

Houston Laker

Happy
Easter



April 2011



Community Events

**April 5 - General Municipal Election
Please exercise your right to vote!!**

**April 11 - City Council Meeting
7:30 pm - City Hall**

April 13 - Recycling Day

**April 14 - Venetian Garden Homes Association
Semi Annual Membership Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall**

April 11, 2011
Council Meeting Agenda
City of Houston Lake – City Hall 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Session

a. Oath of Office

2. Public Discussion

3. Minutes

4. Building Permits

5. Treasurer's report - Collector's Report - Budget

6. Paybills – Resolution No 04-11-11

7. Emergency Management

8. Police Report - Codes Report

9. Reports from Aldermen

Mr. Cowan

Mr. Otte

Mr. Coronado

Mr. Davis

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- a. Property Maintenance
- b. City/Lake clean-up day

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
March 14, 2011

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on March 14, 2011 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte , Perry Davis, Dan Coronado, Rick Cowan and City Collector Joyce Kullman.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Minutes February 14, 2010

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

No building permits

Treasurers Report

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Alderman . Coronado. Motion passed.

Resolution 3-14-11 (paybills)

Alderman Davis moved that we accept Resolution 3-14-11, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

Motion passed.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman's presented the collectors report to the Council. The total deposits for the City of \$2029.88 were made for the period ending 2-28-11.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A Platte County Sheriff's report was submitted to the Council for the months of January/February 2011. Deputy Bill Beeler from the Platte County Sheriff's Department was introduced to the Council. Deputy Beeler will take over some of the responsibilities of patrolling since Deputy Penrod has been transferred to investigations. Deputy Beeler will also take over as bailiff for the City's court.

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly presented the Council with copies of several codes of the City of Riverside regarding Property Maintenance Regulations. He asked the Council to review these ordinances to see if they would be applicable to our community. . The Council agreed to research these ordinances for possible amendments to our own ordinances.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan pointed out to the Council that if Platte County declared a snow emergency, that the City could get a reimbursement from SEMA for extraordinary snow removal from that storm event.

He also mentioned that that some cities were being sued over failing to help people with disabilities after a disaster situation. He suggested that the City needs to compile a list of people with special needs. It was decided to run the “Disaster Questionnaire” in the Houston Laker along with a waiver for people who decide not to answer the questionnaire.

On April 28, 2011 at 10:15 am the “Central US Shakeout” a drill for earthquakes will take place. He asks that all residents take part in this drill. Important information on this will be posted in the Houston Laker.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte suggested that the Emergency Management report might be better served if it was a separate item on the agenda. All agreed.

He also pointed out the many potholes appearing. Mayor Hallauer said that he is meeting with the company that did the asphalt work and some of the potholes will be covered by warranty.

He reported to Alderman Coronado that he found the missing manhole cover.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado reported that he met the new co-owner of the house at 5424 NW Houston Drive. They have cleared the brush away from the house and it is now visible.

He also spoke with Project Manager for Kansas City Water Department, Julie Jenson. She will do a walk through of the project to determine what areas need to be reseeded.

Alderman Davis – No report

Old Business

New Business

- a. Mayor Hallauer asked the Council to consider a payment back to the City for the mill/overlay work that was done last fall. The Council decided, by general consent, to take \$15,000 from the General Fund and \$10,000 from the Road Fund, a total of \$25,000, to secure a Mill/Overlay CD.

The Council also agreed, by general consent, to increase the road fund budgeted amount of \$193,000 to \$198,000 to cover the costs of repairing the potholes.

Mayors Report

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm

**CITY OFFICIALS
CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE**

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**For more City and Homes Association Info
go to**

Houstonlake.net

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS



Cast Your Official Ballot of the
“General Municipal Election”
Tuesday, April 5th, 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



Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Meeting minutes for March 24th, 2011 . In attendance were board members Bill Gay, Nick Jackalone, Kerry Hallowell, Al Horine and Evidene Judge.

May clean up was set for May 14th, beginning and 9 A.M. We will need lots of volunteers for a variety of projects. Anyone with a boat who would like to help with getting garbage out of the lake, please show up around 9 A.M. Other projects include clean up of the swim area and sealing some of the wood structures on association property.

A generous donation of wild flower seeds was received from an anonymous donor. Kerry and Evidene plan on planting the seeds on April 9th. Call Kerry if you like to help plant wild flowers seeds.

Kerry is busy collecting delinquent dues. The board agreed to pay the associations lawyer fees due for assistance in collecting overly delinquent dues.

The semi-annual Venetian Gardens Home Association meeting has been set for April 14th, at 7:00 P.M. There will not be a potluck this time but please drop by to pick up your 2011 lake tags and let us know what projects you would like to help with at the May clean up day.



Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2011 Bracelet!!

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2011 light green Bracelet in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2011 bracelet.

To get your 2011 Lake bracelets call Homes Association Treasurer,
Kerry Hallowell 816-695-4100.

The Bracelets are FREE if your Homes Association dues are paid.

Guests of Residents must have that Residents 2011 Bracelet with them when they are on or around the lake.

NO trout lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines.

NO FISHING IN THE BEACH AREA.

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ARTICLE II. PERMITS

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)

SECTION 500.110: PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All persons desiring to obtain such a permit shall submit an application with the complete plans and specifications and plot plan for such construction showing sizes, estimated cost and details of such proposed construction and the location of such construction upon the plot of land. No new dwelling construction or property line fence construction will be permitted until after certified surveys have been filed with the Board of Aldermen. Certified surveys will be required on all additions to old dwellings where the new construction will be closer to the property line than the old dwelling. (Ord. No. 282 §3, 10-14-02)



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)

The Municipal Court defines open as **OUTSIDE**.

If you have any questions regarding any ordinances, please contact:

Mayor Michael Hallauer at 816-215-9138 or

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly at 816-584-9361

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF HOUSTON LAKE

FROM RICK COWAN

As your Emergency Management Director, I ask your participation in an upcoming event.

On April 28th, at 10:15AM, several states in the Midwest are taking part in the New Madrid Earthquake Exercise. With the recent disaster in Japan, this has become a timely opportunity for us to recognize how unexpectedly tragedy can arrive at our doorstep and our need to be prepared to safeguard ourselves and our loved ones.

To take part in the exercise is very simple. On that Thursday morning, at the appointed time, we should all, wherever we are at, make certain that we are aware of our surroundings and where, if tremors were to occur, we would find cover (under a desk, in a doorway, etc). We should also have in our minds where those that we care for are and how we would reach them during such an emergency.

Your members of city government will put in motion their Emergency Action Plan. This entails those who can meeting at the appointed time and location prescribed in the guidelines and assess what actions, if any, need to be taken.

Although the damage resulting from an earthquake near New Madrid should not affect this area too excessively, one of 7.5/8.0 magnitude would be felt and could disrupt gas pipelines, bridges and overpasses, cell towers and many other portions of infrastructure we all take for granted.

You will find attached in this month's publication much information on both earthquakes and emergency preparedness in general. Please review this information and take the steps required to safeguard the well being of you and yours. Many of the actions we will take in this drill also apply during a tornado or similar event.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at Sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net or 816.741.2730.

Thank you for your participation!

Respectfully,

Rick Cowan

Step 3: Be Informed

Prepare Your Home

- Fasten shelves securely to walls.
- Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- Hang heavy items such as pictures and mirrors away from beds, couches, and anywhere people sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks.
- Secure a water heater by strapping it to the wall studs and bolting it to the floor.
- Repair any deep cracks in ceilings or foundations. Get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.
- Identify Safe Places indoors and outdoors like under sturdy furniture or against an inside wall away from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors, pictures or where heavy bookcases or other heavy furniture could fall over.
- Find out how to keep food safe during and after an emergency by visiting: <http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/emergency/index.html>

Prepare Your Business

QuakeSmart.org will show you how [Mitigation](#) can work for you and how to reduce your risks in three steps: Understanding [What's the Risk](#), [Making a Plan](#) and [Getting the Work Done](#). Each step even has a checklist to guide you.

Listen to Local Officials

Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your [state and local government](#). In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.

For further information on how to plan and prepare for earthquakes as well as what to do during and after an earthquake, visit: [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), [NOAA Watch](#) or [American Red Cross](#).

Earthquakes

An earthquake is the sudden, rapid shaking of the earth, caused by the breaking and shifting of subterranean rock. While earthquakes are sometimes believed to be a West Coast phenomenon, there are actually 45 states and territories throughout the United States that are at moderate to high risk for earthquakes including the New Madrid fault line in Central U.S. Since it is impossible to predict when an earthquake will occur, it is important that you and your family are prepared ahead of time.

Step 1: Get a Kit

Get an [Emergency Supply Kit](#), which includes items like non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries. You may want to prepare a portable kit and keep it in your car. This kit should include:

- Copies of prescription medications and medical supplies;
- Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows;
- Bottled water, a battery-operated radio and extra batteries, a first aid kit, a flashlight;
- Copies of important documents: driver's license, Social Security card, proof of residence, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth and marriage certificates, tax records, etc.

Step 2: Make a Plan

Prepare Your Family

- Make a [Family Emergency Plan](#). Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.
- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.
- Be sure to consider the specific needs of your family members
 - Notify caregivers and babysitters about your plan.
 - Make plans for your pets
- Take a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class from your local [Citizen Corps chapter](#). Keep your training current.

New Madrid Earthquake

□ Epicenter



MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS ▲

Benton ●

Bell City ●

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IL

Cairo ●

Wickliffe ●

Ft. Jefferson ●

Charleston ●

RIVER

Temporary Waterfalls
Feb. 7, 1812

Island No. 8

Sikeston ●

Matthews ●

Kewanee ●

Howardville ●

Dorena ●

KY.

Hickman ●

● Poplar Bluff

River Ran Backwards
Feb. 7, 1812

Marston ●

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Feb. 7, 1812
3:15 AM
 $M_S=8.8$

Malden ●

Piggott ●

Portageville ●

4

Reelfoot Lake

Jan. 23, 1812
9:00 AM
 $M_S=8.4$

Kennett ●

Hayti ●

Caruthersville
(Little Prairie)

TENN.

Braggadocia ●

155

Lenox ●

Dyersburg ●

Dec. 16, 1811
11:00 AM, $M_S=8.0$
8:00 AM, $M_S=8.0$

Big Lake

Steele ●

2

MISSISSIPPI

Blytheville ●

Dec. 16, 1811
2:30 AM
 $M_S=8.6$

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▼ MEMPHIS

Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire below. This information is vitally needed to insure that you and your family have the maximum support from your City and Platte County Emergency Management Officials in the event of a disaster. All information will be "highly confidential" and shared with no one. Please place this in a sealed envelope and deposit in the "black" mail box to the left of the City Hall front door.

Name:

Address:

Daytime phone No.

Evening phone No.

Cell phone:

Number of adults (18 and older):

Number of children:

Names and ages:

Names and ages:

Number of dogs:

Number of cats:

Is there anyone in the household who requires special medical attention?

If so, who and please provide details (oxygen, wheelchair, walker)

Is there anyone in the household who depends on insulin for diabetes?

If so, who and how much medication is needed daily.

Is there anyone in the household that suffers from heart disease?

If so, who and please provide details (pacemaker, atrial fibrillation, etc.)

Is daycare or adult daycare provided at this residence?

If so, what are the hours of operation?

How many in attendance?

Is there anyone in the household who cannot speak English?

If so, who and what language is used?

If you decline to provide this information, which is being gathered to assist local authorities in the event of a disaster, you may be jeopardizing your health and well being. For this reason, we ask that you sign the waiver below and return this form to City Hall.

I understand that I will not and cannot hold the City of Houston Lake, its Officials or Platte County Emergency Management and its Officials responsible for my welfare in the event of a disaster whether man made or weather related.

Signature

Date

2011 SPRING PLATTE COUNTY CLEAN UP

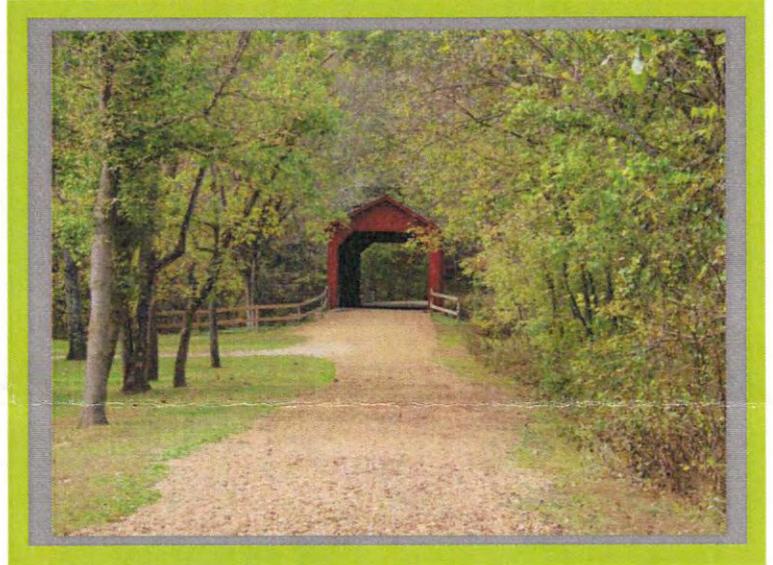
Standard Load Entry Fee:

- Car, Truck, SUV, Van \$5.00
- Vehicle & Trailer \$15.00
- Loads over 12' \$20.00

*All loads are subject to inspection
& any item or load may be denied.*

NON-BULKY ITEMS MUST BE BAGGED OR BUNDLED

Subject to additional charges if pertinent.



Additional Fees:

- Passenger Tires \$1.00/ea
- Truck/Tractor Tires \$5.00/ea
- Appliances/Electronics* \$20.00/ea

**Appliances are items with motors or compressors.
All appliances must be empty.*

*Acceptable Electronics: console TV's and
Monitors over 32"*

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

**Hazardous Waste,
Liquid Paint, Chemicals, and
NO WASTE FROM BUSINESSES**

Helping Beautify Platte County

Friday, April 29th

Saturday, April 30th

7:30 AM – 5 PM

Located at
**PLATTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS**

Exit 20 off I-29
15955 Hwy 273
Platte City, MO 64079

Contact the
Department of Public Works
(816) 858-2223
publicworks@co.platte.mo.us

PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED



Directions:

I-29 to Exit #20
(Tracy/Weston)

West on Hwy 273

Entrance is 1/4 mile south
on left hand side.

15955 Hwy 273

Platte City, MO

Watch For Signs!



Houston Lake Cookbook

(Recipe Form)

To have your favorite recipe/recipes published in the next Houston Lake Cookbook, please fill out the form below and submit it to Mary Head via phone, 741-5639, e-mail maryjewelh@aol.com or mail to 5328 NW Houston Drive, Houston Lake, Mo. 64151.



Additional forms can be requested through Mary, e-mail or at City Hall.

Recipe Category

(one recipe per page)

Appetizers
 Main Dishes

Beverages
 Breads

Soup
 Vegetarian

Salads
 Desserts

Vegetables
 Miscellaneous

Recipe Title: _____

Please Type or Print Plainly

Ingredients

Please use these abbreviations: C for cup, tsp. for teaspoon, Tbsp. for Tablespoon, pkg. for package, qt. for quart, pt. for pint, oz. for ounce, and lb. for pound.

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Method or Mixing Instructions

Submitted

by: _____

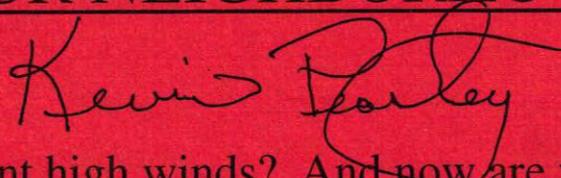
Telephone number () _____

Please Print or Type Name Legibly

CLARK TREE SERVICE 816-527-7811

WE ARE WORKING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!!

DEAR VALUED CONSUMER,



Have your trees been damaged by recent high winds? And now are you seeing limbs falling? Are you concerned about broken, hanging, or large dead limbs that your yardman cannot reach? Do you know someone that wants tree work done and is unable to get someone to help them?

If so please give us a call at **816-885-0923** or **816-527-7811**

Are you concerned about trees leaning? Maybe you are just looking to get your trees trimmed our your lot cleaned up. Here is your chance to take advantage of our company working in your neighborhood.

We hope this offer will give you the chance to compare our company with those you may have used in the past.

We are licensed & insured arborists that care about saving your trees and making them safe and healthy!

**LICENSED &
INSURED**

**REFERENCES
AVAILABLE**

**FREE
ESTIMATES**

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For Your Busy Schedule*

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*Color, Color, and More Color!
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Special Do's for Special Occasions,
Wash and Wear Styles that are Fast and Easy
Just for You!*

Many Types of Perms to Fit Your Needs . . .

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Pedicures, Manicures, Waxing, and More!

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*Best Wishes,
Marlene*