

# HOUSTON LAKER

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## CITY COUNCIL NEWS

During the installation of the new water heater at the city hall, Larry (the new maintenance guy) noticed gas leaking from a shutoff valve that was supposed to be closed.

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## VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOC

The annual meeting was held Saturday, October 21st. The 2024 budget as well as a 5 year plan were presented. Residents voted on accepting the budget as well as board members, dues, President and Vice President.

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## ARTS CIRCLE

Will meet on November 25th at 10am in City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, the last Saturday of each month. Visit the Facebook page at [Arts Circle of Houston Lake](#)



## ANOTHER SUPERIOR JOB BY REYES SERVICES

Article & Photo submitted by Katherine Stockbauer

For the first time in more than 12 years our "Whistle" was cleared of all logs, limbs, trash and debris by Reyes Services.

The Whistle is a grouping of huge rocks, strategically placed decades ago in front of silt pond to trap logs, limbs, trash and debris from entering our silt pond. Also removed and hauled away were tires, grills, bicycle wheels, balls, blankets, etc.

Before moving, Mr. Bob King used to clear this area out for us every year, as a free community service.

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## VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Next meeting will be held at City Hall and Virtually on Wednesday, November 15th at 6pm.

## CITY COUNCIL

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th at 7:30pm at City Hall and Virtually

## PARK HILL SCHOOLS

Board meeting will be held  
Thursday the 9th at 6:30pm

Students will enjoy Fall Break  
Wednesday 22nd - Friday  
24th. Classes will resume  
Monday 27th



## CITY COUNCIL

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MAYOR CHUCK STONE

The bad valve is the main gas valve inside the building. He quickly replaced the pipe he was removing for sizing. It has a good valve and the leak stopped in about 60 seconds.

To be completely sure that everything was safe before we left, we turned the gas off at the meter. So, the city hall will not have heat for a day or two while we get the gas feed pipe cut and threaded and a new main gas valve installed. Water and electricity are still available.

The city hall is safe for normal operations.



PICTURE FROM VGHA FACEBOOK PAGE

## VGHA ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

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The VGHA annual meeting had a great turnout. It was wonderful to see and catch up with so many residents. I'd like to thank the vote committee for their work in ensuring an accurate vote; thank you Teresa Olson, Kerry Hallowell and Sarah Schofield. Thank you to David Cliburn, Kay Honeycutt and Pam Riley for auditing the financial records and learning all the work Sue does.

I'd like to thank Katherine for her year of service to the community. She is undeniably a hard worker who has a passion for the lake. The board welcomes Frank Wilson and looks forward to another productive year of improving the health and stewardship of our lake.

All my best,  
Pam Freese  
President VGHA

**The vote tally is as follows:**

Board of Directors:  
Katherine Stockbauer 18  
**Susan Hodges 37**  
**Frank Wilson 28**

President:  
**Pam Freese 27**  
Wendy Thompson 0  
Susan Hodges 2  
Mary Head 0  
Katherine Stockbauer 13  
Frank Wilson 4

Vice President:  
Pam Freese 3  
**Wendy Thompson 22**  
Susan Hodges 1  
Mary Head 12  
Katherine Stockbauer 1  
Frank Wilson 4

Dues:  
\$425 13  
**\$450 27**  
\$475 5

Budget:  
**Yes 38**  
No 6

## LEFTOVER TURKEY SLIDERS



RECIPE AND PHOTO COURTESY  
OF GRACEFUL LITTLE HONEY BEE

- 1 package Hawaiian Sweet Rolls 12 count
- 2 cups diced turkey
- 1 cup cranberry sauce or relish
- 6 slices Swiss or favorite cheese
- 6 Tbsp butter
- 1 Tbsp yellow mustard
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 Tbsp dried minced onion
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- Parmesan Cheese (optional)
- Dried Parsley (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. Cover 9x13 baking pan with foil. Spray with cooking spray.
3. Remove rolls from package in one piece.
4. Cut entire slab of rolls in half lengthwise (leaving one slab tops and one slab bottoms).
5. Place bottom slab in foiled cover pan.
6. Layer with turkey, cranberry sauce and cheese.
7. Add top slab of rolls.
8. Melt butter and whisk in remaining ingredients except the parmesan cheese and parsley.
9. Pour evenly over rolls, cover with foil and let set for 5-10 minutes.
10. Bake for 20 minutes.
11. Uncover and cook an additional 5 minutes.
12. (Optional) Sprinkle on parmesan cheese and parsley.
13. Slice into individual sliders and serve.

## STORIES FROM... GENE CHARLES

This is about our 3 +/- seconds of fame on national tv.



Photo courtesy of  
Houston Laker

On my vacation in February 1966, I decided to take my folks traveling. I obtained space available passes on TWA for us, our son and

my family flew to San Francisco via Los Angeles. They had flown to Kansas City the day before and then the five of them flew west. Although I had written to my mom about what to expect with air travel, during takeoff, she thought at one point that they had stopped. She looked at the hostess who seemed unconcerned, and then she relaxed.

In San Francisco, they spent 3 or 4 days, then they flew to Los Angeles and stayed for a couple of days before checking in at the LAX airport early. While killing time in a gift shop, a TWA official and a cameraman asked them about taking pictures for the Huntly/Brinkley news program. At that time, Chet Huntly and David Brinkley would end their nightly news cast with their signature sign-off by saying good night to each other. I declined their offer, but my mom was interested in doing it. So the seven of them went downstairs to the check-in counters where they took pictures. Then, as they walked through the airport upstairs, several people took their pictures, probably thinking that they were somebody.

In those days, people dressed up to travel. Some women wore fancy dress gloves and hats, and men always wore suits and ties. They dressed the best they could to meet TWA's dress code. The airline took pictures of them checking in at the gate. For several nights, a short skit was presented by each airline at the end of the news. I'm sure that TWA's presentation was their showing. They told us to keep watching the news to see our pictures. All that it said was that "it wasn't unusual for three generations to travel together". That was their few seconds of fleeting fame.

## UN-CLASSIFIED ADS

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

To place an ad, email [editor.houstonlaker@gmail.com](mailto:editor.houstonlaker@gmail.com)

### HOUSTON LAKE COOKBOOK

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

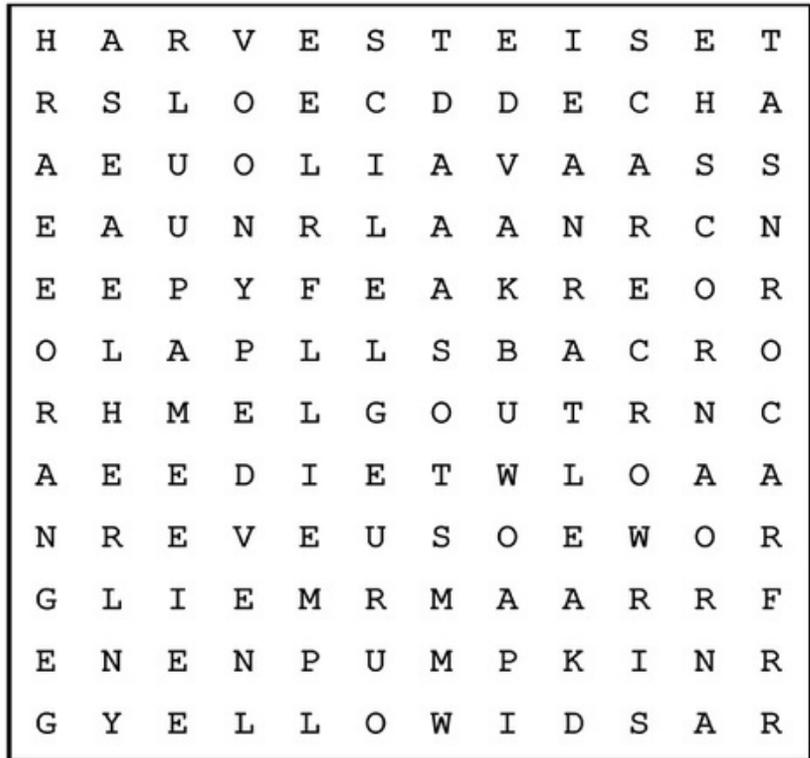
### FREE BOOK LIBRARY

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@houstnlake.gov](mailto:cityclerk@houstnlake.gov)



# FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



#### WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin	harvest
yellow	apples
scarecrow	hayride
autumn	red
leaves	Thanksgiving
sunflower	football
acorns	orange
corn	



Find more printables for children at [scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables](http://scholastic.com/parents/activities-and-printables) 

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This area must be cleaned out at least annually to reduce silt, sediment and trash from ever entering the silt pond. In turn, it enters our lake.

See the before and after pictures to the left.

## 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 Year's Day - No Change, pick up will be on Wednesday, January 4th

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

## 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 Frank Wilson

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 Open Position  
cityclerk@houstonake.gov

### South Ward Alderwomen

Ashley Fuglestad  
sw1-alderman@houstonlake.gov

Sarah Loring (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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Best wishes to you,  
Marlene

# City of Houston Lake City Council Special Meeting Agenda - July 17, 2023 at 7:30pm

## ● Opening Session of City Council Special Meeting for July 2023

○ Roll Call 7:31pm

Present Chuck Stone, Annemarie Murphy, Teena Walker-Robin, Virtual Ashley Fuglestad, Sarah Farsace; Absent None

## ● Approval of Agenda

○ Agenda for 7/17/2023

○ M1 AM

○ M2 TWR

○ Vote TWR, AM, AF, SF

Mayor Stone spoke about the information he had gathered since the last meeting. Brian Ford reached out to Mayor Stone by phone. On Thursday Mayor Stone said council wants reassurance that there would be recovery and ditch to ditch. Brian Ford stated that MCon is a much larger company than Rodriguez and that since they had to do recovery for Rodriguez and it took time out of their scheduling, they are only going to do 600 feet this summer including the recovery. Mayor Stone asked to have something in writing and Brian Ford said that he would have to get AmWater to put it in writing. Mayor Stone is concerned that waiting any longer would put us into the school year, 600 feet is not that far of road and which area is included in the 600 feet. As of the meeting there had not been a response from MCon or AmWater. Made reference to emails from June that were had with the city engineer Jim Ross and AmWater Mike Voeltz.

Council had discussion about the condition of the roads after the work is completed. A contingency clause was written and added to the permit to state that the condition of roads and green space would be returned to its previous condition or better prior to construction.

## ● Public Discussion

## ● Building Permit

■ ROWP Missouri American Water - MCon is who the permit is requested by

■ M1 AM

■ M2 TWR

■ Vote AF, SF, TWR, AM

## ● Adjournment

M1 AM

M2 TWR

Vote AM, TWR, SF, AF

Adjourned 8:22pm

FINAL MINUTES  
Houston Lake City Council Special Meeting  
7:00 PM on the 24th of August 2023  
held at City Hall  
5417 N. Adrian Ave. Houston Lake, MO 64151

Mayor Stone opened the meeting at 7:27 PM

Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Chuck Stone, Alderwoman Teena Walker-Robin, Alderwoman Annemarie Murphy, Alderwoman Sarah Farsace; Alderwoman Ashley Fuglestad

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Stone read the agenda into the record

Candidate interview:

Canceled, candidate no show.

Approval of minutes from 7/17/23:

Tabled

Motion for Alderman Teena Walker Robin to serve as acting city clerk until position is filled:

1st Motion Murphy, 2nd Motion Loring;

Vote: Aye - Loring, Fuglestad, Murphy;

Ney - None;

Abstain - Walker-Robin

Motion Passes

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion Loring, 2nd Murphy;

Vote: Aye - Walker-Robin, Farsace, Murphy;

Ney - None; Abstain - None

Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32pm

Final Minutes approved on 9/11/23

Teena Walker-Robin, Acting City Clerk

Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
**Profit & Loss VGHA**  
 October 2022 through September 2023

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	Oct '22 - Sep 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Interest income	2,496.85
Lien fees	24.00
Member Dues	55,305.00
Miscellaneous income	97.12
Total Income	57,922.97
Expense	
Insurance Expense	2,921.00
Lake grounds and beach maint.	2,921.00
Beach repair & maintenance	200.00
Dam/spillway maintenance	1,120.00
Grounds maintenance other	5,609.52
Lake shltr grnds dock maint	6,404.87
Porta Potty	426.54
Water testing	180.00
Lake grounds and beach maint. - Other	542.00
Total Lake grounds and beach maint.	14,482.93
Mowing Service	699.95
Office general and admin	200.00
Appreciation gifts	80.00
Houston Laker delivery expense	44.88
Maintenance and repairs	195.67
Miscellaneous Expense	132.00
Office Supplies	200.60
Copier maintenance	368.00
Suppl ies	700.60
Toner	218.40
Total Office Supplies	95.00
Postage	48.00
Safe deposit box	1,582.55
Office general and admin - Other	150.00
Total Office general and admin	725.00
Professional Fees	725.00
Accounting services	875.00
Legal	1,500.00
Legal expense	150.00
Total Legal	725.00
Total Professional Fees	725.00
Unforseen event	875.00
Utilities	1,500.00
Electricity	1,293.94
W ater	155.96
Total Utilities	1,449.90
Total Expense	23,511.33
Net Ordinary Income	34,411.64
Other Income/Expense	34,411.64
Other Income	4,183.53
Late charges	4,183.53
Total Other Income	4,183.53
Net Other Income	4,183.53
Net Income	38,595.17

# Venetian Gardens Homes Association Balance Sheet

	Sep 30, 23
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CACU Membership Svgs.	1.00
CACU online bank account	1,380.48
CACU ops. bank account	6,547.82
CACU Premier Money Market	190,489.24
Total Checking/Savings	198,418.54
Accounts Receivable	
Member dues owed	37,312.03
Total Accounts Receivable	37,312.03
Total Current Assets	37,312.03
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>235,730.57</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	
Total Accounts Payable	149.0
Total Current Liabilities	3
Total Liabilities	149.0
Equity	3
Retained Earnings	149.0
Net Income	196,986.37
Total Equity	38,595.17
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>235,549.54</b>
	3
	<b>235,730.57</b>