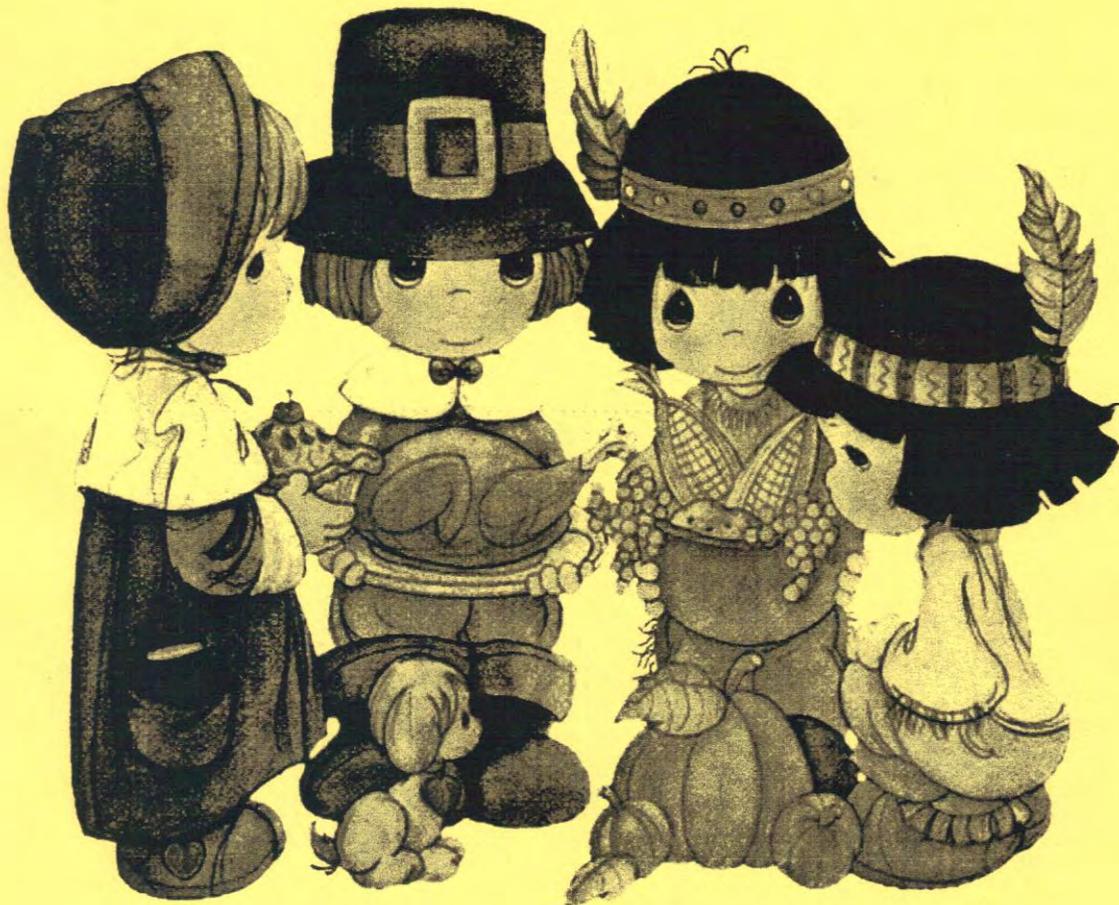




Houston Laker

Community News



November 2012



Community Events



Sunday Nov. 4th at 2:00a.m.
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Move Your Clocks Back One Hour!!!

Nov. 6th - General Election



Nov. 11th -



Nov. 12th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall

Nov. 21st - Recycling Day

Nov. 21st - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
No Meeting

Nov. 22nd



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.

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**For more City and Homes Association Info
go to**

Houstonlake.net

From the desk of the City Clerk:

“To All Residents of Houston Lake”

1. If any resident needs a trash container or a recycling container please contact the following people for a timely response and to avoid any confusion. Please leave your name, address and a phone number and the containers will be delivered to your home.

Mayor Mike Hallauer – 816.215.9138

Or

City Clerk Marsha Duncan – 816.419.5051

2. According to Ordinance 334, Section 230.025

Open Burning for Recreational Purposes

All residents of Houston Lake wishing to apply for an open burning permit can do so by downloading the application on our website Houstonlake.net or you may call 215-9138. After you have filled out the form, please slip it through the mail slot on the door at City Hall for review and approval by the City Council.

2012 Spillway Restoration Project Venetian Gardens Homes Association October 18, 2012



Venetian Gardens Homes Association Swimming Dock before the new dock was built



After the new dock was built.



Oct. 2012

**Annual Meeting Minutes
of the
Venetian Gardens Homes Association
October 24, 2012**

Several Association Members joined together for a pot luck dinner at 5:30 PM. Brisket and Ham were cooked to perfection by Mary Head and members brought a variety of delicious side dishes and desserts.

At 6:30 PM the Annual Meeting was started. Members in good standing totalled 32. Eight Proxy Votes and 3 Absentee Ballots were also represented.

The first item on the Agenda was to vote in the three vacancies for Board Members. Nick Jackalone, Ron Haines and Gary Halterman were approved by the Members. Jan Jackalone was approved as Secretary. Gary Halterman has agreed to becoming the Treasurer, Ron Haines as the Board Member and Nick Jackalone remains President. Keith Carey, Vice President, has one year remaining in his term.

President Nick then reviewed the past year. A presentation board contained photos of the spillway, swimming dock and the condition of the lake during the summer draught. He thanked Bob King, Todd LaGessee, Bill Gay, Larry Haines, Perry Davis, Keith Carey and Sharron DeLaFluente for the time they spent on projects like the shelters, lake clean up day and water testing.

Joe Chepren was called to come up and receive special recognition for his work on the spillway. He received a framed certificate which read:

**Certificate of Appreciation
Presented to
Joe ~ Lisa ~ Anthony
The Chepren Family
for their volunteering, leadership, dedication and service to
Venetian Gardens Homes Association
offering their own time and talents for the
2012 Spillway Project.**

The Minutes of the April 2012 Meeting was approved by the Members. The Budget for 2013 was corrected and approved by the Members. The Board asked its members to limit the amount paid for mowing to \$1460.00 for 2013. There was some discussion and it was decided that the amount of money budgeted for mowing of association property be postponed until the April 2013 meeting. The Board will get some costs for hiring the work done. The Budget was passed without costs for mowing 26 - Yes 12 - No.

Joe Chepren gave an update on the spillway. There is a very small area near the seawall and spillway that will be cemented to allow the flow of water and debris into the first spillway chute. Joe then presented the Project Closeout Handbook to President Nick. This book is very detailed and gives the scope of responsibility, construction schedules and material specifications. There are also photos and more information. Mary and Jewel Head also made a video of the project. If you would like to look at any of these, please call President Nick.

There was a discussion about the 4th of July Celebration that is co-sponsored with the City. Many residents have talked to Board Members about the canon and the fireworks on the 4th. Some like them and some don't, which is to be expected. The Board decided that instead of making a decision on their own, they would ask Members to decide. Rick Cowan was not available to speak at the meeting. He did send an email that said the ATF required him to put the pod that stores his fireworks on a 15' by 25' gravel pad and the members were informed of this. President Nick also read to the Members a posting on facebook from an individual.

Voting took place and the results are:

Members Dues 2 - \$50 27 - \$295 14 - \$325

Should the VGHA

provide pot lucks for April and October Meetings?	23 - Yes	18 - No
co-sponsor the 4th of July potluck?	30 - Yes	13 - No
co-sponsor the 4th of July fireworks with \$500?	30 - Yes	11 - No
allow the use of the peninsula for the canon?	17 - Yes	26 - No
allow the use of the peninsula for the fireworks	33 - Yes	10 - No

Thanks to Mary Head and Sharon DeLaFuente for handing out ballots and counting the results.

President Nick talked about the 5 and 10 year plan. Copies were handed out to those who wanted them. He said he hoped to have some figures and diagrams of putting a dog park near the Mayor's Park on the association's property. The Board plans on selling ad space in the Houston Laker to increase funds. We will also be looking into the possibility of working with the Sheriff's Dept. on using a Civilian Patrol Car on the lake to have more presence. President Nick is a trained volunteer with the Sheriff's Dept. and does vacation house checks, helps with the DWI stops, does child finger printing at events and much more.

The Members were given ticket stubs for a drawing for items ranging from an assortment of stuff donated by Nick and Jan Jackalone. Things like tie-down cords, to flashlights, to a pink tool box and tools to a fall centerpiece. Anthony Chepren had the honor of drawing and reading the numbers.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM. There will be no November Meeting.

***Venetian Gardens Homes Association Board
Wishes All of You
a Happy Thanksgiving
With Family and Friends.***

November 12, 2012
Council Meeting Agenda
City of Houston Lake – City Hall 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Session

- a. Cell Phones

2. Public Discussion

3. Minutes

4. Permits

- a. 5336 NW Houston Lake Drive (Driveway)
- b. 5323 NW Wagon Trail (Fire Pit)

5. Paybills – Resolution No 11-12-12

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Treasurer’s report - Collector’s Report - Budget

9. Police Report - Codes Report

10. Emergency Management

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
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
September 10, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on September 10, 2012 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado, Jean Anderson, and Rick Cowan.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

None

Minutes August 13, 2012

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A building permit at 5336 NW Wagon Trail for a deck was approved by general consent. A permit for demolition at 5519 NW Adrian was approved by general consent. Alderman Phil Otte recused himself.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Anderson moved that we accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passed.

Resolution 09-10-12 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 09-10-12, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for month of August, 2012 at \$2,415.44.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

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

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado is holding a meeting with his Houston Lake CERT team on September 11 to go over the different aspects of participation with the Northland CERT team. He also will be attending a meeting at the Johnson County Fair grounds for "Animals in Disaster".

Old Business

- a. Mayor Hallauer informed the Council that the City's "Notice to Condemn" at 5426 NW Venetian had reached the 30 day period from the last public notice. The Mayor then introduced the owner of the property, Sheila Hallacy. She assured the Council that she has begun to secure and repair the property for either selling or renting. Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly agreed to give a 30 day extension.
- b. Bill 081312-2, a bill that would raise the grinder pump maintenance fee and also included an "opt out" option was discussed by the Council. It was decided by the Council that the "opt out" option should not be included thus halting the bill from advancement.

New Business

a. The City Council was presented Bill No. 091012-1, Grinder Pump Maintenance Fee increase from \$120.00 per year to \$240.00 per year. Alderman Otte moved that we place Bill No. 091012-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091012-1 by title only.

Alderman Cowan moved that we place Bill No. 091012-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091012-1 by title only.

Alderman Coronado moved that we place Bill No. 091012-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Anderson - Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado - Aye

Bill No. 091012-1, Ordinance No. 338 was passed.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report.

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado again called Bill Dooley of the Sewer Department regarding replacing the grass that was disturbed from the construction.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson reported that the final draft has been made for the new City directory. She also learned from her research on the National Flood Insurance Program through FEMA that Houston Lake was not in a high risk area. FEMA would provide assistance even if we do not participate in the program. If we decide to participate, a resident would be able to purchase Flood insurance at a much lower cost.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the Annual Brush Clean-up would take place on October 15th. A notice will be put in the Houston Laker.

b. Mayor Hallauer received a letter from the Mayor of St. Louis regarding Proposition A. Prop A will be on the November Ballot. This letter will be published in the Houston Laker.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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!!!

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

Spouse's name:.....

Address:.....

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

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the

“General Election”

Tuesday, November 6, 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

From the Desk of the City Clerk:

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

One of our most precious rights and a duty as a citizen is our vote. I offer anyone who needs a ride to the polls, please give me a call and let me know. As many of you know, I have been offering this for years. I will be working at the polls all day on November 6th, so please do not hesitate to call me.

816.419.5051

Yoga

For our new and “not so new” residents we are going into our 6th 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. If you have any questions, please contact me at mduncannkc@aol.com or call 816.419.5051.

Thanks
Marsha Duncan

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Judges' Initials

#10

Instructions	State	County
<p>Completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or question response of your choice like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>If you do not see the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, darken the oval opposite the write-in line and print the name of the candidate on the write-in line provided.</p> <p>If you are in favor of the question, completely fill in the oval opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, completely fill in the oval opposite "NO".</p> <p>NOTE: The ballot reading device in use is designed to only record votes cast as a filled in oval. Use only the special marking pen provided. There can be no erasures, stray marks, checkmarks, or crossouts on the ballot. If you make an error marking the ballot, see an Election Judge to receive a replacement ballot.</p>	<p>FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SUSAN MONTEE DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> PETER KINDER REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MATTHEW COPPLE LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CYNTHIA L. DAVIS CST</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JASON KANDER DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SHANE SCHOELLER REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CISSE W. SPRAGINS LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JUSTIN HARTER CST</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR STATE TREASURER (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CLINT ZWEIFEL DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> COLE MCNARY REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SEAN OTOOLE LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHRIS KOSTER DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ED MARTIN REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAVE BROWNING LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for One Pair.)</p> <p>A vote for candidates for President and Vice President is a vote for their electors.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BARACK OBAMA DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JOE BIDEN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MITT ROMNEY REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> PAUL RYAN</p> <p><input type="radio"/> GARY JOHNSON LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JAMES P. GRAY</p> <p><input type="radio"/> VIRGIL GOODE CST</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JIM CLYMER</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CLAIRE MCCASKILL DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TODD AKIN REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JONATHAN DINE LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAVID (DAVE) SPENCE REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> JIM HIGGINS LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>FOR ASSESSOR (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAVID C. CHRISTIAN DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DAVID COX REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR TREASURER (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ROB WILLARD REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CHRIS HERSHEY DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> TONI L. CLEMENS REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>Official Judicial Ballot</p> <p>Submitting to the voters whether the Judges named below, whose terms expire December 31, 2012, shall be retained in office for new terms.</p> <p>VOTE ON EACH JUDGE</p> <p>Missouri Supreme Court Judge</p> <p>Shall Judge GEORGE W. DRAPER III of the Missouri Supreme Court be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>Missouri Court of Appeals Judges Western District</p> <p>Shall Judge CYNTHIA LYNNETTE MARTIN of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>Shall Judge THOMAS H. NEWTON of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p>Shall Judge GARY D. WITT of the Western District Court of Appeals be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p>Political Party Abbreviations</p> <p>DEM Democratic Party</p> <p>REP Republican Party</p> <p>LIB Libertarian Party</p> <p>CST Constitution Party</p>	<p>Federal</p> <p>Representative in Congress</p> <p>FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 6 (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> KYLE YARBER DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> SAM GRAVES REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RUSS LEE MONCHIL LIB</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14 (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ERIC PENDELL DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> RON SCHIEBER REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BEVERLEE J. ROPER REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p>FOR SHERIFF (Vote for One.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MARK OWEN REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>State</p>

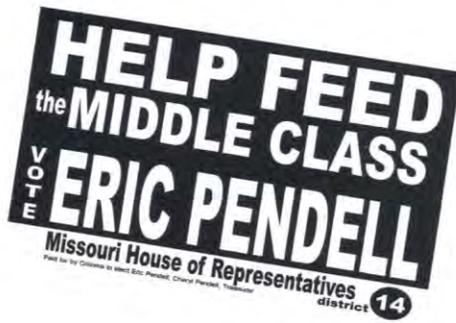
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Circuit Judges 6th Judicial Circuit	Statutory Measures	
Division No. 1 Shall Judge ABE SHAFER, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Proposition A <i>Proposed by Initiative Petition</i> Shall Missouri law be amended to: - allow any city not within a county (the City of St. Louis) the option of transferring certain obligations and control of the city's police force from the board of police commissioners currently appointed by the governor to the city and establishing a municipal police force; - establish certain procedures and requirements for governing such a municipal police force including residency, rank, salary, benefits, insurance, and pension; and - prohibit retaliation against any employee of such municipal police force who reports conduct believed to be illegal to a superior, government agency, or the press? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Proposition E <i>Proposed by the 96th General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SB 464</i> Shall Missouri law be amended to prohibit the Governor or any state agency, from establishing or operating state-based health insurance exchanges unless authorized by a vote of the people or by the legislature? No direct costs or savings for state and local governmental entities are expected from this proposal. Indirect costs or savings related to enforcement actions, missed federal funding, avoided implementation costs, and other issues are unknown. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Division No. 2 Shall Judge LEE HULL, Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	State governmental entities estimated savings will eventually be up to \$500,000 annually. Local governmental entities estimated annual potential savings of \$3.5 million; however, consolidation decisions with an unknown outcome may result in the savings being more or less than estimated. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
Associate Circuit Judges 6th Judicial Circuit	Division No. 3 Shall Judge THOMAS C. FINCHAM, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6 be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
Division No. 5 Shall Judge DENNIS C. ECKOLD, Associate Circuit Judge of Judicial Circuit No. 6, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Proposition B <i>Proposed by Initiative Petition</i>	
Constitutional Amendments	Shall Missouri law be amended to: - create the Health and Education Trust Fund with proceeds of a tax of \$0.0365 per cigarette and 25% of the manufacturer's invoice price for roll-your-own tobacco and 15% for other tobacco products; - use Fund proceeds to reduce and prevent tobacco use and for elementary, secondary, college, and university public school funding; and - increase the amount that certain tobacco product manufacturers must maintain in their escrow accounts, to pay judgments or settlements, before any funds in escrow can be refunded to the tobacco product manufacturer and create bonding requirements for these manufacturers? Estimated additional revenue to state government is \$283 million to \$423 million annually with limited estimated implementation costs or savings. The revenue will fund only programs and services allowed by the proposal. The fiscal impact to local governmental entities is unknown. Escrow fund changes may result in an unknown increase in future state revenue. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
Constitutional Amendment No. 3 <i>Proposed by the 96th General Assembly (Second Regular Session) SJR 51</i> Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to change the current nonpartisan selection of supreme court and court of appeals judges to a process that gives the governor increased authority to: - appoint a majority of the commission that selects these court nominees; and - appoint all lawyers to the commission by removing the requirement that the governor's appointees be nonlawyers? There are no estimated costs or savings expected if this proposal is approved by voters. <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		

SAMPLE

October 26, 2012



Dear Houston Lake neighbors,

I have walked door to door speaking with over 3,500 of our citizens over the past four months. Many are out of jobs, others are earning half of what they were ten years ago, and some people are working two jobs to make ends meet. Many senior citizens are fearful of not knowing what the future brings and numerous young adults have moved back home due to rising tuition cost. During the 2010-2012 Missouri Legislature, Missouri was ranked **#2 in most jobs lost in the nation**. After running on a platform of "jobs first" during the 2010 campaign and now 2012 campaign, our State Representative has yet to draft a single piece of legislation regarding jobs or the economy. **Unfortunately for us, our current Representative has never drafted any legislation during his entire time in office other than House Bill (HB) 525 which if passed would have taken jobs away from citizens in our district!**

I made the decision to run for State Representative in our district because our state elected officials are clearly confused regarding what needs to be done to steer our economy back in the right direction. Until the economy begins to show significant signs of recovery, all state and federal programs will continue to suffer. After several months of research and discussion with many business leaders in our community, I am proposing the "**Pendell Plan**" for consideration with my candidacy.

The "**Pendell Plan**" is an economic growth plan for the state of Missouri that will receive bi-partisan support and WILL make a positive difference for all Missouri citizens. It will create over 1,000 jobs for our surrounding community and several thousand jobs for the state of Missouri. It will reduce the cost of Missouri made products to Missouri consumers and begin a transition that will help Missouri manufacturers compete against foreign markets selling in Missouri.

The "**Pendell Plan**" will also provide opportunities for Missouri legislators to pass legislation that will provide Missouri citizens **Rx prescriptions** at less than fifty percent of current costs, combine small business insurance plans to make insurance more affordable to small business, transfer the control of education funds and best use curriculum standards to the local level. It will further provide small business expansion loans to proven entrepreneurs, and eliminate the medical insurance gap "donut-hole" expenses incurred by the majority of our seniors.

This is not my first time running for state office. It is however most likely my last. I have no interest in being a career politician, but I am unable to stand in the wings and watch our children and grandchildren's future perish before our very eyes.

I would like to ask you as an individual to set your national party politics aside and simply vote for the "person who WILL represent our community's best interests" in the legislature. My opponent has had the opportunity to represent us to make a difference and didn't. **I am now asking for the same opportunity to show you what a difference in leadership can make.**

Sincerely,

Eric Pendell, Candidate
Missouri House of Representatives District 14

HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is a time when busy people become careless and are especially vulnerable to theft and other crimes. Here are a few crime prevention tips which will enable you to keep your holiday a happy one.

While Shopping:

- 1** Lock your packages in your trunk while you shop.
- 2** Lock your car and close the windows, even if you will be away for only a few minutes.
- 3** Stay in busy, well-lit, places. This is especially necessary if you are waiting for public transportation.
- 4** While shopping with children, teach them to go to a store clerk and ask for help if they become separated. NOT to a stranger. Show young children they can identify a store clerk by the fact that people are paying them money and the clerks are packaging the things being purchased.
- 5** Young children should never go the parking lot alone. Never leave them inside a car with the windows rolled up.

- 6** Avoid carrying cash. Use credit cards as they are accepted by most stores and are processed almost immediately. Checks require more patience and identification — and are increasingly unacceptable to merchants.
- 7** Be extra careful with purses and wallets. They become targets for crime in crowded shopping areas, at bus stops, on buses and rapid transportation. If you feel a bump by another person, check for your purse and wallet instantly. Use fanny packs because they leave your hands free, are less bulky and can be carried with ease.

While Partying:

- 8** **Never drink and drive.** Remember, only abstinence and time will make your body alcohol-free. If you do drink, designate one of your party to stay totally sober.

- 9** If you are the host, have non-alcoholic beverages available for your guests. Measure the amount of liquor being poured by using a 1-oz or 2-oz shot glass rather than pouring from the bottle. Liqueurs may be tempting to small children because of their sweetness — the alcohol in them could be deadly. Be careful.
- 10** Serve meat, cheese, eggs or other high protein foods which will stay in the stomach longer and slow the absorption of alcohol into the system. Always have something to eat before you drink.

- 11** Coffee makers, crock-pots and all small kitchen appliances should be unplugged when not in use.

Around Your Home:

- 12** Be fire safe, especially with your Christmas tree. Make sure lights are in good working order. Be certain that the tree is kept moist with a base containing water, use a fire retardant in the mixture solution — and check that base every few days. A pine tree will absorb a tremendous amount of water. Replenish it. Never put your tree in your fireplace, it is like a bomb when it burns. Ask your local fire department for more information.

While on the subject of trees:

- a)** Be sure doors and passageways are not blocked by your tree.

- b)** Be sure your tree is in a sturdy base so that small children or pets can not tip it over.

- c)** NEVER use burning candles on your tree.

- 13** Never leave lit candles unattended. Check decorations for flame resistance and never assume they are flame retardant.

- 14** Be security conscious by locking doors and windows when you leave your house, even for a few minutes.

- 15** Leave lights and a radio or TV on so the house appears occupied.

- 16** Do not put large displays of holiday gifts in view of your windows or doors.

- 17** If you go away for the holidays, get an automatic timer for your lights, TV and radio.

- 18** Have a neighbor watch your house. If away for just a few days, have your neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers. If you are away for more than a few days, stop your newspaper and put your mail on a "Vacation Hold".

- 19** Are there valuable new possessions in your home? Mark them with your state and drivers license number or photograph them for your permanent records. (See Operation Identification on Pages 28 and 29.)

- 20** Remove and store your ladders. Don't invite burglary.

- 21** And don't forget the seniors and shut-ins in your neighborhood who might be especially lonely during the holidays. They are frequently the observers in your Neighborhood Watch who are most likely to protect your property.



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