

*Merry  
Christmas*



*Houston Laker December 2012*



# *Community Events*

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting  
7:30p.m. – City Hall**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - Opening Date for Candidate Filing**  
Please contact City Clerk Marsha Duncan 816.419.5051  
Mayor for two (2) year term  
One Alderman from Ward 1(North) for two(2) year term  
One Alderman from Ward 2(South) for two(2) year term

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day**

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> - Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
No Meeting**

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> -**



**Editor Note: I would like to “thank” Andy Spottswood for printing this month’s Christmas cover.**





*Happy Holidays and  
Best Wishes for the New Year  
From all of us to all of you!!!*

*City of Houston Lake  
Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Watershed Management Committee  
Houston Lake Garden Club  
Houston Lake Community News*



## **From the Desk of the City Clerk:**

**I am constantly reminded of what a great community we live in. I have just learned that one of our long time residents, Bill Gay, is working for FEMA doing Individual Assistance Inspections for people that were devastated by the super storm Sandy. This allows people top access to funds urgently needed to start reestablishing their lives.**

**He took his training in Virginia on October 13th and then was immediately deployed to Long Beach, New York for at least 30 days. Since there were no accommodations available for him to stay, some gracious firemen kindly gave him refuge at their firehouse. So far Bill has completed 50 inspections but with so much devastation, it is quite possible that his deployment will extend longer.**

**Bill and his wife Angela are no strangers to community service. Bill is a former President and Board member of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association. Angela and their wonderful four children have been highly involved with our Community Garden since it's conception. She has been a blessing to me in so many ways.**

**During this Holiday Season, please keep the people of this horrendous disaster in our thoughts and prayers.....and a special blessing to Bill and Angela.**

**Thank you,  
Marsha Duncan**



## *Houston Lake 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Cookbooks on sale.*

*All the recipes in this book are from people here on the  
Lake and they are used every day by local folks.*

*The Cookbooks would make a wonderful  
Christmas gift to someone special.*

*This is a one of a kind gift - cookbooks are passed from  
one generation to the next generation,  
and are forever treasured.*

*Prices for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Cookbooks are:*

*3 = Cookbooks for \$10.00*

*2 = Cookbooks for \$8.00*

*1 = Cookbook for \$5.00*

*To purchase your Cookbooks please call Mary Head - 816-741-5639 ,  
or e-mail [maryjewelh@aol.com](mailto:maryjewelh@aol.com). Thank You  
Happy Holidays*

December 19, 2012

# 2013 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid  
Recycling Cart**

January 16

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 5

July 3

July 31

August 28

September 25

October 23

November 20

December 18



Items must be inside the cart (**Not on the ground, not on top – inside**). Recycle carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. If you need an extra cart or would like to recycle, please notify Mike Hallauer - 816-215-9138 or Marsha Duncan 816-419-5051.



# 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 Mike Hallauer - 816-215-9138 or  
Marsha Duncan - 816-419-5051.**

**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 & 2013 Holiday Schedule:**

**Pick-up Day**

**Christmas (Tuesday 12-25-12)**

**Thursday 12-27-12**

**New Years (Tuesday 1-1-13)**

**Thursday 1-3-13**

**Memorial Day (Monday 5-27-13)**

**Thursday 5-30-13**

**Independence Day (Thursday 7-4-13)**

**Wednesday 7-3-13**

**Labor Day (Monday 9-2-13)**

**Thursday 9-5-13**

**Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-28-13)**

**Wednesday 11-27-13**

**Christmas (Wednesday 12-25-13)**

**Thursday 12-26-13**

**New Years (Wednesday 1-1-14)**

**Thursday 1-2-14**

# CITY OFFICIALS CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE

## **Mayor**

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## **City Clerk**

Marsha Duncan  
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(cityclerk@houstonlake.net)

## **City Collector**

Joyce Kullman  
816-547-8173

## **Alderman (Ward 1 So.)**

Jean Anderson  
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(Sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

## **Alderman (Ward 1 So.)**

Rick Cowan  
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(Sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

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Phil Otte  
816-741-5477  
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## **Alderman (Ward 2 No.)**

Dan Coronado  
816-584-2667  
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## **Municipal Judge**

Greg Dorsey  
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## **Court Clerk**

Sharon Brandt  
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## **Codes Enforcement Officer**

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# VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## **President**

Nick Jackalone  
816-587-0028

## **Vice President**

Keith Carey  
816-746-4472

## **Treasurer**

Gary Halterman  
660-492-2068

## **Secretary**

Jan Jackalone  
816-587-0028  
(Lake Tags)

## **Board Member**

Ron Haines  
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## **Houston Lake Watershed Management Committee**

Michael Hallauer  
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Marsha Duncan  
816-419-5051

**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](http://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.**

# **NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING**

**The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election,  
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 to elect the following offices:**

**Mayor for a two (2) year term**

**One Alderman from Ward 1 (North) for two (2) year term.**

**One Alderman from Ward 2 (South) for two (2) year term.**

**To be a candidate for one of these offices you must file with the  
City Clerk, Marsha Duncan, no earlier than Tuesday, December  
11, 2012 and no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday January 15, 2013. The  
filing forms will be made available by contacting Marsha Duncan  
at 816-419-5051.**

**December 10, 2012**  
**Council Meeting Agenda**  
**City of Houston Lake – City Hall 7:30 p.m.**

**1. Opening Session**

a. Cell Phones

**2. Public Discussion**

a. National Flood Insurance Program – Dale Schmutzler, FEMA

**3. Minutes**

**4. Permits**

**5. Paybills – Resolution No 12-10-12**

**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**

a. Year in Review

**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**  
**October 8, 2012**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 8, 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**

Mrs. Halterman asked the Council if she could raise chickens in her back yard. Mayor Hallauer informed her that there is a City Ordinance and a Venetian Garden restriction agreement that prohibits keeping such animals in the City limits. Another resident asked about building a shed on a concrete slab. Mayor Hallauer informed him he needed to fill out an application for a building permit. He could go online and download a copy at our website **Houstonlake.net** or a copy of the application can be delivered.

**Minutes September 12, 2012**

The minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

Building permits for an electrical upgrade at 5448 NW Venetian, a fence and deck at 5424 NW Venetian and a replacement for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roof, foundation repair and detached garage at 3409 NW Edgewater Trail were all approved by the City Council.

**Treasurers Report**

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

**Resolution 09-10-12 (paybills)**

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 10-08-12, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

**Collectors Report**

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for month of September, 2012 at \$5,263.62.

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

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

**Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Dan Corondo said that he and Nick Jackalone attended the Johnson County seminar on Animals in Disaster. He also will be attending a 3 day class on ICS 300 Command testing. And all members of the Houston Lake Cert Team as well as Cert teams from all over the city will attend a Cert Team Rodeo for specialized training.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer had a resident ask to revisit Chapter 205 on Animal regulations regarding the Pitt Bull breed. The resident feels that this section should be amended, as it is singling out a breed of dog. After much discussion it was determined by the Council not to pursue this issue until there is more public support to amend this chapter.

## **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – No report.

**Alderman Otte** – Alderman Otte said that he had received a call from a resident stating that they had heard gun fire the night before. Alderman Otte emphasized anyone that hears gunfire should immediately call the Platte County Sheriff's Department and NOT their Alderman.

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado said that Bill Dooley of the KCMO Sewer Department has re-seeded the areas that were disturbed from the construction.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson said that the directory is near completion and she is still working with FEMA for more information on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

## **Mayors Report**

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that he is starting to get more “Open Burn” applications for fire pits. A discussion on manufactured pits and “constructed” pits took place. It was determined that pits that require construction should have a permit as they would require the Fire Marshall's approval and would be a permanent structure.

b. Mayor Hallauer said the Bridge and Spillway project is underway.

c. Mayor told the Council that “Unofficial Minutes” would no longer be published in the Houston Laker. No other City distributes unofficial minutes. The Official Minutes of each City meeting will be posted on the website AFTER the Council approves them.

d. Mayor Hallauer thanked the Council for their diligence in the analysis of the many building permits they have reviewed thus moving the City forward.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm

**Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire below. This information is vitally needed to insure that you and your family have the maximum support from your City and Platte County Emergency Management Officials in the event of a disaster. All information will be "highly confidential" and shared with no one. Please place this in a sealed envelope and deposit in the "black" mail box to the left of the City Hall front door.**

Name:

Address:

Daytime phone No.

Evening phone No.

Cell phone:

Number of adults (18 and older):

Number of children:

Names and ages:

Names and ages:

Number of dogs:

Number of cats:

Is there anyone in the household who requires special medical attention?

If so, who and please provide details (oxygen, wheelchair, walker)

Is there anyone in the household who depends on insulin for diabetes?

If so, who and how much medication is needed daily.

Is there anyone in the household that suffers from heart disease?

If so, who and please provide details (pacemaker, a trial fibrillation, etc.)

Is daycare or adult daycare provided at this residence?

If so, what are the hours of operation?

How many in attendance?

Is there anyone in the household who cannot speak English?

If so, who and what language is used?

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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.**

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Signature

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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](mailto: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:.....



*Merry Christmas*



*Happy Holidays*



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*However you celebrate the Holidays,  
I wish You the Very Best.*

*Best wishes,  
Marlene*

