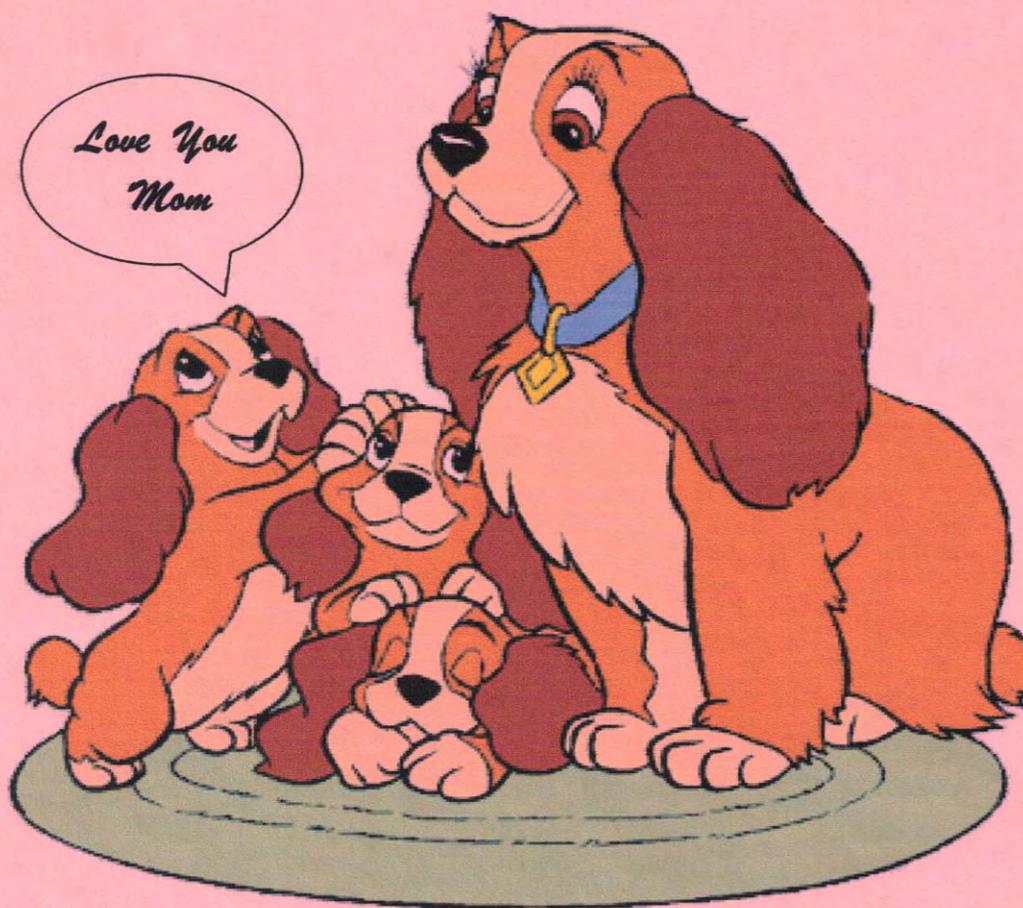


Houston Laker

Community News

Happy Mother's Day



May 2012



Community Events

May 4th & 5th - City Wide Garage Sale
9a.m. to 4p.m.

May 9th - Recycling Day

May 13th -



May 14th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall

May 16th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting – 6:30p.m. – City Hall

May 19th - City & Lake Annual Clean-up Day

May 28th -



May 30th - Neighborhood Watch Meeting
6:30p.m. – City Hall

May 31st - Thursday – Trash Pick-up

Dear Lake Residents:

The Homes Association Annual Clean-up day is May 19th. Please be at City Hall at 9:00a.m. Hot Coffee, Bottle Water and Donuts compliments of the Board of the Homes Association for the volunteers. Large trash bags will be furnished. We will be picking up the beach area, Mayor's Park and other Homes Association areas.



CITY OF FOUNTAINS
HEART OF THE NATION



KANSAS CITY
MISSOURI

Water Services Department

Office of the Director

4800 East 63rd Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64130

(816) 513-0271
Fax: (816) 513-0185

March 30, 2012

Mr. Michael Hallauer, Mayor
City of Houston Lake
5417 Northwest Adrian
Houston Lake, Missouri 64151

Dear Mr. Hallauer:

As a valued cooperative sanitary sewer agreement customer, we want to advise you that the KCMO Water Services Department has new sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The new rates were approved by the KCMO City Council (Ordinance No. 120208) and will take effect on May 1, 2012.

The new rates that can affect your community are:

Residential

Where water consumption is not available
\$ 30.26 per resident per month
Where water consumption is available
\$ 11.55 per month
\$ 3.82 per ccf of water consumption

2011-2012
2855

Commercial

\$ 11.55 per month
\$ 3.82 per ccf of water consumption

If you have any questions concerning the rate changes or need any additional information please call me at 816-513-0225.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Lehr, P.E.
Engineer, Directors Office

cc: Sean Hennessy

City Wide Garage Sale

Friday May 4th and Saturday May 5th 9 am to 4 pm

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

Put your sign out at your house early,
so they know you are participating.



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! Tools, no problem! Now is the time. We'll advertise, you sell
and make some cold cash, I'm talking \$\$\$\$\$.

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!!

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



Any questions, call Jan Jackalone
816-587-0028.

ANNUAL CITY WIDE **CLEAN-UP DAY**

The accumulation of discarded material, damaged and inoperable merchandise is in violation of Section 215.010 of the Houston Lake Municipal code. To avoid a citation and/or court appearance, the City Council is providing a free opportunity again this year for residents to dispose of such items.

Allied Waste will be placing a 30 cubic yard, roll off dumpster at City Hall on May 19th. Residents that are not able to bring their items to City Hall should place such items curbside. Our City truck will collect these items for you.

Please do not block the access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators etc. will not be allowed in the dumpster. These items require a separate pick up. Please call to arrange this at 816-254-1470.

No hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, batteries, tires etc.)
No yard waste please!!

Taking advantage of this opportunity will prevent future problems. If you have any questions, please call:

City Clerk Marsha Duncan
419-5051

Community Garden Fund Raiser

“Casserole Cook-off”

3rd Place Winner

Bob & Pam Riley



Jalapeno Corn Casserole

1 gallon sized can of corn, drained

1 sixteen oz. tub of Roberts Sassy Salsa sour cream dip

2 eight oz. bricks of cream cheese

2 seven oz. cans of chopped green chilies

1/4 or more of a jar of jalapeno slices, according to your preference for heat, finely chopped.

Soften cream cheese and mix with dip and peppers.

Mix together with corn in a large bowl.

Put in a 13 x 7 glass baking pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes, until a slight skin starts to form.

Jalapeno slices may be used as a garnish if you want to add more heat.

Enjoy!



**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.



From the Desk of the City Clerk:

Jean Anderson and I have been given the task of updating our Houston Lake City Directory. The last update was in 2009 and since then we've had many new residents that need to be added to our directory.

Our City Directory has been a great tool for residents through the years. Not only listing names and numbers of our neighbors, but needed emergency and general information of our City Government and State as well.

This directory will not be posted on our website as this is for Houston Lake residents only. After this update has been completed, a copy will be delivered to every household on Houston Lake

Please take a moment and fill out the information form below. You may drop the completed form at City Hall through the door mail slot or you may give it to myself, Marsha Duncan or Jean Anderson.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 816.419.5051 or e-mail me at mduncannkc@aol.com.

Thanks for all your help!!!

.....

Last name:..... First Name.....

Spouse's name:.....

Address:.....

Phone number that you prefer listed:.....



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**

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.



Homes Association Rules and Regulations

1. Lake bracelets will be issued to lot owners who have paid the current years Homes Association fee. Lot owners will be responsible for all bracelets issued to their property.
2. Lake bracelets must be worn by Residents, Lot Owners and Guests. Bracelets should be visible.
3. Private property. No trespassing. Residents, lot owners and guests only.
4. Property owners are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guest at all times.
5. NO DIVING from the Swimming Docks because of shallow water.
6. No swimming after 9:00p.m.
7. Alcohol will not be allowed in the beach area.
8. Animals will not be allowed in the beach area.
9. Fishing will not be allowed in the beach area.
10. No disorderly conduct.
11. All Rules and Regulations of the Missouri State Conservation Commission will apply.
12. No trot lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines are permitted.
13. All Terrain Vehicles, motor bikes, motor cycles, motor scooters is prohibited from operating on Homes Association property.

NOTE: A complete list of Rules and Regulations may be obtained at City Hall or by contacting any Association Official.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Shelter at the Beach area is CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The structure is unsafe and has been sectioned off. Preparations are being made to repair the Shelter and it should be finished by mid-May. We apologize if any Members had made plans to use the Shelter.





Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2012 Red 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.



Minutes
Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Semi-Annual Meeting
April 18, 2012

Members gathered to enjoy some food together before the meeting started promptly at 6:30 PM. About 18 members attended the meeting and interacted very positively with the Board. In attendance Nick Jackalone, President; Keith Carey, Vice President; Al Horine, Secretary; Jan Jackalone, Treasurer and Bill Winton, excused.

Some Old Business was discussed. Tree Removal and the Horseshoe Project near the foot bridge are not progressing as quickly as we would like. The contractors either have broken equipment or are waiting on prices to prepare their quote. President Nick said that another tree service company was suggested and he has been contacted about the trees that are in the beach area. One needs to be removed that is near the play equipment. It is almost all dead and poses a threat to children playing in the area. Also Richard Connell asked that a tree on his property be looked at since it overhangs his deck and needs some attention. The tree itself is on HOA property.

The Board will get together with Bob King and see about getting the plastic compressed air-filled barrels to replace the foam under the platform at the beach.

New Business: Deputy William Beeler, from Platte County Sheriff's Department presented a brochure on How to Start and Maintain a Healthy Neighborhood Watch Program. It has been quite a while since we have done something like this and Deputy Beeler strongly recommends starting it up again. He has offered to come to the meetings. Since he is regularly patrolling our city, he can give us some insight as to what is going on, etc. So, we will be holding our FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING at City Hall on May 30th at 6:30 PM. Jan Jackalone will be ordering supplies like handouts and work sheets from the National Neighborhood Watch Institute. Jan will be hosting this meeting and after everyone gets acquainted, Jan will be asking for folks to step up and be Watch Captains, two Ward Captains (North and South Wards) and for a Program Director. Come and get informed and then decide if this is something you want to participate in. Read more about this at the end of these Minutes. Don't be bashful! *You will not be committing yourself to thousands of hours!!!!*

President Nick informed the members that there are a few folks who do not approve the signs put up around the lake. These signs state Members Only, Members with Guests. Private Property, No Trespassing. They feel the signs at the Shelter Houses were trashy and obnoxious and very demeaning to what the (Mayor's) park stands for. It was suggested that they be placed over by the trash

can (at the Mayor's Park). President Nick said the signs were recommended by the Insurance Company. It also helps the HOA to enforce trespassing, loitering and improper use of our property. Pres. Nick asked if anyone wanted the signs removed, all the members who answered said NO. Although the signs may not be pleasing to the eye, they get the message across. The Signs will stay.

Pres. Nick said that there has been some upkeep of HOA property. The leg supports at the two shelters were treated with teak oil. The BBQ grill at the beach was repaired with a new steel bottom plate. Both grills were painted. Thistle Weed at the peninsula has been treated several times. The filter, gaskets and vane kit for the lake filter system was purchased and installed. Trash bags for lake clean up day have been purchased. *Total spent \$330.03.*

Labor Costs saved by Volunteers ~~~ PRICELESSS !

Mike Hallauer suggested the HOA put together a Routine Maintenance Log so that future HOA Boards know what needs to be done and when. That way some things will get taken care of before they become a problem. *Good Idea Mike! We will work on that.*

Mitch Kelly addressed the stability of the supports at the shelters. Pres. Nick agreed they needed to be reinforced even though the bolts had been tightened. Mitch Kelly said in his opinion as Codes Enforcer and in discussion with our City Inspector, the shelter at the beach should be sealed off with a minimum of caution tape and ideally, with orange barrier fencing until such time as action is taken to fix the problem and avoid any injuries caused by a collapse. *(Orange barrier fencing has been purchased and Mike Hallauer has installed the posts. The day after the meeting, the area has been secured. A sign will be posted stating "Closed Until Further Notice".)*

Treasurer's Report was given. The CD renewing was put into the Money Market account so the account has a balance of \$20,000.

Next order of Business was Voting on Curfew Limits on Homes Association Property. Treasurer Jan Jackalone read the current regulation and four Ballots to be considered to change the old regulations dating back to April, 1982. After the reading, there was an open discussion. Some of the discussion centered around the definition of Guests. Mike Hallauer brought to the attention of the Board that unless a name is on the deed for the property, they have to be considered guests. And so for those who live with their parents, a parent must accompany them. And there are several situations where the elder parent is not in a position to accompany their son, for example. So to be "legally correct" there can't be any question as to the definition of who is a guest. The Board has decided that they will have our attorney look it all over so we can change the regulations properly. The City has an ordinance that says minors have a midnight curfew. That is another thing to be

considered. This matter of business has been tabled for the Annual Meeting.

It was also suggested that a list of residents who are not current with their association dues be given to Deputy Beeler. That would help him in enforcing no trespassing. Mitch Kelly asked the Board if they would be willing to get out of bed at 2 AM to sign a complaint. The Board said yes, but Jewel Head mentioned that in the past the Board had signed a letter that the Deputy had with him. It would give the Deputy the authorization to issue the citation in the absence of a Board Members' presence and signature. The Board agreed that was something they would do.

Pres. Nick said the Porta Potty has been ordered and will be moved a little bit north of the past location as the smell was strong upon entering the gate. Hopefully, the smell shouldn't become an issue this season. Since the weather has been getting warmer earlier, Sharon DeLaFuente will go ahead with the water test at the beach area at her earliest convenience.

The meeting ended around 8:30 PM. And while members were visiting some told Board members that it was a good meeting and they felt that things were getting done, there was some good input, they overall liked the positive attitude of everyone and they especially liked the friendly atmosphere. A Big Thanks to all of us - Members and Board alike.

Next monthly meeting will be held 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS AND IS NOT!

Neighborhood Watch IS

- 1 A crime prevention program where neighbors **"LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER!"**
- 2 A crime prevention program that encourages Neighbor-Participants to get to know each other and their routines so that any out of place activity can be observed, recognized for what it is, reported and investigated.
- 3 A crime prevention program that teaches Participants techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized at home, in their vehicles and in public places.

4 A crime prevention program which trains Participants on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and sounds, evaluate them and then how to properly report them.

5 A crime prevention program which teaches Participants how to make their homes more secure, to properly identify their property, and how to

"LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER!".

6 A cohesive body of concerned, involved, Neighbor-Participants

addressing many issues that concern the entire community.

Neighborhood Watch IS NOT

- 1 A vigilante force working outside the normal procedures of the local police department or sheriff's office.
- 2 A 100% guarantee that crime will not occur in your neighborhood.
- 3 A program designed for Participants to undertake personal risks to deter crime.



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*We can do some-
thing for ourselves.
Get involved.
Make a difference.
Have fun at the
same time!*

We welcome you to our First
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

City Hall, Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at
6:30 PM

This will be a good chance for us neighbors to meet each other as friends. Refreshments will be served. The meeting should last about 90 minutes, giving us time to talk about how we can mutually prevent crime and better our neighborhood.

RSVP:

Jan Jackalone - 587-0028 or
janjackalone@hotmail.com



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Community Garden Update

This has certainly been a surprise spring. And because of the unusual warm weather for this time of the year Angela, her wonderful children and I managed to plant half the garden.

We planted 90 feet of green beans (they're just starting to come up), green onions, radishes, 4 mounds of zucchini and Rainbow Swiss chard. We opted to wait until the end of the season when it cools down, to plant lettuce, spinach and beets as it seemed too warm for these at this time.

We are hoping to plant the tomatoes and pepper plants in the next few weeks. This is the "special" time we have our children help with the planting. All children on Houston Lake are welcome. We encourage this participation as they love to watch their plants grow and in turn, more receptive to eating their harvest.

If you would like your child to participate, please contact myself, Marsha Duncan 816-419-5051 or Angela Gay 816-584-9548. We will give you an update on what date we have pin pointed. This will, as always, be on a weekend.

Our Community Garden is for all Houston Lake residents to share. Please keep in mind to harvest enough for your family and while you're at it.....you may pick a couple weeds 😊

May 14, 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

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

6. Paybills – Resolution No 05-14-12

7. Emergency Management

8. Police Report - Codes Report

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Spillway Bridge
- b. Fire Protection Contract

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

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director, Dan Coronado reported to the Council that he attended a meeting of all the Emergency Management Directors in Platte County, the Storm Spotters class at Park University, the Missouri SAVE Coalition for post earthquake safety and participated in the Formidable Footprint Earthquake Exercise given by KCMO Office of Emergency Management. He has also set up CERT training with the Platte County Emergency Management for a certified Houston Lake CERT team on May 11th, 12th and 19th and established the Houston Lake Emergency Management notices on the Houston Lake website, Facebook and the Houston Laker and met with resident Bob Bailey to establish an Emergency HAM radio connection.

Old Business

a. The request for a street light to be installed on Wagon Trail Circle was discussed by the Council. Resident Teri Deister told the Council that she was in favor of the street light as it was very dark in that area. The Council approved, by general consent, the installation of a street light on Wagon Trail Circle sighting concerns for safety.

New Business

- a. Resolutions of “thanks” were given to Aldermen Perry Davis for his years of service to Houston Lake and Judge Dorsey for his 20 years of service to the Houston Lake Court.
- b. The City Wide Clean-up Day for Houston Lake will be scheduled for May 19th and the 20th.
- c. Mayor Hallauer asked Alderman Jean Anderson and City Clerk Marsha Duncan for their help in updating the Houston Lake City Directory. The last update was done in 2009.
- d. A request from a resident for contributions and to host a special event from the City was denied by the Council.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan –Excused

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said there were pieces of foam from a dock near the Mayor’s Park. If these are not picked up by the owner they will be placed in the dumpster.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson thanked everyone for their welcome to the City Council.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Hallauer reported the 2012 - 2013 KCMO sewer rate increase from \$28.55 to \$30.26 per resident per month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm

City of Houston Lake
Unofficial Minutes of the Council Meeting
April 9, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on April 9, 2012 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Jean Anderson and Dan Coronado. Alderman Rick Cowan was excused.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided. The Oath of Office was given to Aldermen Jean Anderson and Alderman Dan Coronado. The Council elected Alderman Dan Coronado as Mayor Pro Tem by general consent.

Public Discussion

Resident Evadene Judge asked the Council to consider installing a “No parking” sign on Venetian Drive. The Council will take this into consideration. She was also advised to contact the police department when she observes illegal parking. She also asked several more questions regarding abandoned material, open burning and suspicious activity. Alderman Coronado told her he would furnish her with a contact person to pick up the unwanted abandoned material. The Mayor again advised her to contact the police department for any open burning or suspicious activity she may observe.

Minutes March 12, 2012

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

None

Treasurers Report

Alderman Coronado moved to approve the 4-9-12 treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

Resolution 04-09-12 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 04-09-12, seconded by Alderman Anderson. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector, Joyce Kullman gave her monthly report to the Council. Total deposits for the City of \$5,383.28 were made for the period ending 3-31-12.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from 3-1-12 to 3-31-29-12 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 March/April, 2012

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



Happy Mothers Day

from

The Works by Marlene

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**Best Wishes
Marlene**