the Covid 19 cases continue to increase. Members wanting to attend should email Secretary Sue Hodges at [hodges.susan@outlook.com](mailto:hodges.susan@outlook.com) during the week prior to the meeting date for a meeting update and an invitation to the virtual meeting if necessary.

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### Water test taken around the Beach Area

Great Plains Analytical Laboratory tested a water sample extracted around the Beach area of Houston Lake on Thursday August 12, 2021. The water sample was analyzed for E. coli. Results conclude that Houston Lake is safe for swimming. **E. Coli (water) = 16\***

\*If the geometric mean of the water quality sample results does not exceed the equivalent of 190 E. coli colonies the conditions are safe for swimming. Children under 14 years of age require Adult supervision when using the beach area. This is a State Law. Venetian Gardens Homes Association

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**FREE DIRT:** The Homes Association President Kerry Hallowell announced at the July 21, 2021 meeting that any Home Owner at Houston Lake, Mo. in good standing can have any of the dirt that is on the peninsula that they want. The member will have to haul it off themselves.

If you know anyone who has a dump truck and would be willing to help us out, please let us know.

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### Halloween Party

The City is going to have a family fun Halloween event in October. Expect more details at the September 12th meeting and the October issue of the Laker.

# VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF FILING \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

You must be a member in good standing of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association. This means that you must be current on dues payment.

We have three vacancies on the Homes Association Board in the Annual October Meeting. Two Elected Board Member will serve a two year term and one will serve one year term.

Anyone interested in becoming a Board Member, please complete the application on this page and return to Homes Association Secretary Sue Hodges by email at [hodges.susan@outlook.com](mailto:hodges.susan@outlook.com) or call her @ 816.786.2377 by September 15, 2021.Thank you.

## **AUDITORS NEEDED**

**Three volunteers** are needed to “audit the books” (review the check book and other financial records) for the Venetian Garden Homes Association.

As required by the bylaws, an audit of the books must be completed prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held in October.

It is not an overwhelming task, probably an hour or two.

The Treasurer, Susan Hodges, will meet with the volunteers to get this job done.

So, would you like to help the Homes Association? And, if you have done an audit before, you can offer your services again!

Call Susan Hodges 816.786.2377 or email = [hodges.susan@outlook.com](mailto:hodges.susan@outlook.com) and offer your services. It would be greatly appreciated.

# CITY NEWS

## Stormwater Control

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the final cement was poured for a culvert replacement on Edgewater Trail. The Culvert carries stormwater from the ditch on the uphill side of the road to the lake. I will also be accepting a proposal from Cockrell Paving Company to control stormwater on Adrian Ave in front of City Hall.

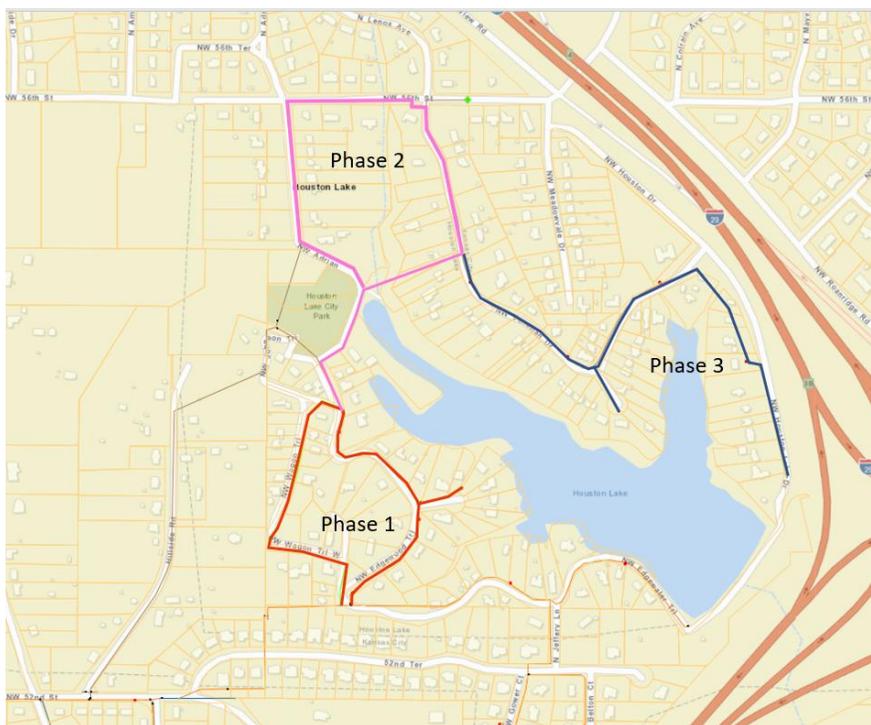
## Short Term Rentals

Because of some procedural problems, the city council didn't vote on short-term rentals at the August meeting. At the September 12th regular meeting, if there is a motion and a second, the city council will vote to amend two land-use ordinances to prohibit short-term rentals.

If the amendment is approved, short-term rentals, also known as Airbnb, will be banned in Houston Lake effective immediately.

## Upgrading our water lines

Missouri American Water plans to upgrade our water lines next summer. The project will be conducted in three phases and will take into consideration any newly paved roads. The line to be replaced are depicted on the map below.



**City of Houston Lake**  
**City Finance Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 2021 at 7:00pm**

City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO

1. **Opening Session** Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 7:08pm
  - a. Cell Phones – Please silence
  - b. Roll Call - The following members were present: Alderman Evonne Briones, Alderman Teena Walker-Robin, Alderman Sarah Farsace via zoom, and Mayor Chuck Stone. Vacant seat for Alderman of North Ward
2. **Hand out copies of the proposed budget to board members and residents**
3. **Mayor’s review of the 2021 budget in comparison to the 2020 budget** - Mayor Stone discussed the increases and decreases that are proposed for the 2021 budget.
4. **Public Discussion** - Statements/Questions & Request for Clarification/Information in regards to:
  - a. Railroad/Utilities on tax collection and income statement
  - b. Mowing/Landscape public areas
  - c. Platte County property taxes
  - d. Grant for roads
  - e. Brush Removal
5. **Council Discussion of recommended changes to the budget** - Statements/Questions & Request for Clarification/Information in regards to:
  - a. Sewer and Trash
  - b. Fire Suppression Levee
  - c. Property Taxes
6. **Vote on Resolution for Barkley Asphalt proposal** - Mayor Stone presented proposal in two parts as given by Barkley Asphalt with an option of approval for the first (Red) proposal and second (Blue) proposal
  - a. Motion to approve 1st part of the proposal (Red) -No Motion - Proposal has died
  - b. Motion to approve 2nd part of the proposal (Blue) -No Motion - Proposal has died
7. **Vote on Strobbe's proposal** - Mayor Stone presented proposal and Mr. Jake Strobbe was present to clarify and answer questions. Public discussion was made in regards to the water lines, street repair with the grant applied for, sewer lines and storm drains
  - a. Motion to approve the proposal - Alderman Briones
  - b. 2nded by - Alderman Farsace
  - c. Roll Call Vote - Alderman Briones Yes  
Alderman Walker-Robin Yes  
Alderman Farsace YesProposal passes
8. **Vote on Resolution for Platte County Sheriff's Contract** - Mayor Stone presented the contract and Capt. Woodrow Painter was present to clarify and answer questions. Public Discussion was made in regards to the reduction in hours of patrol, and rate increase of per car compared to historical budget.
  - a. Motion to approve the contract - Alderman Walker-Robin
  - b. 2nded by - Alderman Briones
  - c. Roll Call Vote - Alderman Farsace Yes  
Alderman Walker-Robin Yes  
Alderman Briones YesResolution passes
9. **Vote to approve the 2021 budget** -
  - a. Motion to approve the 2021 Budget - Alderman Farsace
  - b. 2nded by - Alderman Walker-Robin

- c. Roll Call Vote - Alderman Briones Yes  
Alderman Walker-Robin Yes  
Alderman Farsace Yes
- 2021 Budget passes

**10. Adjournment -**

- a. Motion to adjourn - Alderman Walker-Robin
  - b. 2nded by - Alderman Briones
  - c. Roll Call Vote - Alderman Farsace Yes  
Alderman Briones Yes  
Alderman Walker-Robin Yes
- Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm
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**City of Houston Lake**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 2021 at 7:30pm**

City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO

1. **Opening Session** - Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 8:05pm
  - a. Cell Phones – Please silence
  - b. Roll Call - The following members were present: Alderman Farsace via Zoom, Alderman Evonne Briones, Alderman Teena Walker-Robin and Mayor Chuck Stone. Vacant seat for Alderman of North Ward
2. **Minutes** - Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting: May 10, 2021 and tonight's agenda approved with amendment of the Agenda under new business for Annemarie Murphy and Codes Report is May 2021
  - a. Motion to approve the agenda Alderman Farsace
  - b. 2nded by - Alderman Walker-Robin
  - c. Roll Call Vote - Alderman Walker-Robin  
Alderman Briones  
Alderman Farsace  
Agenda for 06/14/2021 approved
  - d. Motion to approve the agenda Alderman Walker-Robin
  - e. 2nded by - Alderman Farsace
  - f. Roll Call Vote - Alderman Farsace  
Alderman Briones  
Alderman Walker Robin  
Minutes for 05/10/2021 approved
3. **Emergency Management**
  - a. **Fire Department Report** - No incidents to report in May 2021
  - b. **Police Report** - Capt. Woodrow Painter was present to give report
4. **Codes Report** - May 2021 Report by Code Enforcement Officer
  - a. 3 Violations in May
  - b. 1 extension given to April notice
5. **Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report** - given by Kerry Hallowell, HOA President
  - a. Monthly meeting Wednesday Jun 16, 2021
6. **Public Discussion** - Resident question in regards to building permit for landscaping/regrading of yard
7. **Permits**

Burn Permit -None  
Building Permit -None  
Dumpster Permit -5275 NW Edgewood Trail - Did not go to vote, approval only needed by Mayor
8. **Treasurer's Report** - Discussion on Deposits total
  - a. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report - Briones
  - b. 2nded by - Alderman - Walker-Robin
  - c. Roll Call Vote - Alderman Farsace Yes  
Alderman Walker-Robin Yes  
Alderman Briones Yes  
Treasurer's Report Accepted
9. **Collector's Report** - Reviewed
10. **Paybills – Resolution No 06.14.2021** - Discussion of monies for the Codes Inspection Book purchased and sign for roads\*No Tractor Trailers\*
  - a. Motion to approve the resolution Alderman - Walker-Robin
  - b. 2nded by - Alderman - Briones
  - c. Roll Call Vote - Alderman - Farsace Yes  
Alderman - Briones Yes  
Alderman - Walker-Robin Yes  
Resolution approved
11. **Old Business**
  - a. Discussion about changing our current ordinance (section 235.080 a) from vague definitions of Rubbish Garbage or Junk to more specific examples of Junk, Trash and Debris. - Tabled for future discussion
12. **New Business**
  - a. Swear in Annemarie Murphy as the 2nd North Alderman at the July 12, 2021 City Council meeting  
Motion to approve to swear in as Alderman - Alderman Briones

2nded by - Alderman Walker-Robin  
Roll Call Vote - Alderman - Farsace Yes  
Alderman - Briones Yes  
Alderman - Walker-Robin Yes

- a. Vote on granting Missouri American Water permission to dig on city property - Tabled for more information needed
- b. Discussion and vote to make Midwest Public Risk the new insurance company for the City of Houston Lake - Tabled for budget approval and paperwork requirements
- c. Discussion to have The Houston Laker printed by a commercial printing company - Tabled for further discussion

### 13. Reports from Aldermen

**Briones** - Kids workshop for Art Circle, toilet downstairs basement is fixed, thank you Mayor Stone. Planning and Zoning Committee had their first meeting, their second meeting is coming up followed by a public hearing.

**Walker-Robin** - Working on culverts, walked the area to visually see the culverts and what condition they are in. Wants to prioritize the culverts that need to be fixed.

**Farsace** - Thank you to Kay, Evonne and anyone else who worked on the budget. Carmen and Dave will host the Monday walks and move it to Tuesday at 5:30 Houston Lake Community Walk. Concerned about the large dead trees and them falling onto power lines.

### 14. Mayors Report

Plans for the 4th of July event on the lake, outlined the ideas from past years, will send the agenda for the day to Mary for the Laker.

### 15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn - Alderman - Walker-Robin

2nded by - Alderman - Farsace

Voice Vote - Aye 3      Nay 0      Abstain 0

**Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm**

**Next Council Meeting July 12, 2021 at 7:30pm**

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**City of Houston Lake**  
**City Council Meeting Agenda**  
**July 12, 2021 at 7:30pm**

City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO

1. **Opening Session** Mayor Stone called the meeting to order at 7:30pm
  - a. Cell Phones – Please silence
  - b. Roll Call - The following members were present: Alderman Sarah Farsace, Alderman Evonne Briones, Mayor Chuck Stone
2. **Oath of Office** - Annemarie Murphy sworn in as Alderman 2 of the North Ward
3. **Minutes**
  - a. Minutes of Finance Meeting: June 14, 2021, City Council Meeting: June 14, 2021 could not be approved due to Teena Walker-Robin being absent and Annmarie Murphy not in seat for the June 14, 2021 meeting. This vote for approval will be held until the August 9, 2021 meeting.
  - b. tonight's agenda- amended to add burn permits and building permits approved by Roll Call vote
    - Motion - Alderman Briones
    - 2nd - Alderman Farsace
    - Alderman Briones Yes
    - Alderman Farsace Yes
    - Alderman Murphy Yes
4. **Emergency Management**
  - a. Fire Department Report provided by Riverside Fire Rescue
    - i. Mayor Stone asked for clarification on who checks the hydrants for pressure
  - b. Sheriff Report provided by Captain Painter
5. **Codes Report**
  - a. June 2021 Report by Code Enforcement Officer - report provided Cathy Grove
    - i. 1 violation for June
    - ii. 3 violations for May with follow up - 2 were abated and 1 will have legal follow up
    - iii. Question presented in regard to erosion control. Mayor Stone is following up in the regard of the wording on the building permit and city ordinance
6. **Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report** information provided by Mary Head
  - i. Next meeting is July 21st 7pm
7. **Public Discussion**
  - i. Isablea Fuentes 3440 NW Edgewater - Thank you to the city and council for the 4th of July celebration. It was a very nice community event.
8. **Permits**

Burn Permit - 5336 NW Houston Lake Dr. APPROVED

  - Motion Alderman Murphy
  - 2nd Alderman Farsace
  - Roll Call - Alderman Briones Yes
  - Alderman Farsace Yes
  - Alderman Murphy Yes

5509 N Adrian Ave #1 & #2 APPROVED

  - Motion Alderman Farsace
  - 2nd Alderman Murphy
  - Roll Call - Alderman Murphy Yes
  - Alderman Briones Yes
  - Alderman Farsace Yes

Building Permit -5463 NW Venetian Drive APPROVED

  - Motion Alderman Murphy
  - 2nd Alderman Briones
  - Roll Call - Alderman Murphy
  - Alderman Farsace
  - Alderman Briones
9. **Treasurer's Report** -
  - i. Motion Alderman Murphy
  - ii. 2nd Alderman Farsace
  - iii. Roll Call - Alderman Briones Yes
  - Alderman Murphy Yes
  - Alderman Farsace Yes

Treasurer Report Accepted

**10. Collector's Report - Reviewed**

**11. Paybills – Resolution No 07.12.2021 APPROVED**

Motion Alderman Murphy  
2nd Alderman Briones  
Roll Call - Alderman Farsace Yes  
Alderman Murphy Yes  
Alderman Briones Yes

**12. Old Business**

- a. Discussion about forming an online workgroup to draft an ordinance for weeds and tall grass nuisance laws regarding length and abatement procedures. The same workgroup could work on a future draft to state what constitutes junk, trash, and debris. - discussion on what platform to use
- b. Update on Adrian road work - Received certificate of approval for grant
- c. Discussion about having the Houston Laker printed by a commercial printing company - Held until a future discussion, no changes will be made until further research is done

**13. New Business**

- a. Resolution to amend amount for budget item special events - increase budget amount to cover 4th of July event and future events. Increase by \$150 and decrease Mayor Office Supplies by \$150 - APPROVED  
Motion Alderman Briones  
2nd Alderman Farsace  
Roll Call - Alderman Murphy  
Alderman Briones  
Alderman Farsace
- b. Planning and Zoning Commission report -no representative present
- c. Creation of a Southern Platte County Animal Control Committee - discussion about benefit, cost and liability

**14. Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Farsace** - Happy to have Alderman Murphy. 4th of July event was a fun event, food was good and

nice to see everyone's faces. In Jefferson City for Flood Plan training, now certified as a Flood Plan Administrator. Walks are going well, well attended. Encourage residents to attend the public hearing. Reminder that the Art Circle event is coming up.

**Alderman Murphy** - Happy to be here. Would like to lead and form a board of adjustments for the city.

**Alderman Briones** - Thank you for the picnic and Alderman Walker-Robin as well. Contacted the Assessors office for rates and will not be ready before the August meeting. Public hearing for Planning and Zoning is July 13th.

**15. Mayors Report**

Took a tour of Houston Lake with Bob Hines and he recommended items such as asphalt needed to put at the end of Edgewater trail where the bus turnaround, the Strobbe proposal and the spillway bridge. American Rescue Plan Act (stimulus) is breaking cities into entitled and not entitled city. Houston Lake is a not entitled city which means we still receive our stimulus but from the state on the federal government. The city will have to apply for the funding once the process is presented by the State of Missouri. Took a tour of Weatherby Lake grinder pump operation. Grinder pump maintenance fees are \$450 a month paid through the homeowners property tax. Would like to look into having Houston Lake bring the grinder pump repair and maintenance in house. Attended a Parade of Hearts convention in downtown Kansas City, [paradeofhearts.com](http://paradeofhearts.com). Through art unite the community and rebuild the economy. Like there were cows in years past, this will be hearts. Will send the information to the Arts Circle

**16. Vote to Enter Closed Meeting after City Council Meeting**

Motion Alderman Briones  
2nd Alderman Murphy  
Roll Call - Alderman Farsace Yes  
Alderman Murphy Yes  
Alderman Briones Yes

**17. Adjournment**

Motion Alderman Farsace  
2nd Alderman Murphy  
Roll Call - Alderman Briones  
Alderman Murphy  
Alderman Farsace

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm

**Next Council Meeting August 9, 2021 at 7:30pm**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, SUBJECT TO A MOTION DULY MADE AND ADOPTED, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN may also hold a closed meeting for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to one or more of the following:

- Legal actions, Cause of Action, Litigation or privileged communications between the City's Representatives and it's attorneys: 610.021(1)
- Lease, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate: 610.021(2)
- Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting Employees: 610.021(3)
- Preparing for Negotiations with Employee Groups: 610.021(9)
- Bidding Specifications: 610.021(11)
- Personnel records: 610.021(13)
- Proprietary Technology Materials: 610.021(15)

# FALL

Dear Houston Lakers:

It's that wonderful time between summer and winter. Time to button up the yard work, clear out the gardens and tighten up the house. It's a busy time for all of us. Houston Lake Code Enforcement just has a few friendly reminders as we put summer away.

Please remember to take your **trash cans back to the house** after pick-up; this is especially important in the winter so your neighbors and other vehicles have room to get around them on slick streets.

## Section 230.030 Collections of Solid Waste

C. Solid waste containers as required by this Chapter for the storage of residential solid waste shall be placed at the curbside for collection but shall not be so placed until after 6:00 PM on the day next proceeding the regularly scheduled collection day. Containers shall be removed from the curbside no later than 8:00 PM on the day of collection.

As you clean up your yards for fall, and for the remainder of mowing season, please make sure you are mowing your lot to the street; it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain any and all easements and right of ways.

## Section 215.110 Weeds, high grass or other Vegetation

- A. Failure to Keep Weeds, High Grass and Other Vegetation Cut and Removed, A Nuisance, All persons owning or occupying any lot or tract for land in the City shall keep the weeds, high grass or other vegetation growing on such property cut and removed. Whenever such weeds, high grass or other vegetation shall attain the height of eighteen (18) inches, it shall be deemed a public nuisance.

Please make sure you have **house numbers on your house**. This makes it easier for emergency services to find you if you need them. The response from fire and police when asked how they find the proper address when they get a call out for an emergency, "They just have to search for the correct address" Please don't take a chance on them having to search for you when you need them as fast as possible. City Ordinance requires that the house numbers be no less the four inches in height, more if they can not be seen from the street.

## Section 235.070 Exterior Structure

- B. Premises Identification. Buildings shall have address numbers assigned by the City placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four (4) inches high with a minimum stroke width of one-half (0.5) inch.

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Best wishes to you,  
Marlene

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**Thank You Mary Head, Editor**

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## Addresses for the Houston Laker

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5457 N.W. Adrian  
5509 N.W. Adrian  
5559 N.W. Adrian

### **N.W. Venetian Dr.**

5404 N.W. Venetian Dr.  
  
5426 N.W. Venetian Dr. Circle  
  
5430 N.W. Venetian Dr. Circle  
  
5440 N.W. Venetian Dr.  
  
5443 N.W. Venetian Dr.  
  
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5451 N.W. Venetian Dr.  
  
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5484 N.W. Venetian Dr.  
  
5504 N.W. Venetian Dr.  
  
5507 N.W. Venetian Dr.  
  
5516 N.W. Venetian Dr.

### **N.W. Houston Lake Dr.**

5324 N.W. Houston Lake Dr.  
5328 N.W. Houston Lake Dr.  
5334 N.W. Houston Lake Dr.  
5336 N.W. Houston Lake Dr.  
5408 N.W. Houston Lake Dr.

### **N.W. Johnson Trail**

5428 N.W. Johnson Trail

## To Be Delivered to only.

### **N.W. Edgewood Circle**

5315 N.W. Edgewood Circle  
5335 N.W. Edgewood Circle  
5347 N.W. Edgewood Circle

### **N.W. Edgewood Trail**

5411 N.W. Edgewood Trail  
5408 N.W. Edgewood Trail  
5407 N.W. Edgewood Trail  
5403 N.W. Edgewood Trail  
5308 N.W. Edgewood Trail  
5311 N.W. Edgewood Trail  
5279 N.W. Edgewood Trail

### **N.W. Wagon Trail Circle**

5372 N.W. Wagon Trail Circle

### **N.W. Wagon Trail**

5268 N.W. Wagon Trail  
5315 N.W. Wagon Trail  
5333 N.W. Wagon Trail  
5340 N.W. Wagon Trail

### **N.W. Edgewater Trail**

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3329 N.W. Edgewater Trail  
3409 N.W. Edgewater Trail  
3420 N.W. Edgewater Trail  
3440 N.W. Edgewater Trail  
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