

# Houston Laker

Community News



June 2013



# *Community Events*

*June 5<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day*

*June 10<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting  
7:30pm - City Hall*

*June 16<sup>th</sup> -*



*June 19<sup>th</sup> - Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Board Meeting - 6:30pm - City Hall*



# Annual Bike Parade!

Everyone's invited...

Thursday

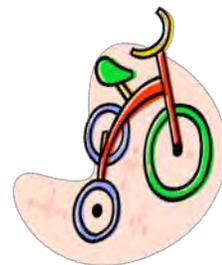
July 4<sup>th</sup>,

11:30 a.m. - Bike Parade begins at the Beach

Decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons with a patriotic theme and ride across the bridge. Ice cream treats for all will be served afterwards.



Hosted by  
Venetian Gardens Homes  
Association



**From the Desk  
of the City Clerk**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**After 12 years, The City of Houston Lake's Annual July 4th Picnic and Fireworks Display will be cancelled for this year.**

**The City Council will research whether they can possibly resume this celebration on an "every other year" basis. Hopefully looking at a 2014 celebration.**

**"Many Thanks" go to all the residents and non-residents, kids and kids at heart that have helped, donated and participated in this great event. We could not have managed and enjoyed these past 12 years without your support.**

**The City Council will keep you informed of any decision regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in 2014.**

**Marsha Duncan  
City Clerk**

# **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:**

**C. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”.**

**D. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any fireworks within the public right of way of any public street.**

**E. Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:**

**1. From 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26) until July second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and on July fifth (5<sup>th</sup>); and**

**2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and July fourth (4<sup>th</sup>).**

**F. No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks.**

**G. Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.**



# Community Garden Update

**The 2013 Community Garden is officially planted thanks to William Winton, Angela, Tom, Zoey and Lily Gay and Pam, Andi and Luci Freese!!!!**

**We planted lettuce, radishes (they're ready to harvest) green onions, chard, zucchini, pepper plants (green, yellow and red), cucumbers, green beans (90 feet of them) and tomatoes. Hopefully the weather stays perfect like this.**

**Remember, if you go to the garden to harvest, please pick some weeds and throw them over the fence. Also, if you drink coffee, save your grounds and take them down to the garden. Just place them around the plants. This is one of the best ways to replenish the soil.**

**And please.....I can't stress this enough. Please just take enough for your family and leave the rest for other families. Hoarding is not what this garden is all about. There is more than enough for all to share.**

**Thanks again to all of you that make this possible!!!  
Marsha Duncan, Angela Gay and Pamela Freese**



# 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!!!!



# From the Kitchen of.....

Sharron DeLaFuente

This is a recipe from our 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Sharron DeLaFuente at the Community Garden Fundraiser. The casserole was literally gone!!!! This gives a whole new meaning to mashed potatoes.....you have to try this

## Cheddar Mashed Potatoes

### Ingredients:

5lbs of red potatoes  
8 oz of cream cheese softened  
8 oz of sour cream  
8 tablespoons of butter  
1 tsp of salt  
1 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup of half and half cream

Preparation: Peel and quarter potatoes. In a large saucepan, cook potatoes in enough water to cover for 20 to 25 minutes or until tender. Drain off liquid. In a large mixing bowl, combine the potatoes, cream cheese, sour cream, half and half cream, butter, and salt. Beat the mixture with an electric mixer till fluffy. Stir in 1/2 a cup of the shredded cheddar cheese. Turn mixture into a buttered 13" X 9" casserole baking dish. Sprinkle the remaining 1/2 cup of shredded cheddar cheese on top of the mashed potatoes.

Cover and bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake for 15 minutes longer. Serves 10 - 12 people.

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



## Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake "2013 Purple 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 Purple Bracelet.

No Fishing in the Beach Area.

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.



## 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.

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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.

From the desk of the City Clerk:

### “To All Residents of Houston Lake”

1. If any resident needs a trash container or a recycling 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.

# 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.*

## **Parking:**

No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the city limits of Houston Lake, MO.

**(Chapter 300 - Schedule II, Municipal Code)**

## **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)**

## **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 Minutes from May 22, 2013 Meeting

All Board Members were present. President Nick Jackalone welcomed our guests Sue Haines, Mary Head, Mike Hallauer, Janette Boehm and Bill Gay. The meeting started promptly at 6:30 PM.

The Porta Potty has been delivered to the Beach area.

Perry Davis, a former long-time resident of the lake, asked again if the Boy Scouts could hold their Annual Fishing Derby on the lake June 8<sup>th</sup>. Permission was given and a release of liability form has been sent out for signature. The Troop sometimes need to earn badge credits and it is a good thing for all. Last year the Scouts put mulch into the beach play area.

President Nick thanked the following for their help on Lake Clean Up Day: Board Members Keith Carey, Gary Halterman and Ron Haines. As well as Larry Haines, Phil Otte and Craig and Katie Sovereign and their kids. The project wrapped up shortly before 3PM.

President Nick said that he and Larry Haines had made a special trip after 3 PM because trash was brought to the curb on Edgewood Trail after all was done at the dumpsters. (9 AM was the cutoff.) Two dumpsters were full and there was plenty of scrap metal too. A wooden dresser showed up shortly after that and Mike Hallauer picked it up for disposal. Mike Hallauer was thanked for getting the dumpsters to the site and the use of the City truck.

(As a side note, with the exception of Houston Lake Drive, the Venetian Gardens Homes Association has right-of-way (meaning access and care of) property within 15 feet of the lake. A couple of Board Members were questioned why they were picking up trash on this member's property during the Lake Clean-Up Day.)

Board members said there were still some items that should have gone into the regular trash containers that residents have. It was decided that next year regular trash will not be picked up.

The Board has decided that the mowing will continue to be done by the City. Mike Hallauer has agreed to over-see the hours reported. President Nick said he wrote a memo to the Mayor agreeing to this arrangement.

Treasurer, Gary Halterman, reviewed the monthly budget. He mentioned that the Association could have another \$12,000 in the bank if the 18 members who are behind would pay. President Nick said we are willing to work with them, just give him a call.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was discussed. The Pet Show had dwindled down to three dogs and one turtle last year according to the Judge, Mike Hallauer. It was discussed and the Board decided not to include the pets this year.

The Bike Ride, however, has a pretty good size turnout. The kids are proud of their decorated bikes, scooters and skateboards. It was decided that the Bike Ride would continue this year. Anyone who would like to take charge of this hour or so on the 4<sup>th</sup>, please call Nick Jackalone at 587-0028.

President Nick informed us of the passing of resident Sandy Anderson on Houston Lake Drive. Our condolences go out to her family and close friends.

President Nick mentioned that there were two dead trees on Association property on Edgewood Trail. The member brought this to his attention. One was in the lake and the other had its base rotted out. The member was concerned about the tree falling onto his garage or house. A bid was received and working together, it was decided that the standing tree would be removed as a preventative measure and the member agreed to take care of the one that fell into the lake. Work has begun on the standing tree.

During the Open Discussion two members questioned the validity/rationale for amending the By-Laws with a Tenant Member being of the age of 15. They remembered the age of 18 being addressed. However, Secretary, Jan Jackalone, told them that during the discussion someone suggested age 15 because the State Law required a minimum of 14 to fish and use the lake without adult supervision. More discussion and the members agreed to vote on age 15. It was at that time that she read the revised Section and included and stressed the age limit of 15 could have lake and property privileges as a Tenant Member with no voting rights. It was voted on and passed.

At this May meeting, the issue of liability came up because of someone "under age" being in charge of other minors could drag the Homes Association into a lawsuit. After much discussion, including closing the beach, hiring a life guard, or having someone volunteer to oversee the beach area and enforce the age restriction, it was agreed upon that the Board would review this with our Attorney and so the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. Next meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

On Behalf of the  
Venetian Gardens Homes Association Board  
HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY !



**City of Houston Lake**  
**Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**April 8, 2013**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on April 8, 2013 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. Oaths of Office were given to Mayor Hallauer, Alderman Cowan and Alderman Otte. Congratulations!!!

**Public Discussion**

None

**Minutes March 12, 2013**

The minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

The City Council approved by general consent a Recreational Burning Permit for 5400 NW Wagon Trail.

**Treasurers Report**

No report

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**Resolution 04-8-13 (paybills)**

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 04-8-13, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

**Collectors Report**

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for the month of March as \$3,611.47.

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

A report from the Platte County Sheriff's department, from 3-1-13 to 3-31-13, was submitted to the Council. Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report for March/April 2013.

**Emergency Management**

No report

**Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- a. It was agreed by the Council that a discussion on paying money forward to the Mill and Overlay CD and the City Sewer CD will be tabled until next month's meeting as the Treasurer Report was delayed.
- b. It was agreed by the Council to accept Sullivan Publications proposal to up-date the City Code Book.
- c. The Council agreed to renew the Maintenance Agreement with the Copier Shop for the copy machine.
- e. After going over the quarterly tax receipt from Missouri American Water, Mayor Hallauer discovered that the franchise fee being used by Missouri American Water was being collected at 1% instead of the 10% as required by Houston Lake law. This fee had been changed from 5% to 10% by Ordinance in 1985. Mayor Hallauer spoke with Missouri American Water's legal department and was told that this goes back at least 10 years. Mayor Hallauer estimated a loss of possibly \$58,000 to the City. The Council agreed that more research needs to be done before making any decisions.

## **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – None

**Alderman Otte** – Alderman Otte noted to the Council that while away the vacant home he purchased next door had been broken into and articles had been taken.

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado congratulated his colleagues for their re-election.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson told the Council that the final draft of the City Directory has been approved and will be going to print.

## **Mayors Report**

- a. Mayor Hallauer asked the Council if having a resident “pay money” to change or amend a law was ethical.
- b. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the City Wide Clean-up will be scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Mayor Hallauer asked President of the Homes Association, Nick Jackalone, if the Board wanted the City to continue mowing their property. Mr. Jackalone said that he has not pursued getting bids from mowing companies and asked the City to mow only the first time.
- d. Mayor Hallauer wanted to thank all the voters that supported Fire Protection and the Transportation Tax.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 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

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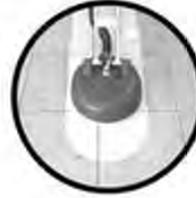
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- **Platte Co. Public Safety Information** – Receive alerts from the Platte Co. Sheriff's Department for AMBER alerts, lost or missing persons, hazardous material accidents, large scale fire alerts, evacuation requests, shelter-in-place, civil emergencies, 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.
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