

Houston Laker

Community News

Happy Easter



April 2012





Community Events

April 3rd - General Municipal Election
Please exercise your right to vote!!

April 8th - 

The graphic for "Happy Easter" features the word "HAPPY" in a pink, bubbly font above the word "EASTER" in a larger, purple, bubbly font. A globe with blue and green patterns is integrated into the letter "R" of "EASTER".

April 9th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall

April 11th - Recycling Day

April 18th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Semi Annual Membership Meeting
5:45p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
6:30p.m. Meeting – City Hall

April 27th & 28th – Platte County, bi-annual “Clean Up”
7:30a.m. – 5:00p.m.

May 4th & 5th - Garden Club Garage Sale – City Hall





**HOUSTON LAKE
INDEPENDENCE
DAY
FIREWORKS
DONATIONS
REQUEST**

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S SUPPORT AT THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING ON 1/26 REGARDING THE ESCALATING EXPENSES TO PRODUCE THIS EVENT EACH YEAR AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE.

IF YOU, TOO, WISH TO HELP LIGHT UP THE SKY THIS SUMMER, YOU CAN GIFT ANY AMOUNT, IN THE FORM OF A PERSONAL CHECK, IT CAN BE LEFT IN THE MAIL SLOT OF THE DOOR AT CITY HALL AND MARKED TO MY ATTENTION RICK COWAN. THE CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO "PREMIER PYROTECHNICS".

I APPRECIATE THE FINANCIAL AID PROVIDED BY THE CITY, VENETIAN GARDENS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND, OF COURSE, YOU...IT'S SPECIAL RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS.



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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.



Mark Your Calendar
Friday, May 4th and
Saturday, May 5th
9 AM to 4 PM

Houston Lake Garden Club sponsoring –

ANNUAL EVENT SALE

Yard Sales, Fishing & Tackle, Sporting Goods,
Arts & Crafts, Jewelry, Plant Sale,
Lots a GOOD STUFF!

Here is your chance to turn your items (sorry, no trash) into someone's treasures.

Clean out your closets, basements & garages. Car for sale, no problem! Have a craft you want to sell, no problem! Tools, no problem! Now is the time. We'll advertise, you sell and make some cold cash, I'm talking \$\$\$\$\$\$.

A large banner will be put on the Houston Lake MODOT sign at the lake entrance at NW 56th Street.

The Garden Club will sponsor the sale. Would you like to donate some plant divisions from your perennial garden? Some good pots you want to donate? We will be setting up outside of City Hall under a tent or two. Call Jan Jackalone to work out the details. How about a lemonade stand – kids you too can get involved. Don't have the time or think you have enough stuff? Donate it to the Garden Club (sorry, not tax deductible).

The proceeds from the Garden Club selling plants and items will go towards planting fruit trees on Homes Association Property. Come on, they won't be ready this or next year, but stopping by to pick up fresh apples, pears, plums for pennies compared to grocery stores who gouge us at the checkout. Kids picking fruit to eat – Priceless!

Just before the sale, get your stuff ready. A successful sale has items priced fairly, displayed and organized by function – like kitchen, clothing, books, etc. Have plenty of change on hand – be able to break a couple of \$50's (think positive now!) and offer grocery sacks for them to take home their bargains. On Friday, be ready before 9AM, there are always early birds!! Put your sign out so they know you are participating.

Jan Jackalone and her Garden Club friends are eager to get a good start to making this an annual event. Remember Mother's Day is the following weekend May 13th, so present your items as possible gifts. Any questions, Call Jan Jackalone 816-587-0028.

Platte County, Missouri Department of Public Works

Greg Sager, Director



Road and Bridge Maintenance * Capital Improvement Projects * Fleet Maintenance * Public Right-of-Way Management

March 19, 2012

Re: 2012 Spring Platte County Clean Up

To Whom It May Concern;

The Platte County Department of Public Works would like to extend an invitation to our bi-annual "Clean-Up" which is available to all residents of Platte County. During the Clean-Up we open our facilities and welcome residents to dispose of unwanted items.

Please find enclosed a copy of the flyer we're distributing to notify residents of this public service. We would appreciate your help in spreading this information. Thank you and please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Greg Sager
Director of Public Works

GS/sp

Directions:

I-29 to Exit #20

(Tracy/Weston)

West on Hwy 273

Entrance is 1/4 mile on
left hand side.

15955 Hwy 273

Platte City, MO

Platte County Clean Up

**Friday, April 27th &
Saturday, April 28th, 2012
7:30 am—5:00 pm**

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 over 32"

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

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

Proof of Residency Require

Located at Platte County Public Works

For questions, contact the Public Works Department (816) 858-2223

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Monthly Meeting

March 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance Nick Jackalone, President; Keith Carey, Vice President; Al Horine, Secretary; Jan Jackalone, Treasurer and Bill Winton, Board Member.

HOA Members attending: Larry Haines, Mitch Kelley, Bob King, Carolyn Carey, Janette Boehm. Guests were Ron and Sue Haines.

Old Business was discussed. Tree Removal will be done by Whitley Tree Service. Work includes removal of brush and stumps by the foot bridge, remove dead tree limbs from the lake near Edgewood Circle and remove dead trees and shrub on Association property on Edgewater Trail. Board approved work to be done in the amount of \$1300.00.

Update on the horseshoe work: Stennet Construction has not yet gotten back to us with a bid. Janette Boehm suggested getting a second bid from Lance Houston, another company familiar with our lake. She'll get us his phone number so we can contact him.

Update on floats for docks-It was suggested by Janette Boehm to check into the company that provided the encapsulated floats for the swimming dock. They are local and maybe they could replace the floats on the docks. Jan Jackalone will contact them about this matter.

Update on Safe Deposit Box - President Nick now has new keys to the box. Contents were removed, inventoried and returned. Mainly contained copies of deeds where lots were donated to the Homes Association or to the City. The 5 Year CD was also placed into the box.

Update to the CD renewing in April. Mitch Kelley informed the Board that Community America Credit Union has consistently had the highest rates on CDs. President Nick will look into it. He suggested taking the \$11,175 and rounding it up to \$15,000. The new CD will also be placed in the safe deposit box.

Update on Beach and HOA property curfews. There is a sign on the beach gate that says "no parking 9PM to 6AM" and the sign inside the gate says the beach area closes at 9PM. It was decided to bring the matter up at the semi-annual meeting in April since it would mean a change in our lake regulations and would require a vote by it's members. Bob King mentioned that he spoke to the deputy from Platte County while he was on the lake and it was unclear who should be contacted if there is a violation of curfew.

Mitch Kelley said it would be a member of the Board who would be contacted and if necessary sign a complaint for trespassing and it would then become a matter for the Sheriff's department to handle.

The Treasurer reviewed the Balance Sheet. Janette Boehm had asked if the IRS was paid. Jan Jackalone said \$17.00 was the amount owed for taxes on the income collected for dues. (On the March balance sheet an entry for \$17.00 IRS Payment was mistakenly left off, but the total amount of withdrawals was correct-\$188.42. The balance sheet has been corrected to reflect that.) Treasurer Jan also stated that she had written down instructions as to how to complete the form and electronic payment so it would be easier for future fillings. There are about 18 members who are delinquent. The Treasurer is working with three members on making payments to bring their accounts up to date.

New Business: Bob King stated there is a lot of thistle growing on the peninsula and it is considered an invasive weed and we could be fined if it is not taken care of. He asked if we had any idea what to use that wouldn't hurt the lake. Janette Boehm offered to give us the name of a golf course keeper to see what they use. President Nick will follow up on it.

Upkeep of the shelters at the beach and Mayor's park was discussed. Bob King said the supports for the shelters needed to be treated to prevent wood rot. He had applied teak oil and said it penetrated the wood and would last for years before it would need to be treated again. President Nick will check into purchasing enough to do both shelters.

Bob King also mentioned that the BBQ grill at the beach was in bad shape and needed repairs. Pres. Nick will check into it with Bob and maybe repair or replace.

Janette Boehm asked if the meetings could be changed from the third Thursday of the month to another day. She said she wants to attend but has a full evening schedule that day. It was decided the third Wednesday of the month would be our meeting date.

The Board would like to thank everyone who attended. We appreciate your support, suggestions and input. Working together we'll get things done.

April's meeting is our semi-annual meeting. On April 18, we will have a pot luck dinner beginning at 5:45 PM with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:30 PM. Since it is spring time with summer-like temperatures, the Board will provide assorted deli trays with bread and rolls. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Let's kick off another great outdoor season on Houston Lake!

Community Garden Fund Raiser

“Casserole Cook-off”

2nd Place Winner

Kelli King



Cranberry Apple Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 (21 ounce) can apple pie filling
- 1 (16 ounce) can whole berry cranberry sauce
 - 1/4 cup butter, softened
 - 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
 - 3/4 cup brown sugar

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Combine apple pie filling and cranberry sauce in a shallow baking dish.

In a medium bowl, mix the butter, oats, and brown sugar until crumbly. Sprinkle evenly over the fruit mixture.

Bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes, or until browned and crisp.

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

1. Opening Session

- a. Oath of Office
- b. Mayor Pro Tem

2. Public Discussion

3. Minutes

4. Building Permits

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

6. Paybills – Resolution No 04-09-12

7. Emergency Management

8. Police Report - Codes Report

9. Old Business

- a. Streetlight – Wagon Trail Circle

10. New Business

- a. Resolution of Thanks
- b. City Wide Clean-up
- c. City Directory

11. Reports from Aldermen

Mr. Cowan
Mr. Otte
Mr. Coronado
Ms. Anderson

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 12, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on March 12, 2012 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

Nick Jackalone asks the Council for a clarification for a proposed shed. He wants to connect an existing shed to a new shed, which would make it a 15x12 structure. Mayor Hallauer told him that the proposed shed would be over the limits for what code allows but a variance could be granted by the Council. Mr. Jackalone will submit his application for a permit.

Larry Haines suggested to the Council installing a few more speed limit signs around the lake since we have a lot of walkers and cyclers with an increase in traffic. The Council will take this up for discussion.

A spokesman from State Representative Ron Schieber's office addressed the Council. He wanted to let the Council know that they may contact Mr. Schieber's office if they have any questions on legislative matters.

Minutes January 9, 2012

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

None

Treasurers Report

Alderman Davis moved to approve the 3-12-12 treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

Resolution 03-12-12 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 03-12-12, 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 \$4524.40 were made for the period ending 2-29-12.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from 2-1-12 to 2-29-12 was submitted to the Council from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly, submitted his report to the Council for the months of January and February, 2012

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director, Dan Coronado told the Council he spoke with Emergency Management Director Jennifer Fales regarding emergency management training classes or CERT classes that will start March 15th. This would be (3) 8 hours of free classes. If training took place, Houston Lake would be affiliated with the KCMO EMT. KCMO would provide all equipment needed. This training would be an added benefit as if Houston Lake needed more than the Houston Lake team in an emergency, KCMO would assist in any search/ rescue situation. Mayor Hallauer asked Mr. Coronado to check with other directors after the March 15th class for recommendations to join KCMO CERT classes or pay for classes in Platte County.

Old Business

a. The Council approved, by general consent, the Copier Shop's proposal on the purchase of a new copy machine as the current machine is starting to malfunction do to its age.

New Business

- a. A request for a street light to be installed at 5380 NW Edgewood Trail was approved by the Council.
- b. Another request for a street light at Wagon Trail Circle was tabled for further discussion. A petition in favor of the street light, with the signatures of 4 residents was presented to the Council. Resident Marlene Reynolds objected to the proposal stating there was plenty of light in that area with the lights from surrounding homes. This will be discussed at the next City meeting.
- c. The Council approved to raise the budgeted amount for the fiscal year by \$10,000 because of the many unforeseen expenses incurred this year.
- d. The Council voted in favor to take \$15,000 from the General Fund and place it in a Mill/Overlay CD for future use.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte told the Council that he and Alderman Coronado pulled the boat that they found out of the creek. Anyone that is missing a boat should contact the City Council for identification. He also reminded everyone of the up coming election.

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Davis – Alderman Davis wanted to remind people that because of the nice weather there will be people using the lake that are not residents. Asking them to leave, using civility, should be the norm.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a breakdown of the Platte County Roads Sales Tax. Houston lake received over the last 10 years a distribution of \$100,000 for the maintenance and repair of its roads. The Platte County Commission will have to decide to put this on the ballot to extend this sales tax for another 10 years. It's not to add any new tax but just to extend the existing tax.

b. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that he and Alderman Davis moved to Houston Lake at about the same time. They both served on the Homes Association Board and the City. This will be Alderman Davis's last City Council meeting as he will be moving. He greatly thanked Alderman Davis's service to the community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 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?

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



Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2012 Bracelet!!

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2012 Red Bracelet in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2012 bracelet.

To get your 2012 Lake Bracelets call Homes Association President, Nick Jackalone 816-587-0028.

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

Guests of Residents must have that Residents 2012 Bracelet with them when they are on or around the lake and Homes Association property.

NO trout lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines.

NO FISHING IN THE BEACH AREA.



HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the
“General Municipal Election”

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

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.

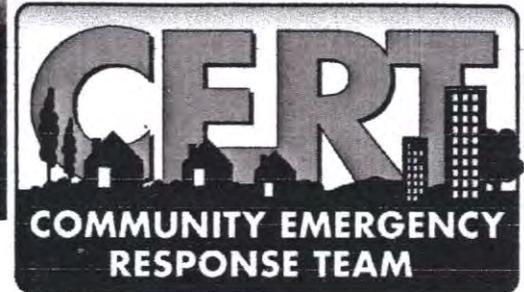
Time 6:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

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



Houston Lake CERT Training

When you call "911" you expect the emergency responders to be there. In a major disaster it might be a while before they can respond. What would you do? Where do you get help? You need help NOW!

CERT training provides the emergency response capability to assist you, your family, your neighbors, and your community by teaching you how to put out small fires, give basic medical treatment, and complete a search and rescue to those that may be hurt, trapped, or lost.

CERT training covers the following - Disaster Preparedness, Fire Suppression, Medical Triage and Treatment, Medical Assessment and Hygiene, Light Search and Rescue, Terrorism and CERT, and a Final Exercise and Test.

The Houston Lake City Government and the Platte County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management are pleased to offer this worthwhile education to the residents of Houston Lake. This training is FREE!

Training will be held at the VFW Post 7356, 10125 NW Highway 45 (64th Street), Parkville, MO 64152

Training will consist of three days starting Friday, May 11, 2012, 6pm-9pm, Saturday, May 12, 2012, 8am -5pm, and the following Saturday, May 19, 2012, 8am -5pm. Wear comfortable WORK clothes!

Qualifications: Be 21 or older, have a high school education or GED, have a clean driving record, be drug and alcohol free, reside in Houston Lake, MO, submit an application and background check.

If interested contact Alderman/Emergency Management Director - Dan Coronado at 816-686-3262

HELP YOURSELF * HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR * HELP YOUR COMMUNITY



Rock
Metal
Country
Blue
Grass

Doran Leonhardi

Doran teaches guitar, pedal steel, mandolin, and fiddle. Doran has been a teacher for many years, has also taught at Longview College and Belton High School. He also teaches music notation and theory. He is a Member of the Kansas City Hall of Fame. Students from 7 and up. Call 816-255-7601.





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*Best Wishes
Marlene*