

Houston Laker

August - 2010





City

Events

**August 2 - Special Town Hall Meeting
New Street Paving Project
7:00 pm - City Hall**

**August 3 - Election Day
Wexford Place**

August 4 - Recycling Day

**August 9 - City Council Meeting
7:30 pm - City Hall**

**August 19 - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall**

September 1 - Recycling Day

TOWN HALL MEETING

August 2, 2010

7:00 pm

City Hall

New Street Paving Project

How much will this cost me?

When will they start?

Where will they start?

These questions and others will be answered and explained on Monday, August 2nd at City Hall. Your city council invites you to attend this meeting to learn about this unique proposal for improving our city streets, now and in the future. Your input is needed.

Mayor and Alderman

August 9, 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 08-09-10

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. Venetian Bridge up-date
- b. Street Paving Project

11. New Business

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
July 12, 2010

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

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

No public discussion

Minutes June 14, 2010

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permits

No permits

Treasurers Report

Alderman Davis moved that we accept the treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

2010/2011 Budget Review/Hearing

After much discussion Alderman Cowan moved that we accept the 2010/2011 budget, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

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

Motion passed

Resolution 07-12-10 (paybills)

Alderman Coronado moved that we accept Resolution 07-12-10, 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 \$7370.29 were made for the period ending 6-30-10.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff’s Report

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

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan the fireworks crew, David Hallauer, Dennis Hallauer, Michael Hallauer, Dave Holzhtuter, Jeffrey Smith and Amy Stone for a wonderful fireworks display under difficult conditions. Also a thanks to Al Horine for the use of his 4 wheeler. And a thanks to the Platte County Sheriff’s Department for the radar wagon on Edgewater Trail. It was very effective at controlling speeding.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte wanted to make the public aware that a fox had been seen in the area and people should keep an eye on their small pets. Also a thanks for the great fireworks even under bad conditions. He also stated that there might be a sink hole on Adrian.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado apologized to the Council for being late to the meeting. **He was in a conversation with a resident about someone shooting at a raccoon and stated that discharging any firearm within the city limits is illegal.** He also thanked the City Council for the great 4th event. He said that he had out of town guests that stayed for the display until the bitter end. He also stated that he confronted some kids that were shooting fireworks at the Mayor’s Park. They were not residents and left without incident.

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis told the Council that he had met some people from Brenner Ridge that were sitting on the spillway watching the fireworks display. They stopped by and gave a “thanks” to the City. He also stated that he thought that the radar wagon did have an effect on slowing the speed. He has noticed more police officers in that area.

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer gave another update on the 2010 Grants. The playground project is complete and the City has received the reimbursement check from the county. The engineering plans that were submitted to the county for the new Venetian bridge have been approved by the county engineer and the material has been ordered.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer submitted to the Council a “Resolution of Thanks” for Jacob Davis, for his outstanding contributions to the City of Houston Lake. Alderman Otte moved that we accept this resolution, seconded by Alderman Coronado.
Motion passed.

Alderman Davis told the Council that on August 14th at the North Cross Methodist Church, Jake will receive his Eagle Scout award. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Mayors Report

- a. The project on Johnson Trail has been completed.
- b. The Council agreed on the date August 2nd at 7:00 pm for a special Town Hall Meeting for the mill and overlay project.
- c. Mayor Hallauer gave a thanks to all the people that helped on the 4th celebration. And a special thanks to Rick Cowan for his sponsorship of the fireworks display.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm

**Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
As of June 30, 2010**

Income - Period Covered July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

General Fund	126,289.23	
Road Fund	89,733.11	
Police Training Fund	1.46	
Grinder Pump Fund	4,459.83	
Fire Protection Fund	21,107.80	
Total		\$ 241,591.43

Expenses - Period Covered July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

General Fund	120,115.51	
Road Fund	19,625.22	
Police Training Fund	-	
Grinder Pump Fund	5,854.79	
Fire Protection Fund	19,000.00	
Total		\$ 164,595.52

Total Funds as of June 30, 2010

General Fund	71,749.89	
Road Fund	87,983.94	
Grinder Pump Fund	7,256.55	
Fire Protection Fund	18,981.06	
Municipal Court Account	234.75	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
Transportation Sales Tax Receipts (thru Mar 10)	36,712.24	
General Fund CD - matures 02/12/11	22,805.01	
Road Fund CD - matures 02/26/11	55,707.22	
Grinder Pump Fund CD - matures 12/15/10	16,670.24	
Total		\$ 318,620.65

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

July 15, 2010

The Venetian Gardens Home Association meeting was called to order at 7:25. In attendance was Gil Hughes, Pam Freese, Bill Gay and Kerry Hallowell.

Treasurers Report: Water bill, KCPL, HBerosion (formally Hi Boy) and the city of Houston Lake were paid.

The annual 4th of July pet contest and bike parade were a huge success again this year, thanks to Mike Hallauer and Pam Freese for judging the pet contest.

Kerry brought in the insurance policy, the board is going over it.

Old Business

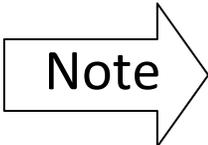
Pond scum on the lake is still a problem, some information was brought in by a resident and is being looked over, the thought is with all the heavy rains lawn fertilizer has washed into the lake from the watershed .

New Business

Stephanie Stevik submitted the idea of using the silt curtain down by the beach area to reinforce the rock wall that is there.

Kansas City, MO is fixing all Houston Lake sewers.

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 7pm at City Hall.



Note

New **“NO SWIMMING”** signs.

They will be posted at the beach and gate entrance if the Ecoli levels are above safe swimming limits.

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the
“ Primary Ballot”

Tuesday, August 3, 2010

at

WEXFORD PLACE

6500 N. Cosby Ave.

From I-29: west on Hwy 45 (64th St.) to N. Cosby Ave. Turn right on N. Cosby Ave., then left into the entrance to Wexford Place. The poll site will be set up in the Stafford Room, just past the reception desk.

Time 6:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

Platte County Board of Election (816) 858-4400

Any Questions please call:

City Clerk – Marsha Duncan = (816) 419-5051

Editor – Mary Head = (816) 741-5639

Official Primary Ballot
Non-Partisan
Platte County, Missouri
Tuesday, August 3, 2010

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Judges' Initials

#05

Instructions	Constitutional Amendment
<p>Completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or question response of your choice like this: ●</p> <p>If you do not see the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, darken the oval opposite the write-in line and print the name of the candidate on the write-in line provided.</p> <p>If you are in favor of the question, completely fill in the oval opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, completely fill in the oval opposite "NO".</p> <p>NOTE: The ballot reading device in use is designed to only record votes cast as a filled in oval. Use only the special marking pen provided. There can be no erasures, stray marks, checkmarks, or crossouts on the ballot. If you make an error marking the ballot, see an Election Judge to receive a replacement ballot.</p>	<p>Proposition C <i>Proposed by 95th General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SS SCS HCS House Bill 1764</i></p> <p>Shall the Missouri Statutes be amended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Deny the government authority to penalize citizens for refusing to purchase private health insurance or infringe upon the right to offer or accept direct payment for lawful healthcare services?- Modify laws regarding the liquidation of certain domestic insurance companies? <p>It is estimated this proposal will have no immediate costs or savings to state or local governmental entities. However, because of the uncertain interaction of the proposal with implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, future costs to state governmental entities are unknown.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>

Official Primary Ballot
 Democratic Party
 Platte County, Missouri
 Tuesday, August 3, 2010

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Judges' Initials

#15



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	<p>For State Representative District 32 (Vote for one.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jason Grill</p>	
	<p>County</p> <p>For Presiding Commissioner (Vote for one.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bobby Kincaid</p>	
	<p>For County Clerk (Vote for one.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sandra S. (Sandy) Krohne</p>	
	<p>For County Auditor (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Siobhann Kathleen Williams</p>	
	<p>For County Collector (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Becky Dye</p>	
<p>United States Senator</p> <p>For United States Senate (Vote for one.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Francis J. Vangeli <input type="radio"/> Robin Carnahan <input type="radio"/> Richard Charles Tolbert</p>		
<p>State</p> <p>For State Auditor (Vote for one.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Susan Montee <input type="radio"/> Abdul Akram</p>		
<p>Representative in Congress</p> <p>For U.S. Representative District 6 (Vote for one.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Clint Hylton</p>		

Official Primary Ballot

Libertarian Party
Platte County, Missouri
Tuesday, August 3, 2010



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Judges' Initials

#08

Instructions

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United States Senator

For United States Senator
(Vote for One.)

- Jonathan Dine
- Cisse Spragins

State

For State Auditor
(Vote for One.)

- Charles W. Baum

Constitutional Amendment

Proposition C
*Proposed by 95th General Assembly
(Second Regular Session) SS
SCS HCS House Bill 1764*

Shall the Missouri Statutes be amended to:

- Deny the government authority to penalize citizens for refusing to purchase private health insurance or infringe upon the right to offer or accept direct payment for lawful healthcare services?
- Modify laws regarding the liquidation of certain domestic insurance companies?

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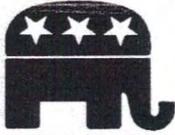
- YES
- NO

Official Primary Ballot
 Republican Party
 Platte County, Missouri
 Tuesday, August 3, 2010

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Judges' Initials

#26



Instructions	Representative in Congress	Constitutional Amendment
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For United States Representative District 6
 (Vote for One.)

Sam Graves
 Christopher Ryan

State

For State Senator District 34
 (Vote for One.)

Rob Schaaf
 John DeStefano

For State Representative District 32
 (Vote for One.)

Ron Schieber

County

For Presiding Commissioner
 (Vote for One.)

Jason R. Brown

United States Senator

For United States Senator
 (Vote for One.)

R.L. Praprotnik
 Hector Maldonado
 Kristi Nichols
 Roy Blunt
 Deborah Solomon
 Davis Conway
 Mike Vontz
 Chuck Purgason
 Tony Laszacs

For County Clerk
 (Vote for One.)

Joan Harms

For Recorder of Deeds
 (Vote for One.)

Gloria Boyer

Proposition C
Proposed by 95th General Assembly
(Second Regular Session) SS
SCS HCS House Bill 1764

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- Deny the government authority to penalize citizens for refusing to purchase private health insurance or infringe upon the right to offer or accept direct payment for lawful healthcare services?

- Modify laws regarding the liquidation of certain domestic insurance companies?

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YES
 NO

State

For Prosecuting Attorney
 (Vote for One.)

Eric Zahnd

For County Auditor
 (Vote for One.)

Kevin Robinson

For State Auditor
 (Vote for One.)

Allen Icet
 Tom Schweich

For County Collector
 (Vote for One.)

Sheila L. Palmer

Official Primary Ballot

Constitution Party
Platte County, Missouri
Tuesday, August 3, 2010



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Judges' Initials

#09

Instructions

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United States Senator

For United States Senator
(Vote for One.)

- Joe Martellaro
- Jerry Beck
- Mike Simmons

Constitutional Amendment

Proposition C

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- YES
- NO

From the Desk

Of the City Clerk:

Marsha Duncan



I just wanted to take a moment to “thank” all of the wonderful volunteers that helped on the 4th. To the “cooks” Debbie Callicotte and Angela Gay, the meat was fabulous. Thanks to Mary Head, Bill Gay, Kelli King and Joyce Kullman for their meat cutting expertise. 3 briskets, 2 whole hams and 6 smoked turkey breasts was a bunch of meat to cut. More great

hamburgers (40) and brats cooked by Glenn Morris. Thanks Glenn!!! Can we make that your permanent Job?? Bobbie Hughes and Paula Krause get the award for the “Hostess’s with the Mostest”. Ed DeLaFuente.....thanks for jumping in there and calling bingo!! And Joyce Kullman keeps telling me that she doesn’t know anything about a kitchen. Huh!! She had that kitchen so organized, we were ahead of schedule. Thanks again to all of you for making the 4th a very memorable and wonderful day for all.



Now.....a very special “thanks” goes to Stephanie Stevick. I can’t recall how many years in a row she has made the 4th celebration a true joy to all the children with the bike parade and the dog show. Thanks Stephanie for your Hard work and dedication. Houston Lake is lucky to have you as a resident.

Every year on the 4th I go to bed exhausted, but always with a smile on my face knowing that Houston Lake is one of the best communities in the world.





From the Kitchen of.....

Betty and Sharron DeLaFuente

It would be very hard to name a winner for the best dish brought to the 4th of July Picnic because we have some really good cooks in our city and the dishes were wonderful. But it was pointed out to me that one dish in particular disappeared very quickly. I had never heard of Green Bean Bundles before (I've lived a sheltered life I guess) but I sure heard a lot of talk about them at the picnic. Sharron was gracious enough to grab me the last bundle to try. Bravo Betty and Sharron!!! These are fantastic!!!

Only one problem I see.....you've just been appointed to bring these every year.

Green Bean Bundles By Betty and Sharron DeLaFuente

2 cans of whole green beans
1 stick of butter
½ lb of bacon
¾ cup of brown sugar
Garlic salt
Toothpicks

Cut bacon slices in halves. Take 6-8 whole green beans and wrap with bacon. Insert toothpick to bacon around green beans.

Make glaze of brown sugar, butter, garlic salt and pepper to taste. Pour glaze over green bean bundles in baking dish.

Bake in the oven until bacon is done at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

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

WARNING: WRAPPING YOUR TREES DOESN'T ALWAYS DETER THE BEAVER!!!!

Kerry Hallowell



"What we anticipate seldom occurs; what we least expect generally happens."

Benjamin Disraeli



Plan to attend
The Kansas City Area
Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday August 7, 2010 9am-4pm
850 SE Church St. Lee's Summit, MO 64063
(Fair will be held Rain or Shine)

Participating Organizations

Lee's Summit Police & Fire Departments
Lee's Summit CERT
Jackson County Emergency Preparedness
Children's Mercy Hospital
Boy Scouts of America Troops
Air Force
American Red Cross
LDS Church
Lees Summit Medical Center
Salvation Army
Wal-Mart Emergency Mgmnt Ops Trailer
Jackson County Health Department
FEMA
FBI – Identity theft
Ham Radios
And Many Others.....

Exhibits

National Guard Hummer
Emergency Services
Police, Fire, & Ambulance
Food Storage
72-hour & Emergency Kits
Literacy
Water Storage
Local CERT programs
Solar Ovens
Mini Health Screenings
Internet Safety
And Many Others.....

Presentations

72-hour Kits
Food Storage
Canning
Solar Ovens
Budgeting
Internet Safety
Gardening
Car maintenance

Admission is Free
Invite your neighbors and friends!

Hosted by
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

TIP FOR SUMMER !!!

Zip Lock Bag – Good Tip!!!!

We went with friends to a brunch place on Sunday for breakfast and sat in the patio section beside the house. We happened to notice zip lock baggies pinned to a post and a wall. The bags were half filled with water, each contained 4 pennies, and they were zipped shut! Naturally we were curious!

The owner told us that these baggies kept the flies away! So naturally we were even more curious! We actually watched some flies come in the open window, stand around on the window sill, and then fly out again. And there were no flies in the eating area! This morning I checked this out on Google. I'm now a believer.

Below are comments on this fly control idea.

Zip-lock water bags:

Ann says: I tried the zip-lock bag and pennies this weekend. I have a horse trailer. The flies were bad while I was camping. I put the baggie with pennies above the door of the trailer. **NOT ONE FLY** came in the trailer. Not sure why it works but it does!

Danielle Martin Says: Fill a zip-lock bag with water and 5 or 6 pennies and hang it in the problem area. In my case it was a particular window in my home. It had a slight passage way for insects. Every since I have done that, it has kept flies and wasps away. Some say that wasps and flies mistake the bag for some other insect nest and are threatened.

Maggie Says: I swear by the plastic bag of water trick. I have them on porch and basement. We saw these in Northeast Mo. at an Amish grocery store & have used them since. They say it works because a fly sees a reflection & won't come around.

DJ Says: Regarding the science behind zip-lock bags of water? My research found that the millions

of molecules of water presents its own prism effect and given that flies have a lot of eyes, to them it's like a zillion disco balls reflecting light, colors and movement in a dizzying manner. When you figure that flies are prey for many other bugs, animals, birds, etc., they simply won't take the risk of being around that much perceived action. I moved to a rural area and thought the locals were just yanking my city boy chain but I tried it and it worked immediately! We went from hundreds of flies to seeing the occasional one, but he didn't hang around long. **HAPPY ZIP-LOCKING!!!!**

You may be aware of this, but I thought it was worth looking at again.

How to Kill Mosquitoes – NOT A JOKE !

I can't wait to try this in the summer!!!

I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. The next year I filled a 4-ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! That worked as well. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby. During the summer, I don't leave home without it...Pass it on.

OUR FRIEND'S COMMENTS: I tried this on my deck and around all of my doors. It works – in fact, it killed them instantly. I bought my bottle from Target and it cost me \$1.89. It really doesn't take much, and it is a big bottle, too; so it is not as expensive to use as the can of Bug-spray you buy that doesn't last 30 minutes. So, try this, please. It will last a couple of days. Don't spray directly on a wood door (like your front door), but spray around the frame. Spray around the window frames, and even inside the dog house. Now these are Good Mosquitoes!!!

EARTH FRIENDLY TOO????

BOUNCE THIS ALONG !!!!!

The US Postal service sent out a message to all letter carriers to put a sheet of Bounce in their uniform pockets to keep yellow-jackets away.

Use them all the time when playing baseball and soccer. I use it when I am working outside. It really works. The insects just veer around you.

All this time you've just been putting Bounce in the dryer!

1. It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them. It also repels mice.

2. Spread sheets around foundation areas, or in trailers, or cars that are sitting and it keeps mice from entering your vehicle.

3. It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened too often.

4. It repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.

5. Eliminate static electricity from your television (or computer) screen.

6. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used sheet of Bounce to keep dust from resettling.

7. Dissolve soap scum from shower doors. Clean with a sheet of Bounce.

8. To freshen the air in your home – Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer or hang in the closet.

9. Put Bounce sheet in vacuum cleaner.

10. Prevent threads from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet of Bounce before beginning to sew.

11. Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.

12. To freshen the air in your car - Place a sheet of Bounce under the front seat.

13. Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.

14. Eliminate odors in wastebaskets. Place a sheet of Bounce at the bottom of the wastebasket.

15. Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.

16. Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.

17. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.

18. Eliminate odors in dirty laundry. Place an individual sheet of Bounce at the bottom of a laundry bag or hamper.

19. Deodorize shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet of Bounce in your shoes or sneakers overnight.

20. Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away



August Gardening Tips

Divide older Bearded Iris rhizomes. Cut out the woody parts and replant the rest.

Plant fall crocuses now and crown imperials from now until October. Watch your gladiolus carefully those with heavy blooms may require staking. In late August you can dig up overcrowded lily-of-the-valley bulbs that grew poorly. Gently separate each plant and replant individually.

Lay the finished flower stalks of Foxglove on the ground where you want new plants to grow or sprinkle the seeds from the dried pods.

Continue to keep the soil around your Shasta daisies and ferns moist but not wet. Ferns may become dormant if they get to dry.



Continue to water container plants daily, as needed. Make sure you have provided adequate drainage. Feed every two weeks.

Continue to weed flower beds. Remove faded blooms.

Pick Sweet Peas regularly to encourage more blooms.

Pick fresh flowers for indoors. This will also encourage more blooms on most perennials.

Gather herbs for drying as they mature. Pinch the stems of basil regularly to prevent flowering. Harvest about once a week.

Harvest sweet corn by pulling and twisting downwards.

Bend over the tops of your cooking onions to prepare for lifting them.

Harvest peas and broad beans before pods get tough.



Lift main crop potatoes after the stems have died.

Harvest artichokes while the scales are still tight.

Harvest cucumbers as they mature.

Seed winter vegetables now.

Don't forget to moisten your compost regularly to prevent flies from breeding in it.

Hoe between rows and plants regularly.

Water plants in the early morning to prevent mildew.

Water according to the weather. Pay close attention to raised beds and container plants.

Continue to watch for a get rid of weeds before they go to seed.

Now is the time to feed lawns with a slow-acting fertilizer.

Cut your lawn and trim the edges regularly.

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



CATCH OF THE YEAR !!!!

Houston Lake resident, Nick Jackalone, has caught a doozie!!

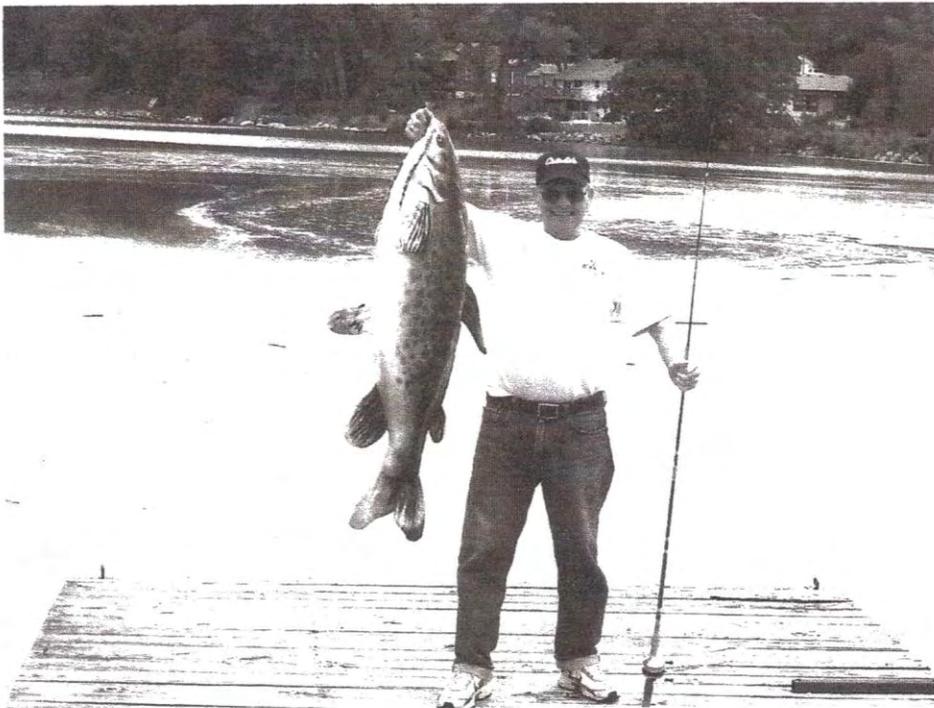
"I think the green slime is the catfish super food. To its delight the catfish are eating it up." says Nick. "It took me two hours to bring it in and I'm really sore now."

The catfish is over 49 inches long and its weight is yet to be determined.

Nick wanted to add: To my fishing buddy - I got you beat this time.

Top this one, if you can !!

Next question is - Who has a giant frying pan ???



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