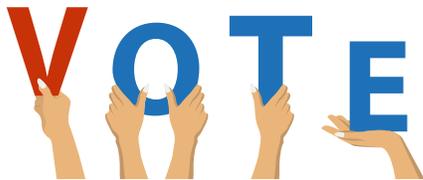




It's that time of year! City of Houston Lake and the Venetian Gardens Homes Association are ready to start projects around the community and looking for volunteers. There are so many parts to a city, lake and HOA that there is something for everyone to help with. Please contact the VGHA or your alderman for more information. If you are interested in a project that is not mentioned, let us know!



### 2023 General and Municipal Elections

The 2023 General and Municipal elections for the state of Missouri will be held on Tuesday, April 4th. Absentee Voting opened February 21st and the last day to register to vote is March 8th. A Sample Ballot is included with this months Houston Laker.

For more information and an answer to your questions, visit the Platte County Board of Elections at [plattemovotes.org](http://plattemovotes.org) , call 816-858-4400 or in person at 2600 NW Prairieview Road in Platte City.

Your polling location, to cast your vote, is at the Heartland Church of Christ 6120 NW Prairie View Rd, Kansas City, MO 64151

### Goose Population Control

Information from VGHA

Goose Egg Addling has begun. A volunteer team of 2 and a dog on the North and on the South side will be walking the lake. Please do not be alarmed when you see them. They will be looking for nests, near the shore, weekly for several weeks.

If you see any geese nesting, please call or email one of the HOA Board members. PLEASE do not feed the Geese.

### Homes Association Dues

 Information from VGHA

2023 Venetian Gardens Homes Association dues are now past due and a 10% penalty will be added to the annual amount.

Payments can be mailed to City Hall or delivered to City Hall.

If mailed please address as:

Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
5417 N 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 Treasurer Susan Hodges at 816.786.2377 or email [hodges.susan@outlook.com](mailto:hodges.susan@outlook.com)

### April Dates to Remember



Open Access Listening Sessions are held at City Hall on Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm and Saturdays from 10am to 11am. Visit with representatives from City Council and HOA.

April 9th - City Council Meeting at City Hall and Virtually, begins at 7:30pm. Contact [cityclerk@houstonlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.gov) for info.

April 19th - Venetian Gardens HOA Meeting at City Hall and virtual begins at 6:00pm. Contact Pam Freese for the virtual link

April 23rd - Ice Cream Social 2:30pm

April 27th - Planning & Zoning Meeting at City Hall, begins at 7pm contact Alderwoman Walker-Robin for information

April 29th - VGHA Lake Clean Up Day! 9:00am Join us when you can

## UN-CLASSIFIED ADS

Full Page	\$20.00
Half Page	\$10.00
Quarter Page	\$5.00
1/8 Page	\$2.50

Pricing is per month & includes a listing on the city website [houstonlake.gov](http://houstonlake.gov)

To place an ad email [houston.laker.newspaper@gmail.com](mailto:houston.laker.newspaper@gmail.com)

### Can You Do Odd Jobs Around the House for a Neighbor?

Contact [cityclerk@houstonlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.gov) and we will find a neighbor that could use some help.

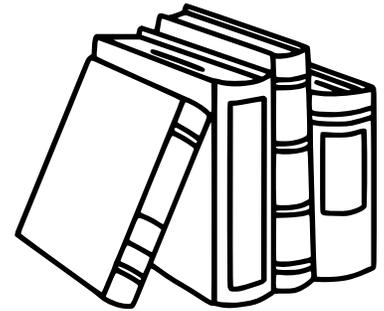
**Houston Lake Cookbook**  
2nd Edition of the City Cookbook is available for \$3. Limited number of copies, contact Mary Jewel at [maryjewel40@gmail.com](mailto:maryjewel40@gmail.com)

### Free Book Library

Do you have books you would like to donate to the Library at City Hall? The Library is in need of repair or replacement. If you're handy at fixing things and want to give it a go...contact [cityclerk@houstonlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.gov)

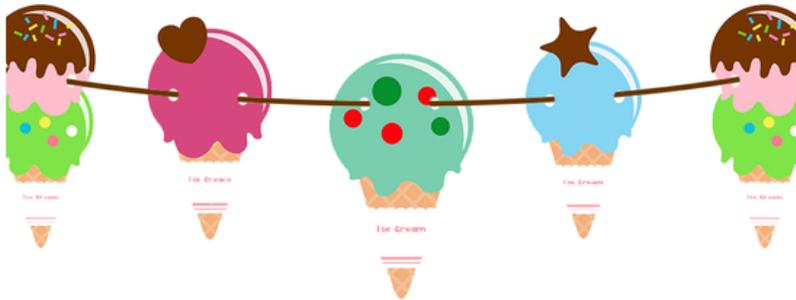
**Spring Cleaning?** List your items here \*includes listing on the Facebook page and HL website

Email your ad request and check out the Un-Classified Ad prices. Discount on annual ads paid upfront.



### Do You Have Odd Jobs Around the House?

Contact [cityclerk@houstonlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.gov) and we will find a neighbor that can help you out.



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

## Please join us

for ice cream sundaes, rootbeer floats & orange cream floats  
courtesy of your HOA

**Save the Date!**  
Sunday April 23 at 2:30pm

## DO YOU NEED A PROJECT?

**THE CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE AND THE VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION HAVE UPCOMING AND ONGOING PROJECTS THAT WILL NEED RESIDENTS TO HELP WITH.**

PROJECTS ARE ONE TIME, ONCE A MONTH, ONCE A YEAR AND AS INTERESTED.

### SOME OF THE UPCOMING PROJECTS INCLUDE:

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN  
CITY HALL FLOWER BEDS  
LAKE CLEAN UP  
PARK CLEAN UP & REPAIRS  
VIDEO HISTORY OF THE CITY  
AND

SCANNING DOCUMENTS FOR ARCHIVAL

CONTACT THE VGHA OR CITY FOR MORE INFORMATION - NAMES AND EMAILS ARE LISTED IN THE HOUSTON LAKER AND AT CITY HALL

# *Estilo Rancho*

*Taco Nights*



*Tuesday & Thursday*



*\$1.95 Crispy Tacos*

*Available  
Togo*

*&*

## *Margarita Deals*

*Cucumber Jalapeño*

*Margarita \$9.99*

*6427 N. Cosby Ave KCMO 64151*

*816-844-9373*



## 2023 Trash & Recycling Dates

City trash and recycling services are handled by Republic Services. For assistance with your receptacles, issues with pick-up or questions about large items contact customer service at 816-254-1470 or RepublicServices.com.

Trash is picked up every Wednesday. Receptacles need to be at the curb/edge of street by 6am. Leave room for the arm of the truck to pick up and return the receptacles without causing damage to vehicles, fences, etc.

### Remaining 2023 Holidays for Trash Pick-up:

May 29th Memorial Day - Pick up changed to Thursday June 1st

July 4th Independence Day - Pick up changed to Thursday July 6th

September 4th Labor Day - Pick up changed to Thursday September 7th

November 23rd Thanksgiving - No Change pick up will be on Wednesday November 22nd

December 25th Christmas - Pick up changed to Thursday December 28th

## Remaining 2023 Recycling Dates

(2nd Wednesday):

- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

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### EMERGENCY -

- IN CASE OF A POLICE, FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY - DIAL 911
- Platte County Sheriff Non-Emergency & Animal Control 816-858-3521
- Riverside Fire Department Non-Emergency 816-372-9024
- Grinder Pump Alarm or Backup  
Text 816-394-8828 with Name & Address

### HOA OFFICERS -

- President Pam Freese 816-726-4455  
venetian.gardens.homes.assoc@gmail.com
- Vice President Wendy Thompson 816-225-1018
- Secretary Katherine Stockbauer 816-520-3931  
kakstockbauer@yahoo.com
- Treasurer/Lake Tags Susan Hodges 816-786-2377  
hodges.susan@outlook.com
- Board Member at Large Mary Head 816-741-5639  
maryjewel40@gmail.com

### CITY OFFICIALS -

- Mayor Chuck Stone 816-305-3196  
Mayor@houstonlake.gov
- City Clerk Sarah Schofield 816-394-8828  
cityclerk@houstonake.gov

### South Ward Alderwomen

- Ashley Fuglestad  
sw1-alderman@houstonlake.gov
- Sarah Farsace 816-863-2412  
sw2-alderman@houstonlake.gov

### North Ward Alderwomen

- Teena Walker-Robin 816-769-6082  
nw1-alderman@houstonlake.gov
- Annemarie Murphy 913-222-4705  
nw2-alderman@houstonlake.gov
- Codes Enforcement Cathy Grove  
913-701-7142  
codesenforcement@houstonlake.gov

As most of the HOA Officers and City Officials have full-time jobs as well, phone calls may not be answered or returned as quickly as a text or email.

City Hall is open during meetings, Listening Sessions, events and by appointment.

Our next Homes Association meeting will be  
April 19th 2023 at 6:00pm at City Hall

Paid Members can pick up 2023 wristband at the meeting. The Board of Directors welcome and encourage Members to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may get your 2023 lake wristband by calling the homes association treasurer Susan Hodges, 816.786.2377

Wristbands are required to be worn on homes association property, such as the beach, use of shelters, boating and fishing. Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Venetian Gardens Homes Association 2023 wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2023 wristband.

**ABSOLUTELY NO FISHING IN THE BEACH AREA.**

### Community Garden

submitted by Marsha Duncan

Update on the Community Garden:

All 42 pepper plants and the 6 onion plants came up. In a week or so I will transplant into peat pots and let them grow. Hope to plant these in the garden around the end of May.

In the next couple of weeks we will plant lettuce, kale and radishes. Hoping for some nicer weather.

And some great news... the fence will be reinforced with some new chicken wire (keeping the critters out) and will be finished by the end of this month!

And some more good news....doing the seed inventory, we have plenty of bush and pole beans for our first planting.

Just a reminder that this garden is for all to share in Houston Lake whether you volunteer to plant or donate or none of the above.....the harvest is for everyone!

Thanks to all for making this happen!

### VGHA March Update

submitted by

Pam Freese, VGHA President

While your VGHA was not able to have an in person meeting this month, we do want to inform you of our progress for what we're working on.

Wendy Thompson has been busy at work with the Oversight Committee. The committee is focusing on the bylaws currently. The language in some of the bylaws is being updated for clarity.

Katherine Stockbauer has been hard at work with engineers to uncover any issues with the dam and spillway.

Susan Hodges has been working on policies and procedures for dues collection and when liens should be filed with the county.

Mary Head has been working with Sarah Schofield on the Laker production and financing for the publication.

Pam Freese has been updating the VGHA website and facebook pages, and working on a watershed grant for overdue maintenance of the dam. Organizing an Ice Cream Social for April 23 and Lake Clean Up day April 29.

## Lake Clean Up Day

Please join your neighbors to pitch in to help get the lake ready for Summer fun!

*Save the date*

April 29, '23 9:00 am



### Mold Abatement at City Hall

submitted by Mayor Chuck Stone

City Hall has been closed to the public and for meeting recently due to mold being discovered in the basement area. City Council approved for Blue Skies Inspections, Inc. to perform clean up, abatement and testing.

This process has been completed and City Hall will be reopened as quickly as possible.

The test results from Hayes Microbial Consulting on behalf of Blue Skies is included with this issue of the Houston Laker as an insert for review by the residents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mayor Stone at [mayor@houstonlake.gov](mailto:mayor@houstonlake.gov)



The members of the VGHA voted their approval of eight amendments (pictured here) to the Bylaws, and Regulations, in October of 2022. That vote puts them in effect.

## **AMENDED BY – LAWS OF VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION**

### **ARTICLE I SECTION 1**

In the event any lot or tract is occupied by a non-member, the lot owner may designate the tenant to be a "Tenant Member" (of legal age according to Missouri state law) of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association for lake and property privileges only. The Tenant Member will have no voting rights with respect to Homes Association activities.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  45-23

### **ARTICLE I SECTION 2**

MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING: A member who has paid all annual assessments, special assessments, or instalments of special assessments due for the current year(s) and who is not delinquent in payment for current and previous year(s) and whose use privilege has not been suspended by the Board of Directors.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  46-23

SECTION 9. Absentee ballots will be furnished upon request to any association member in good standing from the Secretary. These ballots must be returned to the Secretary before scheduled Annual or Scheduled Special meeting on the day of the election in order for the ballot to be counted and valid. The Board shall be responsible for controlling the method absentee ballots are furnished to ensure that each absentee ballot can only be counted one time.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  47-21

### **ARTICLE X. AUDITING:**

SECTION 1. Board of Directors shall appoint a three-member committee from among the Association members in good standing to audit the records of the Association.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  44-22

SECTION 2. A copy of the annual financial report shall be published in a local paper and made available to every Houston Lake property owner.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  50-19

## **VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL REGULATIONS**

5. No fishing allowed beyond the gate at the swim beach.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  47-19

14. Fishermen are to follow all current Missouri state regulations and laws for fishing in the lake.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  47-21

29. If you wish to launch any new watercraft on the lake, it must be inspected and approved by the HOA. If a watercraft is used in any other body of water, it must be inspected by the HOA before re-entering Houston Lake.

Do you approve the proposed amendment? YES  NO  44-23

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 6:00 PM Central Time Via Zoom

The meeting of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association (VGHA) Oversight Committee was called to order by Bobbi Baker-Hughes at 6:00 PM.

Bobbi welcomed all to the meeting. Those in attendance were, Bobbi Baker-Hughes, Chair; Wendy Thompson, VGHA Board Representative; Mike Hallauer, Kay Honeycutt, and Lisa Shepard.

The minutes from the February 9, 2023, meeting were approved as presented.

The revision of the current Association Bylaws was still the main topic of discussion for this meeting. Each oversight committee member brought their knowledge, questions, and comments to the table for the continuation of this project. Incorporating each Article and Section into language that flows throughout is proving to be a tedious task, but we are looking forward to the greater understanding this task will bring to all.

The committee discussed how the amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations, which were approved at the October 2022 Annual Meeting, should be made available to the community.

A document showing just those amendments that were approved, was presented to the committee. The committee agreed to recommend to the VGHA board that this one-page document be posted to the community's website.

The next meeting of the committee will be held the second Thursday evening in April 2023, at 6:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kay Honeycutt

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City of Houston Lake City Council Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2023

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:30PM Roll Call: Present: Alderwoman Ashley Fuglestad (virtually) Alderwoman Sarah Farsace, Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy, Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin, Mayor Chuck Stone; Absent: None

Motion to approve the agenda for February 13, 2023: Agenda Amended to table the Old Business approval of a draft to send to the attorney establishing an Ordinance for a Utilities Right of Way Code 1st Motion Farsace, 2nd Motion Murphy; Vote: Aye - Fuglestad, Farsace, Walker-Robin, Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None; Motion Passed

Motion to approve the minutes from January 9, 2023

1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Walker-Robin, Murphy, Farsace, Fuglestad; Ney - None; Abstain - None; Motion Passed

Emergency Management: Fire Department: Riverside Fire Department Keith Payne, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshall - No calls so far in 2023.

Sheriff Report: Corporal Fugate - No calls from residents in January, 3 traffic stops by officers within city limits.

Codes Report: Presented by Cathy Grove, Codes Enforcement Officer - Wrote 1 violation in January for an inoperable vehicle, 3 December violations were abated and 2 December violations were given an extension.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Report: Wednesday February 15th at 6pm. Dues notices were sent out in January and are due March 1st.

Public Discussion:

Katherine Stockbauer 5436 NW Venetian - Houston Lake City Sign MoDot MoDot sign is not returnable as per a new policy. US Transportation says that once the funds are given to the state they have no control over them

Linda Charles 5458 N Venetian Drive - Houston House was the main entrance with stone pillars and it was torn up when they made the highway. The deal was to return the MoDot sign.

Burn Permits (all renewals): 1st Motion Farsace, 2nd Murphy; Vote: Aye - Fuglestad, Murphy, Walker-Robin, Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None Following Burn Permits were approved:  
3 for 5509 N Adrian, 5411 NW Edgewood Trail, 2359 NW Edgewood Trail, 5516 NW Venetian, 5275 NW Edgewood Trail

Building Permits: None

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Farsace; Vote: Aye - Walker-Robin, Murphy, Fuglestad, Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None; Motion Passed

Motion to approve Resolution Number 02.13.2023: 1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Farsace; Vote: Aye - Fuglestad, Farsace, Walker-Robin, Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None; Motion Passed

Old Business AMENDED to be tabled: Approval of a draft to send to the attorney establishing an Ordinance for a "Utilities Right of Way Code."

New Business: Resolution to fund Parks and Recreation, Outreach Grant deadline has passed haven't asked for the funding for the grant, pending the approval at this meeting. Resolution requesting \$7,231.00 to resurface the playground across the street. Upgrade the underlay, the cushion under the chips to make it safer. Resolution is only in effect if approved and the grant is given. Money is not in this budget but would be used from the tree clearing. 1st Motion Walker-Robin, 2nd Motion Murphy; Vote: Aye - Walker-Robin, Murphy, Farsace, Fuglestad; Ney - None; Abstain - None; Motion Passed

Presentation by Missouri American Water regarding construction work on the dam. - Recording available upon request per Sunshine Law.

Motion to adjourn: 1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Fuglestad, Farsace, Walker-Robin, Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None; Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Final Minutes Approved 03/13/2023  
Sarah Schofield, City Clerk

2022 HL Roads – Before and After Infrastructure Construction Visual Record of City Roads added to HoustonLake.gov Information from Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin

Summer of 2022 was traumatic in terms of transportation around Houston Lake. Both Spire and Mo American Water (MAW) descended on the city with promises of improved infrastructure while leaving the roads in equal to or better than the condition they were in when the work began.

HoustonLake.gov has added a growing archive of slideshows documenting the condition of city roads. The article intends to provide a visual record of the condition of affected roads specifically before and after the infrastructure construction came through.



The page is a work in progress. Additional documentation will be added as it is gathered.

Houston Lake roads in MWA phase one before the infrastructure construction

The Mo American Water infrastructure project that began in the spring of 2022

was defined as a three phase project to improve water mains throughout the city. Phase one was basically all of Wagon Trail and Edgewood Trail from there it intersects Wagon Trail to where it intersects Wagon Trail again.



Point your camera at the QR code below to view HL road conditions prior to MAW phase one.

The Houston Laker is published in partnership with Venetian Gardens Home Association and the City of Houston Lake  
Residents are welcome to submit letters to the editor, articles and photos to houston.laker.newspaper@gmail.com  
We are all thankful for our neighbors and residents efforts to make Houston Lake the best city in the Northland!



# City of Houston Lake Missouri

5417 N Adrian Avenue, Houston Lake, MO 64151

816-741-0644

[houstonlake.gov](http://houstonlake.gov)

April 1, 2023

Property Owner/Resident (Renter) of the City of Houston Lake

This letter and information contained is being sent at this time in an effort to keep city records current. Those residents who completed this form in November 2022 will not need to complete it again. The city clerk will contact those residents as their pets' records expire. If you are new to the city (welcome), have adopted a new cat or dog (congratulations), your cat or dogs vaccinations have expired prior to May 1, 2023 or have not submitted a registration form and vaccination records to the city, please do so. *It is the responsibility of residents to request, know and abide by the municipal code. Any of the municipal codes may be requested through city hall or by contacting the city clerk at [cityclerk@houstonlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.gov).*

In accordance with Chapter 205, Section 205.020 of the Municipal Codes

The owner or keeper of any dog or cat in the City of Houston Lake is hereby required to have such animals vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and to procure a certificate of such vaccination from the veterinarian and to present such certificate to the City Clerk on or before May first (1st) of each year; and the City Clerk shall register such certificate, which registration shall remain in force until the April thirtieth (30th) next following said registration. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit such animal to remain in the City of Houston Lake unless vaccinated as above provided.

As per Section 100.220. General Penalty. - The City of Houston Lake may impose a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

If you do not have a cat or dog please complete the bottom portion of this form and email it to [cityclerk@houstonlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.gov), mail it to City Clerk 5417 N Adrian Avenue, Houston Lake, MO 64151 or drop it off at City Hall in the city mail by the door or through the door.

If you have any questions or concerns about the information requested, please contact the City Clerk via email. I am happy to assist my neighbors and thank you for looking after the health and safety of the residents, humans and animals alike, of the City of Houston Lake.

Sarah Schofield  
City Clerk

I **DO NOT** have dog (canine) or cat (feline) pets at my address of:

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Include House Number and Street

# City of Houston Lake Animal Registration

Please complete the following registration for a dog or cat and submit to the City Clerk of the City of Houston Lake. The form can be mailed to City Clerk 5417 NW Adrian Avenue, Houston Lake, MO 64151 or emailed to [cityclerk@houstonlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstonlake.gov).

In accordance with Chapter 205, section 205.020 all dogs and cats:

The owner or keeper of any dog or cat in the City of Houston Lake is hereby required to have such animals vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and to procure a certificate of such vaccination from the veterinarian and to present such certificate to the City Clerk on or before May first (1st) of each year; and the City Clerk shall register such certificate, which registration shall remain in force until the April thirtieth (30th) next following said registration. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit such animal to remain in the City of Houston Lake unless vaccinated as above provided. (Chapter 205 Animal Regulations is included for your information)

Owner (Last Name, First Name) Phone (for emergency contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: (where animal is being harbored) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: (if different from street address) \_\_\_\_\_

Canine Name Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Feline Color DOB \_\_\_\_\_ (or Approx Age) \_\_\_\_\_

(not required) \_\_\_\_\_ Microchipped # Tattoo # \_\_\_\_\_

(not required) Spayed or Neutered Yes No

Rabies Certificate from a licensed veterinarian, animal hospital or facility must be submitted with registration form (Certificate must include date of vaccination, Rabies Tag ID# and specify if dose was 1 or 3 year - or other)

Owner's Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the owner is less than 18 years of age the parent or guardian shall be deemed the owner of the record and the information must be completed by them.

This section to be completed by the City Clerk upon receipt of the registration form. A copy will be given to the owner and the original will be retained by the City Clerk for record.

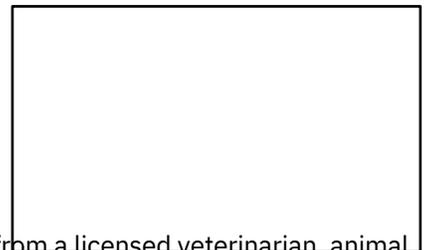
(give reason if No)

Date Registration Reviewed Approved Yes No

Rabies Tag # Date of Vaccination \_\_\_\_\_

1 Year  3 Year  Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Licensed Veterinarian/Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_



I attest that the above information has been verified with the certificate of vaccination from a licensed veterinarian, animal hospital or facility on the date registration was received.

Sarah Schofield, City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

# Houston Lake Code Enforcement News

**Dear Houston Lake Residents,** SPRING is here!!! This is a great time to send out common codes for the city as a reminder to the residents. Everyone here takes such pride in your properties, It is always a pleasure to drive through Houston Lake and admire all the hard work you do. So, a big THANK YOU to everyone, you make my job easy! If you have a question about a code or a project you are thinking about starting, call or email me or your alderman.

This is a list of the most often written violations for the spring and summer, Grass and Weeds, Rubbish, Garbage, and Junk, Untagged Vehicles, and Trash Cans are the major ones we will look at.

## **GRASS AND WEEDS**

Please make sure you are not allowing your grass to grow 18 inches or higher. This does not include only grass and weeds, this also includes tree suckers, overgrowth, invasive plants and noxious weeds. We don't want to lose the natural look of our community we just want to make sure that the yards are well maintained and that vehicles can drive along the streets without damage.

## **VEHICLES**

Please make sure all the vehicles parked on your property have the proper tags. Also, all vehicles need to be in running condition.

## **TRASH CANS/RECYCLING BINS:**

Trash cans and recycling bins should not be put out before 6:00 pm the night before collection and should be pulled back to the house no later than 8:00 pm on the day of collection. Trash and recycling bins should be stored on the side of the house. I understand not every property has this option, so if you live on a property that has a steep hill, lots of steps, or other factors that will not allow you to put the bin to the side of the house, pull it back as far from the street as possible.

## **HOUSE NUMBERS**

We are still working with the Riverside Fire Department to make sure that everyone can be found in an emergency. It is a violation not to have your house numbers not on or in front of your house. It is also a safety issue, when you need help you don't want the first responders having to search for you. So please take the time this summer to look at the front of your house, can you see your house numbers from the street? If not, please add them. They should be a minimum of 4 inches high, but we all know with the size of the lots here that is not large enough, so please make sure your numbers can be seen from the road.

So that's it for me this Spring, I have included the Ordinances for your review and referral. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

E:mail [Codesenforcement@houstonlake.net](mailto:Codesenforcement@houstonlake.net)

Code Enforcement Phone Number: 913-701-7142

City Hall Phone Number leave a message: 816-741-0644

I am in Houston Lake Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5:00 and 7:00 PM.

# **Have a great, fun filled and safe summer!!!!**

## **Section 235.80. Rubbish Garbage and Junk.**

**All Exterior property and premises and the interior of every structure shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage or junk.**

**Except as provided for in other regulations, no inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept, or stored on any premises and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair or in the process of being stripped or dismantled.**

## **Section 230.030. Collection of Solid Waste.**

**C. Solid waste containers as required by this Chapter for the storage of residential solid waste shall be placed at curbside for collection but shall not be so placed until after 6:00 P.M. on the day next preceding the regularly scheduled collection day. Containers shall be removed from curbside no later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of collection. No alley service shall be allowed under the terms of this Chapter, except as approved by the Board of Aldermen.**

## **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 of land in the City shall keep the weeds, high grass and 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. After the City has proceeded once with notice and abatement procedures under Subsections (D) through (F) of this Section with respect to a particular lot or tract of land, weeds, high grass or other vegetation exceeding six (6) inches may be deemed a public nuisance.**

**The Code Enforcement officer of other City Official as designated by the City shall give a hearing after ten (10) days' notice thereof either personally or by United States mail to the owner or owners, or his/her or their agents, or by posting such notice on the premises; thereupon, the Code Enforcement officer may declare the weeds, high grass or other vegetation to be a nuisance and order the same to be abated within five (5) days.**

## **Section 235.070 Exterior Structure**

**A. 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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