

Houston Laker

May 2010

Happy Mother's Day





City

Events

May 10 - City Council Meeting
7:30 pm - City Hall

May 12 - Recycling Day

May 20 - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall

May 22 - Annual Clean-up Day
Please try to be at City Hall at 9:00 am
to volunteer. It's also great way to meet
your neighbors!!!

June 3 - Trash pick-up day!!! Because of the Holiday
your pick-up day is Thursday

ANNUAL CITY WIDE **CLEAN-UP DAY**

The accumulation of discarded material, damaged and inoperable merchandise is in violation of Section 215.010 of the Houston Lake Municipal code. To avoid a citation and/or court appearance, the City Council is providing a free opportunity again this year for residents to dispose of such items.

Allied Waste will be placing a 30 cubic yard, roll off dumpster at City Hall on May 22nd. Residents that are not able to bring their items to City Hall should place such items curbside. Our City truck will collect these items for you.

Please do not block the access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators etc. will not be allowed in the dumpster. These items require a separate pick up. Please call to arrange this at 816-254-1470.

No hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, batteries, tires etc.)
No yard waste please!!

Taking advantage of this opportunity will prevent future problems. If you have any questions, please call:

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The Houston Lake Municipal Code:

SECTION 230.025: OPEN BURNING

No person shall dispose of trash, refuse or leaves by open burning or cause, allow or permit open burning of trash, refuse or leaves unless the same is authorized by Federal or State permit. (Ord. No. 176 §1, 5-9-88)

SECTION 500.100: BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

All persons desiring to construct, erect, alter or add to any building, boat dock, fences, road or drive or any structure in the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, must first obtain a building permit for such construction, alteration or addition from the Board of Aldermen of said City. (Ord. No. 282 §2, 10-14-02)



Important Notice

Change of Trash Pick-up Day

Allied Waste, your trash pick-up provider, has had to reroute their trash service and this has affected Houston Lake.

Your pick-up day of Tuesday will change to every Wednesday. Your recycling day will also be on a Wednesday.

Your items must be curbside by 7:00a.m.

Maximum of 10 bags per household.

Any loose material, such as carpet or building material needs to be cut down to 4 foot lengths and bound together weighing less than 50 pounds.

**Any extra pick up needs that you may have, please contact Allied Waste
For scheduling call **816-254-1470****

The holidays that Allied Waste observe are New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. When any of these holidays fall on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, your trash pick up will be on Thursday of that week.

2010 Holiday Schedule:

Pick-up Day

**Memorial Day (Monday 5-31-10)
Independence Day (Sunday 7-4-10)
Labor Day (Monday 9-6-10)
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-25-10)
Christmas (Saturday 12-25-10)
New Years (Saturday 1-1-11)**

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ATTENTION

This is the Revised Schedule for 2010

CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE RECYCLING INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE FOR 2010:

(Please post this on your memo board for reference)

1. You **do not need** to sort recyclable material. You **may** use your own containers along with the Blue Recycle Tub provided by Allied Waste.
2. Place your Blue Recycle tub with your own recycle containers. This will let the driver identify the recycled items.
3. Keep your trash and recycling material separated.

If your household wants to participate in our recycle program, please call or leave a message to receive a Blue Recycling tub.

City Hall – 741-0644
City Clerk – 419-5051

2010 Schedule:

January 19, 2010
February 17, 2010
March 17, 2010
April 14, 2010
May 12, 2010
June 9, 2010
July 7, 2010
August 4, 2010
September 1, 2010
September 29, 2010
October 27, 2010
November 24, 2010
December 22, 2010

The **Recycle** truck will only stop at houses using the **Blue Tub**.

May 10, 2010
Council Meeting Agenda
City of Houston Lake– City Hall 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Session

2. Public Discussion

3. Minutes

4. Building Permit

5. Treasurer's report

6. Paybills – Resolution No 05-10-10

7. Collector's Report

8. Police Report/Codes Report

9. Reports from Aldermen

Mr. Cowan

Mr. Otte

Mr. Coronado

Mr. Davis

10. Old Business

- a. 2010 Grant Application Up-dates

11. New Business

- a. City Wide Clean-up (May 22nd)

12. Mayors Report

13. Closed Session

a. A motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) for discussion of Legal issues, RSMo 610.021(2) for Real Estate (purchasing or selling) and RSMo 610.021(3) for Personnel issues.

14. Re-enter Open Session

15. Adjournment

City of Houston Lake
Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting
April 12, 2010

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on April 12, 2010 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Rick Cowan, Phil Otte , Dan Coronado and City Collector Joyce Kullman.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided. Oaths of Office were given to Alderman Dan Coronado and Alderman Perry Davis. A motion was made by Alderman Otte to appoint Perry Davis as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Alderman Cowan.
Motion passed.

Public Discussion

No public discussion

Minutes March 8, 2010

The minutes were read and approved by general consent.

Building Permits

A building permit was approved by the Council for 5406 NW Edgewood Trail by general consent.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Coronado moved to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Cowan.
Motion passed

Resolution 4-12-10 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 04-12-10, seconded by Alderman Davis.
Motion passed.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman's presented the collectors report to the Council. The total deposits for the city of \$4063.49 were made for the period ending 3-31-10.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A Code Enforcement Report was submitted to the Council by Mitch Kelly for the months of March/April 2010. Also presented to the Council was the Platte County Sheriff's report for the month of March 2010.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan reported that he had found someone’s company Quik Trip credit card at the City Park and was unable to track the company down. He will return it to Quik Trip. He also pointed out that his request for resident information on making Wagon Trail a “one way” street resulted in 2 residents responding. Mayor Hallauer took a petition, asking for a “yes” or “no” vote for a “one way” around to residents on Wagon Trail ending in a vote of 3 “yes’s” and 19 “no’s” .

He noted that the National Weather Service has determined that it is safer to stay in your vehicle, if you are driving during a tornado, than to get out of it. He also is going to get the City connected to EM-SAM which is an awareness map for Emergency Management that will alert us to various emergency situations.

June 3rd there will be a state wide emergency drill on earthquakes.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte welcomed Alderman Davis to the Council.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado also welcomed Alderman Davis. He thanked the City of Houston Lake for allowing the US Census to use the City Hall as a training facility for their census employees. Resident Jennifer Garringer is also a “crew leader” and will be assisting.

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis thanked everyone for their support.

Old Business

a. After much discussion the Council approved by general consent to maintain the “high speed” internet service at City Hall.

b. Mayor Hallauer informed the Council that the City has been notified that the 2 grants applied for have been approved. The Parks & Recreation grant for new mulch at the City playground and the Stormwater grant for renovating the bridge on Venetian will both be fully funded.

c. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with a proposal for re-graveling the City parking lot at \$1016.50. The Board of Directors for the Homes Association has agreed to split the cost with the City. The Council approved this by general consent.

d. Also presented to the Council was an estimate for 3 new entry signs at \$3400.00. A motion was made by Alderman Coronado to accept this estimate for new signs, seconded by Alderman Davis.

Roll call:

Davis – Aye

Cowan – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Abstain

Motion passed.

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New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with Bill No. 041210-1, an ordinance to sell City Lot 80. Alderman Coronado made a motion to place this bill on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 041210-1 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to place this bill on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 041210-1 by title only.

Alderman Coronado made a motion to place this bill on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Davis – Aye
Cowan – Aye
Coronado – Aye
Otte – Aye

Bill No. 041210-1, Ordinance 329 was passed.

b. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with a “Resolution of Thanks” to Alderman Nick Jackalone for his many years of service to the Council and his community service.. He also pointed out that his 30 years of service to this community was quite a lot and not many people can say that they have worked with all four Mayors of Houston Lake. The Council took a recess for a reception held in Alderman Jackalone’s honor.

c. The Council approved, by general consent, to continue the annual maintenance agreement for the copy machine with the Copier Shop.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer thanked Aldermen Coronado and Davis for agreeing to serve on the City Council.

b. Mayor Hallauer presented to each Aldermen a copy of a Mayor’s “responsibility” that he had outlined. This outline shows the responsibility’s that go beyond what State Statue defines. This was compiled as a guide to any Alderman that may have to complete a term as the Mayor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2010

Prior to the meeting the residents enjoyed a pot luck dinner, special thanks to Mary Head for her hard work on the dinner.

Treasurer's Report: \$22,350.10 in checking, \$6323.37 in the money market account, and \$11,050.77 in the CD. 24 residents have not sent in their HOA dues, please call Kerry Hallowell at 816-695-4100 to make payment arrangements.

Thelma Pease of North Platte First Methodist Church has a group of volunteers available May 1st and 2nd for projects. If you have a project you need help with please contact Kerry Hallowell for scheduling a project with them.

New Business: an idea for fencing in the peninsula for a dog park was brought up by Nick Jackalone, the board explained this wouldn't be possible without cancelling our 4th of July fireworks display, so he asked if the board would look into alternative locations.

City Clean up day has been scheduled for Saturday May 22, 2010. Meet at City Hall 9:00 to help!

Richard Connell brought up the over growth of moss in the lake, we discussed different places to gather information on plants and fish that can help with the problem.

Old Business: Grass seeding on the peninsula has been scheduled and we are getting bids on seeding between the rocks to prevent further soil erosion.

Steve Patton who is a certified arborist and a new lake resident offered to prune and trim the trees at City Hall as volunteer work. He is also discounting services for all lake residents. Please call 588-7656 to schedule an estimate if you are interested in having him work on your trees.

Awards and Certificates were given to Mary Head, Marie Boehm, Jannette Boehm, Dotty Boehm, Keith Carey, Mike Hallauer, and an anonymous resident for all their years of service to helping the homes association with everything from emptying trash and welcome baskets to shaking the goose eggs. The board would like to extend its thanks and gratitude for all their dedication to making Houston Lake a wonderful place to live.



From the Kitchen of.....Paula Deen

I was watching Food Network one day and saw Paula Deen make this recipe. As it looked really good, I decided to make it for Alderman Nick Jackalone's "Thank You" reception at the last city meeting. It took approximately 15 minutes and they were gone. And I made 40 of them!!

I adjusted the original recipe a little from using a half strip of bacon to a third of a strip. This worked out great. However, this minor adjustment did not make these tasty little morsels into anything close to a "diet" appetizer. Nope....this is bacon folks. So watch it.

I also prepared these the day before and baked them the next. The crackers felt a little soft as I placed them on the rack but when I baked them they turned out wonderful. So if you try this recipe plan to make a bunch.

Bacon Crisp's By Paula Deen

½ cup grated Parmesan or Italian blend cheese (shredded works the best)
Buttery rectangular crackers (recommended Toppers)
1 lb sliced bacon cut in thirds (do not use thick sliced and any flavor will work)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Place one teaspoon of the cheese on each cracker and wrap tightly with a strip of bacon. Place the wrapped cracker on a broiler rack and then on a baking sheet. Place in oven and bake for 30 minutes or so until golden brown. Remove from oven and cool.

Because ovens vary in temperature and bacon varies in thickness the recommended baking time may take more or less.

Enjoy!!!

If you have a recipe or some hints that you would like to share with us, please contact Marsha at mduncannkc@aol.com or Mary at maryjewelh@aol.com



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KCP&L OFFERS TIPS FOR WEATHERING SPRING STORMS

Kansas City, Mo. (April 15, 2010) – Spring storm season is upon us, and customers in KCP&L’s service territory have already endured a few early spring storms. KCP&L wants to help its customers be prepared for storm season. In the Midwest, severe storms are most likely to occur April through July.

Customers can take several steps to prepare themselves and their homes for a storm. A few tips include:

- Compile a list of **emergency phone numbers**; include **1-888-LIGHTKC (1-888-544-4852)** for reporting an outage to KCP&L. Customers’ phone calls are the best way for KCP&L to know they are without power and they allow the company to better determine the full extent of damage in their neighborhood.
- Assemble a **storm kit** that contains a battery-powered radio or TV, flashlights, blankets and other essential items. Keep it centrally located, and ensure all family members know where to find it.
- Register with KCP&L as a **Medical Customer** by calling **(816) 471-5275** if you are homebound and rely on medical- or life-support equipment that isn’t supported by back-up power supplies. KCP&L wants to remind those who are already registered as Medical Customers that the program requires an annual enrollment process. For more information visit www.kcpl.com/residential/medicalcust.html.
- Enroll in KCP&L’s **Meter-based Surge Protection program** to safe-guard sensitive computer and electronic equipment. More information about Surge Protection is available at www.kcplsave.com/residential.

When a storm threatens in your area, keep the local news on for weather updates. After a storm, stay clear of downed power lines. If the lines are on the ground, they may be energized and deadly. Contact KCP&L immediately to report a power outage or downed power lines.

If the power is out at your home, disconnect or shut off appliances that will automatically come on when the power is restored such as a washer or dryer, air conditioner and television. If all appliances come on at once, it may overload the circuits.

When inclement weather, such as thunderstorms, arrives, significant damage to the KCP&L electrical system may occur. KCP&L has also taken steps to prepare the utility for the spring storm season.

“KCP&L recently reviewed its storm restoration plan and emergency response plan in preparation for the upcoming storm season,” said Bill Herdegen, KCP&L vice president of Transmission & Distribution. “Before storm season hits, KCP&L takes several preventative measures such as trimming trees near

power lines, examining our transmission lines and patrolling to ensure equipment is maintained and functioning properly.”

During an outage, KCP&L does everything possible to quickly and safely restore power. The electric utility is a leader in the Midwest for storm response and is recognized nationally for system reliability. In fact, KCP&L recently received PA Consulting Group’s 2009 Plains Region ReliabilityOne award, for the third consecutive year. The award recognized KCP&L as a national leader in delivering reliable electric service to its customers. Also in 2009, KCP&L received Edison Electric Institute’s Emergency Assistance Award for providing outstanding assistance to fellow utilities impacted by disaster events.

For the most up-to-date information about power outages and restoration, view our real-time PowerWatch map at www.kcpl.com.

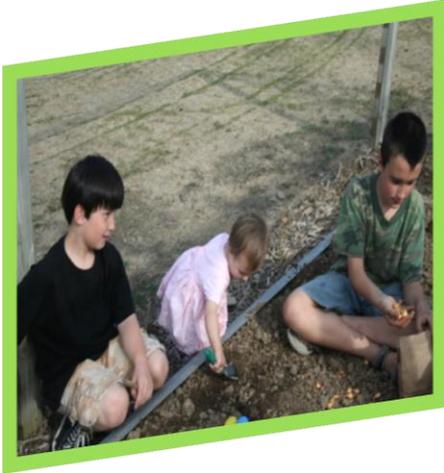
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Community Garden Update



This is awesome news. The first of the garden has been planted. Lillian, Zoah, William and Thomas Gay, Andi and Luci Freese. and Daegan and Keilyn Stevick worked very hard, as you can see, to plant spinach, lettuce, radishes and onions. The garden looks wonderful and it looks like it's about ready for the first harvest. Thanks kids!!!

Another "thank you" goes to Angela Gay, Pam Freese and Stephanie Stevick for coordinating the children's efforts. Their goal is to have all the children of Houston Lake participate in the garden. If you would like you child to be included in the next planting (in the next 2 weeks) please contact Angela at 584-546, Pam at 505-2151 or Stephanie at 587-3853.



Some more good news!! Kerry Hallowell told me the other night that her brother has a nursery and would like to donate 30 tomato and 12 heirloom tomato plants to our garden. Thanks Kerry and please thank your brother from all of us.

May Gardening Tips



Divide overgrown perennials and establish new beds with the divisions

Continue to prune spring flowering shrubs after flowers fade.

Visit your local Garden Centers for those plants that you were not able to start yourself earlier.

Harden off summer bedding plants in early May. Do not place outside if there is still risk of frost in colder areas. With this strange weather be cautious. In mild areas plant summer-flowering plants that have already

been hardened off.

Tips for Vegetables

Seed your cold weather crops and plant potatoes this month.

Transplant warm season vegetables outdoors near the end May. Seeds can also be planted outdoors now too.

When transplanting leeks (if started earlier indoors), do not pack soil around the base. Just pour water in the hole that the leeks are set into.

Remember to rotate vegetable crops to help control pests, disease and keep the soil in good condition.

Sow beet seeds an inch deep. Later you can thin them to one strong plant in each position.

For faster germination of seeds; mix them with a wall- paper paste in a plastic bag. Then squeeze the mixture out of the bag into small holes in moist soil for planting.

Plant taller vegetables North of shorter ones to reduce shade problems.

Using a hoe; pile earth up around your potato plants now.

Weeds encourage pests and diseases. Keep plants well weeded and re-firm soil around plant if loosened.

If you sow radish seeds in cucumber and squash beds, you will have less problems with the striped cucumber beetle

General Yard Care

Many gardeners plant useful vegetable gardens OR beautiful fragrant flower gardens. Try combining the two by planting nasturtium and marigold in with your vegetables OR herbs around your flower garden.

Plant lily-of-the-valley or other flowering bulbs around the trunks of your trees to enhance it's natural beauty.

Create a colorful border by planting corn with Strawflower instead of building a fence.

Mulch all plants and fruit trees.

Feed lawn with high - nitrogen fertilizer from April to Sept. for really green grass. Make sure you use a spreader to ensure fertilizer is spread evenly. Dethatch, edge and weed as needed.

When mowing your lawn make sure you use a mower with a sharp blade. If the blade is dull it will tear the young seedlings from the soil.

J & J Home Services

Exclusively for Houston Lake residents by Houston Lake Residents

Need a hand? How about two?

Well there are two good hands that live right here at Houston Lake that would be happy to help you with the myriad of projects that need attention at your house. They would be Jim Stafford & John DiGiovanni.

Think of the attributes you would like a handyman to have; Jim & John have them all. Years of experience, a high degree of skill, trustworthy, polite, professional, punctual with high quality well maintained tools and equipment.

No job is too big or too small; just ask for an estimate. So go ahead; take the day off and let J & J Home Services make your life easier.

Here are some of the things we do:

- ✓ **Mowing**-Any way you like it; mulched, bagged, edged, treated or seeded.
- ✓ **Aerating**-Should be done at least once a year. Especially if you mulch your lawn.
- ✓ **Flower Beds**-We can build or repair them, plant, mulch or lay weed block.
- ✓ **Tree Trimming**-Anything from removal to minor pruning.
- ✓ **Planting**-If it grows and you want it in your yard we'll plant it.
- ✓ **Painting**-Brushed, rolled or sprayed; by estimate.
- ✓ **Plumbing**-Repair a leaky faucet and up; by estimate.
- ✓ **Carpentry**-Fix a fence, build a shelf and more; by estimate.
- ✓ **Masonry**-Loose bricks or patios; by estimate.
- ✓ **You Name It!**-If we can do it we'll give you an estimate.

My List

Go ahead; make a list of things you want done and give us a call. We'll come pick it up and get you an estimate.

Jim Stafford 816-520-7057 John DiGiovanni 816-294-1305

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