



# Houston Laker

*Community News*

*Happy New Year 2012*



*January 2012*



# Community Events



Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy New Year 2012

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting  
7:30p.m. – City Hall

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> - Closing Date for Candidate Filing  
Please contact City Clerk Marsha Duncan  
816.419.5051

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Membership Meeting – 7:00p.m. – City Hall  
Pick up your red 2012 lake bracelet.

## From the Desk of the Editor:

**Just a little reminder that there have been some changes in the Homes Association Board Members and City Officials. You will find in this edition the new names and contact numbers of the Board and City Officials as well as the 2012 Recycle and Trash Pick-up schedule. Please keep a copy of this special edition of the Houston Laker as it contains very useful information.**



# Community Garden Update

Third Annual Community Garden Fundraiser

## “Casserole Cook-Off”

Yes, it's that time of the year again. We have chosen a “Casserole Cook-Off” this year for our contest. This will be open to ALL, guys or gals. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 best dishes.

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is the designated date. There will be a limit to the number of contestants.....10. So please contact me asap if you'd like to enter.

Please drop off your entries to City Hall at 3:30 for the judging. We plan on eating at 5:00 pm. If needed, I will keep your casserole warm in our oven

A brisket and turkey will be provided to go with your dishes. If you do not want to enter the contest, please feel free to bring a dish.....dessert comes to mind ☺

And, as always, we need 4 volunteer judges. 2 gals and 2 guys. Let me hear from you if you'd like to judge as this is the most “fun” part because we have some of the best cooks in this county.

Thanks to all of your wonderful donations from last year, we bought all the seeds and plants and installed the much needed “Sprinkler system” and still had a little money left over!!! A deeply appreciated “thanks” goes to Mike Hallauer and Bob King for installing the system.

And a very warm “thanks” goes to all the garden volunteers, especially our wonderful children who have been there for each spring planting. Hard to imagine that they will be 4 years older this time.

My love to all of you  
Marsha Duncan

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# VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

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Jan Jackalone  
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(Lake Tags)

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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) Applications for a building permit may be obtained by leaving a message at City Hall, contacting your Alderman or calling City Clerk at 816-419-5051.

# 2012 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid  
Recycling Cart**

January 18  
February 15  
March 14  
April 11  
May 9  
June 6  
July 5  
August 1  
August 29  
September 26  
October 24  
November 21  
December 19



Items must be inside the cart (**Not on the ground, not on top – inside**). If you need an extra cart or would like to recycle, please notify any city official.

Recycle carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished.



# Important Notice

## Trash Pick-up Day



Blue Lid Trash Cart

**Your recycling day will also be on a Wednesday once a month.**

**Trash carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up.  
Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished.  
Items must be inside the cart (Not on the ground, not on top – INSIDE).  
If you need an extra cart, please notify any city official.**

**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.**

**2012 Holiday Schedule:**

**Pick-up Day**

**New Years (Sunday 1-1-12)  
Memorial Day (Monday 5-28-12)  
Independence Day (Wednesday 7-4-12)  
Labor Day (Monday 9-3-12)  
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-22-12)  
Christmas (Tuesday 12-25-12)  
New Years (Tuesday 1-1-13)**

**Wednesday  
Thursday 5-31-12  
Thursday 7-5-12  
Thursday 9-6-12  
Wednesday  
Thursday 12-27-12  
Thursday 1-3-13**

December, 2011  
Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Report

With all the holiday activities going on this time of year, the Board agreed to waive the December meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

As the new Board was excited about the forthcoming year, one thing was overlooked to conclude our 2011 business. The 2012 Budget was not approved by its members. So the January 19th meeting will be especially important and we would appreciate your attendance so we can present the 2012 Budget, discuss any recommendations, and get the member's approval.

At the November meeting, the Board agreed to publish the expenses and income for November and December in the Houston Laker. After that time, a copy of the monthly expenses and income will be available to those attending each monthly meeting. Reference will be made in the Minutes as to expenses and income but no dollar amounts will be published in the Houston Laker. The Board feels this is an extra step they can take to protect the assets of the Homes Association.

November 30, 2011 Checking Account Balance: \$30,587.28

Expenses:

KCPL	\$66.24
Water	13.48
Stamps	57.20
Fireworks	500.00

Total November Expenses \$ 636.92

Income:

3 Paid Dues \$ 885.00

Checking Account Balance: \$30,835.36

Money Market Account, CDs \$32,441.76

**November 30, 2011 Net Worth \$63,277.12**

December 26, 2011 (date sent to Houston Laker)

Checking Account Balance: \$30,835.36

Expenses:

Water \$13.48

New Lake

Property Signs 215.93

Notary Public

App, Bond &

Supplies 87.90

Total December Expenses \$ 317.31

Income:

38 Paid Dues & Late Fees 11505.00

2 Delinquent Members(\$619.50 & 1801.01) 2,420.51

Checking Account Balance: \$44,444.84

Money Market Account, CDs \$ 32,441.76

**December 26,2011 Net Worth \$ 76,886.60**

As you can see, the Treasurer is hard at work to collect delinquent membership dues. After January 31, 2012, Jan Jackalone will begin the process of notifying past due accounts and filing liens on those members whose accounts are 2 years or more behind. The lien process requires the forms to be notarized; for that reason, Jan has become a Notary Public in the State of Missouri. For members in good standing who need something notarized, Jan will be glad to be of assistance to you. Call her at 816-587-0028.

**LAKE TAGS - The color will be red for the 2012 season.** There are two new signs posted at the beach area, one at the gate and the other at the boat dock. Additional signs will be installed as weather permits. **ALL guests must be accompanied by a member with a red lake tag.** No more "I know so and so and they said I could come here to fish and swim or picnic." Or, I thought this was public, I've fished here before." **No more excuses, we will be enforcing our rules.** We have to do everything we can to keep our areas safe and if you see something that isn't right call Platte County dispatch.

**The next HOA meeting is January 19, 2012 @ 7 PM. Pick up your lake tags!! It is an important meeting. Come have some hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate and some sweet treats, sugar-reduced also!!**

*The Board thanks the members of the Homes Association for the confidence each of you has placed on us.  
Best wishes for a Prosperious, Peaceful and Healthy New Year.*

*Nick Jackalone*  
**Nick Jackalone**  
**President**

# **NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING**

**The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election, Tuesday, April 3, 2012 to elect the following offices:**

**One Alderman from Ward 1 (North) for two (2) year term.**

**One Alderman from Ward 2 (South) for two (2) year term.**

**To be a candidate for one of these offices you must file with the City Clerk, Marsha Duncan, no earlier than Tuesday, December 13, 2011 and no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2012. The filing forms will be made available by contacting Marsha Duncan at 816-419-5051.**

**January 9, 2012**  
**Council Meeting Agenda**  
**City of Houston Lake – City Hall 7:30 p.m.**

**1. Opening Session**

**2. Public Discussion**

**3. Minutes**

**4. Building Permits**

- a. 5464 NW Venetian Drive – Storage Shed

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

**6. Paybills – Resolution No 01-09-12**

**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. Park Grant

**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**  
**December 12, 2011**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on December 12, 2011 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Rick Cowan, Perry Davis and Dan Coronado.

**Opening Session**

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

**Public Discussion**

.No public discussion

**Minutes November 14, 2011**

The minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

None

**Treasurers Report**

Alderman Davis moved to approve the 11-14-11 treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

Alderman Cowan moved to approve the 12-12-11 treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed.

The Council approved to remove \$5000.00 from the Grinder Pump CD and put in the Grinder Pump account by general consent.

**Resolution 12-12-11 (paybills)**

The council approved an increase of \$500.00 to the budget for fireworks by general consent.

Alderman Davis moved that we accept Resolution 12-12-11, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed

**Collectors Report**

City Collector, Joyce Kullman gave her monthly report to the Council. Total deposits for the City of \$31,722.43 were made for the period ending 11-31-11.

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

A report from 11-01-11 to 11-30-11 was submitted to the Council from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted reports from November/December to the Council.

### **Emergency Management**

Alderman Coronado presented the Council with the Houston Lake Emergency Management Guide for Elected Officials. This guide contains the necessary information needed for the Elected Officials, that are mandated to respond to the needs of this community in a professional and timely manner at any time of disaster.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Alderman Cowan asked about applying for another Storm Water Grant. Mayor Hallauer suggested the City might apply for a Parks Grant to put a water fountain at the City Park.

**Alderman Otte** –Alderman Otte thanked Mary Head and Kathy Anchors for the wonderful Christmas decorations.

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado wished all a Merry Christmas

**Alderman Davis** – Alderman Davis wished everyone a Merry Christmas

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Mayor Hallauer introduced a Resolution of Thanks to Mitch Kelly for his outstanding service as Codes Enforcement Officer for the City of Houston Lake. Alderman Cowan made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Motion passed.

Thank you Mitch!!!!

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Hallauer reported the 2011 “Year in Review”. Much needed sewer maps were finished, a very successful City Wide Clean-up day, New recycling carts, 65% of our residents are now recycling, a wonderful July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, 2 huge wind storms that brought people together helping each other, passed a new Property Maintenance Ordinance, a stable tax rate and updated the City Code Book.

A great year indeed!!!

Mayor Hallauer presented the Council a Christmas card they received from the City Attorney, Witt & Hicklin, stating that they donated to the “Shop With a Deputy Program” in the name of The City of Houston Lake. The Platte County Sheriff’s Department sponsors this program for children in need.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

**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, a trial 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?

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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.**

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Signature

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Date

*Happy New Year!*  
*from*  
*The Works by Marlene*  
*816-587-1550*  
*by appointment only*

*If you're still not sure... call for a free consultation!*

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*Best Wishes,  
Marlene*