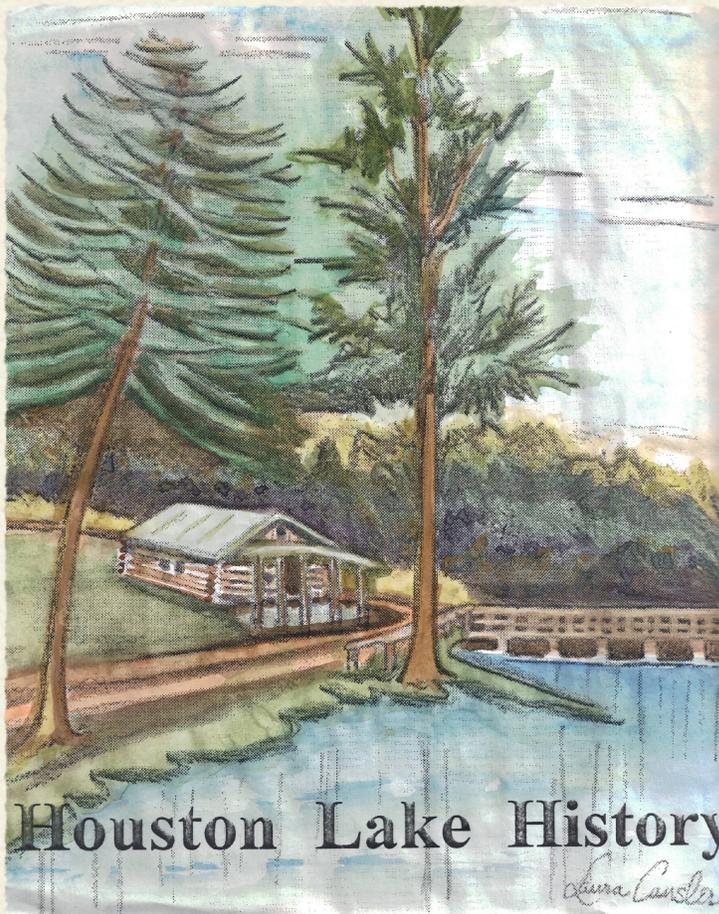

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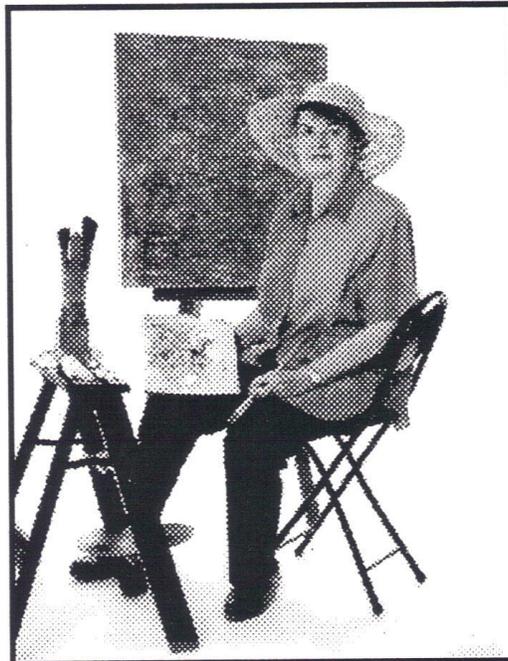
Grace & Carl Evans rented this cabin from Mr. Houston in 1948 while they were building their house on Venetian Drive. Grace lived in Houston Lake for 67 years. She and her family donated the bench by the dam in 2001 in memory of her husband Carl.

Thank You

Laura

We would like to give a special thanks to Laura Cansler,
who took her time and talent to design and draw
the cover for the History of Houston Lake.

Laura is a graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute
and was a resident, and home owner at Houston Lake.



Laura Cansler
Photograph taken in March 2002

February 2022 Community Calendar Events

Feb. 2nd - Recycling and Trash Day Pick Up

Feb. 2nd - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

Feb. 9th - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

Feb. 14th - ♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

Feb. 14th - City of Houston Lake Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Virtually. To obtain the zoom link please email: cityclerk@houstonlake.net . Public comments will be received via email, please email all public comments to: cityclerk@houstonlake.net by Friday February 11th, at 5:00pm.

Feb. 16th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association Meeting, 7:00pm, Virtually. Members wanting to attend should email Secretary Susan Hodges at hodges.susan@outlook.com during the week prior to the meeting date for a meeting update and an invitation to the virtual meeting.

Feb. 16th - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

Feb. 22nd - Absentee voting begins for the April 5th, 2022 General Municipal Election

Feb. 23rd - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

March 2nd - Recycling and Trash Day Pick Up

March 9th - Last Day to register to vote for the April 5th, 2022 General Municipal Election

Homes Association Annual Assessment: The Homes Association dues statements were 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. If you have any questions

call	Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges 816.786.2377 or email her at hodges.susan@outlook.com , Thank you
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**“Houston Lake Ice”, is not
thick enough to skate on.**



Please do not get out on the ice

Dear Members,

Venetian Gardens Home Owners Association Board will be putting in an application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. We will be requesting monies for replacement of both HOA docks. We would like to have a dock with benches located at Mayor's Park. The Board will ask the City to Sponsor the project. The HOA will not be asking the City for money just contract sponsorship. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at joe.briones@hotmail.com.

Save the Date:

In the month of June Venetian Gardens will be hosting the 2nd Annual Houston Lake Fishing Tournament and member picnic.

In the month of May and September we will have a lake cleanup.

More details to be provided for each of these events in the next Laker.

Volunteers Needed:

- Grant writers – all of the time.
- Lake tester – spring and summer time.

CITY NEWS

Bakertilly Municipal Advisor Hired by Mayor



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Mayor Stone hired Bakertilly to advise our city using the American Rescue Plan Funds. The American Rescue Plan Act is a federal grant to municipalities to assist economic development amid the pandemic. Keeping the water supply clean is essential during a pandemic. The water from Houston Lake may eventually be someone's drinking water. Houston Lake hopes to Qualify for stormwater control grants.

The first step is to provide a description of the stormwater project to see if it meets the eligibility requirements of the "Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund." We're not getting a loan, but we must qualify for it to get the federal recovery funds.

[Last Year's Stormwater Work](#)

The Adrian Avenue Road improvements from last year have solved the standing water problem on the north side of the road. Still, they have introduced new challenges with water pooling in a resident's driveway on the south side.

Roads



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Expect more roadwork this summer. The work will be mainly on the south side of the lake, stretching from Mayor's Park to beyond the S-curve on Adrian Avenue. The areas needing improvement are NW Edgewater Trail, N. Edgewood Trail, NW Edgewood Trail, NW Edgewood Circle, and NW Adrian Avenue.

At the same time, Missouri American Water will upgrade its water pipes. Mayor Stone coordinates the phases of construction with representatives from Missouri American.

[Five Year Plan](#)

At the January City Council Meeting, Mayor Stone introduced the city's five-year plan framework. The plan will emphasize four major projects:

- Stormwater control
- Spillway bridge
- dead tree control
- city website

**Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
As of December 31, 2021**

Income - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2021

General Fund	31,677.12	
American Rescue Plan Act	24,920.52	
Road Fund	33,937.09	
Grinder Pump Fund	12.47	
Fire Protection Fund	9.68	
Total		\$ 90,556.88

Expenses - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2021

General Fund	49,854.23	
Road Fund	35,835.08	
Grinder Pump Fund	2,401.10	
Fire Protection Fund	9,499.98	
Total		\$ 97,590.39

Total Funds as of December 31, 2021

General Fund	94,150.70	
Road Fund	59,146.95	
Grinder Pump Fund	22,767.08	
Fire Protection Fund	15,389.72	
Municipal Court Account	1,468.01	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
Transportation Sales Tax Receipts	-	
General Fund CD	24,128.28	
General Fund CD	26,784.01	
Sewer Fund CD	5,116.32	
Sewer Fund CD	10,532.51	
Mill and Overlay CD	16,341.74	
Total		\$ 276,345.07

City of Houston Lake City Council Meeting Minutes December 13, 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 7:30pm - Roll Call - Present: Mayor Stone, Alderman Teena Walker-Robin, Alderman Ann Marie Murphy, Alderman Sarah Farsace; Absent: None; Vacant Seat: South Ward Alderman 2

Motion to approve the Agenda 12/13/2021 - Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Motion to approve the Minutes from 11/08/2021 - Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain Alderwoman Farsace **Motion Passes**

Emergency Management - Fire Department Report provided by Riverside Fire Rescue Jeff Taylor - 3 calls in Houston Lake all being medical calls. The City of Riverside has no sway in the plan from the HOA for the burn pile on the peninsula. Santa Claus will be coming through on Wednesday, December 15th.

Sheriff Report provided by Captain Woodrow Painter - 23.22 hours, HOA property came up missing after the property was cleaned up. The Sheriff's department is contacting the business hired to clean up the property to see if it was taken during the clean up. 3 traffic stops in November within city limits.

Codes Report - November 2021 Report provided by Cathy Groves - No violations written in November. There were 6 violations in October and all but 1 was abated and that 1 was given an extension.

Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report - Provided by Brendan Brousseau - HOA went down and cleaned the debris out of the spillway. The residents are aware that the tree that fell across to the lake is their responsibility. Donation of 2 dog waste stations by Brendan Brousseau to be installed.

Planning and Zoning - Brendan Brousseau addressed that there has not been any new planning and zoning commission meetings planned.

Public Discussion - Sharon Delafuente 3440 NW Edgewater Trail - wanted to thank Mary Head for her dedication to the Houston Laker. Requests the city continue to support the Houston Laker. Sarah Farsace 5268 NW Wagon Trail - a home on Brenner's Ridge has done backyard work and the amount of run off and silt that came down to my property and across the road and into the lake was phenomenal. The homeowner put in silt fencing and there is still a concern for the spring and what this work can do to my property and the lake. In March the Platte County grants for stormwater will open and the city needs to sign off on the grant. Teena Walker-Robin 5336 NW Houston Lake Drive thanks Mary for her work on the Houston Laker. The history that is in the paper is amazing. The electronic version works great and the colors are great.

Permits - Burn Permit - None, Building Permit -None

Treasurer's Report - Motion Alderwoman Farsace, 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye -

Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None
Treasurer's Report Accepted

Resolution No 12.13.2021 - Motion Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None
Resolution Passed

Old Business

Grinder Pump Ordinance - AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE GRINDER MAINTENANCE FEE ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF ITS COLLECTION FOR THE CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE, MISSOURI. Motion Alderwoman Walker-Robin, 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None
Ordinance Passed

Homes Association brush burning plan - Tabled until further notice

New Business

Confirm Ashley (Branham) Fugelstad as new South Ward 2 Alderman - Motion Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Farsace; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None
Ashley (Branham) Fugelstad Confirmed to be sworn in at January city council meeting

Budget Adjustments - Motion Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None
Adjustments Approved

Mayor Chuck Stone announced that Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin will be added as a signatory to the bank accounts to replace now resigned Alderwoman Evonne Brionnes.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn Alderwoman Farsace, 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None
Meeting Adjourned 9:31pm

MISSOURI VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Use this application to:

1. Register to vote in any election in Missouri.
2. Register to vote when you move from one jurisdiction (St. Louis City, Kansas City, or any county) to another jurisdiction (St. Louis City, Kansas City, or any county) within Missouri.
3. Change the address on a current voter registration when you move within a jurisdiction.
4. Change the name on a current voter registration.

Other information:

1. You must be 18 years of age by the day of a particular election to be eligible to vote in that election.
2. If mailed, this form must be postmarked by the 4th Wednesday preceding an election to be eligible to vote in that election. If delivered in person, it must be received in the office of the election authority by the 4th Wednesday preceding an election. (See reverse for election calendar.)
3. Submitting this application to an individual other than the election authority does not insure timely voter registration.
4. After the election authority receives your voter registration application, you will be sent confirmation within 7 business days. If you do not receive confirmation, contact the election authority.
5. If you wish to serve as an election judge on election day please contact your local election authority and mark the box at the bottom of this form.
6. Optional—If registering by mail for the first time, please submit a copy of one of the following forms of identification: current or valid photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address, birth certificate, Native American tribal document or other proof of United States citizenship. (You will be required to present identification when you vote.)

Completing this form (All information is required unless indicated as optional):

Boxes 1 and 2 -- Citizen and Age Requirements

Federal Law requires voter registration applicants to answer these two questions.

Box 3 -- Type of Application

Check appropriate box if this is a new registration or if you are changing a name or address on your current voter registration.

Box 4 -- Name

Put in this box your full name (Last, First, Middle). DO NOT use nicknames or initials. For name changes, Box 12 should contain your old name.

Box 5 -- Home Address

List your home address. DO NOT put your mailing address if it differs from your home address.

Box 6 -- Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address other than your home address in Box 5, put that address here in this box.

Box 7 -- Driver's License Number

Required for registration unless you do not have a Driver's License. (§115.158, RSMo.) If you do not have a Driver's License, leave blank.

Box 8 -- Last Four Digits of Social Security Number

Required for registration unless you do not have a Social Security Number. (§115.155, RSMo, §115.158, RSMo.) If you do not have a Social Security Number, leave blank.

Box 9 -- Date of Birth

Place your date of birth in this box (Month, Day, Year). DO NOT USE TODAY'S DATE!

Box 10 -- Place of Birth (Optional)

List your place of birth (city/county/state).

Box 11 -- Daytime Phone Number (Optional)

Please list a number at which the election authority may contact you for clarification of information.

Box 12 -- Last Voter Registration Information

If you are currently registered, please list the name and address of your last registration including county and state.

Box 13 -- Signature

Review the information. If you meet the requirements and all is correct, sign your full name or make your mark and print today's date.

Box 14 -- Rural Voters

If you live in a rural area without a street address, please supply information which may help in placing you in the proper voting district.

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONFIRMED BY MAIL WITHIN SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS OF ITS RECEIPT BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY. PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTION AUTHORITY IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE NOTIFICATION.

(DETACH HERE - KEEP TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS) This card is not proof of registration.



MISSOURI VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

USE PEN - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1 ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		2 WILL YOU BE 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If you checked no in response to either of the above questions, do not complete this form.			
3 <input type="checkbox"/> NEW REGISTRATION <input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> NAME CHANGE		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY REGISTRATION NO.	
4 LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX (JR, II, ETC.) <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5 ADDRESS WHERE YOU LIVE (HOUSE NO., STREET, APT. NO. OR RURAL ROUTE AND BOX - NO PO BOXES)		CITY	COUNTY
6 ADDRESS WHERE YOU GET YOUR MAIL (REQUIRED IF DIFFERENT FROM #5 ABOVE)		CITY	STATE
7 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE, PLEASE LEAVE BLANK.		8 LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER* IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PLEASE LEAVE BLANK.	
9 DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	10 PLACE OF BIRTH (OPTIONAL)	11 DAYTIME PHONE NO. (OPTIONAL)	
12 NAME AND ADDRESS ON LAST VOTER REGISTRATION NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ If currently registered in another state or county please complete this box.		13 I hereby certify that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Missouri. I am at least seventeen and one half years of age. I have not been adjudged incapacitated by any court of law. If I have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I swear under penalty of perjury that all statements made on this card are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I register to vote knowing that I am not legally entitled to register, I am committing a class one election offense and may be punished by imprisonment of not more than five years or by a fine of between two thousand five hundred dollars and ten thousand dollars or by both such imprisonment and fine. Date _____ Signature _____	
14 RURAL VOTERS: COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF ANY CITY. I live _____ miles _____ (N S E or W) of _____ (landmark or junction). Section, Township and range _____. My neighbors are _____.			

Check here if you are interested in working as an Election Judge

Warning: Conviction for making a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine up to \$10,000.

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Mailing Instructions

1. Sign the form.
2. Fold this sheet with address showing.
3. Fold and insert completed voter application.
4. Tape edges.
5. Apply postage.
6. Mail.

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Have you signed the form?

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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.

Cover Art Needed

We'd like you to contribute photos of our neighborhood or of your art for 2022 front cover of the Houston Laker newspaper 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!

April 5th, 2022 - General Municipal Election at Heartland Christian Church.

Mail your registration postcard or request for the absentee ballot to:
Platte County Board of Election, 2600 NW Prairie View Road,
PO Box 560, Platte City, Missouri 64079.

Office Hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Phone (816) 858-4400,
Fax (816) 858-3387, platte@sos.mo.gov

You can register to vote at most Public offices. These include libraries, County offices and the DMV. You can also use this postcard (that is attached to this paper) registration to mail in, or fill out online application.

Absentee Voting begins Feb. 22, 2022 for the April 5, 2022
General Municipal Election.

LAST DAY to Register to Vote for the April 5th, 2022 General Municipal Election is March 9th, 2022. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter is March 29, 2022.

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