

HOUSTON LAKER

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CITY COUNCIL NEWS

City Council looks to hire a Codes Enforcement Officer and a City Clerk. For more information, contact Mayor Stone or your Alderwoman. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOC

UPDATE ON WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION

All watercraft on Houston Lake need to be registered with the Venetian Gardens Homes Association.
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MINISTRY OF MERRIMENT - MOM

Submitted by Lisa Shepard
Late last year, the Houston Lake "Ministry of Merriment" – also known as "MoM" – was formed.
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PHOTO: SARAH SCHOFIELD

SOUTH SIDE ROADS REPAVED

City Council recently worked with Missouri American Water and Barkley Asphalt to repave Edgewood Trail, Edgewood Circle and Wagon Trail Circle. It was a long wait and an intense time for council members.

City Council has also approved a Right of Way Permit for Missouri American Water and MCON Underground to begin work on the next phase of pipe replacement on the North side of the lake. This Right of Way Permit, gives the city a written "rule" that the companies will have to work within when completing utility work that causes damage to roads and walkways.

For more information contact Mayor Stone or your alderwoman.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Marsha Duncan recently posted on FB how well the Community Garden is growing and gratitude for the communities help. Fall crops will be going in soon. If you are interested in helping, contact Marsha and visit the HOUSTON LAKE MISSOURI Community Garden on Facebook

ARTS CIRCLE

Houston Lake Arts Circle will have an Art Exchange on Saturday, August 5th from 2-4pm. They will be hosting a show for the community on Sunday August 6th from 1-4pm at City Hall. Everyone is welcome! Contact Jean Anderson for more info.
bluejean@me.com

TAX LEVY HEARING

The City of Houston Lake will hold a Tax Levy Hearing on August 14, 2023 at 7:00pm to be held at City Hall. This will occur prior to the regular City Council Meeting at 7:30pm.

Taxes to be voted on will include real estate, personal property and fire suppression. Questions and requests for information prior to the meeting can be directed to an Alderwoman or Mayor Stone. Contact info on page 7.

PLATTE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

8 calls in July 2023

1 - 911 Hang up

2 - Animal All Other

1 - Domestic Disturbance

1 - Theft

1 - Medical

1 - Residence Check

1 - Suspicious Person-Vehicle

PARK HILL SCHOOLS

Southeast Elementary
School K-5

9:10am - 4:00pm

5704 Northwood Road

816-359-4360

Walden Middle School 6-8

8:10am - 3:05pm

4701 NW 56th Street

816-359-4240

Park Hill South High School

9-12

7:50am - 2:58pm

4500 NW River Park Drive

816-359-4120

First Student -
Transportation

816-359-4560



PHOTO: PARKHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 21ST

It is almost time for school to start again. If you are new to Houston Lake or haven't taken time to enroll your students yet, go to parkhillk.12.mo.us for more information. Houston Lake residents are fortunate to be in the Park Hill School District boundaries. Both Park Hill High School and Park Hill South High School rank in the top 25 of all Missouri high schools, according to U.S. News and World Report. The district-wide ACT composite score is 22.4, the highest in the Kansas City area among districts that provide the test to every student eligible. Three Park Hill South High School students scored a perfect score of 36 on the ACT last year.

HOUSTON LAKE students in grades Kindergarten to fifth will attend Southeast Elementary School, Sixth to eighth will attend Walden Middle School and ninth to twelfth will attend Park Hill South High School. The schools contact information is listed below.

A list of the 2023-24 recommended school supplies is included with this issue of the Laker. If you would like to help Houston Lake students with supplies, please purchase the most common items and leave them at City Hall. They will be distributed to students prior to the first day of school. The listing of "Optional Items" are always a need throughout the school year for classrooms.

The school and district calendar are available online. The Houston Laker will update residents on a monthly basis and include information that is submitted for publication. For most up-to-date and urgent info, it is best to contact your school or visit the districts website.

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ART EXHIBIT AT HOUSTON LAKE

August 6, 1-4 p.m. - Houston Lake Art Circle invites all Houston Lake residents and friends to the Opening of the latest Art Exhibit. On display will be creative works from many of the residents, drinks and snacks, and there will be Door Prizes! Please stop by and meet the artists, enjoy the artworks and who knows? you may go home with an amazing prize!

ANIMALS & WILDLIFE

Canadian Geese molt their feathers once a year from late June to August. This means they can not fly during the summer. They tend to avoid people more during this time as well. If you see a goose with feathers sticking out, it may be because of molting and not an injury.

FARSACE LORING WEDDING

JUST MARRIED!

We are happy to announce that on June 28th, 2023 Sarah Farsace and Sam Loring were married!

The couple were wed in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park. The private ceremony of 14 close family and friends occurred on a pier overlooking Lake Michigan.

The bride wore a loose ivory fringe dress and vintage white veil. She and her family handpicked her "non flower" bouquet the morning of the big day. The groom sported a red linen suit and blue pin stripe undershirt.

WATER SAMPLE RESULTS

Test #230721012-001
AFTER HEAVY RAINS- DOCK
7/21/23 8:30 AM

E.coli 68 MPN/100ml
7/22/2023

SAFE to SWIM!



LIFE ON THE LAKE

THANK YOU AL HORINE!!
Submitted by Katherine
Stockbauer

Al Horine donated his time, equipment, fuel and energy, to rake the weeds, clean up the debris and get rid of the tree seedlings at our swim beach.

Because of Al's work and because of the abundant rains in the past week, I was able to pull the tree seedlings and weeds by the roots to get rid of them. We have a beautiful beach again.

We appreciate you, Al!!

PHOTO: SWIM BEACH K. STOCKBAUER



PHOTO: MICHAEL NEWSTED

Sam is an architect at Multistudio in Kansas City. Sarah is a PE teacher at NKCS and Councilwoman here at Houston Lake. Both are looking forward to their future adventures that include two boys Deacon (age 8), and Wesley (age 6).

The couple plan to adapt their small home on Houston Lake as well as keeping their home in Hyde Park. Be sure to wish them well when you see them on a walk or ride around the lake soon!

WHITE SUMMER SANGRIA



Dave Lieberman of Food Network

12-15 servings

- 2 (750-ml) bottles white wine, chilled
- 1 cup brandy
- 2 navel oranges, sliced
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 lime, sliced
- 1/4 cup superfine sugar

Pour the wine and brandy over the fruit and sugar in a large serving bowl. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Stick a ladle in the sangria so people can serve themselves and have a full bucket of ice by the side of the bowl. (Don't let the ice run out.)

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE?

Would anyone be interested in a City Wide Garage Sale? At the July City Council meeting, it was asked that if there were an interest by residents, could a City Wide Garage Sale to be held at City Hall. Mayor Stone said that he would add a vote to the August agenda to use the basement and bathrooms at city hall.

How this would work is still in the planning stage. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact editor.houstonlake@gmail.com.

All sales would need to be set up and held at city hall and in the park across the street. This would allow parking in the parking lot and keep cars from parking on the streets in the city.



RESPONSIBLE DOGS AND OWNERS

OWNER or KEEPER – Any person having a right of property in a dog or cat, or who keeps or harbors a dog or cat, or who has it in his/her care or acts as its custodian, or who knowingly permits a dog or cat to remain on or about any premises owned or occupied by him/her.

RUNNING AT LARGE – Allowing a dog or cat to be off the private premises of the owner or keeper or his/her agent or servant and not on a leash or confined to the arms, motor vehicle, trailer or other conveyance of the owner or keeper, his/her agent or servant. Provided however, that if the owner or keeper allows a dog or cat to be off the private premises of the owner or keeper, but maintains positive physical control of the animal through use of an electronic device, and maintains constant visual contact with, and control over, the animal, this shall not constitute running at large.

UNRESTRAINED DOG – Any dog running at large or a dog on the premises of its owner or keeper but not confined to said premises by a leash, fence, structure or other means that would prevent the dog from leaving such premises.

VICIOUS DOG – Any of the following dogs:

1. Any dog, whether or not running at large and whether or not unrestrained, that without provocation has bitten any person not a trespasser causing serious physical injury to that person.
2. Any unrestrained dog, whether or not running at large, that without provocation has attempted to bite any person not a trespasser which would cause serious physical injury to that person.

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PARK HILL SCHOOLS

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Buses will be able to resume their regular routes through the city this year! With the overlay paving complete, bus routes through the city will be able to be used as opposed to students on the South side of the lake having to meet at City Hall or have parents/family drop off at school. The contact information for First Student transportation is located below.

We are excited for all Houston Lake students to start the next school year. Cheers to an amazing learning experience. Keep us updated on events and activities that are going on at your school. Students are encouraged to send information to editor.houstonlaker@gmail.com. Whether it is a play, art show, sports score, a story you wrote, art work you completed, let us know how your school year is going!

Parents looking to be more involved, are encouraged to look into the PTA that is associated with your students school community and to attend the district board meetings. Board meetings coming up are August 10th and 24th at 6:30pm.

MINISTRY OF MERRIMENT - MOM

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This group plans events for our community and identifies small projects which need refurbishing. Recently we met and began work on ideas for the City Hall mailbox and the Lending Library (which both need some TLC), as well as the holiday street decorations that adorn light poles throughout our community.

Currently, the members of this group are:

Carolyn Carey, Lori Scarborough, Lisa Shepard, and Teena Walker-Robin. We invite anyone else who would like to volunteer their time to join this group OR to help with a single event.

We need talented people to volunteer to help with ideas and implementation of projects. Please contact - MoM@houstonlake.gov - and give us your contact information. We look forward to having you join us.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOC

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Although it was originally set up to be renewed each year, that has changed. Each watercraft, including kayaks and paddleboards, only needs to be registered once. This is a free service, providing the owner, their insurance company, and the Homes Association with a permanent record.

For your convenience, there are two registration forms available on our website: vgha.community under "Watercraft Registration". One form can be completed online, which enters the information into our database immediately, and notifies the Homes Association. The other form can be downloaded, printed, filled out, and put in the HOA mailbox at City Hall, or emailed to us at venetian.gardens.homes.assoc@gmail.com. Once we receive your completed form, you will be contacted and provided with your registration number in the form of stickers to be added to the stern of your boat. We are also requesting a photo of your boat for the record which we are happy to take when we deliver the stickers.

Please be aware that you must NOT put your boat in the lake if it has been in other waters without a dry dock period of at least 10 days. We are dedicated to preventing the spread of zebra mussels!

UN-CLASSIFIED ADS

Full Page	\$20.00
1/2 Page	\$10.00
1/4 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 editor.houstonlaker@gmail.com

HOUSTON LAKE HISTORY BOOK AND 2ND EDITION COOKBOOK

Houston Lake History Book and the 2nd Edition of the Houston Lake Cookbook are available for \$5 each, 2 for \$8, 3 for \$10. Limited number of copies, contact Mary Head 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



END OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES GO TO VCKC.COM FOR INFO

Kids Camp - August 7th & 8th
Back to School Bash - August 10th
High School Midweek - Every Thursday
Family Fun and Fireworks - August 25th
"The Link" Young Adults - August 27th
Ladies Night - August 29th

RESPONSIBLE DOGS AND OWNERS

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3. Any unrestrained dog, whether or not running at large, that without provocation has placed any person not a trespasser in apprehension of immediate serious physical injury.
4. Any dog that has killed another dog, cat or other domestic animal without provocation.

Section 205.030. Running at Large Prohibited – Impoundment. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit the same to run at large within the City of Houston Lake at any time. Any dog or cat found without the registration provided in Section 205.020, and any dog or cat found running at large, shall be impounded.

For a complete copy of the ordinance, contact cityclerk@houstonlake.gov.

EVERGY IS CHANGING YOUR RATE PLAN

Starting in October, Missouri is moving to time-based rate plans, and Evergy is dedicated to supporting you throughout this transition. We're here to help you understand your new rate options, choose the plan that's best for your home and show you how to save money on your new plan.

This information is from the Evergy.com website.

If you need assistance, contact Evergy. There are 4 rate plan options available to choose from based on your energy usage. These plans are changing and you will need to choose or have one chosen for you based on your previous energy use.

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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.

2023 Recycling Dates (2nd Wednesday):

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

2023 Holidays:

January 1st New Years Day - No Change pick up will be on Wednesday January 4th

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

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 816-305-3196 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
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Board Member at Large Mary Head 816-741-5639
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City Officials -

Mayor Chuck Stone 816-305-3196
Mayor@houstonlake.gov

City Clerk Open Position
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 Open Position
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.

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Brow Shaping

Best wishes to you,

Marlene

City of Houston Lake - Annual Budget Meeting - June 12, 2023 at 7:00pm

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:00 PM Roll Call: Present: Mayor Chuck Stone, Alderwoman Sarah Farsace, Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy, Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin; Absent: Alderwoman Ashley Fuglestad

Mayor Stone read through the 2023-24 budget.

Motion to approve the Budget for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

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

City of Houston Lake - City Council Meeting - June 12, 2023 at 7:30pm

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:50 PM Roll Call: Present: Mayor Chuck Stone, Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy, Alderwoman Sarah Farsace; Absent: Alderwoman Ashley Fuglestad

Motion to approve the Agenda for 06/12/2023: Amended Agenda for 6/12/2023 strike Building Permit for MCON 1st Motion Farsace, 2nd Motion Murphy; Vote: Aye - Farsace, Murphy, Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Motion to approve the Minutes for 05/08/2023: 1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Farsace; Vote: Aye - Walker-Robin, Murphy, Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Emergency Management

Fire Department - No report given

Sheriff Report - Report sent into city - 4 calls: 2 traffic complaints, 1 information, 1 trespass

Codes Report: May 2023 Report - May no violations, April no violations to abate, March violations were abated.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Report: No one present

Public Discussion: Sharon Delfuente - Notified city that there are limbs at Edgewood and Edgewater sticking out in the road. Recommended having the trash at the park emptied

Permits

Burn Permit 5464 NW Venetian Drive:

1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Walker-Robin; Vote: Aye - Farsace, Murphy, Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Permit Approved**

Building Permit: Expecting ROW permit application from MCON the constrictor for Missouri American Water _____

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

Motion to Approve Resolution Number 06.12.2023: 1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Farsace; Vote: Aye - Walker-Robin, Murphy, Farsace; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Old Business - None

New Business

Motion to Approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 500.070: AMENDMENTS TO RESIDENTIAL CODE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE, MISSOURI.

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

Motion to Approve the form for a ROW permit: 1st Motion Farsace, 2nd Motion Murphy; Vote: Aye - Murphy, Farsace, Walker-Robin; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes**

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Motion Farsace, 2nd Motion Murphy; Vote: Aye - Walker-Robin, Farsace, Murphy; Ney - None; Abstain - None **Motion Passes** Meeting Adjourned at 9:12pm

Final Minutes approved 07/10/2023

Sarah Schofield, City Clerk

Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
as of June 30, 2023

<u>Income - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2023</u>				
General Fund	(163,372.31)			
Road Fund	(8,001.53)			
Grinder Pump Fund	(14,469.23)			
Fire Protection Fund	(33,437.84)			
Total				\$ 219,280.91
<u>Expenses - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2023</u>				
General Fund	(139,105.39)	Road Fund	(10,620.95)	Grinder Pump
Fund	(3,882.76)	Fire Protection Fund	(9,500.02)	Total
				\$ 163,109.12
<u>Total Funds as of June 30, 2023</u>				
General Fund			142,108.79	
Road Fund			23,655.95	
Grinder Pump Fund			27,092.34	
Fire Protection Fund			42,900.84	
Municipal Court Account			1,468.01	
Municipal Court Bond Account			519.75	
Transportation Sales Tax			7,599.83	
Receipts General Fund CD			24,316.78	
General Fund CD			26,944.89	
Sewer Fund CD			5,124.06	
Sewer Fund CD			10,595.77	
Mill and Overlay CD			16,456.76	
Total				\$ 328,783.77

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING LOCATED AT CITY HALL – 06/21/2023

Call to Order: Pam Freese

Meeting called to Order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Pam Freese – President, Wendy Thompson – Vice President, Katherine Stockbauer – Secretary, Sue Hodges – Treasurer – and Mary Head – Member

Minutes of 4/19/23 approved unanimously. Pam read aloud items from the 6/9/23 meeting, Minutes of June 9 approved unanimously. Pam read aloud items from the 6/13/23 meeting. Minutes of June 13 (Mary and Katherine Excused) approved by Wendy, Pam and Sue.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Hodges – Sue went over figures on financial report. We are earning interest on accounts. Receivables – there are dues unpaid over \$40,000. Line items for large tree removal.

Business – Status Update from each of the 5 Committee Representatives

Communications – Mary – Items for publication in Laker are due Friday. Pam stated new resident interested in doing our website design.

Grant Committee – Katherine – Tilling and raking sand at beach complete. Reyes began clearing brush at Peninsula, apx 60', hauled away for free old big brush pile behind garden. Now City is making a new pile and we will get bids on removing that when they are done. Limb removal needs approval from Harris to use their property. Boat dock by ramp will be done as soon as he can after July 4th. Engineer is preparing written statement regarding damage at bottom of spillway needs to include damaged MODOT flume. Once written report is done Katherine can send letter to MODOT to see if they will pay. Otherwise get bids and apply for grant.

Clearing of brush on sides of Spillway. Pam applied for Platte County watershed grant and got the paperwork stating we will receive \$2,002.00 from them. The cost before grant was \$2,700.00

Lake Steering Committee – Health of Lake, Management and Remediation – Status by Representative Pam – Board working on one year plan for next year. Wanting to get Budget for next year out to community in August or September in advance of vote so community has time to look it over before October vote.

Bylaws and CCR Committee - The Oversight Committee of the Bylaws/CCRs – Status by Representative Wendy – Committee continuing work on ByLaws including verbiage supporting the ability for the Board to vote via zoom and teleconference meetings.

Goose Control – Katherine – There are an abundance of geese "molting." For future we need to do 1 or 2 scare away launches in late May to cut down on geese here before the molting progress begins. We will probably do another scare away in September depending on the number of geese here. Laura returned box with launcher.

New business – Pam – Replacing the trash can at Mayor's Park the burned 2-4 years ago. Pam will get bids. Katherine let Bill Whitton know that she and her brother cleared to the ground the area that was

overgrown by the entry fence. Everything is cut to ground so that it can now be mowed. This area still needs raking. Katherine asked that anyone willing to help let her know.

Clearing of land from dam to Mayors Park – lake side and clearing of land between Mayors Park to Shelly's property to be considered for next year. Clear it and then we can maintain it more cost effectively. Bid for both. Wendy asked Bill about areas that are part of regular maintenance. We all would like flowers to remain. Bill Whitton asked that Reyes cut weed tree clumps to the ground at the cushion of peninsula so that he can mow there. Chuck is to provide a product to Bill for poison ivy control. Bill asked Pam for trash bags so he can empty cans. Pam will provide.

Discussion/members

Lisa Sheppard asked Sue to expound on the \$40,000 past due and what is being done to collect. Sue said she is working on it. The past dues are from only a few members. Lisa asked that we replicate collection actions in the past that were successful. Wendy stated that we are considering a process to allow for credit card payments. The Board will consider options.

Lisa said that Thank you notes would be nice for people like Lana that provided dumpster for lake clean up. Katherine asked Lisa if she would write an article in the paper thanking Lana. Lisa said she was happy to do that. Pam said she also wanted to thank someone and asked if Lisa would work with her on that too. The Laker needs it by Friday. Bill Whitton asked if we could issue gift cards to people that help around here on the regular. This may be problematic to gift some and not others as it is volunteer work. The Board will consider.

Bill asked about and discussions ensued re ownership (City or HOA) of land by horse shoe. Bill believes this area should be a higher priority than by the other side of lake. Board will consider priorities. Maintaining less expensive than huge projects. Bill can put forward bids for big projects. Sharon asked if we can use grant money for these current projects. Pam stated that we are working on all of these items to carefully budgeted, and that the bigger issue and high costs for solutions to increase water depth. Discussions re converting silt to clay and sand and dredging.

John Nave stated that there are enzyme tablets that "eat" silt. Pam said she would investigate this option. She is working with MU Extension Ctr and MDNR regarding solutions. Pam would like to get one year, 5 and 10 year plan flushed out. Then future Boards have a better starting point.

Pam stated that she has a little over one year on her term and does not want to run again after this term.

Mary stated that Katherine brought water to lab for testing. Results are good at 12. Results will be in paper, beach and City Hall.

Pam stated that the Board will be having more meetings to work on budget. Everyone is welcome, but there will not be discussions with public at these particular meetings.

Next public meeting will be July 19 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58

Minutes submitted by: Katherine Stockbauer, Secretary

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF WORKING MEETING LOCATED AT CITY HALL – 07/14/2023

Call to Order: Pam Freese

Meeting called to Order at 2:35 pm

Roll Call: Present: Pam Freese – President, Wendy Thompson – Vice President, Katherine Stockbauer – Secretary, Sue Hodges – Treasurer – and Mary Head – Member

Watercraft registration update with possible adjustment. Boat registration is available on the VGHA.community website.

New VGHA Preamble page for city directory. Changes will be made to change egg shaking to adding and to include 3 picnic tables, drinking fountain, access to hose water and stationary grill. Wendy will produce artistic options for the background of the Board Member information page.

Aerators not working. Chuck is working on them. Chuck has the keys. We need to replace veins from Aqua Cave. One set is \$140. Might be wise to order 2 sets. 2nd set will remain in possession of HOA to keep on hand. Vote was taken on purchasing 2 sets for apx. \$280. Unanimous affirmative. Katherine turned over to HOA a small bag of aeration spare parts from Brendon.

Katherine spoke to Julie and Porta Potty will be moved from entry gate to double gate.

Unpaid property dues on a specific property. Sue gave the history of unpaid dues. There is a lien filed. Sue and Pam will file an updated lien.

VGHA property lines re: request for clarity. Property lines have not been surveyed for a long time. There is some confusion at the county level as to HOA/City/Homeowner property owned. This is a complex issue and could not be resolved with a short meeting. The board has committed to clarifying and correcting property lines.

Items for the 2023/2024 budget consideration: Silt pond on north cove by the A-frame home.

Rocks and silt have been seen pouring in after heavy rains. Board needs to consider this for some kind of work next year, possibly designating budget monies.

Waters pouring over Houston drive into the same water area. Pam will work with the city for possible solutions.

Tributaries into silt pond. 2 large “dams” blocking large rocks now about 5 feet (looks like beaver dam) forcing water around rock formations, unnecessarily bringing in extra silt and debris. Reyes proposed only \$1,600 for first clean out of both – removing all limbs and debris from the site. And for budget purposes \$600 annually.

Small vehicle dredging – Due to impending severe weather,

Pam didn't want to talk about it today. Katherine brought pictures of the huge trees, branches, debris she had pulled from the lake bottom along her shore, out about 40 feet. A small dredger cannot even be

considered without considering all the circumstances like clearing all trees, limbs and debris from the lake bottom. And we would need able bodies, use peoples docks, etc. Much consideration is needed.

Pam stated that she is unavailable for the August HOA Meeting. Wendy will run the meeting, Pam will phone in. No online option will be available.

Due to severe thunderstorms the meeting was abruptly adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Katherine Stockbauer, Secretary

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2023 – 6:00 PM Central Time Houston Lake, MO City Hall

The meeting of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association (VGHA) Oversight Committee was called to order by Bobbi Baker-Hughes at 6:03 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 June 08, 2023, meeting were approved.

For the past several months we have made it our mission to revise the current Bylaws into language that is much easier to read and understand. After all our hard work and dedication to this project, we are ready to present Draft #8 to the VGHA Board for their review and consideration. We have decided to continue our monthly meetings so that we may review the VGHA Official Rules & Regulations next and make any needed recommendations to the Board on these as well.

Bobbi asked for a motion. Lisa moved that we should present Draft #8 to the VGHA Board. Mike seconded the motion. The committee approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the committee will be held the second Thursday evening in August 2023, at 6:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kay Honeycutt

Arts Circle Call to Artists



Registration Dates: thru July (drop off in the mail slot at city hall)

Art Delivery Date: August 5, 2 - 4pm

Exhibit: August 6, 1 - 4pm

The **Arts Circle** is honored to announce a call for entries to our 9th Annual Art Show

This is a call to residents for their handmade creations in any medium. Lets see works from new participants and those we haven't seen for a while. So get out your paints, brushers, clay, ink or print out some of those great sunrise/sunset photos from your phone!

Entry Guidelines

Open to all Houston Lake Residents. All works must be made by the artist. Floor works must be firmly stable and less than 3 sq ft. Wall mounted pieces are limited to 20 lbs, and must be ready to hang.

Exhibit

Performance works performed only at the exhibit opening.

Physical art remains on display after the opening. Selected pieces displayed Aug - Feb, remaining pieces displayed March - July.

2023 Arts Circle Registration Form (due 7/31/2023)

Please print clearly

Artist:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Art Work

Title:

Approximate size:

Medium (watercolor, yarn, etc):

May we post you and your works on Facebook / Instagram? Yes/No:

The Arts Circle will care for your art, however we aren't responsible if damaged

2023 Arts Circle Artwork Form (attach to back of art)

Artist:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Art Work

Title:

Medium (watercolor, yarn, etc):

The Arts Circle will care for your art, however we aren't responsible if damaged

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE OF FILING _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

You must be a member in good standing of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association. This means that you must be current on dues payment.

We have two vacancies on the Homes Association Board to fill at the Annual October Meeting. Two Elected Board Member will serve a two-year term.

Anyone interested in becoming a Board Member, please complete the application on this page and return to Homes Association Secretary Sue Hodges by email at hodges.susan@outlook.com or call her @ 816.786.2377. Thank you.

AUDITORS NEEDED

Three volunteers are needed to “audit the books” (review the check book and other financial records) for the Venetian Garden Homes Association.

As required by the bylaws, an audit of the books must be completed prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held in October.

It is not an overwhelming task, probably an hour or two.

The Treasurer, Susan Hodges, will meet with the volunteers to get this job done.

So, would you like to help the Homes Association? And, if you have done an audit before, you can offer your services again!

Call Susan Hodges 816.786.2377 or email at hodges.susan@outlook.com and offer your services. It would be greatly appreciated.