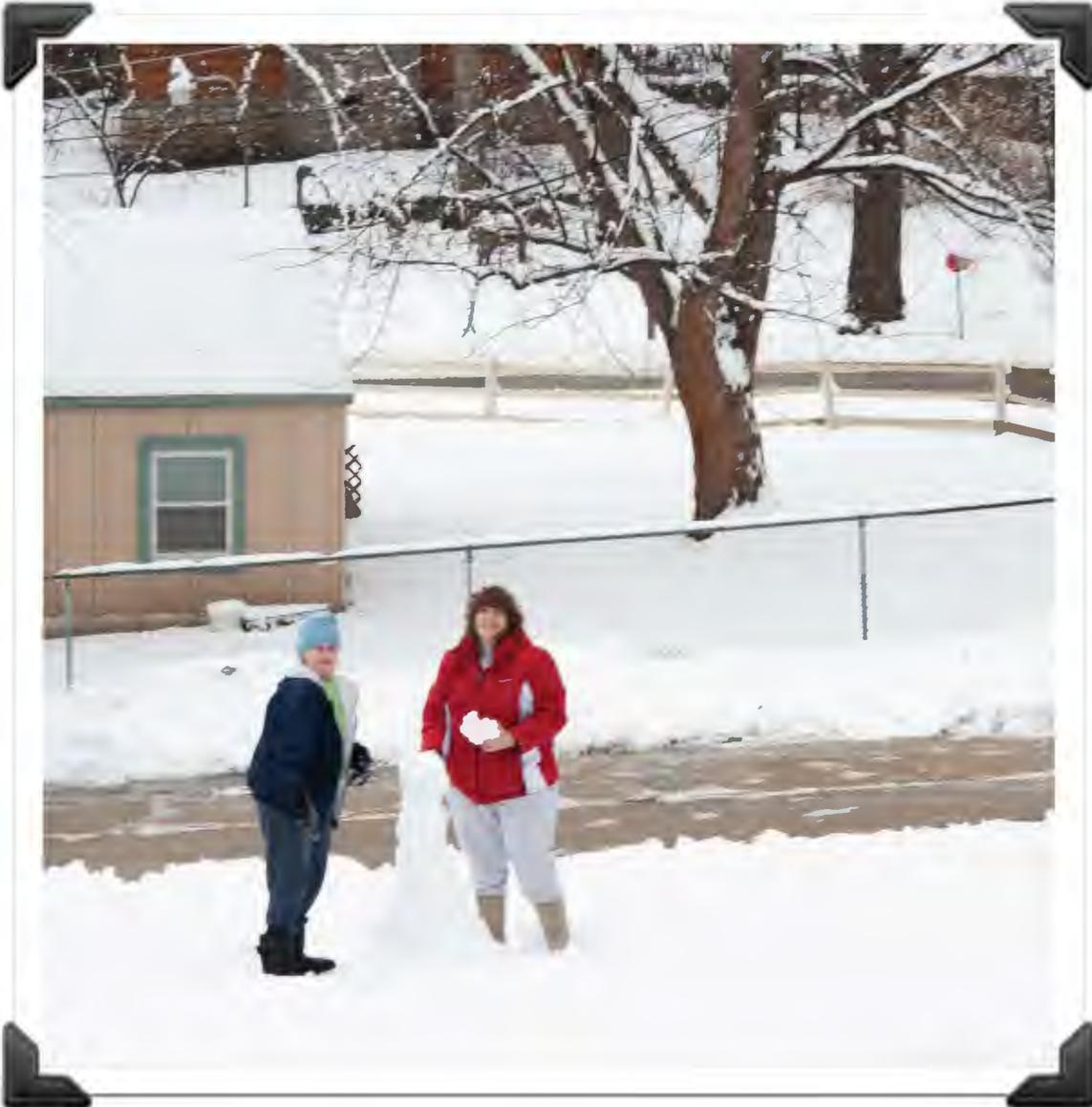

HOUSTON LAKER



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2022 January Community

Calendar Events

Jan. 1st -

Jan. 5th - Recycling and Trash Pick-up

Jan. 5th - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

Jan. 10th - City of Houston Lake Council meeting, 7:30 – City Hall or Virtually
We will be offering zoom every month until further notice as an option so more residents can attend. You can email (cityclerk@houstonlake.net) to receive the link.

Jan. 12th - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

Jan. 19th - **NO** Venetian Gardens Homes Association meeting

Jan. 19th - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

Jan. 26th - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

Feb. 2nd - Recycling and Trash Pick-up

Homes Association Dues: The Homes Association dues statements will be mailed Jan. 31, 2022. Annual dues are \$450.00, and they will become delinquent March 2, 2022. 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, 5417 N.W. Adrian. If you have any questions call Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges 816.786.2377 or email her at hodges.susan@outlook.com
Thank you

There will be **NO** Venetian Gardens Homes Association meeting in January 2022. Our next meeting will be on February 16, 2022 at 7:00pm – City Hall.

“Due to a death in the family, the HOA’s president’s report will be delayed. Thank you for your understanding.”

The **HOA wants a design for a letterhead** (can be an older one). We are asking our residents to submit a letterhead design to Mary Head at maryjewel40@gmail.com or call her at 816.741.5639. Thank You



**“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 2022 Laker issues. If you are interested, please email arts.circle@houstonlake.net or Mary Head @ maryjewel40@gmail.com . If you have any questions please call Mary @ 816-741-5639. Don’t miss this opportunity to publish your artwork or photo! Volunteer today!

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)

SECTION 500.110: 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).

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.

“To All Residents of Houston Lake”:

If any resident needs a **trash container** or a **recycling container**, call City Hall 816-741-0644 and leave your name, address, phone number and the containers will be delivered to your home.

Parking: No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the city limits of Houston Lake, MO. (Chapter 300 - Schedule II, Municipal Code)

All-Terrain Vehicles: No person shall operate an All-Terrain Vehicle upon the streets of this city.(Section 340.110 Municipal Code)

Open Burning Permit 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. (Ordinance 334, Section 230.025)

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.

Fishing: It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, take, transport, ship, buy, sell, possess or use any fish from any body of water within the City without possessing a valid fishing permit issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This section shall not apply to any person 65 years of age or older or is 15 years of age or younger. (Section 210.690 Municipal Code)

DISCHARGING AIR GUN, ETC.Any person within the limits of this City who shall discharge any BB gun, spring gun, paint gun or air gun or shall shoot any pebble, bullet, slug, arrow or other hard substance by means of a sling, crossbow, rubber band or bow or any other means shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation; provided however, that this Section shall not apply to any person or organization authorized by the City of Houston Lake to possess and discharge such devices for the purpose of waterfowl pest control. (Ord. No. 303, 9-12-05) (Section 210.285)

Brush and Limb Pick Up Dec. 5, 2021

Thank You to HOA Vice President Brendan Brousseau, Mayor Chuck Stone and Landen Kemple for picking up the brush and limbs around the lake.



The Wind Storm and rain that hit Houston Lake on Dec. 15th, 2021. Trees down and cable pole down on Edgewater trail. We all lost power for over 3 hours.



Attention Cat and Dog Owners

Proof of Vaccinations due May 1, 2022



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

Two Dog Waste Stations were put in by Brendan Brousseau. He will be taking care of them throughout the year (emptying/replacing bags as needed).

****As Always, be a good neighbor and clean up after your pets, disposing of waste in a proper receptacle.**



CITY OFFICIALS
CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE

Mayor Chuck Stone = 816-305-3196
(mavor@houstonlake.net)

City Clerk Sarah Schofield = 816-741-0644
(cityclerk@houstonlake.net)

Sewer Grinder Pumps
Sarah Schofield = 816-394-8828

City Collector - Kathryn Kreider
(taxcollector@houstonlake.net)

Alderwoman (Ward 1 So.)

(sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Alderwoman (Ward 1 So.)
Sarah Farsace = 816-863-2412
(sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Alderwoman (Ward 2 No.)
Teena Walker-Robin = 816-769-6082
(nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Alderwoman (Ward 2 No.)
Annemarie Murphy = 913-222-4705
(nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Codes Enforcement Officer
Cathy Grove 913-701-7142
(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 = Joe Briones
(joe.briones@hotmail.com)

Vice President = Brendan Brousseau
(brendan.brousseau@gmail.com)

Public Relations Officer =
(hoacommunications@houstonlake.net)

Secretary /Treasurer/ Lake Tags = Susan Hodges
816-786-2377 (hodges.susan@outlook.com)

Board Member = Kerry Hallowell
816-695-4100 (hallowellkerry2020@gmail.com)

Board Member = Mary Head
816-741-5639 (maryjewel40@gmail.com)

Registrar/Editor - Houston Laker = Mary Head
816-741-5639 (maryjewel40@gmail.com)

Water Quality Officer = Brendan Brousseau

Dam/Watershed Officer

Aerator Maintenance = Brendan Brousseau

For more City and Homes Association Info
and the Houston Laker Newspapers go to
www.houstonlake.net

City of Houston Lake City Hall (816)741.0644

2022

**City of Houston Lake Meetings
At 7:30pm – City Hall**

(second Monday of every month)

January 10th

February 14th

March 14th

April 11th

May 9th

June 13th

July 11th

August 8th

September 12th

October 10th

November 14th

December 12th

If you have any questions email

City Clerk, Sarah Schofield at

cityclerk@houstonlake.net Thank You

2022

**Venetian Gardens Homes
Association Meetings**

at 7:00pm – City Hall

(third Wednesday of every month)

Jan. 19, 2022 – No Meeting

Feb. 16, 2022

March 16, 2022

April 20, 2022 – Semi-Annual

May 18, 2022

June 15, 2022

July 20, 2022

Aug. 17, 2022

Sept. 21, 2022

**Oct. 19th or 22nd, 2022 = Wed. or Sat. –
Venetian Gardens Homes Association**

Annual Membership Meeting-

(7pm if on Wednesday or 1pm if on Saturday)

Nov. 16, 2022

Dec. 21, 2022 – No Meeting

If you have any questions email

HOA, Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges at

hodges.susan@outlook.com, Thank you



Important Notice

Trash Pick-up Day



Blue Lid Trash Cart

Trash pickup is every Wednesday & Your recycling day will also be on a Wednesday once a month.

Trash carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up Wednesday. 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, Tuesday, or Wednesday your trash pickup will be on Thursday of that week.

<u>2022 Holiday Schedule</u>	<u>Pick-up Day</u>
New Years (Saturday 1-1-22)	Wednesday 1-5-22
Memorial Day (Monday 5-30-22)	Thursday 6-2-22
Independence Day (Monday 7-4-22)	Thursday 7-7-22
Labor Day (Monday 9-5-22)	Thursday 9-8-22
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-24-22)	Wednesday 11-23-22
Christmas (Sunday 12-25-22)	Wednesday 12-28-22
New Years (Sunday 1-1-23)	Wednesday 1-4-23

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!

2022 Recycle Schedule



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, 2023



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, Wednesday. 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.

CITY NEWS

Google Maps

On December 8th, President Biden's motorcade blocked the on-ramp to I-29. That resulted in a steady stream of traffic impulsively choosing a nice-looking road that appears to parallel the freeway. That road is Houston Drive. It leads to the spillway dam, which is gated closed.

Sometimes large semi-trucks see the line of traffic flow and follow it to the gates of the bridge. This results in a debacle because they cannot turn their truck around without going off-road. Other times large box trucks realize the error of their ways before getting to the gate. Unfortunately, they choose to turn around in the driveway of our residents.

Some of the contributors to the problem were MODOT's decision to remove a "road closed" sign along Houston Drive and Google Maps showing that the road over the dam is open. Residents at the December 13th city council meeting discussed this ongoing problem.

The mayor said he would contact MODOT about the sign and suggested that those attending the meeting report that the spillway

bridge is closed to automobile traffic.

The sign isn't up yet, but the crowd-sourcing plan worked. Google now shows the spillway portion of the Houston Drive as appearing too narrow for a car to drive through. Trial query route from the north side of the dam to the south resulted in a reroute via 56th street for automobiles but not bicycles.

Wicked Wednesday Winds

On December 15th, severe weather caused a large, dead tree to fall onto Edgewater Trail. The results were a blown transformer. As it pulled the power lines down, a telephone pole snapped like a toothpick into three pieces.

Various parts of Houston Lake experienced a three-hour power outage. About four houses in the immediate area were without power until late Thursday.

Riverside Fire Department was on a modified response routing because the trunk of the downed tree was still blocking enough of the road that a large fire truck could not get through.

Luckily there were no injuries or personal

property damage. School buses had to be rerouted. Edgewater Trail was closed for about 24 hours, and internet service was spotty for a couple of days afterward.

Mayor Stone would like to thank Dylan, Brendan, and Jake for volunteering to clear the road. Riverside Fire Department was back onto their regular routing on the following Monday.

At this printing, wires are still lying across Edgewater Trail. Those wires pose no danger other than a hazard for a bicyclist. They are not electrified. After several residents reported that the wires were not taken when the power was restored, Mayor Stone contacted AT&T. They say that they should have them cleared before New Year's Day.

Alderman Farsace warned about the dangers of all the dead trees in the area during the December City Council Meeting. The council at the time considered the problem of identifying a dead tree in the wintertime. Property owners are responsible for removing dead trees.

City of Houston Lake City Council Meeting Minutes November 08, 2021 at 7:30pm

Held at City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO with Residents also attended via Zoom

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:31pm - Roll Call - Present: Mayor Stone, Alderman Evonne Briones, Alderman Annemarie Murphy, Alderman Tina Walker-Robin; Absent: Alderman Sarah Farsace

Mayor Stone asked to amend the 11/08/2021 agenda to include a 1st reading of the Grinder Pump Ordinance with no vote

Motion to approve the Amended Agenda for 11/08/2021 - Alderman Briones, 2nd Alderman Murphy, Vote Aye - Alderman Waker-Robin, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Briones Ney - None, Abstain - None, Motion passes **Motion to approve the Minutes from 10/11/2021** - Alderman Murphy, 2nd Alderman Walker-Robin, Aye - Alderman Walker-Robin, Alderman Murphy, Ney - Alderman Briones, Abstain - None, Motion passes

Emergency Management - Fire Department Report provided by Riverside Fire Rescue Jeff Taylor reporting via Zoom - Audio Issues verbal statement that there were no incidents to report. Sheriff Report provided by Captain Woodrow Painter- Sheriff's department responded to 8 calls in October. 2 welfare checks, 1 disturbance, 1 fraud, 1 parking complaint, 1 shots fired, 1 suspicious person-vehicle. The shots fired call did not result in any evidence to proceed with an investigation.

Codes Report - October 2021 Report by Code Enforcement Officer Cathy Grove - Staff wrote 7 violations for the month of October. 3 for untagged vehicles, 2 for junk, trash and debris, 1 for fence and 1 for grass and weeds. The September violations were abated.

Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report - Mary Head reported that the meeting will be held November 17, 2021 at 7pm in City Hall

Public Discussion

Joe Briones - Audio issues - Introduced himself as the newly elected HOA President. Stated that he looks forward to working with the city and residents on future projects. Nothing else to report at this time.

Permits

Burn Permit - None

Building Permit -5343 NW Edgewood Circle (pending from August, a survey completion) Motion Alderman Briones, 2nd Alderman Murphy, Aye - Alderman Briones, Alderman Walker-Robin, Alderman Murphy, Ney - None, Abstain - None. Permit Approved

Treasurer's Report Motion Alderman Walker-Robin, 2nd Alderman Murphy, Aye - Alderman Briones, Alderman Walker-Robin, Alderman Murphy, Ney -None, Abstain - None. Report Accepted

Resolution No 11.08.2021 Motion Alderman Murphy, 2nd Alderman Walker-Robin, Aye - Alderman Walker-Robin, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Briones, Ney -None, Abstain - None. Resolution Passed

Old Business

Grinder pump ordinance amendment title only first reading, read aloud by Sarah Schofield, City Clerk.
City of Houston Lake State of Missouri Bill #090816-1 Ordinance #357 AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE GRINDER MAINTENANCE FEE ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ITS COLLECTION FOR THE CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE, MISSOURI

New Business

Vote on Mayor Pro Tempore (corrective action. April meeting the Mayor Pro Tempore was not voted by the council) Tabled until the December meeting - Motion Alderman Briones, 2nd Alderman Walker-Robin, Aye - Alderman Walker-Robin, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Briones, Ney - None, Abstain - None. Motion to table the vote for Mayor Pro Tempore until the December 2021 meeting Passes.

Resolution to approve \$15,000 spending from the road fund for Engineering on spillway bridge, and/or stormwater improvements - Motion Alderman Walker-Robin, 2nd Alderman Murphy, Aye - Alderman Murphy, Alderman Walker-Robin, Ney - None, Abstain - Alderman Briones. Resolution Passes

Alderman Briones - Submitted a written report requesting that the Art Circle be given back the space where the City Information bulletin board has been placed to display artwork there again. The report also included information regarding the Fire Suppression Levy. Alderman Briones resigned her position as South Ward 2 Alderman

Adjournment Motion Alderman Briones, 2nd Alderman Murphy, Aye - Alderman Murphy, Alderman Walker-Robin, Alderman Briones Ney -None, Abstain - None.

Meeting adjourned 9:11pm



Listening Sessions @ City Hall;

In our ongoing quest to promote open and transparent government, Alderman Walker-Robin is sponsoring *Listening Session @ City Hall*. Alderman Walker-Robin states, "I've been an outspoken proponent of the necessity to work

outside the public meeting and also of increasing direct communication with our constituents, from day one. When we listen to each other, we come to understand each other and to appreciate our unique situations. This prevents the sort of otherizing that divides communities. It's not us and them, it's we.

Listening Sessions combines both of these ideas. I am at City Hall weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm, working on city projects and available to residents. It's one on one if an individual shows up, or town hall style discussions if there's a group. There are no Robert's rules, no agenda, and no recording of notes. It is a time for listening."

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, Sarah Schofield at 816.394.8828 or email her at cityclerk@houstonlake.net

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