

DAM THAT WAS HARD WORK!

Submitted by Katherine Stockbauer

Our Engineer enlightened me to the necessity of clearing the Dam and the Spillway of limbs, logs and debris to prevent the trapping of water from pooling, which may scour and compromise the integrity of both the dam and spillway. On Lake Clean Up day all trash, debris, limbs and logs were removed from the dam and spillway! Special thanks and appreciation to Drew Freese for cutting down the 2 small trees growing up from compromised areas in the Spillway and hauling away a truckload of limbs and logs! We need to regularly keep these areas clean of logs, limbs and debris for the longevity of our great dam and spillway!



Under Bridge before



Under Bridge after



Spillway before



Spillway after



Dam before



Spillway after

June Dates to Remember



Open Access Listening Sessions are held at City Hall on Saturdays from 10am to 11am.

June 12th - City Council Meeting at City Hall and Virtually, begins at 7:30pm. Contact cityclerk@houstonlake.gov for info.

June 21st - Venetian Gardens HOA Meeting at City Hall and virtual begins at 6:00pm. Contact Pam Freese for the virtual link



Houston Lake will have an Independence Day Celebration on July 1st! See for details and the City Ordinance for Fireworks within city limits.

Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged from 10:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26th) until July second (2nd) and on July fifth (5th); and from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 A.M. (Midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th).

HOUSTON LAKE WILDFLOWER BED AT CITY HALL

submitted by Kathryn Kreider

At one time, the flower bed at City Hall was a lovely mix of irises, day lilies, daffodils, roses and other perennials, planted many years ago by the active garden club. For many years it provided a lovely welcome to City Hall, but the gardeners who maintained the flower bed either passed away, or moved out of the city, or were unable to continue with the maintenance, as it is a very large bed. No young gardeners stepped up, so deer, geese, harsh winters and late springs gradually wore the garden down.

A little over two years ago, it was noted that the flower bed needed refreshed, and the idea of changing it to a wildflower bed was proposed and accepted, Missouri Prairie Wildflowers are suited to the ever changing rainfall patterns of our summers and can handle the hot morning sun that hits the flower bed. Another advantage of wildflowers is that a large bed like ours can be started from seed with a Missouri appropriate mix of varieties costing less than \$20. Once the bed is established, it will maintain itself, with no fertilizing, weeding, watering or reseeding needed!

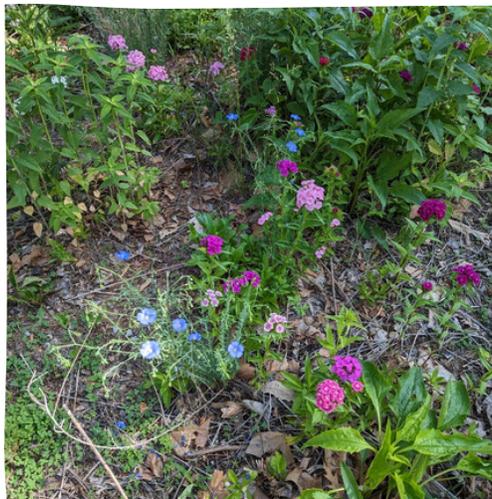
To prepare the bed, the remaining perennials were removed and replanted in front of City Hall and around the tree. The bed was rototilled to loosen the soil. After raking, seeds were spread and tamped down. The bed was watered every other day for two weeks and the new plants sprouted! Unfortunately, the tilling brought up weed and grass seeds that had been dormant in the soil and over 4 yard waste bags of grass and weeds had to be hand pulled in order for the

wildflowers to gain control. For the next two summers, perhaps, random weeding will be necessary, but once the wildflowers are fully set, there should be few weeds or grass volunteers! The only maintenance will be removing oak, walnut, maple and hickory trees that nature plants.

The wildflower seed mix was purchased from American Meadows and contained:

Bachelor button
Siberian Wallflower
Shasta Daisy
Coreopsis
Wild Cosmos
Sweet William
Coneflower
Blanket Flower
Mexican Hat
Blue Flax
Clover
Black eyed Susan
Gloriosa Daisy

We did not see all of these last year, as many of these don't bloom until the second year. More seeds and transplants have been added this year, so there should be new colors and blooms this summer and next. Weeding will continue through the summer.



Summertime City Ordinances Reminder

submitted by Codes Enforcement

Spring and summer are here, time to be outside enjoying this beautiful weather. These are just reminders for you to be aware of when you are outside enjoying yourself, so you don't ruin someone else's good time. While these are not all the rules (for all the rules please check your Burn Pit Application... you do have one, right?) these are the ones that are pertinent to the combined enjoyment of both you and your neighbors. Burn responsibly and have fun!!

I know we are having parties and get-togethers more this time of year. People laughing, talking, playing music...fun right? Let's remember not everyone wants to hear your conversations, music or bad jokes. Let's make sure the Ordinance is followed on the noise as well, try to keep it so that people outside of 100 ft. can't hear you and let's not forget how sound travels on the lake.

So, just some reminders to treat your neighbors with respect, be careful and have fun.

Noise Ordinance

Section 210.205. Noise Disturbance. [Ord. No. 289 §1, 4-12-2004]

A. It shall be unlawful for any individual to play any radio, television, or any device made to play cassettes, records, compact disc, audio and/or videotapes, loud speaker or any similar device so that it emits a sound that can be heard one hundred (100) feet or more from the device. This includes any of the aforementioned devices that are mounted in motor vehicles, boats, trucks, bicycles, carried on one's person or placed in a building, to include private residences, apartments, places of business and similar structures.

Fishing Permits are Required

Submitted by the City Clerk from City Ordinances

Section 210.690. Fishing Permit. [Ord. No. 151 §§107.01 — 107.02, 6-13-1983]

A. Fishing Without A Permit — Exceptions. It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, take, transport, ship, buy, sell, possess, or use any fish from any body of water within the City without possessing a valid fishing permit signed by such person, and issued by or under the authority of the Missouri Department of Conservation; provided, this Section shall not apply to any person who shall furnish sufficient proof that such person is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or is fifteen (15) years of age or younger, or is otherwise exempt from the requirement of possessing a valid fishing permit under such then existing rules and regulations as the Department of Conservation shall have promulgated.

B. Refusing To Produce Fishing Permit. It shall be unlawful for any person who is fishing or attempting to fish in any body of water within the City limits of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, to refuse to produce either a valid fishing permit signed by such person or sufficient proof of exemption under the provisions of Subsection (A) hereof, upon the request of any officer charged with the enforcement of this Section.



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
REPORTING FOR THE HOUSTON LAKER
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

Venetian Gardens Homes Association REMINDER that Wristbands are Required for fishing, boating and swimming at the lake

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.

Water Test Results

for June will be posted at City Hall
and at the gate for the swim beach

Summertime City Ordinances Reminder Continued

Burn Ordinance

"SECTION 230.025: OPEN BURNING RESTRICTIONS

A. No person shall conduct or cause or permit the conduct of Open Burning, except Open Burning for recreation purposes shall be allowed upon application and issuance of a permit by the Board of Alderman of the City of Houston Lake. Permits will be issued at no cost to the individual. Permits are valid for the calendar year in which the permit is approved, not to exceed December 31st of the calendar year in which the permit is approved and are subject to the restrictions set forth in this Section 230.025(B).

b. Burning shall be in a chiminea, commercially purchased fire pit, or barbeque grill. Home built fire pits must be approved by the Board of Alderman.

d. Fires shall not exceed 3 feet in length by 3 feet in width by 3 feet in height and shall only be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. midnight.

j. Burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions shall be prohibited.

k. The permit holder shall remain in constant attendance of the fire until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

m. The permit must be kept on-site and be presented to the Fire Department Official or City Official upon request.

C. Open Burning for recreational purposes is prohibited on designated "no burn" days. Open Burning is also prohibited when the following conditions exist

a. Atmospheric conditions that prevent smoke from rising freely.

b. When excessively dry conditions exist.

c. Sustained winds greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour.

d. Frequent wind gusts greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

D. Permits may be revoked by the Board of Alderman should the Board of Alderman determine that the permit holder has violated any of the conditions set forth above in Section 230.025(B).

Lost Dog Found by Residents

submitted by Sarah Schofield
Recently a resident found a lost dog standing in the road barking early in the morning. With the help of a few other residents, the dog was coaxed into coming with them so that the owner could be found.

The dog was scanned for a microchip and pictures taken and posted throughout social media.

Thankfully a relative of the owner saw one of the posts and the dog was reunited later that day with the owner.

Pets that are registered with the city, as required by ordinance, are more likely to be returned safely and quickly. Pet registration is free and only requires proof of rabies vaccinations.

PLEASE register your pets today with the city if you haven't already.

AS A REMINDER :

Permits are needed for

- Dumpsters - any size and for any projects not just building and renovations
- Burning - Fire pits on residential property. Commercially purchased and DIY
- Building - ANY projects that include, additions, renovations, electrical, etc. need to be reviewed to see if a building permit is required by city ordinance
- Docks on and floating in the lake may also require inspection and approval from the Venetian Gardens Homes Associaton
- Any outdoor projects that require removal, movement or addition to the soil, dirt, yard, etc. may require inspection and approval from the city and/or VGHA for erosion control.

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

To place an ad email houston.laker.newspaper@gmail.com

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

Contact 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

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

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 and we will find a neighbor that can help you out.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 6:00 PM Central Time

Houston Lake, MO City Hall or Via Zoom

The meeting of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association (VGHA) Oversight Committee was called to order by Bobbi Baker-Hughes at 6:19 PM. Due to technical difficulties the meeting started late.

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

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

It was noted that the Oversight Committee meeting, which was scheduled for April 13, 2023, did not take place because it was canceled.

Revising the current Association Bylaws was still the main topic of discussion for this meeting. We are making quite a bit of headway on incorporating each Article and Section into language that is easier to read and follow through. Committee members are working well as a team to gather information needed to complete this task.

The next meeting of the committee will be held the second Thursday evening in June 2023, at 6:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kay Honeycutt

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 MemorialDay - 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):

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

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

City of Houston Lake -City Council Meeting Agenda - April 10, 2023

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:38 PM Roll Call: Present: Alderwoman Ashely Fuglestad, Alderwoman Sarah Farsace, Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy, Mayor Chuck Stone; Absent: Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin (present virtually, not sworn in for new term); Virtual: None.

Mayor Chuck Stone was sworn in for a second two year term

Alderwoman Ashley Fuglestad was sworn in for a second two year term

Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin was not present in person. Will be sworn in for a second two year term at the May city council meeting

Motion to approve the Agenda for 4/10/2023 -

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

Motion to approve the Minutes from 3/13/2023

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

Emergency Management

Fire Department - No report presented

Sheriff Report Woodrow Painter - presented report for March with 4 calls; Abandoned Auto, Residential Alarm, Welfare Check and a Traffic Stop

Codes Report - Presented by Cathy Grove, Codes Enforcement Officer - 3 violations in March for trash and debris. No violations in February.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Report - Will have meeting April 19th at 6pm, Ice Cream social April 23rd at 2:30pm, Lake Clean up April 29th at 9am

Guest Speaker Dagmar Wood Spoke about Platte County Grants and Roads Tax

Public Discussion

Sharron Delafuente - Thank you Chuck for fixing the road at Adrian and Edgewood. Thank Teena Walker-Robin for all the work she has done in getting the leak repaired on the sewer line on Edgewater fixed. Glad to see on the agenda there is a way to hold the utilities accountable.

Burn Permit - 5331 Edgewood Circle - Renewal - POSTPONED due to Fuglestad abstaining on her permit and Alderwoman Walker-Robin not sworn in to vote

Building Permit - 5409 NW Venetian Drive - Post Survey resubmittal of permit application.

1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Fuglestad; Vote: Aye - Farsace, Fuglestad, Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None - **Motion Passes**

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report - 1st Motion Farsace, 2nd Motion Murphy; Vote: Aye - Fuglestad, Farsace, Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None - **Motion Passes**

Motion to Approve Resolution Number 04.10.2023 - 1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Farsace; Vote: Aye - Murphy, Farsace, Fuglestad; Ney - None; Abstain - None - **Motion Passes**

Old Business - Annemarie confirmed that the sign are in progress to be completed Report from Right of Way Management Committee was presented

New Business - Approval of a new form: Permit application for excavation and access to utilities POSTPONED until legal looks at the Ordinance

Motion to adjourn - 1st Motion Farsace, 2nd Motion Murphy; Vote: Aye - Fuglestad, Farsace, Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None - **Motion Passes**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

Final Minutes approved 05/08/2023

Sarah Schofield, City Clerk

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Best wishes to you,
Marlene

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**Independence Day
Houston Lake
Celebration**

Saturday, July 1, 2023

10:30am Bike Parade at the Mayor's Park

Houston Lake residents and guests, big and small, ride their decorated bikes, trikes, scooters and wagons from the Mayor's park to the beach and back. Ice Cream treats for all will be served afterwards at the Mayor's Park.

10:45am Pet Show at the Mayor's Park

Bring your pets! Certificates awarded for:

*★Largest, ★Smallest, ★Best costume and ★ Mayor's Choice
Mayor Chuck Stone will pick the winners.*

**12:30pm Potluck Lunch and Garage Sale Bingo at
City Hall**

We encourage people to bring a covered dish to the picnic. It will be indoors: both upstairs and downstairs. The city will have barbecued burgers, hot dogs, and brats. A supply of soft drinks will also be in coolers. This year Garage Sale Bingo will start about an hour after the picnic starts.

On any Saturday morning in June, people can bring purchased or gently used items to city hall to be given away as prizes for "Garage Sale Bingo." Bingo will start about an hour after the picnic starts.

"Picnic is hosted by the City of Houston Lake."

ARTICLE XIII Fireworks

Section 210.680. Fireworks. [Ord. No. 178 §§2 — 5, 6-30-1988; Ord. No. 309, 8-14-2006]

A. Fireworks Defined. Explosive devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, including aerial devices and ground devices, all of which are classified as Division 1.4 by regulation of the United States Department of Transportation, as amended from time to time, and which were formerly classified as Class C common fireworks by regulation of the United States Department of Transportation. The term "fireworks" shall not include toy pistols, toy cannons, toy guns or other devices in which are used paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths (.25) grains or less of explosive mixture.

B. Bottle Rocket Defined. A type of firework that is attached to a stick and is designed to ascend into the air with a casing size of less than three-eighths ($\frac{3}{8}$) of an inch for the outside diameter and less than two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) inches in length and an overall length, including stick, of less than twelve (12) inches.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any "bottle rockets".

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

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

1. From 10:00 P.M. on December thirty-first (31st) until 1:00 A.M. on January first (1st); and
2. From 10:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26th) until July second (2nd) and on July fifth (5th); and
3. From 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 A.M. (Midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th).

F. The Mayor of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, may, by written order, ban any and all display of fireworks if the weather conditions present an unreasonable danger of fire from the use and/or display of fireworks.

G. The Mayor may authorize City-sponsored fireworks events and displays to include the possession, use and display of fireworks classified as Division 1.3 (formerly Class B) by regulation of the United States Department of Transportation.

H. Unless otherwise provided in this Section, no person shall have in his/her possession any fireworks within the City limits of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, except during the periods herein provided and except fireworks classified as Division 1.4 (formerly Class C) by regulation of the United States Department of Transportation.