

Houston Laker



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September 2010



City Events

- September 1 - Recycling Day**
- September 9 - Trash Pick-Up Day**
Delayed because of Holliday
- September 13 - City Council Meeting**
7:30 pm - City Hall
- September 16 - Venetian Gardens Homes Association**
Board Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall
- September 29 - Recycling Day**

From the Desk of the City Clerk:

Mary Head and I are going to tackle the archiving of the Homes Association records. They go as far back as 65 years. We are going to scan the records and put them on a flash drive. When we are finished we will copy these to 2 other flash drives. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help us, we sure would appreciate it since this will take some time to complete. Also, for some of you that may be new to our community, this would be a great way to learn some Houston Lake history. If you'd like to help, please contact me, Marsha Duncan @ 419-5051 or Mary Head @ 741-5639



Important Notice

Your trash pick-up day is **every Wednesday**. Your **recycling** day will also be on a Wednesday.

Your items must be curbside by 7:00 a.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 Allied Waste at
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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September 13, 2010
Council Meeting Agenda
City of Houston Lake– City Hall 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Session

2. Public Discussion

3. Minutes

4. Building Permits

5. Treasurer's report

6. Paybills – Resolution No 09-13-10

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. Mill/Overlay Project

11. New Business

- a. Bill No. 09-13-10-1 (2010 Tax Rate)

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
August 9, 2010

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on August 9, 2010 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Rick Cowan, Phil Otte , Dan Coronado and City Collector Joyce Kullman. Alderman Perry Davis was excused.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Susan Kelly asked the Council how difficult it was to amend a code. The Council told her that they would have the city attorney review the language of the code and create an ordinance that would amend that section.

Minutes July 12, 2010

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permits

A building permit for 5323 NW Wagon Trail was approved by the Council by general consent.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Motion passed.

Resolution 08-09-10 (paybills)

Alderman Coronado moved that we accept Resolution 07-12-10, 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 \$7313.78 were made for the period ending 7-31-10.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

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

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan told the Council that he spoke with the company that is doing the work on the gas meters and they would be starting on Wagon Trail this week and then to Edgewood the following week. This work should be finished prior to the starting of the road work. Alderman Cowan will continue to monitor their progress.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte voiced his concern on the considerable damage to the roads from the gas meter and water work being done. He wondered if it would be beneficial to have someone monitor this. He also commented on how well the Venetian bridge is looking.

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Davis – Excused

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer gave an update on the Venetian bridge work. This should be completed by next week.

b. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with 3 bid proposals for the mill and overlay work to be done on the roads. The bids that were submitted were from Modern Paving Systems, Gann Asphalt and McConnell. The lowest bid came from Modern Paving Systems. Alderman Cowan made a motion to accept the bid of Modern Paving Systems, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Davis – Excused

Cowan – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Motion passed

New Business

No new business

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that two new entry signs have been put in with one more to be placed on 56th and Adrian.

b. This coming November will be the Cities 50th birthday. He asked the Council for any thoughts about having an informal 50th celebration and inviting some of the mayors and commissioners.

c. There will be a tax rate hearing to set our cities tax rate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

August 19, 2010 Meeting minutes

The Venetian Gardens Home Association meeting was called to order at 7:00. In attendance were Gil Hughes, Evadene Judge, Bill Gay and Kerry Hallowell.

Treasurers Report: \$23,817.53 in checking \$6,325.74 in savings and the CD is still intact at over \$10,000.

Final dues notices have not been sent 17 residents still have not paid. If you are behind, please contact Kerry Hallowell at 816-695-4100 to make payment arrangements.

Old Business

Duck weed was discussed, chemical treatment to the lake was brought up and could cost \$6,000.00 to treat the lake, other options were discussed. The simplest, most cost effective was is to use a boat and skim the lake, then place the weed on the shore to dry out. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with this task.

E. Coli levels remain high in the lake, weekly testing is continuing.

New Business

Rick Cowan requested additional donations for the Houston Lake 4th of July fireworks. The board will vote on this as we work on next year's budget.

The board discussed the need to seal the pedestrian bridge this fall.

The new Houston Lake signs look great, the possibility of hanging one of the old signs in City Hall as a tribute to Cansler, the artist and long time Houston Lake resident who created those wonderful works of art.

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 7pm at City Hall.

THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE CATCH OF THE SEASON

After much deliberation, and consulting with family members, I decided to find the best taxidermist in the area. This BIG CATCH was deserving of a fine, mounted display above the mantel.

Several lake residents raised the question - "Just how much does this thing weigh?" I will now reveal the answer.

After performing his skills, the taxidermist called me to let me know the BIG CATCH was ready.

He asked me, "Are you sitting down?" I said, "sure."

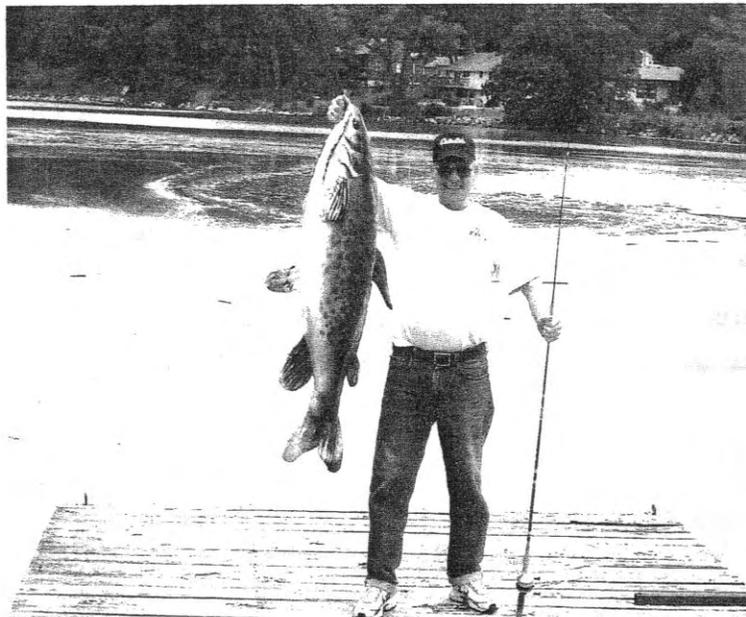
Well, he went on to tell me that the BIG CATCH weighed in at 52

"Pounds?" I asked. He said, "No, Ounces."

It's contents were feathers. No wonder I could lift it with one hand.

Several days after the news of the BIG CATCH, Cabela's called me. You know them, the world's greatest outfitters. They wanted to hear my story. They were so impressed that they wanted to offer me royalties.

Permission was given and you can now purchase a replica of the BIG CATCH at the Cabela's in Kansas City, KS or online. Only \$19.99 plus tax. You can then make up your own story about your BIG CATCH and your friends and family will be truly impressed.





From the Kitchen of.....

Tiffany Floyd

I can't help it. I like "simple". The simpler the better. This delicious but very simple recipe just blew me away. Tiffany is another new friend of mine who, by the way, has almost completed her teaching degree. You go girl!!!

But back to this dish.....this is so yummy and also very easy on the calories. Guilt free, I would say.

If you're ever needing a dish to take somewhere in a hurry, this is it!!!

Angel Food Surprise

By Tiffany Floyd

- 1 Angel Food Cake
- 1 12oz tub of Cool Whip (or you could make your own)
- 1lb of fresh strawberries sliced

Tear the cake into bit size pieces. Add the berries and the cool whip and mix.

You could use any kind of fresh fruit that you want ie: peaches, pineapple or a mix. Be creative.

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



September Gardening Tips

Make sure your soil drainage is adequate. Fall gardens are more often damaged by too much moisture than frost.

Harvest peas and broccoli from your fall garden after a light frost for best flavor.

Plant new tulips, daffodils and lilies. (cooler climates should cover them with mulch.)

In late August and September you can dig up overcrowded lily-of-the-valley bulbs that are growing poorly. Separate each plant and replant individually.

Plant new Grape Hyacinth bulbs. If you plan on forcing some of these indoors; place them in the refrigerator now.

Water Fall Crocuses regularly. If a storm comes up cover them to protect them from strong winds and rain.

Divide your Bearded Iris rhizomes now. Remove all the dead leaves and cut back to about 3 or 4 inches from the ground.

Marigolds, petunias and snapdragons will continue to bloom with regular food and watering. Sprinkle the seeds from the dried pods for earlier blooms next year.

Continue to weed flower beds and don't forget to remove faded blooms as they appear.

Pinch out the center leaf buds of Camellias to force them to branch out.

Stake those Chrysanthemums that have heavy flowers to prevent them from breaking in the wind and rain. Pick faded blooms.

Sow Bachelor's Buttons, Forget-me-nots and sweet - alyssum now for earlier blooms next year.

Feed your houseplants less frequently as the days get shorter.

Remove any flowers from winter flowering Pansies as they appear to encourage bigger blooms later.

Dig up your Begonias now and bring them indoors as a houseplant. They will bloom all winter so you can use the cuttings outdoors next spring.

Continue to enjoy roses... fertilize them now for a longer blooming period. Prune and untie Rambler Roses from supports.

Set out your perennials for earlier spring blooms.

Asparagus and Rhubarb can be planted from root divisions now.

Harvest parsnip, kale and Brussels-sprouts as buttons become firm.

Take a 3 inch piece of copper wire and poke it right through the main stem of your tomato plants to save them from blight.

Shred leaves as they fall and add to compost bin.

Continue to destroy weeds before they go to seed.

Destroy all disease infected refuse from the garden.

Add compost to beds for spring and winter planting.

Prune vines and shrubs so that the air can flow through them freely in winter.

Keep new plantings well watered. Water your lawns, trees, shrubs and according to the weather.

Cover open compost heaps with plastic when there are signs of heavy rains.

Set out a dish of beer for your slugs now. Remove dead slugs daily.

You can aerate your lawn in late September or October. A garden fork works well for this. Rake compost and sand into your lawn.

Feed lawns a last time with slow-acting fertilizer; if not already done.

Plant groundcover in September. Flat or gently sloped areas are best.



Gather fallen walnuts. Remove the husks and dry thoroughly in a well ventilated area.



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