

4th of July Celebrations



Pet Show



Bike Parade



Picnic



Pyros Team



Fireworks



Houston Laker August 2012

Pet Show

Bike Parade



4th of July



Celebration

Picnic



Bingo

Fireworks



2012



Community Events

Aug. 1st - Recycling Day

Aug. 7th - Primary Election Day

*Aug. 13th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall*

*Aug. 15th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting – 6:30p.m.- City Hall*

Aug. 29th - Recycling Day

Found very identifiable ring, Houston Lake beach. Call-816-876-9025

Editor Note: I would like to “thank” Jean Anderson, Pam Freese and Marsha Duncan for the 4th of July pictures. Also “thank” Andy Spottswood for printing this months front cover and second page of the pictures.

From the Desk of the City Clerk:

Just a little note of thanks to all the volunteers who made this 4th of July so wonderful.

To Kelli King, always there with her expertise on carvings turkey's or just about anything. Truly awesome lady!!!!

To Jay and Jean Andersonwatching their special teamwork together cranking out 40 plus hamburgers. Priceless to watch!!!

To Brittany Hallauer and her friend Shelby.....from early morning they were my other right hand and then taking charge of Garage Sale Bingo.....They helped make the day perfect!!!!

To Glenn Morrisyear after year our steadfast outdoor cook. Spectacular job on our burgers and brats!!!

To Kaki from the Artillery Team.....my special back-up hostess when I was stuck in the kitchen. Bless you!!!!

And Joyce Kullman.....my friend.....the truth be known that she hates anything "kitchen" has always taken control of the clean-up. There are no words that could convey my appreciation well enough.

And to all the people that attended this wonderful celebration.....All of you are the special ingredients that makes this city one of the greatest places to live!!!!

Thank you so very much,

Marsha Duncan



City of Houston Lake

An open letter to all residents and property owners of Houston Lake

There seems to be some misunderstanding and controversy regarding the recent letters notifying residents and property owners concerning the requirement of providing certificates of vaccinations of household pets to City authority.

Please be advised that you are not the only resident who received this letter. Over half of Houston Lake's residents have domestic dogs & cats as household pets and every one received the same letter due to only two residents voluntarily providing the certificates following the notice being published multiple times in "The Houston Laker" regarding the requirements as detailed under Title II, Public Health, Safety & Welfare, Chapter 205: Animal Regulations, Section 205.020: Vaccination

The ordinance governing this particular Chapter and Section of the Municipal Codes has always been "on the books", as far back as 1981, and from the time Houston Lake was incorporated. Incorporation brought it from Township status to an Incorporated City which also allowed the City to adopt the Municipal Codes. Adoption of the Municipal Code provided Houston Lake the opportunity to update & consolidate its ordinances and to come more into line with Missouri State Statutes. It also provided a more effective & efficient manner to adopt & enact local autonomous rules, regulations and ordinances with the intent to provide a safe and healthy environment for all its residents.

The vaccination certificate requirement has only recently been brought to the forefront due to the unusual number of incidents involving diseases being present in the common wildlife that make their habitat in and around the City of Houston Lake. As such, it seemed prudent to reintroduce the requirement and to track compliance accordingly.

I had assumed that most pet owners were as zealous as I was toward maintaining their pets health and well being through routine veterinarian examinations and regularly scheduled vaccinations, particularly knowing that some animal wildlife diseases can be transmitted to our pets and subsequently to their owners or others that they can come into contact with. Follow up investigations regarding other Animal Regulation violations proved me wrong. Too often, I found vaccination tags that were either expired or not present. Based on this and the other issues previously mentioned in this letter were the reasoning behind the letter mailing campaign.

If any of you have any further questions or comments on this or any other matter that is within the City's provenance, please feel free to contact me, your Alderman or Mayor Hallauer.

Regards,

Mitch Kelly
Codes Enforcement Officer

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)

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Houston Lake, MO.

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Citizens may be heard on the property tax rates to be set in order to comply with Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 67.110 and 137.073 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

The proposed tax rate is based on information currently available to the City of Houston Lake. The tax adopted may vary from, but will not exceed the proposed rate.

	Prior Tax Year (2011)	Current Tax Year (2012)
Assessed Valuation (Real Estate/Personal Property)	\$2,694,545.00	\$2,794,699.00
Prior Tax Rate (2011) as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0 .67	
Proposed Tax Rate (2012) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.655
County Collection Fee \$0.015	\$18,053.00 <u>- \$404.00</u>	\$18,305.00 <u>- \$419.00</u>
Revenue for General Fund	\$17,649.00	\$17,886.00

Date: July 17, 2012

Marsha Duncan, City Clerk

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Assessed Valuation (Real Estate/Personal Property)	\$2,694,545.00	\$2,794,699.00
Prior Tax Rate (2011) as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0.73	
Proposed Tax Rate (2012) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.73
	\$19,670.00	\$20,401.00
County Collection Fee \$0.015	- <u>\$404.00</u>	- <u>\$419.00</u>
Revenue for Fire Protection	\$19,266.00	\$19,982.00

Date: July 17, 2012 Marsha Duncan, City Clerk

**Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
As of June 30, 2012**

**Income - Period Covered January 1 -
June 30, 2012**

General Fund	82,489.39	
Road Fund	5,853.90	
Grinder Pump Fund	4,443.59	
Fire Protection Fund	19,276.85	
Total		\$ 112,063.73

**Expenses - Period Covered January 1
- June 30, 2012**

General Fund	89,388.08	
Road Fund	4,443.34	
Grinder Pump Fund	6,003.70	
Fire Protection Fund	9,499.98	
Total		\$ 109,335.10

Total Funds as of June 30, 2012

General Fund	61,184.68	
Road Fund	5,976.59	
Grinder Pump Fund	4,146.57	
Fire Protection Fund	21,360.65	
Municipal Court Account	1,592.25	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
Transportation Sales Tax Receipts (as of 03/31/12)	21,382.91	
General Fund CD - matures 06/12/12	23,364.13	
Road Fund CD - matures 06/26/12	57,073.07	
Mill and Overlay CD - matures 04/12/13 (as of 10/31/11)	25,314.34	
Grinder Pump Fund CD - matures 12/15/12 (as of 12/15/11)	12,249.34	
Mill and Overlay CD - matures 05/09/13	15,000.00	
Total		\$ 249,164.28

August 13, 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. 5426 NW Venetian Circle (Notice to Condemn)

5. Treasurer's report - Collector's Report

6. Paybills – Resolution No 08-13-12

7. Emergency Management

8. Police Report - Codes Report

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. Tax Rate Hearing
- b. Bill No. 081312-1 (2012 Tax Rate)
- c. Bill No. 081312-2 (Grinder Pump Maintenance Fee)

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
July 9, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on July 9, 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 June 11, 2012

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

None

Treasurers Report

No report

Resolution 07-09-12 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 07-09-12, seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for months of April, \$2308.61, May, \$9612.60 and June, \$1897.34.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from 6-1-12 to 6-30-12 was submitted to the Council from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly submitted his report for the months of June/July, 2012.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director, Dan Coronado reported to the Council he has finished 4 Fema classes and has recruited a 4th CERT team member. Houston Lake is now registered on NIXLE. This will give us much needed emergency management information regarding weather, hazards and road closings.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer submitted to the Council Bill No. 070912-1 Codes Section 230.025, Open burning. Alderman Cowan made a motion to place this bill on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 070912-1 by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to place Bill No. 070912-1 on it's second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 070912-1 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to place Bill No. 070912-1 on final passage, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye
Anderson – Aye
Otte – Aye
Coronado – Aye

Bill No. 070912-1, Ordinance No. 334 was passed

b. The Council approved the renewal of the Fire Protection contract between the City of Houston Lake and Riverside by general consent.

c. 2012-2013 Budget Hearing:

The Council was given a copy of the proposed 2012-2013 budget. After some discussion Alderman Coronado moved to accept the 2012-2013 budget, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye
Anderson – Aye
Otte – Aye
Coronado – Aye

Motion passed

d. The Council approved by general consent a proposal from Don Dishinger to install two concrete flumes on the Venetian bridge to stop erosion.

e. The Council also approved the proposal from Modern Paving Systems to repair the bad areas that were damaged to the roads due to not enough base asphalt.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan expressed his grateful thanks to all the people who donated personally to this year’s fireworks display.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte thanked all involved in the fireworks display this year.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado thanked the firework crew for a fantastic show. He also stated that he called the Sheriff’s department after seeing non residents shooting fireworks in the street. And a big thanks to all the early walkers for cleaning up the fireworks debris.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson thanked Rick Cowan for the wonderful fireworks display and also all the volunteers that helped in making it great.

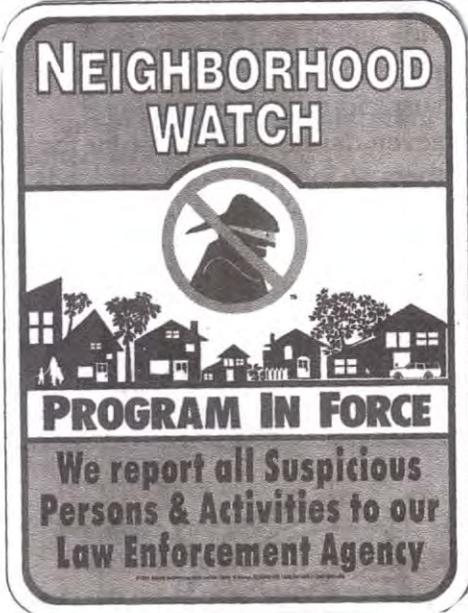
Mayors Report

a. The residents who are on Grinder Pumps had a special meeting with the City Council. Only nine homes were represented out of 37. The meeting went well with some good input from the residents. Since 2011 was very costly to the grinder pump fund many ideas were discussed as well as allowing residents the option to take the responsibility for their own repairs.

b. Mayor Hallauer thanked all the volunteers for a great 4th Of July celebration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

On July 24, several residents of Houston Lake met at City Hall to get the ball rolling for our NEW Neighborhood Watch Program.

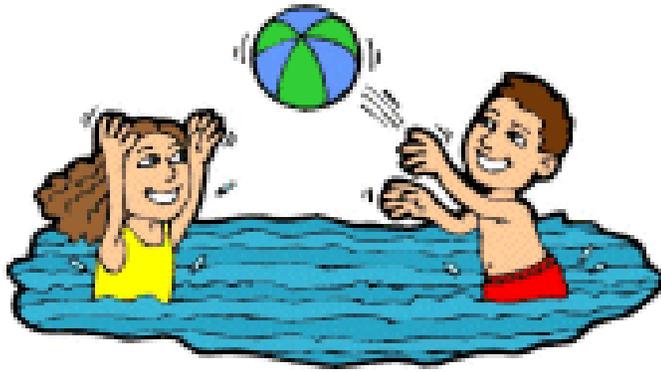
They each received a Participants Handbook, Family Data Sheets and developed a "phone tree". A phone tree is used for quick communication with all the neighbors. When someone on the block has information to be passed on, they call the name at the top of the list. This is how it works.

Let's say that a young man pulls into your neighbor's driveway. He knocks on your neighbor's front door. You know they are at work so no one is home. Getting no answer, the man goes around the side of the house. You're not sure what he is up to. You call the Sheriff's dispatch number and tell them a suspicious person is at your neighbor's house. You also call your Neighborhood Watch Call Leader who will call the Block Captains and so on. The young man was caught in the house with a pillow case full of electronics. Not hesitating to make a call to the Sheriff made the difference. Calling the Neighborhood Watch Call Leader also helped spread the word throughout the neighborhood.

Please keep in mind that our motto is "We look out for each other." It is not our intention of "being in your business", it is to be observant for possible trouble. In the next weeks, our Block Captains will be in touch with our residents, gathering information and answering any questions you may have. We can always have more Block Captains. If you would like to join us, please feel free to call me or any of our Block Captains.

Remember the day when Car-Jacking wasn't even in our vocabulary? Or reading about an ATM victim? Each month in the Houston Laker, we will be touching on subjects such as these. We hope that you will find it informative and useful.

Submitted by Jan Jackalone



Beach area

**The Fecal Coliforms Test performed
July 10th, 2012 by Sharron DeLaFuente
at the beach are considered Normal.**

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
July 18, 2012

In attendance Nick Jackalone, President; Keith Carey, Vice President; Jan Jackalone, Treasurer and Bill Winton, excused. Members present were Ron and Sue Haines, Larry Haines and Janette Boehm, Joseph Chepren, Dan Coronado, Jewel and Mary Head.

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

President Nick advised that on June 29th Al Horine told him that he will be resigning as Association Board Member. Pres. Nick told him he was sorry to see him leave and appreciated the time he spent on the Board and wished him good luck.

Pres. Nick then told members, he had asked Gary Halterman if he would be interested in finishing out Al's term until the October meeting. He has said yes and we are happy to welcome him to the Board. Unfortunately, he is out of town for tonight's meeting.

Janet and Gary Halterman have purchased the house next to Pres. Nick and you can see the progress they are making. Refinishing both inside and out, that property looks fantastic. If you drive by, you know what I mean.

Also, Ron and Sue Haines bought Jan Jackalone's house on Houston Lake Drive and are busy painting and decorating and will soon start their kitchen renovation. Ron and Sue are Janet Halterman's and Larry Haines' brother and sister-in-law.

If you have not noticed the shelter house at the Mayor's Park, it has been re-shored and stabilized along with a little decoration that is similar to the Beach shelter house. It looks really good. Pres. Nick would like to thank Bob King and Todd Lagesse for their hard work. (Even Nick helped a little.) Days later Bob and Todd cleared out the dead wood under the dam. Thanks to Mayor Mike and Bob King and another gentlemen worked on the bridge to put new wood shoring on top, tightened and nailed the loose boards down so you don't hear that clunk-clunk as you drive over it.

Speaking of Shelters. Pres. Nick said, I don't think this has ever been made clear. Anyone who is in good standing-meaning paid memberships- can request from the Board that the shelter/beach area can be reserved.

Using it for parties, or whatever, that doesn't involve alcohol, drugs or any other bad behavior, let a board member know and we will post a sign saying that it is reserved. First come, first served. The poster is now in place at the beach. It says: Shelter Reserved ~ July 28 ~ 4 - 7PM.

ANIMAL LOVERS may have received a letter from Mitch Kelley, City Codes Officer, regarding vaccination letters for dogs and cats. The Board offered a copy of what the city code reads, if they were interested. If you have a problem or not happy about this issue take it up with the City Board at their next meeting. Alderman Dan Coronado basically said it is because of sick racoons and that everyone should have gotten a letter, not just those the city was aware of who had pets. That he would check into it. Just to clarify, Pres. Nick said if you see animals not on a leash, running loose, call Platte County Sheriff dispatch and give them the information.

Pres. Nick said he has ordered two goose guns. Per our past president, he thought that there were three and that they left the city and took them with them. He thought he may have one and will look for it. But is still unable to locate it. We did receive a small quantity of shells, however. Please, if you have one, call Nick at 587-0028, and we will need to get it back from you. They have been updated. We need to make sure those who have guns are properly trained and over 18 years of age. We don't want anyone hurt.

Regarding the horseshoe, we're waiting for contact from Stinnett to go over the work on the horseshoe and placing rocks along the shore line. His wife has been hospitalized with a serious illness and he is of course spending time with her.

There was a special recognition made at the meeting. Pres. Nick thanked Mary Head for her many years of hard work on the Houston Laker. He presented her with an electric stapler ! That will make putting together the Houston Laker easier on her. When you see her, tell her thanks, or drop her a note.

Asked if there was anything else to discuss. The concern over duck weed growing again was addressed. A member stated that the best thing that was done was putting grass carp into the lake. We will look into it and make sure we don't have the problem we've had previously.

Jan Jackalone read the Treasurer's Report. We made alot of headway collecting deliquent memberships.

Next month's meeting will be Wednesday August 15, at 6:30 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

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:.....



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.

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the

“Primary Election”

Tuesday, August 7, 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



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**Best Wishes
Marlene**