

HOUSTON LAKER

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CITY COUNCIL NEWS

City Council meetings have moved to the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 12th at 6:30pm at City Hall

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOC

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month. Join us on Monday, June 17th at City Hall. Meeting starts at 6:30pm

CITY CODE - PARKING

No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the city limits of Houston Lake, MO. (Chapter 300 - Schedule II, Municipal Code)



THE HOUSE IS QUIET

Neighbors may come and go, some making their presence felt while others leave a lasting impact. The Jackalone's were such neighbors who left a mark on Houston Lake. Nick and Jan began their lives at Houston Lake with their respective spouses, Nancy and Lonnie. After facing loss and finding each other, they started a new life together on the south side of the lake. Both Nick and Jan actively contributed their time and ideas by serving on the HOA and City Council.

Following Nick's passing, many individuals stepped up to honor his legacy within the city. It's hard to believe that four years have already passed this month.

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ART CIRCLE

Invites all Creatives to City Hall on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:30am.

Bring something you are working on, something just completed or just an idea you want to bounce around

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join others at the Community Garden to weed, plant, harvest and share.

Contact Marsha Duncan for more information:
mduncannkc@aol.com

FROM THE CITY CLERK

#1 Grinder Pumps - Haynes Equipment services ALL grinder pumps in Houston Lake. If you have an issue, 24/7, with your grinder pump, please call their service number - 913-782-5013.

#2 Burn Permits - Did you know, if you wish to open burn for recreational purposes, you must renew your burn permit annually. So, if you have any type of fire pit, chiminea, or grill - your approved permit for 2024 is due. You will find the Burn Permit form on the Houston Lake website which is www.houstonlake.gov. Then select City Government, then select Forms and Permits. You will find a link to the Burn Permit form under that drop down. Please get your completed form to the City Clerk by June 1st so that your form can be addressed at the June 12 City Council meeting.

Lisa
Lisa A. Shepard
City Clerk in Training
City Hall Answering Machine:
816-741-0644



Goose Egg Addling Update:

submitted by Frank Wilson

Goose Egg Addling began on April 5th with Laura Hines, Lisa Shepard, and Chuck Stone finding and addling the first nest which was located on Lisa's property. Since then, a total of 14 nests have been found and 55 eggs have been addled. Laura and Chuck have found most of these and are commended for their diligent work on our behalf.



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E.COLI (WATER) TEST RESULTS

LAB ID: 240521043-001

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION/ANALYSIS: BEACH 1 5/21/24 10:45AM

DETECTION LIMIT: 1 RESULT: 34 UNITS: MPN/100ML TEST DATE: 5/22/2024

THE SWIM BEACH IS SAFE FOR SWIMMING!

Water test results are also posted at city hall and on the gate at the swim beach.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Fireworks Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any fireworks within the public right of way of any public street. Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:

1. From 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26) until July second (2nd) and on July fifth (5th); and
2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th). No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks. Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.

FISHING AND SWIMMING

Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake “2024 Wristband”!!

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2024 Wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2024 Wristband. **ABSOLUTELY NO FISHING IN THE BEACH AREA.**

To get your 2024 Wristbands call VGHA Treasurer, Susan Hodges @ 816.786.2377. The Wristbands are FREE if your Homes Association dues are paid. Guests of Residents must have that Residents 2024 Wristband with them when they are on or around the lake and on Homes Association property.

ATTENTION Your Lake Dues must be paid to use the lake facilities for swimming, fishing, boating or other recreational purposes even if you have lake front property. Non-paying members may not picnic on Homes Association property (for example, the beach, Mayor's park or the peninsula) you must have your 2024 Lake wristband with you when using the lake.



QUIET - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

This Easter Monday, Jan suffered a stroke and sadly passed away on April 27th. Once again, many neighbors came forward to offer support in various ways.

Jan was a constant presence for me as a neighbor – kind, considerate, and a bit quirky. She cherished the memories she shared with Nick, taking care of their cats and stray animals in the neighborhood. Jan and Nick ensured they were fed, cared for, spayed or neutered, and up to date on vaccinations. She lovingly tended to Nick's daylily garden and decorative grasses, preserving the joy they brought him.

Since Nick and Jan's passing, the house has been quiet. In my time at Houston Lake, I've heard homes referred to by the name of previous or long-term residents like the "Smith" house, but I never truly understood it until now. The house next door, regardless of its occupants, will forever hold the legacy of the Jackalone's.



Jan & Nick Jackalone with Sharron DeLafuente

VGHA RULES & REGULATIONS FOR HOUSTON LAKE

1. Lake tags will be issued to lot owners who have paid their HOA dues in full. Lot owners will be responsible for the wristbands issued to their property.
2. Lake Wristband must be worn and visible for everyone on Venetian Gardens HOA property at all times.
3. Private property. No trespassing. Residents, lot owners and guests only. Violators will be prosecuted.
4. Property owners are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guest at all times.
5. No DIVING or FISHING from the Swimming Docks.
6. No swimming after 9:00p.m.
7. Alcohol will not be allowed in the beach area.
8. Animals will not be allowed in the beach area.
9. Fishing will NOT be allowed ANYWHERE beyond the gate at the swim beach.
10. No disorderly conduct.
11. All Rules and Regulations of the Missouri State Conservation Commission will apply.
12. No trot lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines are permitted.

13. All Terrain Vehicles, motor bikes, motor cycles and motor scooters are prohibited from operating on Homes Association property.

PLEASE NOTE: Houston Lake is dedicated to preventing the spreading of Zebra Mussels. If you want to use any watercraft on Houston Lake, it must be registered with the HOA and tagged (even if it has been in the water for years). If you wish to launch any NEW watercraft on the lake, it MUST be inspected and approved by the HOA. Please contact a HOA Board Member. This process will take at least 10 days, so plan accordingly. You must also have 2024 lake wristband, watercraft safety equipment (life vest) and adhere to lake rules. This applies to NEW boaters. However, safety equipment applies to ALL boaters

Please, please use your fishing gear safely! Cutting your line loose and leaving long lengths of it in the water can harm our wildlife and our pets, especially if there is still a hook attached.

FRIENDLY REMINDER-

Houston Lake does not allow parking on any city street. All vehicles need to be parked completely off roadways. This allows room for emergency vehicles to get through and access those in need. The city is working on replacing no parking signs that have been lost or removed over the years. Those vehicles parked on city roadways may be issued a citation by the Platte County Sherriff's Office.

STORIES FROM GENE CHARLES

My mom told us this story at home, believe it or not!

Apparently, she got this info from her grandma. Her grandparents raised turkeys and a witch who lived in the community asked for a turkey but her grandma refused. The turkeys started fallen over like dead. Her grandpa handed the witch one saying she might as well have one because it looked like they were going to die anyway. At that point, the turkeys got up like nothing had happened. Mom told us other witch stories. I don't recall them right now.



Community Builder

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members”

Father’s Day June 16th

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers in Houston Lake!

Yes! You to dog dad, cat dad, fish dad, whatever dad you may be.

Juneteenth June 19th

Juneteenth is a federal holiday to commemorate the ending of slavery.

No one is perfect, not me, not you, not them. If you want to live a peaceful life, accept yourself for who you are, and respect others for who they are.

Author unknown

5 Reasons Mowing Your Lawn Is More Important than You Think

1. Consistently maintaining your lawn will help your grass grow healthier and greener.
 2. Tall grass is a breeding ground for ticks, fleas, and other pests.
 3. Consistent mowing at the right height will keep weeds at bay and protect from lawn disease.
 4. Having a consistently manicured lawn will keep an appealing eye to your home.
 5. Consistent mowing makes ongoing maintenance easier.
- Houston Lake codes state: weeds, grass, and other vegetation are deemed a public nuisance at the height of 18 inches.

Building a better community! Building a better you!

Feedback, comments, questions, concerns or add to this page email

Heartofhoustonlake@gmail.com

The Power of Positivity

Hello from your VGHA Board,

May has been another busy month for the board.

The egg addling crew has been hard at work hunting nests and dipping eggs. A huge thank you to Chuck and Laura as they have diligently worked to ethically control the goose population. They have dipped over 55 eggs. If you see them out and about please thank them for all their service to our community. To join the crew, notify us of a nest or request a nest on your property not be disturbed please notify Frank Wilson at pakepalani@gmail.com.

Dredging work is complete on the south side of the peninsula and is moving to the final stages of the horseshoe or S curve and north side of the channel. Please take extra caution over the next few weeks as the crew will be hauling silt across Adrian to deposit on the lots across the street.

Sue has continued working to collect dues. Approximately \$3,500 in late fees were assessed and liens will be filed on all past due properties in August. The HOA is owed almost \$41,000 in dues. The dues are used for projects to better the health of the lake, upkeep on the HOA beach, Mayor's park and path from the footbridge and dredging projects. The fund directly impacts your community. If you are behind in dues and need to work out a payment schedule, please contact Sue Hodges at hodges.susan@outlook.com or 816-786-2377.

Thank you to all who showed up for lake clean up day. Drew, Teena, Lisa, Pam, Shelly, Ethan, Jake, Todd, Deena, Sharon and Victoria worked hard. The crew disposed of 3 docks, the broken picnic table behind City Hall, pulled trash out of the lake, removed limbs and trash from the boat dock. Thanks to all of you who showed up and worked.

As summer season is approaching, if you notice a full trash can, please contact Pam at 816-726-4455.

The HOA is looking for volunteers to help prepare the beach every Friday for the weekend. If you have time and interest, please contact Pam.

Thank you to Brendan Brousseau for volunteering to do the water testing at the swim beach to ensure it's safe for our residents to swim in.

Thank you to Jake Strobbe for changing out the enzyme tablets in the bio pods. Another round of thanks for landscaping the south side of City Hall. It really looks beautiful.

Thank you to Ethan Dean for cleaning out the debris in the channel under the foot bridge.

Thank you to Marsha Duncan and the entire community garden crew. It's really beautiful.

Thank you to Katherine Krieder and the City Hall flower garden crew. The native flowers are fragrant and the iris's blooms are stunning.

The HOA loves all the volunteer projects happening. Please note, if you are unable to complete a project through completion, the HOA needs to be notified ahead of projects taking place so we may assist or find volunteers to help. Thank you!

Kindest regards,
The VGHA Board

VGHA DUES LIEN FILING

The 2024 member dues should have been paid by March 1, 2024. Thank you to those of you who have paid. For those of you who have not paid, you have a legal responsibility to pay. You also have a moral and ethical obligation to your Houston Lake friends and neighbors that dopay. The board has adopted a new lien policy. Any dues outstanding on August 31, 2024 will result in the filing of a lien against your property.

**I repeat,
LEINS WILL BE FILED ON ANY PROPERTY OWING DUES AT
AUGUST 31, 2024.**

**Susan K. Hodges, Treasurer
VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION**



Riverside Survival Supply:

2412 NW Vivion Road Riverside, MO 64150
(816) 584-8500
RiversideSurvival.com

Store Hours:
Tuesday-Saturday
10:00-18:00
Closed Sundays &
Mondays

- Camping Gear
- Survival Gear
- Long-term Food Storage
- Fire-starting
- Water Purification
- Ammo
- First Aid
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Knives
- Security Gear
- Resource Books

Riverside Survival Supply was started in 2014 by Rick Hedgecock and Brenda Martin. November 2022, the store was passed onto a new family of outdoorsmen and adventurers. Today, it continues to be ran by outdoor enthusiast, preppers, survivalist, and adventurers.

Announcements:

We have hired a new employee! Come in and meet Dean, our store manager.



Bring This
Coupon
In-Store
for
10% Off
any
purchase!

Exp.: 8/1/2024

10% Off
Everyday

- Military
- First Responders
- Veterans
- UAW Ford

June

Calendar Of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1 8 1830-Game Night!
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 1830-Movie Night!
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 11:00-Prepper Meetup!
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PLATTE

COUNTY SENIOR FUND

I'd like to highlight some resources that are available to senior residents in Platte County (ages 60+). These are all funded by our tax dollars and available to enhance quality of life and independence for seniors and their caregivers. I was surprised at the extensive services offered and want to share with our residents here at Houston Lake.

Resources and support available include:

Transportation	Internet Access	Technology Assistance	Tax Help
Home Repair	Senior Events	Caregiver Support	Personal Care
Respite Care	Housekeeping	Pet Power	Financial Help
Safety Monitoring	Social Events	Child Care	Mental Wellness

You can learn more about these programs on their website www.platteseniors.org

Don't have internet, a computer, or understand how to use it? Visit the Parkville Living Center!



A Parkville Living Center Community Resource

Tech Connect

Free Technology Assistance & Internet Access

Mon - Thurs
8am-2pm

819 Main Street - Parkville, MO, 64152

The illustration depicts a community resource center. On the left, a woman in a blue dress talks on a mobile phone. Next to her, an elderly man with a cane looks at a tablet. In the center, a woman sits on a blue sofa using a laptop. To her right, a man sits on the same sofa with a laptop. The background features stylized green and yellow leaves, framed pictures on the wall, and a potted plant.

I will leave a few brochures in the City Hall Free Little Library and am happy to help provide more information to those who are unsure how to access it.

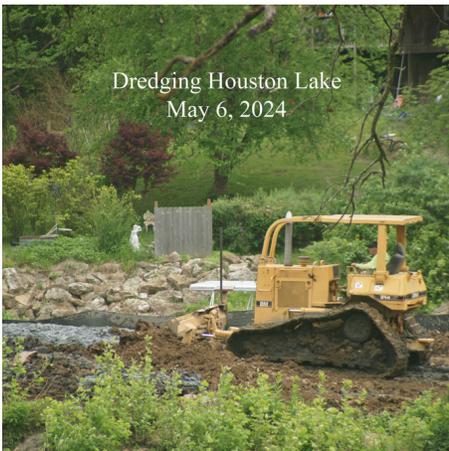
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Full Page	\$20.00
1/2 Page	\$10.00
1/4 Page	\$5.00
1/8 Page	\$2.50

Pricing is per month & includes a listing on the city website houstnlake.gov

To place an ad, email editor.houstonlaker@gmail.com

Dredge Project



HOUSTON LAKE COOKBOOK

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



Join us for a VBS deep dive adventure! Where your kids will go deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. To celebrate what we've learned, we'll have a fun kids' concert, family night, and party on Friday, July 19th. All registrations must be received by July 1st.

WHEN: July 15-19th from 6:00-8:30 pm.

WHO: Children who are 3 years- incoming 5th graders (for the 2024-2025 school year). (Select Elementary for 5 year olds who will be in Kindergarten in the fall)

WHERE: Vineyard Church

COST: FREE

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2024 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.

2024 Recycling Dates (2nd Wednesday):

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

2024 Holidays:

January 1st New Years Day -
Pick up changed to Thursday
January 4th

May 27th Memorial Day - Pick
up changed to Thursday May
30th

July 4th Independence Day -
No Change pick up will be on
Wednesday July 3rd

September 2nd Labor Day -
Pick up changed to Thursday
September 5th

November 28th
Thanksgiving - No Change
pick up will be on
Wednesday November 27th

December 25th Christmas -
Pick up changed to
Thursday December 26th

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 call
Haynes 24/7 Service 913-782-5013

HOA Officers -

President Pam Freese 816-726-4455
venetian.gardens.homes.assoc@gmail.com

Vice President Wendy Thompson 816-225-1018

Secretary Frank Wilson 509-939-6811
lmua62@gmail.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
Mayor@houstonlake.gov

City Clerk Lisa Shepard
cityclerk@houstonlake.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

Keith Carey
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.

THE WORKS by MARLENE

a licensed Style Salon

816-587-1550

by appointment only

In Houston Lake!

Over 35 years of experience

Convenient hours

Haircuts Uniquely for You

Specializing in Haircolor

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Grey Coverage

Enhancing the Grey

Brow Shaping

Best wishes to you,
Marlene



City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, the 8th day of April 2024 **Location:** Houston Lake City Hall, 5417 NW Adrian, Houston Lake, MO 64151

The regular meeting of the City Council Meeting of Houston Lake, Missouri, was called to order by Mayor pro tem Ashley Fuglestad at 7:45 p.m.

On roll call, the following members were present: Alderman AnnMarie Murphy, Alderman Sarah Loring, Mayor Pro Tem / Alderman Ashley Fuglestad, Alderman

Teena Walker-Robin

Approval of Agenda

- Agenda for 04/08/2024 – Walker-Robin motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of swearing in of two council members. Loring seconded. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.
- Minutes –
 - Loring motioned to approve the 11/13/2023 minutes, Fuglestad 2nd. A voice vote resulted in Ayes from Loring, Fuglestad, Walker-Robin. Murphy Abstained.
 - Loring motioned to approve the 12/11/2023 regular and special session minutes, Fuglestad 2nd. A voice vote resulted in Ayes from Loring, Fuglestad, & Walker-Robin. Murphy abstained.
 - Loring motioned to approve the 01/08/2024 minutes, Fuglestad 2nd. A voice vote resulted in Ayes from Loring, Fuglestad, Walker-Robin Ayes, Murphy Abstain
 - Loring motioned to approve the 02/12/2024 minutes, Murphy 2nd. A voice vote resulted in Ayes from Loring, Walker-Robin, Murphy. Fuglestad abstained.
 - Loring motioned to approve the 03/11/2024 minutes, Murphy 2nd. A voice vote resulted in all Ayes
 - Murphy motioned to approve the 3/28/24 minutes, Walker-Robin 2nd. A voice vote resulted in Ayes from Walker-Robin, Murphy, Fuglestad. Loring abstain

Emergency Management

- Fire Department – Assistant Chief Keith Payne reported two calls this year. Payne also explained that the department will be receiving a new pumper truck within the next 30 days and a new ladder truck within the next two years and both will need clearance of 13.6, regulated DOT height. Tree maintenance and having overhead cables conformed to this height would therefore be required. The utility companies should make the adjustments at no cost to the city. Cable and phone lines like AT&T & Spire (Spectrum) are more likely to be low while powerlines, like Evergy are usually a lot higher.
- Sheriff – Captain Woodrow Painter reported ve calls for service. Only one of the calls had a report attached to it, which was an animal complaint resulting in a warrant arrest. There were also two car stops. Sheriff Dept. of cers worked a little over 26 hours in March.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Report

- The next HOA meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th at 6:30 PM. Lake cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 20th at 9:00 AM, starting at City Hall.

Public Discussion

- Terri Dister reported on an animal rescue situation she is assisting a family with. The Council mentioned that the city had been initially contacted regarding the matter and had connected the caller with Terri for advice. Terri was acknowledged for going above and beyond by personally handling the rescue effort.

Burn Permits

- 5311 NW Edgewood Cir
Walker-Robin motioned to approve, Loring seconded. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Building Permits

- None

Treasurer's Report

Pay Bills

- March '24 Murphy motioned to approve; Loring seconded; A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.
- April '24 Murphy motioned to approve; Walker-Robin seconded; A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Old Business

1. Discussion on the best way to spend road funds in 2024 now that stormwater grant deadline has passed

- Discussion focused on the allocation of road funds for 2024 following the expiration of the stormwater grant deadline. It was noted that no stormwater grant was applied for in 2024. A request for estimates was sent to the city's preferred paving vendor for four paving problem areas previously discussed.
2. Discussion on Stormwater Grants 2025 including listing and prioritizing opportunities to work with the Platte County Stormwater Grant to address flooding issues
 - Discussion focused on preparing for Stormwater Grants for 2025, including listing and prioritizing opportunities to work with the Platte County Stormwater Grant to address flooding issues. Additionally, there was discussion on evaluating and prioritizing areas of stormwater concern in preparation for the 2025 deadline.
 3. Follow up discussion on parking for residents whose vehicles cannot jump the barrier curb at City Hall during meetings and/or inclement weather –
 - Discussion ensued regarding parking for residents whose vehicles cannot jump the barrier curb at City Hall during meetings or inclement weather. There is a debate on whether gravel roads can be snow plowed. A suggestion was made for the VGHA to donate a tiny sliver of park adjacent property currently owned by them to the city which would allow the city to use it in park/stormwater grants to provide a small paved parking area. This area would serve visitors to the park and provide over ow parking for City Hall visitors whose vehicles cannot safely traverse the barrier curb or make it to their homes in inclement weather. However, the response from the VGHA was less than encouraging. Board members did not see the advantage to their members, and one board member even suggested leasing the property to the city. It was noted that grants are only applicable for owned property, and the city is not in a position to provide funding for a private organization.
 4. Follow up on missing ordinances & contracts
 - A volunteer pulled all of the meeting minutes for the last three years from the laker archives so we could determine:
 - what documents are missing
 - where we should be in the numbering of ordinances moving forward
 - follow up with the cities legal council on next steps and repercussions
 5. Follow up on next steps to abandon the ward system
 - Reboot article is still in process as well as calendarizing
 6. Update on the Platte County Outreach Grant 2024
 - We won the grant, contract is enroute.
 7. Discussion of options for WiFi at City Hall
 - Recommending AT&T \$65-\$75 service includes WiFi. Dedicated to having WiFi here next month no matter what it takes.

Swearing in Incoming Council Members

- Keith Carey was sworn as North Ward Alderman
- Sara Loring was sworn as South Ward Alderman

New Business

1. BILL NO. 040824-RM was introduced to change the day and time when city meetings occur from the second Monday at 7:30 to the second Wednesday at 6:30 to accommodate a scheduling conflict of the new city clerk as agreed.
Loring motioned to approve; Walker-Robin seconded; A voice vote resulted in all Ayes.
2. Discussion of enforcement of City Code banning on street parking – Do we repeal this law or do we enforce this law. Council explained the necessity of having this law to accommodate emergency vehicles. An awareness campaign including signs and a series of articles explaining the necessity and framing it in a positive light, in both the Laker and the Website in advance of enforcement. Captain Painter explained that they could definitely issue citations to the owner of any vehicle found to be in violation. There was a suggestion of action item follows up, like ordering signs.

Reports from Council Members

- Loring reminds residents that it's time to clean leaves from your ditches, it is your responsibility. The city does culverts on city property. Ditches on your property are your responsibility. Loring also asked about for an update on mitigating trash issue on Edgewater; Officers did a wellness check following our last meeting and officers were called to the address again via a resident who was concerned about animals at the address. A 30 day notice has been issued. Loring last report item was that when she agreed to stay on, her main motivation was addressing the largest liability to the city and it's residents at present, the bridge. The bridge is impassable even for a gravel bike now, and problematic for many types of foot traffic. Loring is pursuing solutions for making the bridge safe for the traffic it currently has, foot traffic from multiple perspectives and will advise of progress.
- Fuglestad wondered if we had made progress on the codes enforcement situation. She had received a complaint from a resident on a property that was undergoing remodeling and she did not think it was something we would write a citation on as it was a remodel, inconvenient but not a codes issue in her opinion. Fuglestad's made the point that this was really a call better made by a codes enforcement professional. AnnMarie Murphy has been training in the codes position as a much appreciated favor to the city and did look at the property in question and agreed with Fuglestad's opinion. Murphy further explained that she had taken the training so that she could train a new Codes Enforcement officer, should one be hired. Murphy canvassed surrounding cities and is of the opinion that \$17 for \$20 hours a week Codes Enforcement officer is going to be a hard sell. Murphy also suggested an intern program might be a workable solution and that she could serve as Inter Coordinator. Meanwhile Murphy is willing to continue on an as need basis for the time being.
- Walker-Robin spoke on the how pleasant the solar eclipse watch event was, that it was not visible unless you were using glasses but with the glasses it was stunning. She photographed the whole event and promised to post images if they turned out.

Adjournment

- Loring made a motion to adjourn. Walker-Robin seconded. A voice vote resulted in unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm

Approved May 08, 2024



City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, the 3rd day of May 2024

Location: Houston Lake City Hall, 5417 NW Adrian, Houston Lake, MO 64151

The special meeting of the City Council of Houston Lake, Missouri, was called to order at 4:23 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem / Alderman Ashley Fuglestad.

On roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Pro Tem / Alderman Ashley Fuglestad (via Zoom), Alderman Keith Carey, Alderman Teena Walker-Robin.

Absent: Alderman Sarah Loring

Approval of Agenda

- Agenda for 05/03/2024 – The agenda, as initially presented, was amended to add the purchase of a new computer for the City Clerk. Walker-Robin moved to approve the agenda as amended. Carey seconded.

Dumpster permit for 5279 NW Edgewood Trail

- In the absence of a Code's Enforcement Officer, the City Council discussed a dumpster permit for 5279 NW Edgewood Trail which review and approval was needed expeditiously. It was recommended the fee should be waived under the circumstances.
- Walker-Robin moved to approve the permit. Carey seconded. Walker-Robin – Aye; Carey – Aye; Fuglestad – Aye. The vote resulted in approval.

Changing Locks at City Hall

- The discussion concerned the changing of locks at City Hall due to ongoing security concerns and budget line items with funding applicable for securing the buildings. The discussion concluded with an action item to compile details on the work to be done and the estimated cost, to present at the next City Council meeting.

Monthly Staff Meeting

- A Project Tracker spreadsheet was presented. It was suggested this could be a way to track, administratively, projects needed throughout the city. In addition, a once-a-month non-mandatory staff meeting was suggested – during which the projects could be discussed, prioritized, needs assessed, timelines determined, and to whom the projects could be assigned for completion. All city staff could be invited to attend the staff meeting.
- It was suggested, the 4th Wednesday evening of the month, might be a good time to try for a staff meeting so it could alternate with regular City Council meetings, now being held on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month. It was noted that, in her absence, Alderman Loring should be informed of this idea.

Purchase of a Computer for City Clerk

- The city clerk's computer has recently been sent to a shop for repairs. It is four and ½ years old and, after review by the shop, it is not recommended to be fixed. A new Chromebook for the City Clerk was recommended.
- Walker-Robin moved to purchase a Chromebook for less than \$400. Carey seconded. Carey – Aye; Fuglestad – Aye; Walker-Robin – Aye. The vote resulted in approval.

Adjournment

- Walker-Robin moved to adjourn. Carey seconded. Fuglestad – Aye; Carey – Aye; Walker-Robin – Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Approved May 08, 2024

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Arts Circle of Houston Lake

Art Delivery Date: August 5, 2 - 4pm

Exhibit: August 10, 1 - 4pm

The **Arts Circle** is honored to announce a call for entries to our 10th Annual Art Show. This year's theme

Perspective

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, brushes, 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, new pieces displayed March - July.

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Artwork Form (attach to back of art)

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Art Work

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