

Houston Laker

Community News

Summer time fun on Houston Lake



playing in the park



playing in the water



fishing in the lake



sailing on the lake



playing on the beach and in the water

September 2011



Community News

- September 8th - Thursday Trash Pick-up
- September 12th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall
- September 15th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting
7:00p.m. – City Hall
- September 24th - Houston Lake Garden Club
10:00a.m. – City Hall
Everyone is invited!
- September 28th - Recycling Day

From the Desk of the Editor:

Houston Laker Community News is celebrating 54 Years of publications. Attached to this paper is a copy of the 6th Edition Houston Hi-Lites (Houston Laker), printed in August 1957.

In April 2000 Dennis Hodges did a story of the Houston Laker paper, a copy of it is attached.

Enjoy!!!!



Resident Johnnie Cook caught and released this catfish on August 18, 2011.

Size went well beyond the 25lb. scales that were used.

Good Catch Johnnie!!!

A Houston Lake Wedding



Jean Anderson and Jay Kennel were married on June 21, 2011 in Mayor's Park.

Family, friends and neighbors attended the delightful summer evening ceremony.

The couple's friend Kasey Rousch played guitar and sang before and after the ceremony.

A picnic reception followed and guests were treated to home made ice cream for dessert.

Jean and Jay have been Houston Lake residents since 2005.



The Storm that hit Houston Lake on August 7, 2011



On Adrian Street two poles, lines and a transformer down.



Edgewater Trail



Edgewood Trail



At the beach the porta- potty was dented from the top.



On Houston Drive Neighbors helping Neighbors: Dan and Kathryn Coronado, Al Horine, Nick Jackalone, Bill Winton and Keith Carey.

Thank You everyone!!!!!!!!!!



Kansas City, Missouri

Ordinance #110646

FACT SHEET

Amending Article VII of Chapter 50, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 50-237, Curfew for persons under 18 years of age, and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 50-237, "Citywide curfews for persons under 18 years of age."

Beginning August 19, 2011, the city's new curfew for unaccompanied minors is as follows:

For the summer months, from the Friday proceeding Memorial Day through the last Sunday in September the new curfew for minors under 16 is now 10:00 p.m. For minors ages 16 and 17 the new curfew is 11:00 p.m.

The Council also designated five areas that during the summer will have a special curfew. The Plaza, Westport, Downtown/Central Business District, 18th and Vine and Zona Rosa will have a 9:00 p.m. curfew for anyone under 18.

In October the curfew will revert for all minors under 18 to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and midnight Friday and Saturday evenings.

Any unaccompanied minor violating the new curfew ordinance will be detained and their parents called to pick them up. Parents will be ticketed with a fine up to \$500 for each offence.

Exceptions for the curfew include:

- a. When a minor is attending an event for which the City has specifically approved the presence of unaccompanied minors upon City property;
- b. When a minor is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of the minor;
- c. When the minor is upon an emergency errand directed by his or her parent or guardian or other adult person having the lawful care and custody of such minor;
- d. When the minor is returning directly home from a school activity, school entertainment, school recreational activity or school dance;
- e. When the minor is returning directly home from lawful employment that makes it necessary to be in the places referenced in this section during the prescribed period of time;
- f. When the minor is attending or traveling directly to or from an activity involving the exercise of first amendment rights of free speech, freedom of assembly or free exercise of religion; and
- g. In interstate travel through the city.

“CAUTION”

The Platte County Sheriff's Department has reported to the City that there has been an increase in the number of car vandalism and theft involving cars. Please do not invite this problem. Make sure that the doors to you house and vehicles are **locked**.

If this should happen to you, the Platte County Sheriff's Department **should be notified**. All information will help them develop a profile and build a case.

If you see any suspicious activity call the Platte County Sheriff's Department at:

858-3521

September 12, 2011
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 - Collector's Report - Budget

6. Paybills – Resolution No 09-12-11

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. Bill No. 091211-1 (2011 Tax Rate)
- b. Bill No. 091211-2 (Public Indecency)
- c. Bill No. 091211-3 (Property Maintenance)

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 15, 2011

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on August 15, 2011 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Perry Davis and Dan Coronado. Alderman Rick Cowan was excused.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Resident Jan Jackalone asked the Council why the City Hall was allowed to be used for a private function other than a City function. This was in reference to a reception held in honor of the passing of long time resident Marcia Burgess. Mayor Hallauer explained to her that this was not a private function but a notice for any resident to attend and pay their respects. The notice was posted on the Houston lake website.

Tax Rate Hearing

The new 2011 property tax rate of \$0.67 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation was presented to the Council and the Public. This was discussed by the Council and the Public.

Alderman Otte made a motion to approve the tax rate of \$0.67, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Davis – Aye

Cowan – Excused

Motion passed

The new 2011 property tax rate of \$0.73 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fire Protection was presented to the Council and the Public. This was discussed by the council and the Public. Alderman Otte made a motion to approve this tax rate of \$0.73, seconded by Alderman Davis.

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Davis – Aye

Cowan – Excused

Motion passed

Minutes July 11, 2011

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

The Council approved by general consent a building permit for a detached garage at 5323 NW Wagon Trail.

Treasurers Report

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

Resolution 8-15-11 (paybills)

Alderman Davis moved that we accept Resolution 8-15-11, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector, Joyce Kullman gave her monthly report to the Council. Total deposits for the City of \$2,839.45 were made for the period ending 7-31-11.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from 7-1-11 to 7-31-11 was submitted to the Council from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly, submitted a report for the months of July and August, 2011.

Emergency Management

Director of Houston Lake Emergency Management, Alderman Coronado reported that as a whole, Houston Lake responded very well to the storm. He was able to communicate within a short time with KCPL, Riverside Police Department and the Platte County Sheriff's Department on the most afflicted areas of Houston Lake. Alderman Coronado also submitted to the Council, a list of Emergency Management concerns that became obvious during the disaster. These items will be discussed at a later time. He also stated that he attended the Mayors breakfast and obtained a copy of Parkville's Emergency Management Guide.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Excused

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado thanked all the Alderman for their help after the storm. Also he wanted to thank Al Horine and Nick Jackalone for their assistance in the clean-up aftermath.

Alderman Davis – No report

Old Business

- a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that Section 230.030 regarding the storing of solid waste containers needs to be reviewed for possible amending. Allowing a structure to be built to hide these containers will be discussed.
- b. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a copy of a draft of an Ordinance repealing and amending Section 210.480, Public Indecency, of the Houston Lake Code. A discussion of the amendment took place. Revisions were made and this Ordinance will be voted on at next month's City meeting.
- c. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a copy of a draft of an Ordinance adopting a new section of the Houston Lake Code regarding Property Maintenance Regulations. Much discussion took place. This Ordinance will also be voted on at next month's City meeting.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that fall clean-up will take place early because of the storm debris. Whitley Tree Service proposed the same price per hour, \$175.00, which he proposed last year. The notice for the clean-up will be hand delivered to each resident. The Mayor also stated that Whitley will not pick up items that will not go into the chipper. Whitley will also work with residents on clearing up larger items. Residents will have to contact Whitley Tree Service individually or as a group. The Council agreed to have the fall clean-up early and accept Whitley's proposal, by general consent.

b. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council an estimate for repairing the areas of the roads that were damaged because the base asphalt is not sufficient. The City would be responsible for 4 inches of the base asphalt and Modern Paving Systems would provide the 2 inch surface at no charge. The estimate is for 4820 square feet at \$3.75 sq.ft or \$18,075.00. After much discussion it was decided that these areas needed to be repaired properly. This repair could be done in two stages with a guarantee of the \$3.75 sq ft. The Council voted by general consent to accept the estimate and proceed to repair the worst areas first.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer thanked all of the people that volunteered to help clean up after the storm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Minutes for August 18, 2011

The August meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were Bill Gay-President, Nick Jackalone-Vice President, Bill Winton-Treasurer and Evadene Judge-Board Member. Al Horine-Secretary was excused.

Visitors were Jean Anderson, Bruce Manley, Linda Kramer, Janet Boehm, Mary Head and Jan Jackalone.

Monthly Expenses – Bob King was reimbursed for purchasing the stain for the walk bridge. The bills from KCPL and the Porta-Potty were also paid.

Recognition of Appreciation – Nick Jackalone wanted to acknowledge individuals who he had personally seen working around the lake.

Bill Gay and his sons with Al Horine who have scraped the duck weed over the spillway. A never ending job but one that needed attention.

Secondly, Volunteers who have repaired the boat dock with new boards and placed metal caps on the holding poles. Stained the walking bridge and have done many more things on the lake.

Finally, Bill Winton, who in the extreme heat and humidity, cut down dead branches and weeds around the peninsula walk bridge area and the beach. Thankfully he didn't pass out to be found on the ground somewhere.

These folks are thanked for an outstanding job. If anyone else should be recognized for taking care of the lake, please let the board know.

Erosion Control – There was a discussion about putting six inches of rock in the ditch along the road across from City Hall. Bill Gay suggested asking the City if we could use some of the rock they have stored near the playground.

Debris on Homes Association Property – Bill Winton noted that leaving brush and leaves along the lake eventually gets into the water and it creates a basis for the duck weed to feed on. Please DO NOT DUMP brush, leaves or trash into the lake or on Homes Association property.

Shelter at Mayors Park – The structure needs repairs to the support legs. There was a discussion about tearing it down and replacing it with a metal structure similar to the one in Riverside's park across from their City Hall. It was decided to make repairs if it was less than \$500.00 to get more use out of the structure as it is not that old. The Board will look into the cost to replace it.

Bowl Out – The Board may have to pay to have a survey done on the property near the silt pond before they can proceed. No further discussion.

There will be **three Board vacancies** coming up at the October 20, 2011 Annual Meeting. If you would like to submit your name, please contact Nick Jackalone prior to October 1, 2011 deadline. Candidate's names will be listed on the notice that must be mailed out before the Annual Meeting. All Candidates must be current on the Homes Association dues.

Next Meeting will be held September 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

NOTE: Sharron DeLaFuente took water samples from the beach and she reported that the water is safe to swim in. A copy of the report is on the back side of this letter.

CII LABORATORY SERVICES

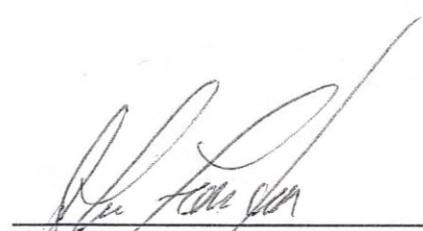
Sharron De la Fuente
City of Houston Lake
3440 NW Edgewater Tr.
Kansas City, MO 64151
Fax: 816-936-5902
e-mail:

Batch#: 86246
Report Date: August 11, 2011
Samples Received: August 9, 2011

Sample Identification: 110809Q005
Lake Water

Analysis

Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml) 47



John Fontana

Note: The analytical results pertain only to the submitted sample and may not be construed as an endorsement of the sampling method employed.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE OF FILING _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

1. Are you currently a paid up member of the Homes Association?
2. What is your experience serving on previous Boards?
3. List activities/experiences that you have been involved with at Houston Lake that may give you an advantage serving on the Board?
4. What work or outside experiences can you draw from that will help you serve effectively?
5. What areas/issues do you consider most important for the future of the Homes Association?
6. Tell why you would like to serve on the Board of Directors of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association.

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



Trash Pick-up



Blue Lid Trash Cart

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.

2011 Holiday Schedule:

Pick-up Day

New Years (Saturday 1-1-11)

Wednesday

Memorial Day (Monday 5-30-11)

Thursday 6-2-11

Independence Day (Monday 7-4-11)

Thursday 7-7-11

Independence Day (Monday 7-4-11)

Thursday 7-7-11



Labor Day (Monday 9-5-11)

Thursday 9-8-11

Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-24-11)

Wednesday

Christmas Day (Sunday 12-25-11)

Wednesday

New Years (Sunday 1-1-12)

Wednesday

2011 Recycling Schedule

This is your new 2011 Recycling Schedule.
Please keep this memo for reference.



Yellow Lid Recycling Cart

January 19, 2011

February 16, 2011

March 16, 2011

April 13, 2011

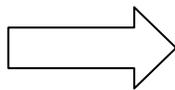
May 11, 2011

June 8, 2011

July 7, 2011

August 3, 2011

August 31, 2011



September 28, 2011

October 26, 2011

November 23, 2011

December 21, 2011





Houston Lake Garden Club

Calling current and seeking new members ~

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011

10 AM till Noon

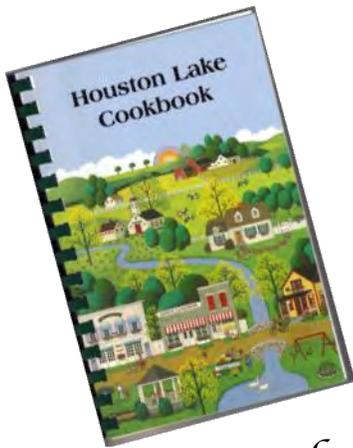
*Enjoy flavored coffees, juice, ice tea, muffins, breads and
breakfast casseroles.*

*It's time to renew Garden Club activities, plan for upcoming
meetings and events.*

*Also need to establish a governing board. There are currently
three openings. Mary Head remains as Treasurer.*

Come and be a part of this energetic group.

Keep Houston Lake Beautiful!



Houston Lake

2nd Edition Cookbook

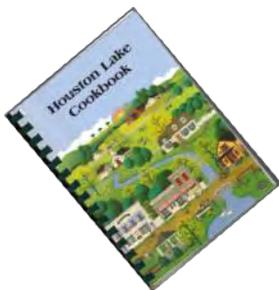
All of the recipes in this book are from local folks here on Houston Lake.

There are 257 delicious recipes in the book.

The Cookbook would make a wonderful Hostess gift, Birthday, Christmas, Thank You and for the Beautiful Bride-to-be.

This is one of a kind gift. Cookbooks are passed from one generation to the next generation, and are forever treasured.

Prices for the 2nd Edition Cookbooks are:



3 = Cookbooks for \$10.00

2 = Cookbooks for \$8.00

1 = Cookbook for \$5.00



To purchase your Cookbooks please call Mary Head - 816-741-5639 or e-mail maryjewelh@aol.com.

Thank You

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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appetizers | <input type="checkbox"/> Beverages | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup | <input type="checkbox"/> Salads | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main Dishes | <input type="checkbox"/> Breads | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Desserts | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

ELGIN NEW PRESIDENT OF LAKE BOARD

ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY AT AUGUST MEETING

Woodrow Elgin was elected to the top spot on the Lake Association Board at the regular August meeting of the Board. Elgin succeeds Harold Howe who resigned on August 8th. The Board will soon appoint someone to fill the unexpired term of Howe.

Several routine items were discussed at the Board meeting, and it was announced that the weeds around the Lake were being cut, the dredging area leveled off, and the broken diving board would be repaired soon.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY VILLAGE BOARD

Chairman Barski presided at the Village Board's August 21 meeting. Many items came up for discussion, and action was taken on all of them. Here are some of the actions taken by the Board.

A letter from Frank Hedge, dated August 8, offering his resignation as Village Marshal, was read & the resignation accepted by the Board. A letter dated August 8, from Mr. Howe, offering his resignation as a member of the Village Board, was like-

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wise read and the resignation accepted.

A building permit was issued to Mr. Henry Garland to build a house on lot number 39, on the northside of the Lake. Tentative approval was granted to Mr. Henry Schmanski to construct a house on lot number 102, southside of the Lake.

VILLAGE TO PETITION FOR A MOUNTED ROUTE

How many people on Houston Lake would be interested in having a permanent address? That's just what the Village Board decided to ask your help on. It is possible that we can obtain a mounted route for Houston Lake in the near future. A mounted route simply means a street address with lot numbers, instead of box numbers. The address would then be permanent. As soon as the proper petition can be drawn up, you will be asked to sign it, or perhaps to help circulate it.

THE TREES AT THE BEACH ARE STILL ALIVE, THANKS TO THE RESIDENTS WHO TOOK OUT TIME TO CARRY BUCKETS OF WATER FOR THEM DURING THE DRY WEATHER.

VAN PELTS RESIDENTS SINCE 1939

Leonard and Nila Burwell Van Pelt moved to Houston Lake 18 years ago this month. They were married in 1936. Nila is a native Platte Countian, being born at Brenner Ridge. Leonard was born and reared in K.C. Mo.

The Van Pelts have two children. Terry is with the Marine Corp and stationed on Okinawa. Linda will be a sophomore at the Ursuline Academy for girls in Paola, Kansas, this September.

For 23 years Leonard has worked for the K.C. Power & Light Co. He is a turbine operator. Nila works part-time at the Dean Manufacturing Co. in North K.C.

Leonard was a member of the first Lake Association Board set up soon after Mr. Houston's death. Mr. Banzoff was president of this Board. Leonard served at various times on committees for the Lake Association and again as a board member from 1955-57. When Houston Lake Village came into existence in '55, Leonard was elected as a member of the Village Board. He was re-elected in 1956 and became Chairman of the Board.

The community mindedness of the Van Pelts does not stop with the confines of Houston Lake. Both Leonard & Nila were active in helping to organize the first Young Democratic Club in Platte Co.

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VAN PELTS.....Cont'd

Nila is presently treasurer of this club. She too was active in P.T.A. work for a number of years and has seen many worthy projects completed for schools in this area.

For two years during W. W. II, Leonard was with the Merchant Marine as Third Engineer, a rank equivalent to a Lt.jg. in the Navy. Located on a tanker which helped to service the Pacific fleet, Leonard spent most of his time operating out of the Persian Gulf.

The Van Pelts are all sports enthusiasts. Leonard played ball until he was 35. He has been on 11 championship hardball teams and nine softball championship teams. He has played for such teams as the American Legion, the Ban Johnson and the Industrial League of K.C. Both Leonard and Nila belong to separate bowling leagues. You name the sport, and most likely the Van Pelts are interested in it.

To the Van Pelts, the most noticeable improvement at Houston Lake since their coming here in '39, are the roads. No longer do they have to park their car and walk to their house on Lake View Dr. Both of them are anxious to preserve the trees and brush around Houston Lake. It is not their belief that we should make Houston Lake look like a public park. It should be kept as rustic & natural as possible, they feel. For matters of health & other reasons, the Van Pelts feel that the building of houses on 50 ft. lots should be prohibited.

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Van Pelt & daughter Linda are visiting in Syracuse, N.Y. with Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sanson, former residents of Houston Lake.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Houston was in St. Mary's hospital for a week during the month of August. She underwent an eye operation. After leaving the hospital, she went to spend some time with her son in Raytown.

Mrs. Harold Herschell's father who lived near Lawrence, Kansas, passed away earlier this month.

Mr & Mrs. Bob Murray will move to a small farm near Weatherby Lake early in September. Bob has been a deputy marshal for Houston Lake the past few months.

Mr. Charles Spencer came home from St. Mary's hospital and re-entered the hospital August 22 to have a tumor removed from his left lung on the 24th. At this writing he is doing fine.

Reports have reached this writer that some bass got tired of the water & exchanged it for grease. A 4 lb. bass landed in Mr. Gil Prince's skillet. One of the Brenner's had to remove a 4 lb. bass from his skillet to make room for a couple of 2 pounders. And then 2 or 3 one pounders got foolish & ended up in the same place.

For Sale:

Maple living room suite; Norge automatic washer; 9 by 12 living room shag rug, green; Power mower, and assorted garden tools; offered by A.R. Martin, SH 1-2629.

Baby crib & mattress; high chair; automatic toaster; two quart speedmeal pressure cooker; antique tables. Shackelford, SH 1-3515.

HI-LITES OUT EVERY TWO MONTHS

When we (Loman & Laura Cansler) agreed to continue the Hi-Lites started by Art & Lois Clayton, the August issue was to have been our last. With the idea that the news around the Lake can be adequately covered by an issue every other month, we shall attempt to continue the Hi-Lites every two months. Call SH 1-2042 and give us news items for the Hi-Lites.

Personals

Mr. & Mrs. A.R. Martin are moving to California soon.

Mrs. Bob Crandall entered Providence hospital the 23rd for observation.

HOUSTON HI-LITES
Rt. 5 Box 115
Parkville, Mo.

HOUSTON *Hi-Lites*

Vol. No.

Houston Lake, Parkville, MO.

April, 2000

Has Our Community Really Changed That Much ?



The Houston Hi - Lites was the first newspaper ever published at the Village of Houston Lake. At that time Houston Lake didn't have any street names so the Post Office considered it a rural route out of Parkville. The first editor was Art Clayton, who lived at Houston Lake and worked for TWA.

Volume 1, No. 1 came out in March of 1957. It was a three column, four page publication with news and information concerning the residents of Houston Lake at that time.

Many of the stories that were wrote back in 1957 seems as though they could have been written yesterday.

"This article was copied from the first edition."

**SUCCESSFUL LAKE
NEWSPAPER NEEDS HELP
FROM EVERYONE !**

This first issue of the

Houston HI -LITES is a trial balloon. It is published in the belief that an informed community is a better community--you should know what is going on around the Lake and have an opportunity to take part in its affairs. This way we will all benefit.

So we ask your help in publishing the Hi - Lites. Tell us the names of new families around the Lake, births, prize catches (husbands or fish), questions you'd like answered or any other items of interest.

Call Claytons: SH 1- 2047 Ω

At some point the name of the paper was changed to the **H o u s t o n L a k e r .**

Over the years there has been countless hours of volunteer work put into the paper and there has been many editors and writers who have helped keep the paper afloat.

At this time the present staff would like to thank everyone who has ever put their time and talent into the newspaper. It has helped Houston Lake become a better community because of your efforts.

Looking Into The Future

Maybe because of the farm town atmosphere or the fact there are no building lots left on Houston Lake, is the reason so many people would like to own a home here. An average home on Houston Lake will usually sell within 30 to 45 days after it is put up for sale.

Mr. Charles Houston must have been way ahead of his time because in one of his advertisements printed in about 1929 he said the property value was very sound at Lake Venetia (Houston Lake) and would only go up as Kansas City expanded, making ownership of a lot in Lake Venetian Gardens a very desirable, profitable and sound investment.

Little did he know that by the year 2000 there would be no lots left to sell and that there are actually people wanting to move into the City of Houston Lake faster than people are leaving. Looking at it from that point of view, it seems that, his predictions have come true !

THANKS



Home Is Where The Heart Is

Houston Lake

It's the nicest place around
Be careful when you go swimming
We don't want anyone to drown

Watch out for the geese
If you know what I mean
Once you walk though it
Your shoes are hard to clean

The beavers eat our trees
The flowers can make you sneeze
I don't care what they say
I love Houston Lake, and that's where I am going to stay

It's a fourth class city, how does it survive?
The people living here keep it alive
Houston Lake is our little town
It's one of the best places around

The rest of the world seems to be in such a mess
We all need to thank God that our community is so blessed

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