

Houston Laker

June 2010

Happy Fathers Day





City

Events

June 9 - Recycling Day

**June 14 - City Council Meeting
7:30 pm - City Hall**

**June 24 - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall**

**July 4 - Annual Houston Lake 4th Celebration
4:00 pm - City Hall
9:15 pm - Giant Fireworks Display**

From the Desk of the City Clerk:

Well, our "Knight in Shining Armour" has struck again. It seems that an outdoor grill magically appeared at the City Park. Now all three of our parks have grills!!

A little secret.....Houston Lake is very grateful for our Knight.



Houston Lake Family Fun Opportunity!!!!!!

Kansas City Royals vs Oakland Athletics
July 18, 2010 1:10 pm
Kauffman Stadium at Kansas City
\$10.00 per ticket

Kendallwood Hospice, a non-profit company where I work in Riverside, sponsors U.S. veterans on day trips to Washington DC through an organization called Honor Flight (www.honorflight.org/programs/index.cfm?s=MO). Veterans see the memorials honoring their service for our country and are accompanied by care givers and necessary medical equipment if needed to enable comfortable and safe travel.

Kauffman Stadium has given our director a section of tickets for a fund-raise. \$7.00 of the cost per ticket will go toward Honor Flight. This section of seating will be behind third base and in the shade.

If you have any questions, you may call Linda Kramer, at 816.587.2291 or Marsha Duncan at 816.419.5051.

If you would like to take advantage of this wonderful offer and help Honor Flight at the same time:

1. Please place in a sealed envelop directed to Marsha Duncan or Linda Kramer:
 - your name _____
 - phone number _____
 - number of tickets _____
 - \$10.00 (cash only) **per ticket** x \$10.00
 - Total cost and amount equals _____ (cash)
2. Drop the sealed envelope through the door mail slot at City Hall.
3. The dead line is June 12th.

See you at the Ballgame, Linda and Marsha!!!!

Annual Houston Lake 4th of July Celebration

Sunday July 4th – 4:00pm – City Hall

**Everyone's invited to join in on the fun and activities.
It's a great way to renew old friendships and
meet new neighbors.**

**Brisket, Ham, Turkey, Hamburgers, Brats and refreshments
(provided)**

Please bring your favorite covered dish and your lawn chairs.

**By popular demand "Garage Sale Bingo"
(Please bring a few nice garage sale items)**

Special Events:

Lieutenant Eric Martinez

Third Missouri Light Artillery – C.S.A.

6 LB (cannon) Napoleon Field Gun

Civil War Re-enactment

GIANT FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 9:15 pm

Sponsored by:

The City of Houston Lake

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

A special "thanks" to Rick Cowan, (Pyro Tech Sponsor/Display Advisor)

David Hallauer and the "Pyros"

Due to the major increase in the cost of fireworks we "thank you" for your honor donation of
\$5.00 per person (children eat free)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”.

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

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

1. From 10:00 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).

F. No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks.

G. Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.

June 14, 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 06-14-10

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. July 4th Picnic

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
May 10, 2010

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on May 10, 2010 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Rick Cowan, Phil Otte , Perry Davis and City Collector Joyce Kullman. Alderman Dan Coronado was excused.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided.

Public Discussion

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly requested to address the Council's decision of last months meeting, to maintain the High Speed internet access at City Hall. He stated that since the Sheriff's Department no longer needed a "hot spot" he felt that the money used for high speed at City Hall could be used elsewhere. Alderman Otte pointed out that their decision was based on having this access available in case of a city wide emergency situation. Mr. Kelly said that the "first responders" would have their own internet access. Alderman Cowan stated that his concern was for the period of time after the first responders left. Officer Nancy Penrod pointed out that their Emergency Management responders could only be at one place at a time and that place would depend on the degree of urgency.

Minutes April 12, 2010

The minutes were read and approved by general consent.

Building Permits

Building permits were approved by the Council for 5340 NW Wagon Trail and 5511 NW Venetian Drive, by general consent. It was determined by the Council that a building permit for 5355 NW Edgewood Trail was not required.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Otte moved to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Davis.
Motion passed

Resolution 5-10-10 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 05-10-10, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Motion passed.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman's presented the collectors report to the Council. The total deposits for the city of \$3620.98 were made for the period ending 4-30-10.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A Code Enforcement Report was submitted to the Council by Mitch Kelly for the months of April/May 2010. Officer Nancy Penrod from the Platte County Sheriff's Department was also in attendance. Mayor Hallauer told Officer Penrod of a call he received from a resident stating that they were told that the Platte County Sheriff's Department would no longer answer calls after midnight. Officer Penrod told the Council that this was a *false* statement. The Platte County Sheriff's Department *answers all calls 24 hours a day* and all calls are responded to according to their priority.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan told the Council that the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) is having a workshop on the safety of dams on July 23rd. Mayor Hallauer suggested Mr. Cowan give that information to the Board of Directors as the dam is their responsibility to maintain. He also informed the Council that there will be a statewide earthquake drill on June 3rd and he will provide further information to the Council as he feels that this is something the City should be involved in. Alderman Cowan will also provide more information on the emergency tracking system, MSAM for further review.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte gave a “thanks” to whomever the person was that repaired the foot bridge.

Alderman Coronado – Excused

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis told the Council that he has received a number of “thanks” from residents for the new street light on Edgewater Trail. He also reported meeting with his son's Eagle projects officer and has signed off and gave the go ahead for Jakes project, the repair of the Police Department's office downstairs at City Hall.

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer gave an update of the Grants. The mulch for the playground will be shipped at any time. This will be a Saturday project and will require some volunteers. The old mulch will have to be removed and moved to the garden/flower beds and replaced with the new mulch. The Mayor suggested to the Council that they look up the website of LG Barcus & Sons. This is the company that submitted a proposal for renovating the bridge on Venetian. The Mayor also has received a “notice to proceed” with this bridge project from the County. The first step will be to get the engineering plans and submit them to the County. The Council agreed to accept the LG Barcus proposal and proceed with the bridge.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented to the Council a resolution to adopt the Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with FEMA requirements.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to place this resolution on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read the resolution by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to place this resolution on passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Davis – Aye

Cowan – Aye

Coronado – Excused

Otte - Aye

Resolution was passed

b. Mayor Hallauer said that the City Wide Clean-up day is scheduled for May 22nd. He also asked for volunteers. The metal will be set aside to be taken and weighed in for scrap metal and reusable items will be set aside and taken to Goodwill.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer reported to the Council that the City Clerk has started a project of placing all City Council records on a flash drive. The City Clerk reported that she has completed the years from 1999 to 2005.

b. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that he spoke with resident Todd Laggessie and he would be interested in working for the City as Maintenance Supervisor. Todd would be responsible for making sure that all City trucks were winterized. He also has experience in plumbing, electrical and carpentry and ready to take on different projects. He has experience in reading blueprints and can supervise the road and bridge projects. Todd agreed to be compensated per hour. The Council agreed by general consent to hire Mr. Laggessie as Maintenance Supervisor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2010

The Venetian Gardens Home Association meeting was called to order at 7:15. In attendance was Gil Hughes, Evadene Judge, Kerry Hallowell and Bill Gay.

Gil made a motion to pay the remaining money to High Boy for work done to the peninsula. motion was unanimously approved pending board review of the finished work.

A motion was made by Gil to replace the wooden deck on the pedestrian bridge at the north west corner of the lake. The deck has a broken board and presents a danger to those who regularly use it. Other boards showed signs of deterioration that may make them susceptible to collapse. The board members voted unanimously to repair and replace worn decking on the bridge on lake clean up day. Bill and Gil will seek volunteers to help with the repairs.

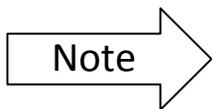
A general discussion was held concerning a homes association to do list to be kept at city hall so interested volunteers would know what things need to be done.

Bill will look into options for planting grass or other cover around the rocks on the peninsula.

Gil ordered the port-a-potty which is now in place at the beach for the summer.

Evadene made the signs for the lake clean up day.

The next meeting will be held on June 17th , 7pm at City Hall.



The Annual Pet Show and Bike Parade will be

Sunday July 4th



Starting at 10:00a.m. Pet Show and 11:00a.m. Bike Parade.

Let's all get started decorating some pretty bikes, scooters or wagons!!!





From the Kitchen of.....Richard Connell

Again I had the privilege of tasting one of Richard's yummy dishes. This one came from his mother. He told me that she always had this in the fridge and packed it in his lunch box for school. For you "sour kraut" haters out there this recipe may change your mind. I really thought I was eating a delicious coleslaw. It's wonderful and it keeps in your fridge for days.

Richard Connell's Sour Kraut

1 can of drained sour kraut
½ cup of finely chopped celery
½ cup of chopped sweet green pepper
½ cup of chopped onion
Mix all of the above in a bowl.

Boil 1 cup of sugar and 1/3 cup of vinegar. Let cool and pour over the kraut mixture. Let set for several hours refrigerated

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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Community Garden Update

Our 2010 Community Garden has officially been planted. 50 tomato plants and 18 green pepper plants were placed in the ground with the help of Bill Winton, Paula Krause, Angela & Bill Gay, Stephanie Stevick, Pamela Freese and all of the children.

The kids got right to business. After all, they came with experience from last year. Lillian Gay decided to give up her position as "soil tester" (taster) and instead went for the popsicle.

Angela and I are going to re-plant the cucumbers along the back fence. We don't see any growth going on so we'll try again. Anyone with words of wisdom on cucumbers, hey.....we're open.

The leaf lettuce is wonderful!! Please everyone, go down and pick some before it goes away (feel free to take a few weeds with you....hehehe) as it won't last long in the heat. We'll replant the lettuce and the spinach at the end of the season when it gets cooler. There's also some radishes and onions to go with your salad.



Thanks everyone for all of your help!!

See you at the Garden.





June

Gardening Tips

The best time to pick flowers from your garden is in the early morning. For longer lasting arrangements, use a clean container, change your water daily and cut the tip off the stems every few days.

Deadhead and lightly prune roses regularly throughout the summer. Prune a small amount off the stem after each flower has finished to encourage more blooms. When pruning, always remember to cut above a stem with five leaves.

Keep a close eye out for rust. Rust is a fungal disease that causes orange spots on leaves. If you see signs of rust, make sure to remove and destroy the infected areas of your plant. This disease spreads quickly so be careful not to drop infected cuttings on the soil.

Pick the faded flowers off fuchsia as they start to wilt. This will force more blooms. Control aphids by washing with water hose.

Feed roses with a complete fertilizer in June. Weed well. Remove faded blooms and sucker shoots as they come. Watch for aphids, mildew and black spot.

Dig up and divide over crowded clumps of Primroses after bloom. Keep them well watered after planting.

Water container plants daily, as needed. Feed every two weeks.

Perennial flowers for next year can be seeded at the end of June.

Harvest your lettuce, peas, carrots, radishes and onions now. Plant another quick maturing vegetable or plant more of these varieties for continuous growth.

Continue to thin out your lettuce plants

They should be about a foot apart.

Lift early potatoes now. To avoid damaging them use a fork.

If you want best results, this is the last month to plant your warm - season vegetables. (eggplant, pepper, squash, tomato and beans.)

Pinch the tips of your broad beans off to prevent aphids.

Deep water lawns, trees and shrubs to encourage deep rooting and avoid heat Stress.

Do not start new lawn from seed now. The young grass will not survive the summer heat.

If you have a new lawn you can add another application of seed, six months later to increase the turf density.

Watch out for yellow patches, leaf curl or poor growth. Increase watering if you notice any of these signs.

Install new edging around borders and beds and check existing edging after storms. Don't install edging after long periods of rain because the ground will swell and once it dries the edging will move.



Water lawns regularly. Set your lawnmower at a higher lever. Longer grass will shade the roots from heat. Don't forget to save your clippings for the compost pile. Never add your cuttings after a weed treatment.

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