

Houston Laker

Community News



June 2012



Community Events

June 6th - Recycling Day

June 11th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall

June 17th -



July 4th - Annual Houston Lake
4th of July Celebrations





**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.



Annual Houston Lake 4th of July Celebration

Wednesday July 4th – 4:00pm – City Hall
All residents with their family and friends
are invited to join in on the fun and activities.

**It's a great way to renew old friendships and
meet new neighbors.**

**Smoked Brisket, Ham, Turkey, Hamburgers, Brats and
refreshments
(provided)**

Please bring your favorite covered dish and your lawn chairs.

"Garage Sale Bingo"

(This is fun for all ages!! Please bring a few nice garage sale items)

Special Events:

Lieutenant Eric Martinez

Third Missouri Light Artillery – C.S.A.

6 LB (cannon) Napoleon Field Gun

Civil War Re-enactment

GIANT FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 9:30 pm

Sponsored by:

The City of Houston Lake

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

A special "thanks" to Rick Cowan, (Pyro Tech Sponsor/Display Advisor)

David Hallauer and the "Pyros"

Due to the major increase in the cost of fireworks
we "thank you" for your honor donation
of \$5.00 or more per person (children eat free)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any fireworks within the public right of way of any public street.

E. Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:

1. From 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26) until July second (2nd) and on July fifth (5th); and

2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th).

F. No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks.

G. Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.



Annual Pet Show and Bike Parade !

Everyone's invited...

Wednesday

July 4th,



10:00 a.m. - Pet Show at Mayor's Park

Bring your pets big and small; many categories to enter.

11:00 a.m. - Bike Parade begins at the Beach

Decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons with a patriotic theme and ride across the bridge. Ice cream treats for all will be served afterwards.



Hosted by
Venetian Gardens Homes
Association





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 Red bracelet.

No Fishing in the Beach Area.

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.



Homes Association Rules and Regulations

1. Lake tags 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 swimming 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 and motor scooters are 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 Homes Association Official.

For Your Information

Vaccination:

The owner or keeper of any dog in the City of Houston Lake is required to have such animal vaccinated yearly against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

(Section 205.020 Municipal Code)

A certificate of vaccination can be given to any city official or placed in the mail slot at city hall.

Fishing:

It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, take, transport, ship, buy, sell, possess or use any fish from any body of water within the City without possessing a valid fishing permit issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This section shall not apply to any person 65 years of age or older or is 15 years of age or younger.

(Section 210.690 Municipal Code)

Parking:

No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the city limits of Houston Lake, MO.

(Chapter 300 - Schedule II, Municipal Code)

All-Terrain Vehicles:

No person shall operate an All-Terrain Vehicle upon the streets of this city.

(Section 340.110 Municipal Code)



Humane Society of Missouri

St. Louis City • Westport Area • Chesterfield Valley
Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110

May 1, 2012

Mayor Mike Hallauer

5417 NW Adrian
Houston Lake, MO 64151

Dear Mayor Hallauer:

Summer (and spring) heat can be devastating for pets. Animals will suffer if they are left in an unoccupied vehicle **when the outside temperature exceeds 70 degrees**, even when the windows are somewhat open. Every year when hot weather arrives, the Humane Society of Missouri receives calls about pets dying from heat exhaustion when left in parked cars or chained outside without shade or fresh water.

You can help prevent these tragedies. When an animal is in danger due to heat, it can be considered an "exigent circumstances" situation.

- During hot spring and summer months, an animal in an unattended car (even with the windows cracked) is in imminent danger of serious injury and death.
- A dog panting, prostrate and lethargic chained in the direct sun is in imminent danger of serious injury and death.

Given these life-threatening exigent circumstances, action should be taken immediately to remove the animal from a closed car or back yard.

No police officer would hesitate to break a window or climb a fence to rescue a child found in similar life-threatening conditions. The situation is no different for a pet.

- The body temperature of a cat or dog left in a car, or in direct sun, can quickly increase from a normal temperature of 101 to a life-threatening 105 degrees or more.
- The suffering and danger are severe and the same for pets and people – heart problems, kidney failure, irreversible swelling and brain damage, even death as the blood literally boils.

As always, the Humane Society of Missouri and our Animal Cruelty Task Force stand ready to help communicate this hot weather message to your department, assist when animals are in peril and offer our expertise in other animal-related situations. **Report animal abuse and other animal emergencies at our hotline 314-647-4400.**

Thank you for your consideration.

With kindest regards,

Kathryn W. Warnick
President

Community Garden Fund Raiser

“Casserole Cook-off”

Runner-Up

Sharron DeLaFuente



Loaded Potato Casserole

2lb Frozen hash browns

8 oz Longhorn cheese (grated)

16 oz Sour cream

2/3 cup of butter

1 can of Cream of Chicken Soup

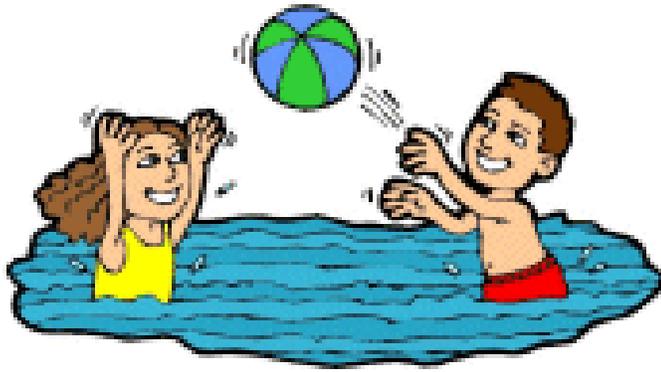
Salt and Pepper to taste

8 Slices of bacon (cooked crisp and crumbled)

Mix first six ingredients in a large bowl. Spread the mixture in a 9 x 13 pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Crumble bacon on top of casserole and bake an additional 10-15 minutes.

This recipe can also be cooked in a crock pot. Cook on high for 1 ½ hours and then on low for 1 ½ hours.



Beach area

**Fecal Coliforms water report is fine.
It is safe to swim at the beach.**

**Children under 14 years of age require
Adult supervision when using the beach area.**
State Law

Venetian Gardens Homes Association



Minutes
Venetian Gardens Homes Association
May 16, 2012

In attendance Nick Jackalone, President; Keith Carey, Vice President; Al Horine, Secretary; Jan Jackalone, Treasurer and Bill Winton, excused. Members present were Perry Davis, Larry Haines and Janette Boehm.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

President Nick brought the members up to date on the shelter repairs at the beach. \$460.02 was spent on cement, lumber and hardware. Mike Hallauer loaned the orange fencing and poles. The Haltermans on Edgewood Trl. donated several cement bags from their own remodeling project. The volunteers who did the work were Todd Lagessie, Bob King and Bill Gaye. Pres. Nick said his duty was picker upper and go getter. Thank you so much for the hard work done (without even breaking for lunch). It looks absolutely beautiful and will be there for many years. The shelter is open and ready for use by Members and their guests. Have your red lake bracelets on and Enjoy!

Pres. Nick reported that we haven't heard from Whitley tree service on starting the Edgewater project. This has been in the works since October, 2011. Nick will cancel this job and seek another bid. Nick received a bid from E.L.Tree Service in regards to removing a tree next to the kids play area at the beach. It was agreed by the members to spend \$850.00 to cut down and remove before anyone gets hurt. There is alot of dead wood in that tree.

Pres. Nick said he attended the City Meeting and some homeowners were saying that oncoming cars are not yielding right of way on the road along the berm edge. The City suggested the HOA place large rocks along the berm to keep people from driving up on it. The members and Board think that larger signs including Yield to oncoming traffic maybe all that is needed. At least before we place rocks there. We only have so much rock in our possession and it is designated for the horseshoe project.

Regarding the horseshoe, Stinnett Construction gave us a bid for an amount over \$10,000. Janette Boehm suggested we contact Chaz Pursell another local contractor. Pres. Nick will get in touch with him.

Treasurer Jan Jackalone gave her report. Our collection efforts are paying off. By June 15, she will be making her last effort to get some payment plans going. Nothing wrong with splitting up your bill if it helps your budget. So, if you still owe, call her at 587-0028.

Jan also mentioned that the play area at the beach needed some mulch. So she went to Homestead Landscaping and got a contractor's price for 15 yards of playground approved mulch. Vice Pres. Keith Carey recommended using the City truck to get the mulch and save \$90 for delivery. And we can dress up the areas around City Hall too. Board and Members agreed to spend appx \$575.00 for this project. By the way, any property owner from Houston Lake will get a contractor's price at Homestead. They came to a cook-off meeting a while back and made their pitch and offered advise. Get to know them, support your local businesses.

The floor was open to discussion. Perry Davis requested permission to use HOA property for Cub Scout 330's Annual Fishing Derby. They have alot of fun and cook out and get prizes for the biggest, smallest catch and just about everything else. The Board approved his request for June 9th or a rain date of June 23. Happy Fishing!

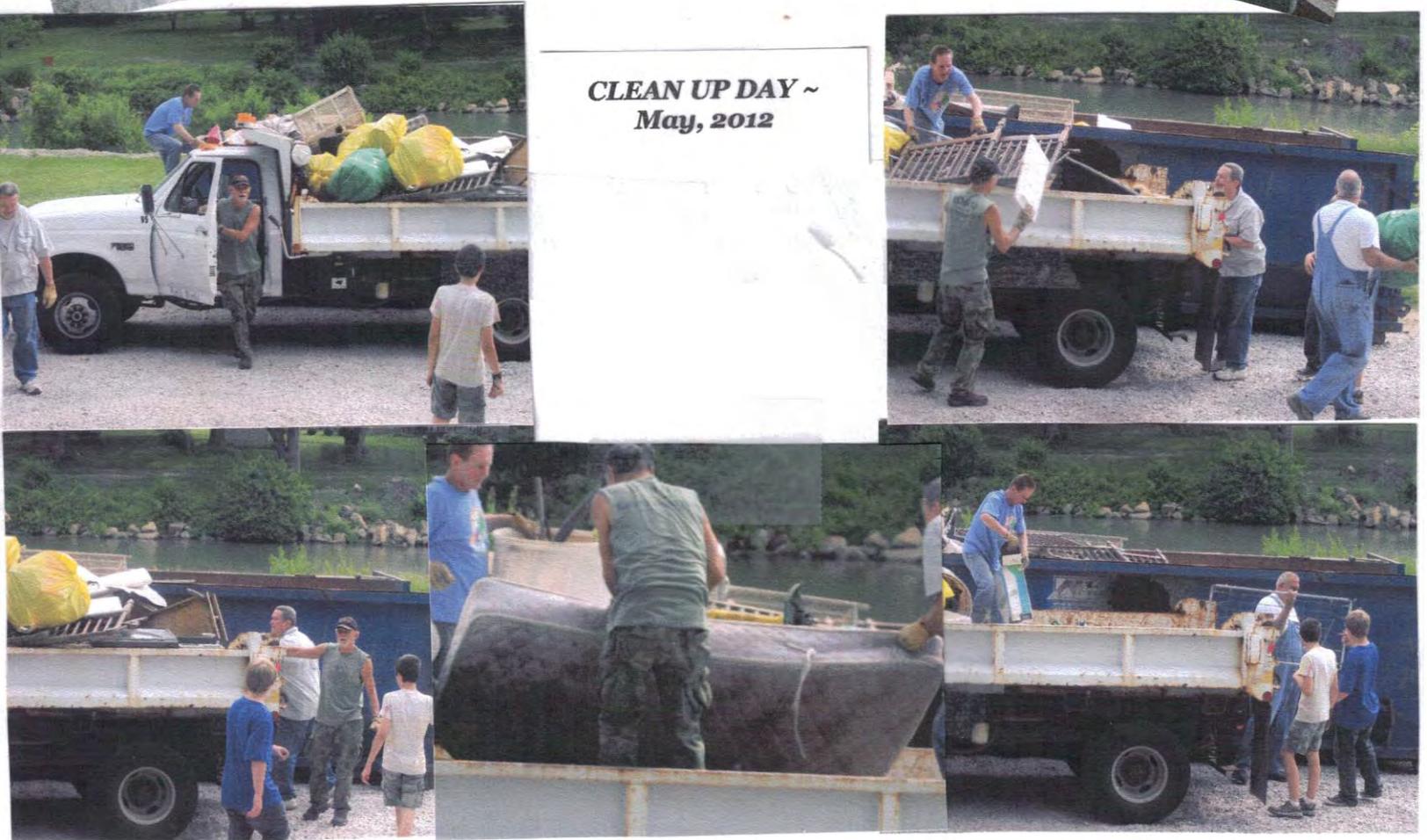
(Aside from HOA business: Jan asked how the City Wide Garage Sale went. It seems Larry Haines is the "Best Salesman of Houston Lake" for 2012. He said his sales were fantastic! He made a donation to the Garden Club who was hosting the Sale for our Fruit Tree project. Thanks, Larry!)

Alot of business was taken care of in 30 minutes! Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. There will be no meeting in June. The Venetian Gardens HOA lawsuit is scheduled in Platte City for June 18 thru June 20. The Board would normally have scheduled its meeting on the 20th. So, please make note on your calendars: Next meeting will be July 18 at 6:30 PM.

**April 2012 Pot Luck
and Board Meeting**



**CLEAN UP DAY ~
May, 2012**



*Repairing Shelter House
at the Beach area May, 2012*



From the Desk of the City Clerk:

Dog Vaccines

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly made a great point at the last City Council meeting. All dog owners should update their pets vaccinations. Because of the recent outbreak of diseased raccoons in the area, these diseases can be passed on to your pet from simple drinking bowls left outside. An encounter with your dog and a diseased raccoon can lead to rabies. Please make sure that your dog has its updated vaccinations. Make a copy of the latest vaccination and drop it in the mail slot at City Hall for Mitch Kelly's files.

Yoga

We are into our 5th year of having free yoga classes for our Houston Lake residents. Anyone, young or old, male or female is welcome to attend. The class is held every Sunday at 11 am in City Hall.

This class has been successful for many reasons. There's no pressure to attend.....you may come every week or just once in a while. It's NOT a fashion show.....wear anything that's loose and comfortable. And lastly.....this is LOW impact yoga. No sweating (just my style) but a lot of good stretching and meditation.

And for added fun, we are into our third year of having a Water Yoga class. The first Water Yoga class is scheduled for Saturday June 9th. We have an hour of yoga in the pool followed by a light brunch. If you'd like to attend the Water Yoga or for more information, please give me a call at 816-419-5051 or e-mail me mduncannkc@aol.com

**Thanks
Marsha Duncan**

June 11, 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 06-11-12

7. Emergency Management

8. Police Report - Codes Report

9. Old Business

- a. Fire Protection Contract – Open Burning

10. New Business

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
May 14, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on May 14, 2012 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Jean Anderson, Dan Coronado and Rick Cowan.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

None

Minutes April 9, 2012

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A building permit was approved by general consent for a driveway at 5323 NW Wagon Trail.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Coronado moved to approve the 5-14-12 treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed.

Resolution 04-09-12 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 05-14-12, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector, Joyce Kullman told the Council that she would e-mail her report to them .

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from 4-1-12 to 4-30-29-12 was submitted to the Council from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.
Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly submitted his report for the months of April and May, 2012.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director, Dan Coronado reported to the Council that he completed the ICS 100 Incident Management Course and was also certified for Operation of POD (Points of Distribution). He started the CERT classes along with Nick Jackalone, Keith Carey and Phil Otte. He also will be putting together a list of equipment that will be needed in case of an emergency. A lot of the needed equipment can be purchased from Riverside at a much lower rate. He will be meeting with Mike Sheldon, Emergency Management Director of Riverside to collaborate an opt in plan to receive emergency notifications through cell phones, e-mails and texting.

Old Business

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with 2 bids for the removal and the replacement of the guard rails for the spillway bridge. After much discussion it was agreed by general consent to approve the proposal from Dylan Construction for \$1,889.58.

b. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that in July Houston Lakes Fire protection contract will renew itself. He asked the Council to discuss the option of having the Fire Marshall include in the contract the enforcement of our “no burning” ordinance.

Mayor Hallauer also told the Council that our ordinance states that there shall be “no open burning” or a zero tolerance on open burning. Mayor Hallauer presented a copy of Riversides ordinance that specifically identifies “Commercially Manufactured “ fire pits as allowable. The Mayor will contact the City Attorney for possible revisions to our present ordinance.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte stated he attended the CERT training and the owner of the boat that was found has stepped forward to its claim.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado asked that they consider placing 2 “yield to on -coming traffic” signs on each end of the dam to alert drivers of the one way traffic as some are driving on the dam.

Mayor Hallauer suggested to Nick Jackalone that he ask the Homes Association Board to consider placing rocks on the dam side to inhibit the driving on the dam.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson told the Council that she sent an e-mail to the Council under cityofficials@houstonlake.net as a test. This can be used for the entire Council. She also included other information for the Council to use as helpful tools.

She also reported that we have received many responses to the request for information for the new City Directory. Also, people may e-mail her information at sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net .

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council a copy of a notice from the Humane Society that will be published in the Houston Laker. The notice is a warning to pet owners not to leave their pets unattended in a parked car in the warm temperature.

b. The City Wide Clean-up is this weekend. Any volunteers for this will be appreciated

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

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!!!

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

Spouse's name:.....

Address:.....

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

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



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