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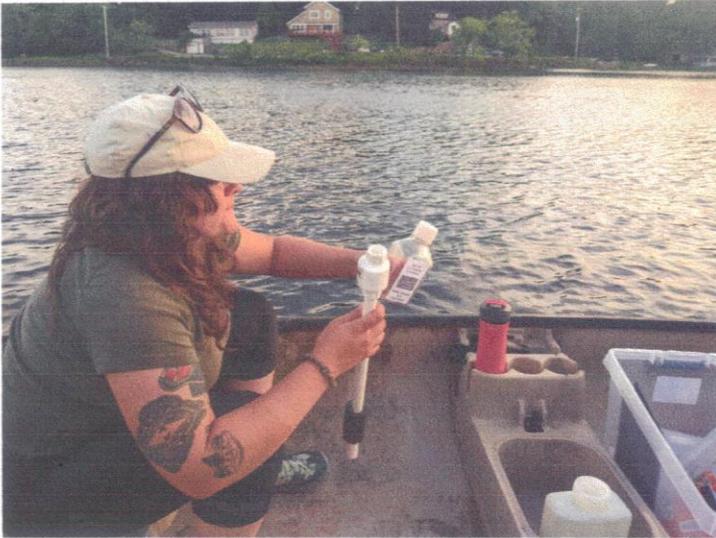
Visiting Swan

 Dennis Hodges

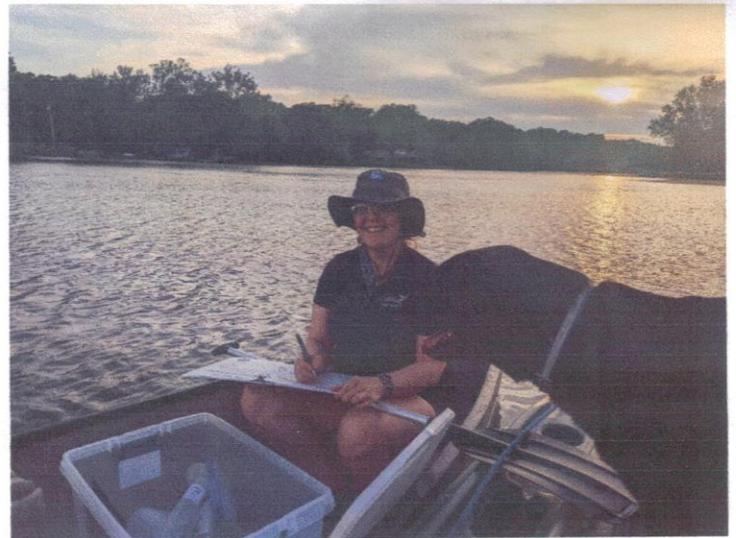
One White Swan on Houston Lake March 16th, 2022 - Photos taken by Dennis Hodges



Water Quality Monitoring with Missouri Master Naturalists



On May 19th Missouri Naturalists came to Houston Lake to conduct water quality monitoring of the lake itself. Similar to the monitoring that was performed along Jumping Branch Creek in April, this monitoring included temperature readings, examining the biological make-up of the lake, and a few chemistry experiments with the various water samples taken.



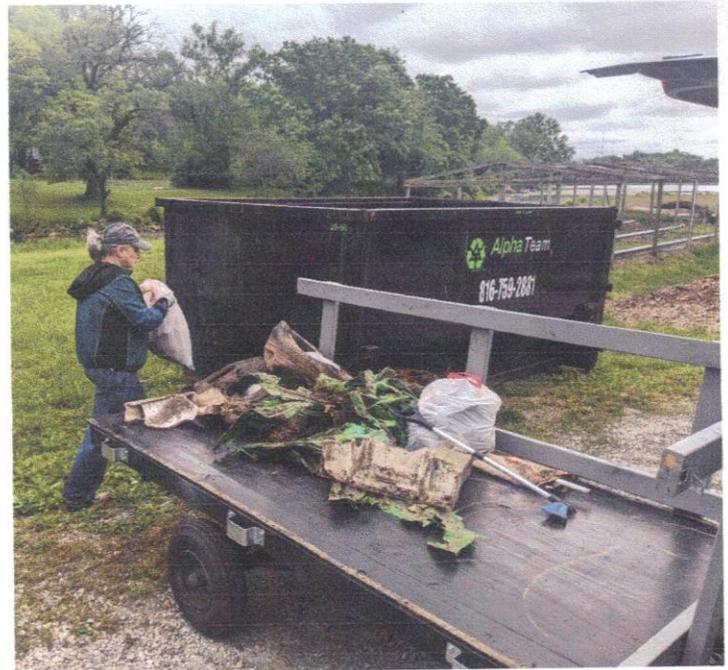
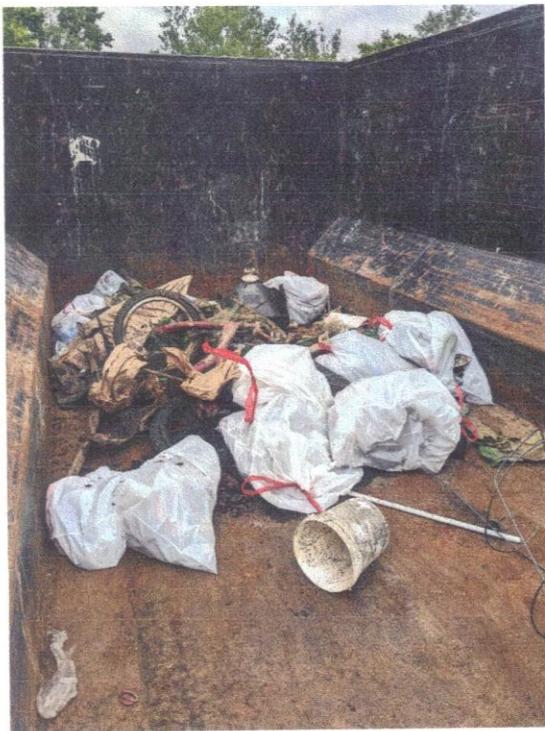
Testing for levels of cyanotoxins, chlorophyll, nitrates, phosphorus and ammonium is vital to understanding the health and welfare of our lake. This information will help us learn ways to combat invasive vegetation, monitor fish and wildlife habitats, and provide a starting 'spot' for us to build an informational database of our lake's ecosystem.

Not only is Houston Lake important to our immediate community, it is also an important contributing waterway for the Missouri River!



Houston Lake Community Clean-Up

Houston Lakers came out Saturday 5/21 to pick up trash and debris around our community. Overall 10 trash bags, 1 bicycle, 1 television, 3 tires/wheels, 1 tent, 1 porcelain sink, and numerous balls, buckets and large plastic pieces were removed and thrown away, hooray! **A BIG THANK YOU** to **Teresa Olson** and **Lisa Shepard** for helping keep our community clean!



After the community clean up was completed residents around the lake were able to drop off their large trash objects for disposal. Some of this debris included lawnmowers, grills and various building materials that filled the 20 cubic yard dumpster by Monday evening!

June Community Calendar Events

May 30th -



June 1st - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

June 2nd - Trash Pickup

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

June 11th - Fishing Tournament; registration from 7:00am – 9:00am at the Mayors Park . No Fee
Tournament starts at 7:00am and ends at 3:00pm. Picnic starts at 3:00pm at the swim beach, sponsored by HOA

June 13th - City's Annual Budget meeting 7:00pm at City Hall: Everyone is encouraged to attend the annual budget meeting . Based on public input; the council will vote to approve the budget at the meeting. This budget meeting is just before the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM.

June 13th - City of Houston Lake Meeting, 7:30pm - 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.

June 15th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association Meeting, 7:00pm - City Hall

Paid Members can pick up 2022 wristbands just before the meeting. The Board of Directors Welcome and encourage Members to attend. You can call HOA Treasurer, Susan Hodges @ 816.786.2377 or email (hodges.susan@outlook.com) to get your wristbands. The wristbands are FREE if your Homes Association dues are paid.

June 19th -



June 22nd - Recycling and Trash pickup day

June 22nd - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

June 29th - Open Access Listening Session @ City Hall, all are welcome 7pm-8pm.

July 4th -



July 6th - Trash Pickup Wednesday

Shout out to all Houston Lake Artists, Makers and Designers!

Time to refresh the art in City Hall. No theme, just whatever your heart moves you to create and share. Deadline for delivery is Sunday, August 7, 2-4 p.m. at City Hall. Works will remain at City Hall until February 5, the next refresh. All Art Welcome! Sponsored by Houston Lake Art Circle

Jumping Branch Creek Water Quality Monitoring

The next water quality monitoring and stream cleanup will be on Sunday, July 17 from 9 am - 12 pm. We will meet in the City Hall parking lot at Houston Lake 9:00 and depart shortly after into the woods.

Water test taken around the Beach Area

Great Plains Analytical Laboratory tested a water sample extracted around the Beach area of Houston Lake on Tuesday May 17th, 2022. The water sample was analyzed for E. coli. Results conclude that Houston Lake is safe for swimming. **E. Coli (water) = 26****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

Boaters: All watercraft must be registered with the Venetian Gardens Homes Association even if they have been in or are currently in the water. Once registered, you will be assigned a number which is to be permanently affixed to the stern of the boat. Please wear your wristband while enjoying the lake.

Maximum Horsepower permissible on the lake will be 7 ½ HP. It is recommended that 3 ½ or 5 HP be used. The maximum speed permissible on the lake by outboards will be FIVE (5) miles per HOUR. NO WAKE.

This applies to NEW boaters. However, safety equipment applies to ALL boaters.

Today, scientists know that zebra mussels can cause increases in toxic blue-green algae, including Microcystis, which produces a poison that causes liver damage when ingested by humans and wildlife. Decaying algae can make waters uninhabitable by causing low levels of dissolved oxygen that result in fish kills.

Zebra mussels have been found in Missouri in Smithville Lake, Lake Taneycomo, Bull Shoals Lake, Lake of the Ozarks, the Missouri River and the Mississippi River. They also occur in Lake Lotawana in the Kansas City area, the lower Meramec River. Invasive zebra mussels now widespread at Truman Lake.



PLEASE NOTE: Houston Lake is dedicated to preventing the spread of Zebra Mussels. The Boat ramp is **closed**.

No watercraft will be allowed in the lake without being inspected. This process will take 10 days so please plan accordingly.

If you want to launch your watercraft (boats, Kayaks, canoes, pontoons, etc.) into our lake you must contact Brendan

Brousseau at

hoacommunications@houstonlake.net

Even if you have lake front property to put your watercraft in, you must have it inspected and registered. Now if the watercraft has not left Houston Lake, it does not need to be inspected but it does have to be registered.

Also you must have your 2022 lake wristband on you. Watercraft safety equipment (life vests) and adhere to lake rules. This applies to NEW boaters. However, safety equipment applies to ALL boaters.

Houston Lake Fishing Tournament and Cookout Hosted by Venetian Gardens Homes Association June 11th, 2022

Registration time: 7AM-9AM Mayor's park

or contact Brendan Brousseau to get registered anytime at hoacommunications@houstonlake.net

Start time: 7:00AM End 3:00PM

All Venetian Gardens members in good standing and one guest can participate in tournament.

NO FEE

Rules:

- Missouri State rules will apply (for both boating and legal fishing).
 - Bass 8-12" may be kept. Bass 12-15" should be returned to the lake. Catfish under 12" should be returned.
 - Rough minnows, such as carp, shad or goldfish are not allowed as bait.
 - No trot lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines (for extended amount of time).
- Bank fishing is allowed (HOA property or personal property of contestant.)
- Must have Missouri Fishing license.
- Must have **2022** Venetian Gardens wristband. **(If you don't have your wristband contact HOA, via email).**
- Boat must be registered with HOA. (Registration form on HOA website.)
- No boats from outside of Houston Lake are allowed on the lake.
- Fish must be alive when brought to registration table.

Adult Categories:

- ❖ Largest Fish.

Children's Categories:

- ❖ Largest Fish.

Prizes:

- Adult Prize - \$50 gift card
- Children's Prize - \$20 Gift Card

Cookout to take place after the tournament at the Beach.

- Hamburgers and Hot Dogs to be provided.
- Sides are welcomed.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Meeting
Minutes April 20, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at City Hall

Roll Call: Mary Head

Present: Joe Briones, President, Brendan Brousseau, Vice President, Susan Hodges, Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Head, Board Member, Kerry Hallowell, Board Member

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Susan Hodges provided the March financial statements and presented the financial report.

Meeting: Old business.

The peninsula is in the process of being graded and seeded. The grading has been done. It needs to be back graded and then seeded. Kerry's brother is going to give information on seeding.

Board is working on bylaws and restriction agreements to provide to the members to review and vote. The special notification for voting will be mailed prior to the meeting.

HOA is working on a grant to help with aquatic life. Grant workshops are in process. This is a Bureau of Land Management grant and if the HOA does not get it this year, we will try again next year.

New Business: Lake cleanup day is May 21st at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers should meet at City Hall. Lunch will be provided by the HOA. A dumpster will be available. The dumpster is for trash on HOA property or the watershed. A permit is required.

The geese egg patrol report was provided. 16 nests have been found. 9 of those did not have eggs or whole eggs. 24 eggs have been dipped.

Brendan reported that he had purchased the wood to repair the HOA boat ramp. The work will be done when the weather clears up. The HOA has purchased a Garmin depth finder. The HOA will be able to print out maps. This will help in the future for monitoring as well as help with potential lawsuits should there be construction sites that dump silt into the lake. Joe acknowledged that Teena Walker-Robbin suggested this purchase which was a great idea.

Brendan reported that volunteers with the Missouri Master Naturalists came in to clean up Jumping Branch Creek and do water testing. On May 4th someone with the DNR will come in to train this same group on how to take water samples from the lake. The HOA will continue to do water testing for E.coli to make sure the water is safe for swimming.

A hose has been donated for use in cleaning at the beach. A box will be installed at the beach to hold the hose.

The meeting was then opened for member questions. One member commented that an area of her property had been seeded after the lake was dredged. The grass is not growing well, so it was asked if this area could be seeded too?

A member asked Joe to clarify his request that the HOA be involved in the city permits for home and dock building. Joe explained that the docks directly affect the lake and that buildings, if not properly managed for the build, can also affect the lake.

A member who walks on the lake asked what property the HOA owns because one section he thought was HOA property is marked private. Another member commented that they own so many feet from the road and the HOA owns the rest.

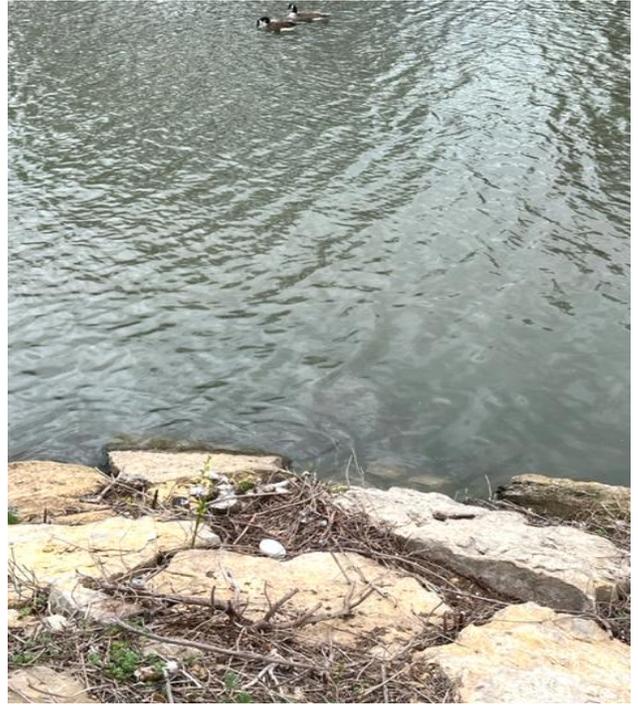
The meeting adjourned at 8:00. Minutes submitted by: Susan Hodges, Secretary

Peninsula Leveling and Seeding



Thank you to Al Horine, Dennis Hodges, Bill Winton, Joe Briones and Brendan Brousseau for doing a final levelling and seed sowing on the peninsula. Joe and Brendan spread seed while Al, Dennis and Bill used home-made contraptions to knock down remaining dirt and cover the grass seed. New grass has taken well and we are looking forward to having our beautiful peninsula back!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Teresa Olson. She found 14 nests here on the Lake and has dipped 62 eggs this year. She went around every weekend in the month of March, April and May 2022.



A **BIG THANK YOU** to Jake Strobbe for cutting down the weeds and brush along the edge of the lake on Edgewater Trail from his place down to the Boat ramp.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Brendan Broussen for fixing the ramp to the boat dock at the boat ramp.



American Water Line Replacement and Road Work

Rodriguez Mechanical Engineering has started cutting the road to prepare for work to begin on Tuesday, June 1, 2022. Work will primarily take place 7:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

This is Phase 1 of the American Water project. Phase 1 will include Edgewood Trail from the corner of Edgewater Trail, Wagon Trail & Edgewood Trail to the corner of Edgewood Trail and Wagon Trail near Adrian and include the Edgewood Circle cul-de-sac. Phase 1 also includes Wagon Trail from the corner of Edgewood Trail at Edgewater Trail through to Edgewood Trail near Adrian. It will not include the cul-de-sac at Wagon Trail Circle.

The work will take approximately 3 months with 50-59 working days (Monday-Friday, excluding holidays and weather conditions). The work will start at the corner of Edgewood, Edgewater and Wagon Trail and be done in sections for approximately the first 3-4 weeks. Then work will move to Wagon Trail following the same procedures and time frame.

There will be a flag crew to assist residence, USPS, delivery services and Republic trash services around the work as needed. Trash service will not need to be interrupted, but may be delayed. If this happens, Republic says that you are welcome to add additional bags of trash to the curb that will not fit in your trash can on the day of the next pick up. Mail services through USPS will not be interrupted. Delivery services such as FedEx, UPS and Amazon may experience delays and/or not be able to deliver the day of. IF you would like, it is recommended that you have your packages delivered to a holding station or office to be picked up at your convenience. YOU ARE WELCOME to use the City Hall address of 5417 N Adrian Avenue, Houston Lake, MO 64151. You are responsible for the packages as they are delivered to City Hall, the offices will not be open.

If you have questions or concerns that have not been addressed, you are welcome to email cityclerk@houstonlake.net , mayor@houstonlake.net your alderwoman or text the City Clerk at 816-394-8828. Rodriguez Mechanical Engineering has said that they are willing to work with residents and would be happy to answer your questions and concerns, just ask.

There will be spotty water interruption when the pipe transitions are made and unless there is a break in the older pipes the water should not be shut off for more than 15-30 minutes at a time. The water lines will be flushed from the outside faucets. If you experience water issues, open your faucets inside the house and let the water run until clear.

Sarah Schofield
City Clerk

Below is some information regarding the upcoming water line improvements in Houston Lake.

Rodriguez Mechanical is the contractor for this project and they plan on starting next week, weather permitting. Work will start on North West Edgewood Trail. Once that phase is complete, installation of new pipe will begin on North West Wagon Trail. Estimated completion date on construction is mid-August. Again, that is contingent on the weather.

We are replacing existing 2-inch and 4-inch water pipe with 8-inch pipe. Six new fire hydrants will also be installed. Larger water pipe provides improvements to fire protection and new pipe maintains/improves water service reliability.

There may be temporary service interruptions but we do try to keep them at a minimum. We have a notification system where customers can receive calls from us notifying them ahead of time when these may occur. I have included the link to how they can sign up to receive these alerts from us which is a useful communication tool.

<https://login.amwater.com/>

Christie L. Barnhart;

External Affairs/Large Accounts Manager



City Hall Informational Meeting Water/Road Repair

Rodriguez Mechanical Contractors delivered a letter to homes this past week. There will be road restrictions and closures throughout the process of replacing the American Water pipes. Some city services will be interrupted and/or rescheduled.

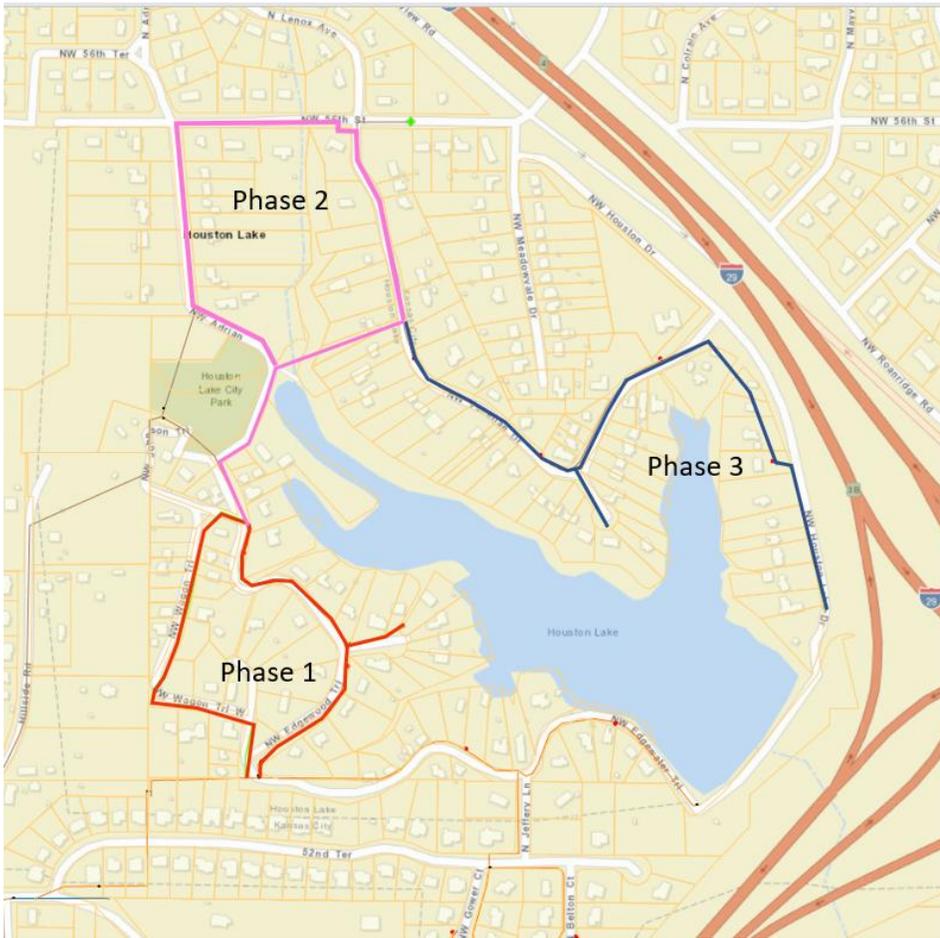
**You are encouraged to come to City Hall for an
informational meeting on
Wednesday, May 25th from 7-8pm**

A representative from Rodriguez is planning on being available to help answer questions.

Houston Lake City Clerk will be at the meeting and has been in touch with Republic trash service, City of Riverside Fire Department, US Postal Service, UPS/FedEx and Amazon.

Although you are HIGHLY encouraged to attend to ask your questions and get answers as quickly as possible, it is understandable that this might not work with your schedule. If you have questions or concerns, please email cityclerk@houstonlake.net. EMAIL is BETTER than PHONE calls. The phone is at City Hall and will go directly to voicemail.

Sincerely,
Houston Lake City Council



Missouri American Water line replacement phase one, at NW Edgewood Trail, NW Edgewood Circle and NW Wagon Trail starting around June 1st, 2022 on Houston Lake.

The City had Road work done by Barkley Asphalt Company on May 3rd and May 4th, 2022





RODRIGUEZ
MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS Inc.

May 10th , 2022

Dear Customer:

As you may know, American Water is repairing and replacing a significant portion of the water infrastructure throughout the area. This investment was made possible thanks to customers who pay to use the system.

Rodriguez Mechanical Contractors, Inc. has been retained by American Water to perform a water main replacement in your neighborhood.

In addition to water main replacement, we may replace curbs, driveways and portions of the streets that have been affected by construction activities. We will also restore affected lawns following construction, either by sodding or seeding at the appropriate time of year.

Our goal is to complete this project as quickly and conveniently as possible. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this important investment in your neighborhood's water infrastructure.

We anticipate situations that will disrupt your living conditions as construction progresses, and we will make every attempt to minimize them. To avoid disturbances and to minimize inconveniences, we will continue to communicate with you throughout the project about any potential disruptions, which may include:

- Ordinary travel routes may be periodically closed.
- Use of large equipment may be loud and create dusty conditions in the immediate construction area (sweeping and/or spraying of water will be used to control dust as much as possible).
- Your water service may be turned off, or you may experience lower water pressure for short periods of time; and
- Children should stay away from the construction site and equipment at all times for their safety.

Please help us resolve any issues that may occur by contacting us so we can address them as they arise.

Contractor's Project Manager: Jake Bustillo : (913) 927-5935

Superintendent: Casey Cummings: (816) 985-3776

Again, thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during this important infrastructure investment.

Casey Cummings
Superintendent



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Fireworks

Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any fireworks within the public right of way of any public street.

Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:

1. From 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26) until July second (2nd) and on July fifth (5th); and

2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th).

No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks.

Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.

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))

City of Houston Lake City Council Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2022 at 7:30pm
Held in Person at City Hall and Virtual via Zoom

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:31pm - Roll Call - Present: Mayor Stone, Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin , Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy, Alderwoman Sarah Farsace ; Absent: Alderwoman Fuglestad

Motion to approve the amended Agenda 02/14/2022 *addition of a vote to spend front the grinder pump fund for grinder pump inspections - Alderwoman Farsace, 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Motion to approve the Minutes from 1/10/2022 (rescheduled to 1/17/2022) - Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Emergency Management - Fire Department Report - not available and Director of Emergency Management Jeff Taylor was not present.
Sheriff Report- Captain Woodrow Painter presented a report - January was a slow month, had 2 animal calls, 7 car stops and fortunately nothing else to report.

Codes Report - January 2022 Report provided by Cathy Groves - Wrote 5 codes violations for the month of January and so far 2 of them have been abated, still working on the others the residence have until the 24th. There are no violations from December to abate. Year end report for 2021: 27 violations, 8 rubbish, trash and debris, 8 no tag vehicles and 7 grass and weeds, 2 property maintenance, 1 fence and 1 erosion control. Had 1 court case that was dismissed and the city had 2 properties mowed 4 different times. By comparison in 2017 over the 6 months Cathy was the codes enforcement officer there were 55 violations. We are making progress.

Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report - Meeting will be Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022 at 7:00pm

Public Discussion - No discussion from residents

Permits - Motion to approve burn permit: 5444 NW Venetian Dr (Renewal) Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Farsace; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None

Motion to approve burn permit: 5509, 5519 & 5523 N Adrian (Renewal) *Voted as a group for the same resident on all 3 properties Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report - Alderwoman Farsace, 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Motion to approve Resolution No 02.14.2022 to pay bills with the addition to approve payment to the city attorney held over from 01.01.2022- Alderwoman Walker-Robin, 2nd Alderwoman Farsace; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Old Business - 5 Year Plan and Spillway Bridge Improvements are part of the 5 year plan. Mayor Stone is still working on this plan. He has been speaking to Baker Philly, our consultant for the Federal Relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. As of the final rule all of the money is available for regular city services. After talking about using these funds for wastewater or the spillway bridge it seems like a slam dunk to use it for the spillway bridge. Leaning more towards the spillway bridge because to work on the waste water project we need the bridge open to divert traffic from the roads where the waste water work will be done. Alderwoman Farsace opened the board for conversation for deciding whether the funds would be spent on the bridge or the stormwater. Alderwoman Walker-Robin suggested a study for where the costs would be for either project. Alderwoman Murphy would like to open the discussion up to the community for their preference of which project is more important to them.

Budget adjustments/transfer of funds from General Fund to Fire Suppression - Tabled until a later date.

New Business

Edgewater/Edgewood Trail Road Improvements coordination with Missouri American Water Construction-Missouri American Water will possibly be helping with the repaving of the roads after the work is done in conjunction with the city continuing the repaving on to the roads on the Southside of the lake that are connected to the work area.

Motion to approve that the Grinder Pump Funds be used for inspection and potential repairs of grinder pumps (amendment to the agenda)- Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Farsace; Vote: Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Motion to Adjourn - Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Murphy Vote: Aye Alderwoman Farsace, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Ney-None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14pm

Next Council Meeting March 14, 2022 at 7:30pm

**City of Houston Lake City Council Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2022 at 7:30pm
Held in Person at City Hall and Virtual via Zoom**

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:33pm - Roll Call - Present: Mayor Stone, Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy, Alderwoman Ashley Fuglestad; Absent: Alderwoman Sarah Farsace

Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy took the Oath of Office for a two year term as the North Ward Alderwoman 2.

Motion to approve the agenda for 04/11/2022 - Alderwoman Murphy; 2nd by Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Fuglestad, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None. **Motion Passes**

Motion to approve the minutes from 02/14/2022 City Council Meeting could not be approved as we again did not have a quorum with the absence of Alderwoman Farsace. Tabled until the May City Council meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from 03/14/2022 City Council Meeting - Alderwoman Walker-Robin; 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Fuglestad, Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None. **Motion Passes**

Emergency Management - March 2022

Platte County Sheriff's Report - Captain Woodrow Painter, 5 calls for service and 7 traffic stops.

Riverside Fire Department Report - Keith Payne, Emergency Manager for the City of Riverside and the City of Houston Lake was not present and no report was given to council.

Codes Report - Cathy Grove Codes Enforcement Officer - No violations for the March and no violations to abate for February. Reminders, grass season is here, keep your grass below 18 inches. Vehicles need to be properly tagged. Dumpster permits and burn permits are now available at the houstonlake.gov website.

Venetian Gardens Home Owners Association Report - Joseph Briones HOA President would like the HOA to be involved in the building permit process as there is a signature requirement of the HOA to approve the permit. Mayor Stone sited that the code reads that if the dock is not a float dock that the HOA needs to approve. Joseph Briones states that the HOA has a signature line for approval on building permits and that the HOA should sign off on the permits as well as the city. Joseph Briones stated that erosion control affects the lake and the HOA should have a say in the permits. The City Clerk read the code from the Building Permit 500.120 that the HOA is only mentioned when the building permit is for a stationary dock or boat ramp. Joseph Briones suggested that the city seek council (legal) to interpret the code. April 20, 2022 7pm will be the next HOA meeting.

Public Discussion - Linda Kramer Edgewood Trail, presented photographs of water runoff on Edgewood Trail and Adrian. The pavement that was repaired on Adrian only added gravel in the ditch next to the repair. With the rain the gravel was washed into her driveway. She states that she was told that repairs to the road work would be done to not cause further damage to her property.

Sharon DelaFuente Edgewater Trail, asked about the page that was hung on the front of City Hall for council members to sign to pledge funds to the Brenner Ridge Project. Asked what the project was about. Informed the council about a time when the HOA sued Brenner Ridge.

Brendan Brouseau Edgewood Circle, asked for an update for the road repairs.

Joseph Briones Edgewood Circle, asked about the interim and the potholes that need to be repaired. Asked about the stormwater efforts and that the ditches that are full of debris need to be cleaned out. Asked what "Board" has the stormwater information on it. Asked how to get access to the Trello boards.

Permits

Motion to approve Burn Permit for 5372 NW Wagon Trail Circle - Alderwoman Fuglestad, 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Fuglestad; Ney - None; Abstain - None; **Permit Approved**

Motion to approve Burn Permit for 5400 NW Wagon Trail - Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Fuglestad; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Fuglestad; Ney - None; Abstain - None. **Permit Approved**

Motion to approve Burn Permit for 5404 NW Houston Lake Drive - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Fuglestad, Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None. **Permit Approved**

Burn Permit for 5336 NW Houston Drive could not be voted on as we did not have a quorum with Alderwoman Walker-Robin Abstaining for her own permit.

Burn Permit for 5331 Edgewood Circle could not be voted on as we did not have a quorum with Alderwoman Fuglestad Abstaining for her own permit.

Building Permit for 5331 Edgewood Circle could not be voted on as we did not have a quorum with Alderwoman Fuglestad Abstaining for her own permit.

Motion to approve Building Permit for 5459 NW Venetian Drive - Alderwoman Fuglestad, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Fuglestad; Ney - None; Abstain - None. **Permit Approved**

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report - Alderwoman Walker-Robin; 2nd Alderwoman Murphy; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Fuglestad, Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None. **Motion Passes**

Motion to approve Resolution Number 04.11.2022 - Alderwoman Murphy; Alderwoman Fuglestad; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Fuglestad, Alderwoman Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None.

Motion Passes

Motion to approve Budget Adjustments for the remainder of the budget year - Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderwoman Fuglestad; Ney - None; Abstain - None; **Motion Passes**

Motion to Adjourn - Alderwoman Murphy, 2nd Alderwoman Fuglestad; Vote: Aye - Alderwoman Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Fuglestad, Alderwoman Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None; **Motion Passes**
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

AMERICAN BEAUTYBERRY

Callicarpa americana



American beautyberry (*callicarpa americana*) is a native shrub of North America. It can be found growing naturally in Missouri woodlands and along the edges of forests, in low, rich bottomlands, at the edges of swamps, in piney woods, and in coastal woodlands. In Greek, the genus name *Callicarpa* means callos, "beauty," and *carpos*, "fruit."

CLASS: Shrub (4' - 8' tall, 4' - 6' wide)

COMPOSITION: Open and airy

LIGHT PREFERENCE: Full sun

BLOOM: June - August

FLOWER COLOR: Pink

FRUITS: Late summer - October (bright purple)

LEAVES: 3" - 6" elliptic with tooth margins

SOIL: Grows well in most soils, drought tolerant

This plant offers many ecosystem services. The seeds and berries are an important food source for many songbird species of America, including American robin, brown thrasher, northern bobwhite, purple finch and eastern towhee. It is also an important food source for armadillo, foxes, possums, raccoons, squirrels and white-tailed deer. Additionally, it is a nectar source for butterflies and has fragrant foliage. It is a wonderful choice for homeowners supporting native insects and wildlife.

According to the USDA, The Alabama, Choctaw, Creek, Koasati, Seminole and other Native American tribes relied on the American beautyberry for various

medicinal purposes. Many people today still use the leaves for a mosquito repellent. While they are edible, most people do not like to eat them raw. They taste medicinal and are not terribly sweet. People also rubbed crushed leaves on their skin as an insect repellent, as well. This folklore has continued to be passed down from generation to generation in some parts of the country. The National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi has put this folklore to the test and found in lab studies that there is some validity to its power to ward off ticks, ants and mosquitoes.

It can be a relatively short-lived shrub at about 10 to 15 years, but many volunteer plants can be found from seeds distributed by birds and squirrels — you will often find plants growing in colonies. Not much maintenance is required. Wait until spring before pruning any dead branches or cut the entire plant back to 6 - 10 inches in late winter. Or it can be left to grow in its most native, spreading loose form that makes it so graceful and unique.

PROPERTIES: antibacterial, anti-fungal, anti-insect growth, antiviral, astringent, anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, anti-algal, diuretic (root bark)

HISTORIC MEDICINAL USES: malaria, rheumatism, dysentery, hepatitis, fever, headache, indigestion, treatment of skin cancer, tumors of the large intestine, useful to help treat bleeding in the lungs and stomach

INSECT REPELLENT SPRAY

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups Beautyberry leaves, chopped
Boiling water
Witch Hazel
1 ounce Coconut Oil
1/2 teaspoon vegetable glycerin (optional)
20-40 drops of your favorite essential oil (optional)
Small spray bottle

DIRECTIONS:

Place chopped leaves in a jar and add enough boiling water to cover them. Cover the jar and let stand 4-6 hours. Strain out the leaves and add to the spray bottle until the spray bottle is half full. Add witch hazel until the spray bottle is about 3/4 full then add coconut oil. If using essential oils, add those now along with the vegetable glycerin. Let sit for a few hours before use to allow the Witch Hazel to infuse into the mixture. Shake well before use.

SKIN REPAIR HEALING SALVE

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups boiling water
1 cup Beautyberry leaves, chopped
2 tablespoons beeswax or emulsifying wax
1/3 cup Grapeseed Oil
1 teaspoon Vitamin E Oil
10 drops Lemongrass essential oil
10 drops Citronella essential oil

DIRECTIONS:

Gently simmer chopped leaves for 20 minutes, covered. Pour the water into a jar while straining out the leaves. Melt the bees wax and the grapeseed oil by putting them in a glass canning jar and place the jar in a pot of water on medium heat. As soon as the wax is melted, remove the jar and add Vitamin E oil. Add 1/2 cup strained water (make sure it is still warm) to the wax/oil and mix well until it becomes creamy. Add the citronella and lemongrass essential oils, cover and shake well. If you see any separation between the water and oil as it cools, shake more until it is well emulsified. Even the bark or wood of beautyberry may be used for a couple of topical purposes. The inner bark can be

soaked and applied directly to rashes or skin wounds, providing a soothing sensation while also promoting healing. The bark can also be pulverized and used in a poultice to help protect the open wound from becoming infected. There are also some claims that making an ointment using the crushed bark and the fruit from the flowers will aid in promoting rapid healing of bruises.

Boiling the root of the beautyberry shrub can also provide relief for a couple of health problems. Making a poultice that contains the root is said to bring down fever in a short period of time.

AMERICAN BEAUTYBERRY ROOT TEA

INGREDIENTS:

Bark from the roots
Leaves fresh or dried
Ripe berries
1 cup of boiling water

DIRECTIONS:

Bring 8 ounces of water to a boil. Mixed in the mixture of diced root bark, leaves and berries. Simmer mixture for 20 minutes. Strain the tea and serve hot. You can refrigerate for up to 1 week.

AMERICAN BEAUTYBERRY JAM

INGREDIENTS:

6 cups of berries, free of stems and leaves
8 cups of water
4 cups of raw honey
1 package of pectin

DIRECTIONS:

Bring the mixture of 8 cups of water and 6 cups of berries to a boil. Cook covered for 20 minutes. Uncover and smash the berries with a large wooden spoon. Cover and cook for 20 minutes more on low to medium heat. Strain mixture to remove seeds. Continue to boil until the mixture is reduced to only 4 cups. Add only one cup of sugar and entire package of pectin. Bring to boil. Add remaining sugar, bringing to a hard boil for 60 seconds. Remove from heat and pour into mason jars. Seal the mason jars and process in boiling water for 10 minutes. Allow to cool then refrigerate.

Sources: LSU Ag Center, Richard Bogren, Heather Kirk-Ballard, USDA Plants Database, National Center for Natural Products Research, University of Mississippi, NCBI, US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, Medicinal Herb Info, Futurity: Beautyberry Compound Aids Antibiotic Against MRSA, Meony University: Beautyberry leaf extract restores drub's power to fight superbug, Plants for a Future: Callicarpa americana, Beautyberries' powers go beyond good looks, Foraging: American Beautyberry, Weeds and Deeds: American Beautyberry, A Common Plant the helps fight MRSA and Repels Mosquitos and Ticks, Foraging: Mark Vorderbruggen, Emory University, Prepper Gardens

2022 Recycle Schedule

Your recycling day will also be on Wednesday once a month.

June 22, July 20, August 17, September 14, October 12, November 9 & December 7.



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.

2022 Trash Pick-up Holiday Schedule Day

Trash pickup is every Wednesday

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). Republic trash service has asked that residents not put anything on the curb that cannot fit into your blue trash containers. They are trying to keep their people safe while picking up your trash.

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.

2022 Holiday Schedule

Pick-up Day

NOTICE → Independence Day (Monday 7-4-22)
Labor Day (Monday 9-5-22)
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-24-22)
Christmas (Sunday 12-25-22)
New Years (Sunday 1-1-23)

← Wednesday 7-6-22
Thursday 9-8-22
Wednesday 11-23-22
Thursday 12-29-22
Thursday 1-5-23

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!

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