



Community Events

May 8th - Recycling Day

May 12th -  *HAPPY
Mother's
DAY*

*May 13th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm – City Hall*

May 18th - City & Lake Annual Clean-Up Day



*May 22nd - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting – 6:30pm – City Hall*

May 27th -



May 30th - Trash Pick-up - Thursday

MEMORIAL DAY



May 27th, 2013

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday which occurs every year on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate

soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. It typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

By the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of their deceased relatives in church cemeteries, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family gatherings, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events.

Annual Decoration Days for particular cemeteries are held on a Sunday in late spring or early summer in some rural areas of the American South, notably in the mountains. In cases involving a family graveyard where remote ancestors as well as those who were deceased more recently are buried, this may take on the character of an extended family reunion to which some people travel hundreds of miles. People gather on the designated day and put flowers on graves and renew contacts with kinfolk and others. There often is a religious service and a "dinner on the ground," the traditional term for a potluck meal in which people used to spread the dishes out on sheets or tablecloths on the grass. It is believed that this practice began before the American Civil War and thus may reflect the real origin of the "memorial day" idea.

Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, living or dead.

Lake Clean-Up Day Saturday May 18th, 2013



Houston Lake Residents:

In conjunction with the Annual City/Lake Clean -Up day, Saturday, May 18, 2013, the Homes Association is needing volunteers. We will be picking up the beach area, Mayor's Park and other Homes Association areas. Large trash bags will be furnished. Please be a City Hall at 9:00 AM. Coffee and Bottled Water will be provided.

The City truck will pickup items set at the curb by 9:00AM. Please be considerate and not place items at the curb that can normally be disposed of in the weekly trash pickup.



ANNUAL CITY / LAKE **CLEAN-UP DAY**

The accumulation of discarded material, damaged and inoperable merchandise is in violation of Section 215.010 of the Houston Lake Municipal code. To avoid a citation and/or court appearance, the City Council is providing a free opportunity again this year for residents to dispose of such items.

Allied Waste will be placing a 30 cubic yard, roll off dumpster at City Hall on **Saturday, May 18th**. Residents that are not able to bring their items to City Hall should place such items curbside. Our City truck will collect these items for you.

Please do not block the access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators etc. will not be allowed in the dumpster. These items require a separate pick up. Please call to arrange this at 816-254-1470.

No hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, batteries, tires etc.)
No yard waste please!!

Taking advantage of this opportunity will prevent future problems. If you have any questions, please call a city official.

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!!!!

The City of Houston Lake Office of Emergency Management
Is Pleased To Offer The Residents of Houston Lake

"The Community Connection"



Residents of Houston Lake are invited to opt-in and receive community public safety information and civic event updates sent as a **text message or email** or both to your cell phone, computer tablet, laptop, or home computer.

- **Platte Co. Public Safety Information** – Receive alerts from the Platte Co. Sheriff's Department for AMBER alerts, lost or missing persons, hazardous material accidents, large scale fire alerts, evacuation requests, shelter-in-place, civil emergencies, or threats to our national security.
- **Registered Sex Offender Notifications** – Be updated when registered sex offenders move into your community. Research the Sheriff's database and find out where they are.
- **Houston Lake Safety Information** – Be informed on water main breaks, boil orders, road/bridge closures, flooding, burn restrictions, lake swimming closures or unusual wildlife activity.
- **Local Civic Events** – Get information updates about community events or special city meetings being held in Houston Lake.
- **Inclement Weather** – Receive LOCALIZED weather alerts triggered by warnings and advisories issued by the National Weather Service for Platte County and the Houston Lake area only.

SIGN UP HERE - It's EASY and it's FREE!
<http://plattesheriff.org/community-connection>

The Community Connection is a free service provided by the Platte County Sheriff's Office.
Your information will never be sold or shared with others.
Please check your cell phone plan for any text message fees that may be charged.



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.**

2013 Holiday Schedule:

Pick-up Day

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)

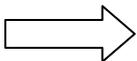
Wednesday 11-27-13

Christmas (Wednesday 12-25-13)

Thursday 12-26-13

New Years (Wednesday 1-1-14)

Thursday 1-2-14



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



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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.

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)

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Semi-Annual Meeting

April 17, 2013

A few folks enjoyed the potluck dinner and thanks to everyone bringing items to enjoy. The meeting started promptly at 6:30 PM. There were enough members present to form a quorum.

President Nick Jackalone thanked everyone for coming. All Board Members were present.

A copy of the November 2012 Minutes was attached to the agenda. The Minutes were publicized in the Houston Laker and there were no additional questions or corrections at the meeting.

The Balance Sheet was reviewed By Gary Halterman, Treasurer, and Pres. Nick said, "There are 18 members who are not paid. We have 4 liens on properties filed last year. Gary and I will get together and review this and will file liens sometime in May."

Regarding Mowing of Homes Association Property. Pres. Nick said, "The weather has not been cooperating with us and I have not contacted lawn mowing companies. I will need to stack out the HOA property lines and get in writing their bids. This will be my priority. We paid the City \$1751.75 for lawn maintenance from February through October of last year. And \$168.55 for gas. That is a total of \$1920.30. It was agreed we would limit our spending in this area at last year's annual meeting to roughly \$1450.00." It was corrected by a member that it had not yet been agreed upon the amount that would be budgeted for the mowing.

Regarding the dog park: Pres. Nick stated: It would be nice but I don't feel there are enough members with dogs that would warrant spending about \$2000 or more. North Kansas City is building a huge park. There was an article in the KC Star that a large park was being planned for the area near downtown and it was open to all Northlanders.

Regarding the horseshoe and silt pond: Platte County is offering grant money for Home Associations and our Secretary, Jan Jackalone, will work on getting applications submitted before the June 28 deadline. The VerKamps were kind enough to give us copies of applications from Parkville for their projects and we have a copy from Lake Waukomis who received money so we have an idea on what needs to be submitted.

It was brought out that the previous Engineer's report should be considered for input to the grant and that will be considered.

The spillway is operating with all this past rain and it is doing a great job. Joe Chepren and son, Anthony, will be assisting us as best they can.

Regarding language of Guests: After discussion it was voted and approved that the By-Laws would be amended to include definition of guests.

Revised By-Laws are being prepared and will be distributed to all residents.

May 22, 2013, 6:30 PM will be the next Homes Association Meeting.



From the Kitchen of.....

Evadene Judge

This is a recipe from our 1st Place winner, Evadene Judge, at the Community Garden Fundraiser. They certainly stole the show . Hope you enjoy!!!!

Evadene Judges Prize Winning Peanut Butter Coconut Cookies

Preheat oven to 350 – Prepare cookie sheet with vegetable oil spray

½ Box white cake mix

½ jar of crunchy peanut butter

2 egg whites

¼ cup of water (use more if mix is too dry)

Beat egg whites with a fork. Add the cake mix and mix. Add water and stir. Add the peanut butter and keep stirring with a fork. Use heaping teaspoons full and place the cookie dough on baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven. The cookies will be very puffy. Use a fork to press the cookies down. Put them back in the oven for another one or two minutes. Remove and cool.

Use a prepared vanilla or cream cheese frosting and sprinkle with coconut. You may also omit the frosting and coconut as the cookies are delicious by themselves.

If you have a recipe or some hints that you would like to share with us, please contact Marsha at mduncannkc@aol.com

May 13, 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. 5509 NW Adrian – Recreational Burning

5. Paybills – Resolution No 05-13-13

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
March 11, 2013

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on March 11, 2013 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and Jean Anderson. Alderman Rick Cowan was excused.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

City Collector Joyce Kullman complimented the great job done with the snow removal.

Minutes February 11, 2013

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

The City Council approved by general consent Recreational Burning Permits for 5323 NW Edgewood Circle and 5315 NW Edgewood Circle.

Treasurers Report

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

Resolution 03-11-13 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 03-11-13, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for the month of February as \$6,307.43.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from the Platte County Sheriff's department, from 1-1-13 to 2-28-13, was submitted to the Council.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council he attended a training class with the National Weather Service. He will post information regarding severe weather in the Text Caster.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer introduced Bill No. 031113-1, an Ordinance amending Section 205.010 of Houston Lake Governing the regulation of animals within the City. After discussion Alderman Coronado made a motion for a First reading of the Bill, by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 031113-1 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion for the second reading of the Bill, by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 031113-1 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to place the Bill on final passage, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Anderson – Aye

Cowan – Excused

Bill No. 031113-1, Ordinance No. 339 was passed.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Excused

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte wanted to thank the snow plowers for a job well done. Also, there were some keys found that had an old lake tag attached.

There will be a notice placed in the Houston Laker.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado also thanked the snow removal crew for a great job.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson gave a simple explanation of the importance of the National Flood Insurance Program to Houston Lake. Participating in the National Flood Insurance Program as a community will allow our city to receive benefits should a disaster, flood or otherwise occur. Our participation will also allow individuals to buy government backed flood insurance if they want to. If the city does not participate in NFIP, anyone wanting to buy government backed flood insurance will not be able to. Also if we participate in NFIP no one will be required to purchase flood insurance. This would also avert any mortgage problems that may require the purchase of flood insurance. Further information on this program will be posted on the City website.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that one of the plows was damaged during the storm. The cost to repair will be \$1,170.00.

b. Mayor Hallauer reminded everyone that the Tax levy for Fire Protection for Houston will be on the ballot April 2nd. Also the Transportation Sales tax of 3/8 cent will be on the ballot. 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.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

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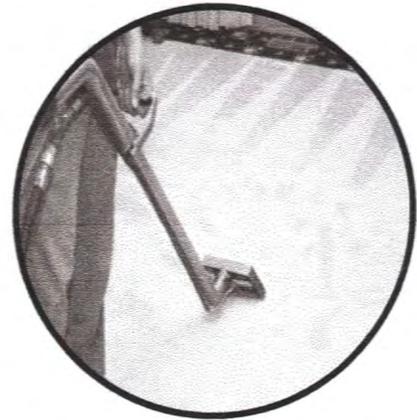
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**Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a
Houston Lake 2013 Bracelet!!!**

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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Marlene**