

Houston Laker

Community News

Our New Spillway



This photo was taken by Joe Chepren on February 7, 2013

April 2013

Our New Spillway

Joe Chepren reported
on February 7, 2013
at 11:00am.,



two of the chutes
were operating
as planned

and had a steady
flow of water.





Community Events

April 2nd - General Municipal Election

April 8th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm. – City Hall

April 10th - Recycling Day

April 12th & 13th - Houston Lake Annual Garage Sale

April 17th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting – City Hall
5:45p.m. – Pot Luck Dinner
6:30p.m. - Meeting

Editor Note: I would like to “thank” Joe Chepren for the New Spillway pictures. Also “thank” Andy Spottswood for printing this months front cover and second page of the pictures.

Lost and Found



On Tuesday, March 12, 2013, we got a phone call from Josh at Clay-Platte Family Medicine. Josh is the Valet Parker there. He said he found keys. There are two house keys, one key that says gas and two other unusual keys. The clue was a 2002 Houston Lake tag in the shape of a bell.

If these belong to you, please call Nick or Jan Jackalone at 587-0028.



HOUSTON LAKE ANNUAL EVENT SALE

**Friday, April 12 and
Saturday, April 13**

9AM ~ 4 PM

Sponsored by the Garden Club

Start cleaning out your basement, attic or where ever your treasurers are buried. Time to get serious about getting cash into your pockets.

We will have the large banner at the entrance to Houston Lake at 56th St.

Please join us and make this event a success. The more families that participate the more lookers we will have.

*Be ready to get some signs made and get them in your yards early. Let folks know that **you've got stuff to sell and sell 'em at reasonable prices.***

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ARTICLE II. PERMITS

SECTION 500.100: BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

All persons desiring to construct, erect, alter or add to any building, boat dock, fences, road or drive or any structure in the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, **must first obtain a building permit** for such construction, alteration or addition from the Board of Aldermen of said City. (Ord. No. 282 §2, 10-14-02)

SECTION 500.110: PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All persons desiring to obtain such a permit shall submit an application with the complete plans and specifications and plot plan for such construction showing sizes, estimated cost and details of such proposed construction and the location of such construction upon the plot of land. No new dwelling construction or property line fence construction will be permitted until after certified surveys have been filed with the Board of Aldermen. Certified surveys will be required on all additions to old dwellings where the new construction will be closer to the property line than the old dwelling. (Ord. No. 282 §3, 10-14-02) Applications for a building permit may be obtained by leaving a message at City Hall, contacting your Alderman or calling City Clerk at 816-419-5051.

**Venetian Gardens
Homes Association
Semi-Annual Meeting
April 17th at 5:45 PM**



Come and enjoy Baked Spiral Ham and Lots of Meatballs !! We will provide drinks, rolls and tableware. Bring a dish to share with others. We have a few new neighbors, please come and meet and greet your surrounding friends.

(We don't bite!)

Semi-Annual Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.*

Items to be discussed include the status of the horse shoe project, dredging the silt pond, providing a dog park and revision of the rules and regulations regarding the definition of Guests.

All Members in good standing are welcomed to the meeting.

*Our By-Laws require members be notified in advance and everyone is hereby notified.



Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2013 Bracelet!!

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2013 Purple Bracelet in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2013 bracelet.

To get your 2013 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 2013 Bracelet with them when they are on or around the lake and Homes Association property.

NO trout lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines.

NO FISHING IN THE BEACH AREA.



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City Clerk

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816-785-4284

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Mitch Kelly
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VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

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816-746-4472

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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.



Community Garden Update

2013 Community Garden Fundraiser



Thanks to all of you for making the Community Garden Fundraiser dinner a success once again. Your donations will help buy the fertilizer and the plants for the garden.

What outstanding dishes!!!! Sharon DeLaFuente, our third place winner, brought the most "sinful" and fabulous Mashed Cheesy Potatoes I have ever tasted. Angela Gay's second place Carrot Cake was just awesome.....and Evadene Judge's Coconut Peanut Butter Cookies stole the show and first place!!!!!! Congrats to all of you.

And "Thanks" to our judges.....Zoah Gay, William Gay and Mallory Sovereign for their outstanding job. We are a lucky community to have you!!!

We also were honored to meet and welcome our new neighbors, the Sovereign's. They purchased Laura Canslers house, and are in the process of building their new home. The Sovereign's donated some of the old wood to the garden for the lathing. Thank you so much!!!

A very special "Thanks" goes to Joyce Kullman, Kelli King , Angela Gay and Mike Hallauer for all their help on setting things up. I promise that next year my arm will not be in a sling.....Thank you my friends!!

Marsha Duncan and Angela Gay

Houston Lake Community Garden

“HELP WANTED”

We are in need of a few volunteers for our Garden this year. Please check the list below and if you can volunteer for any of these , please fill out the form below. Thanks!!!!

1. Cleaning and tilling. This will take place at the end of this month.
2. Lathing. We need a few skilled carpenters.
3. Planting
4. Weeding of 2 beds. We need 4 volunteers (2 volunteers to a bed) to come in every other week to pull weeds.
5. Harvesting of green beans

Yes, I would like to volunteer for_____

Name_____Phone_____

I cannot volunteer but I would be glad to donate_____

Name_____Phone_____

Please place all submissions to volunteer or donations in an envelope marked “Community Garden” and give to Angela Gay or put through the mail slot in the City Hall door.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!!!!

April 8, 2013
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. 5400 NW Wagon Trail – Recreational Burning

5. Paybills – Resolution No 04-08-13

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. Mill and Overlay CD
- b. City Sewer CD

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
February 11, 2012

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on February 11, 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

Residents asked the Council to look into placing signs that would stop 18 wheel trucks from entering into Houston Lake. A semi entered Houston Lakes South side last week for a delivery and got stuck. The Council agreed that something needed to be done. Mayor Hallauer will confer with the City Attorney on what would be the best avenue to pursue in regards to our existing codes.

Minutes January 14, 2012

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A permit for recreational burning for 5323 NW Edgewater Circle was denied by the Council.

Treasurers Report

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

Resolution 02-11-13 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 02-11-13, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for the month of January as \$18,480.43.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from the Platte County Sheriff's department, from 12-1-12 to 12-31-12, was submitted to the Council.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly, submitted a report for the months of January/February 2013.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado presented the Council with a report of the many accomplishments of Emergency Management for Houston Lake. He also displayed the Trauma bags and its supplies for each Cert Team as well as the newly purchased stretcher. The Council also signed the updated Promulgation Statement for the City of Houston Lake.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer asked the Council to review Municipal Code Chapter 205:Animal regulations. Janette Boehm presented the Council with a petition to amend this section to remove the “Pit Bull” from the definition as a “vicious dog” as it has been proved that a “vicious dog” is a behavior problem and not breed specific. The Council voted to move forward with the amendment.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte wanted all residents to be aware and take precautions with their pets as there have been many sightings of fox in the area.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado noted that the spillway was working smooth and a great job was done. He also said he has observed sand trucks going over the bridge.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson reported that the new City Directory is ready for its final draft.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer asked that anyone who observes a traffic problem to call the police.

b. The Platte County Commission has approved to renew the Transportation Sales tax of 3.8 cents. This tax is divided among all cities in Platte County. Houston Lake collected an average of \$1000.00 per month in the last ten years of this tax. This tax can only be used for roads. It will be on the ballot in the election on April 2, 2013.

c. Also on the ballot will be the Houston Lake tax levy for Fire Protection. It is very important that residents in Houston Lake vote to maintain this levy.

d. Mayor Hallauer received a letter from “Cars Helping Veterans” thanking us for the donation of our 1988 truck. The funds raised from the sale of this truck will be used to help provide food, shelter and clothing for Purple Heart Veterans.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the
“General Municipal Election”

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2013

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

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)

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Advertising Order Form for Houston Laker

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