



Houston Laker July 2013



Community Events

July 3rd - Recycling Day



July 4th -

July 4th - Annual Bike Parade – 11:30a.m.
Begins at the Beach

July 8th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall

July 24th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
“Special Meeting” - 6:30p.m. - City Hall



Editor Note: I would like to “thank” Andy Spottswood for printing this months front cover.





From the Kitchen of.....

Angela Gay

This is a recipe from our 2nd place winner, Angela Gay at the Community Garden Fundraiser. I loved this Carrot Cakebut only crumbs were left for me to try!!!! Congrats Angela for a fabulous cake.

ANGELA GAY'S CARROT CAKE

2c sugar
2c flour
2t baking soda
1t salt
3t cinnamon
1 1/2 c vegetable oil
4 eggs
3c grated carrots
2c nuts (optional)
1t vanilla

Sift together sugar, flour, soda, salt and cinnamon. Stir in oil. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add carrots, nuts and vanilla, mixing thoroughly. Pour into a floured and greased 13/9/2inch cake pan. Bake in 350'oven for 40 min. Cool in pan Spread with cream cheese frosting

Cream cheese Frosting 1/2 c melted butter 1- 8 oz. cream cheese softened
1t vanilla

1 1lb box confectioners' sugar

Combine butter, cream cheese and vanilla mixing well. Gradually add confectioners' sugar, beating (I use a hand mixer) until smooth. Spread on cooled cake.

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



Annual Bike Parade!

Everyone's invited...

Thursday

July 4th,

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



Patriotic Songs

God Bless America

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.
God bless America,
My home, sweet home

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last
gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous
fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still
there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

This land is your land!!!

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York Island
From the Redwood Forest to the Gulf Stream
waters

This land was made for you and me.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of
the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes
of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible
swift sword
His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

My Country Tis of Thee!!!

My country tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

Yankee Doodle

Yankee Doodle went to town
A-riding on a pony,
Stuck a feather in his cap
And called it macaroni'.

Chorus:

Yankee Doodle keep it up,
Yankee Doodle dandy,
Mind the music and the step,
And with the girls be handy.



**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 4th 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.

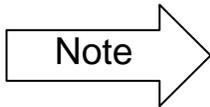
E. Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:

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

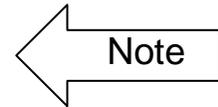
2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th).

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.



“NO SWIMMING” signs



The signs will be posted at the beach and boat ramp if the Ecoli levels are above safe swimming limits. Look for them before you go swimming anywhere on the lake. Homes Association will not be responsible if you choose to ignore the warning signs, you swim at your own risk.

The beach has been closed for a few weeks already and the tests done on June 24 show is not safe for swimming.





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.



**Venetian Gardens
Homes Association
Special Meeting
July 24, 6:30pm - City Hall**

Monthly meeting starts at 6:30 PM and regular business will be addressed.

Immediately following SPECIAL MEETING will begin. Joe Chepren will present his findings with regard to the silt pond and horseshoe. We anticipate a vote will be taken at this meeting.

Please plan on attending. Each lot owner who is a member in good standing has one vote.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.



Venetian Gardens Homes Association Minutes of June 19, 2013 Meeting

The Homes Association meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. All Board Members were present. Guests were Sue Haines, Mary Head, Larry Haines and Joe Chepren.

President Nick Jackalone welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pres. Nick said that Whitley Tree service removed the dead tree on the property on Edgewood Trail. The tree that fell into the lake needs to be removed also without damaging the members property. He will get some bids.

Pres. Nick told everyone we are working with our attorney regarding the By-Laws. She will review them and make suggestions as to any changes. She will also make sure we are in compliance with State laws. She charges \$200.00 per hour. She will have her suggestions to us for the August monthly meeting.

Mowing has once again started. Pres. Nick gave a letter to Mayor Mike to have the City continue mowing Association property. Mayor Mike will be keeping tabs on the mowing.

A special meeting will be called for July 24. Joe Chepren said he believes he can proceed with the steps necessary to get the silt pond in shape. He will have the project scope ready. We anticipate taking a vote to approve the funds.

Pres. Nick also reported that Mayor Mike donated the picnic table that was behind City Hall. Nick, Gary and Ron have been working on it; sanding then they will be staining it. Mayor Mike offered the use of the gravel stored near the silt pond for a base for the table. Joe Chepren also offered the excess gravel near the dam for HOA use.

Ecoli rates are running unusually high so the beach has been closed to swimming. Sharron DeLafuente will take more readings at the beach and two other areas where water runs into the lake. We are hopeful the water will be safe for swimming for the July 4th holiday.

Gary Halterman read the budget. Joe Chepren offered to help us set up a spread sheet for the budget to have a better idea of our finances. There were no questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Next regular monthly meeting and **SPECIAL MEETING** will be held on

JULY 24, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

July 8, 2013
Council Meeting Agenda
City of Houston Lake – City Hall 7:30 p.m.

1. Opening Session

2. Public Discussion

3. Minutes

4. Building Permits

5. Treasurer's report - Collector's Report

6. Paybills – Resolution No 07-08-13

7. Emergency Management

8. Police Report - Codes Report

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. 2013 - 2014 Budget Hearing
- b. 2013 - 2014 Budget

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
May 13, 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.

Public Discussion

None

Minutes April 8, 2013

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

The City Council approved by general consent a Recreational Burning Permit for 5509 NW Adrian.

Treasurers Report

The City Council approved the April and Mays Treasurers report by general consent.

Resolution 05-13-13 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 05-13-13, seconded by Alderman Dan Coronado. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for the month of April as \$22,412.64.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report for April/May 2013.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director , Dan Coronado gave his report to the Council. He attended many Emergency training classes last month which includes the FEMA Incident Command Center, in Harrisonville, MO, the FEMA Recovery from Disaster class in Warrensburg, MO and the Pipeline Emergency Response Training class. He is now working with the Regional National Weather Service to develop a useful website and phone app and a new website with extensive weather tools. Is in process of receiving a Government Emergency Telecommunications card for all EMD's and the Mayor. He also approached Verizon to obtain 10 Emergency response cell phones for the office of Emergency Management. We have added 20 more users to Houston Lake Telecheck bringing the number of users to 62.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. It was unanimously approved by the Council to move \$15,000 to a CD for paying money forward to the Mill and Overlay project and \$10,000 to a CD for a Sewer Emergency fund.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – None

Alderman Otte – None

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado reported that he observed some kids swimming at the Beach area and asked them to leave.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson thanked everyone who helped put the new City Directory together. Andy Spottswood for the wonderful front cover he did free of charge, Marsha Duncan, Evadene Judge, Kitty Hammond and Kay Honeycutt. She also noted that anyone that has a change of phone numbers or has moved in or out to please inform Alderman Jean Anderson or Marsha Duncan as we possibly could publish an amendment.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer reported to the Council that Blue Ridge Bank and Trust is closing its branch in Riverside and the City will have to move our City's safety deposit box by August 7th. The City will move this to the Bank of Weston.

b. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council each a copy of the updated Code book.

c. The Platte County Collector of Revenue has informed the City that the fee for collection of taxes will increase by 1/10th of 1%. The City currently pays ½ of 1%.

d. The City's annual clean-up will take place this weekend. Your volunteer help is appreciated.

e. Mayor Hallauer informed the Council he received a notice from the Legal Department of Missouri American Water that the one percent collection rate had been in effect since 1-1-2000. After the City receives all the information from Missouri American Water the Council will decide how to proceed.

f. Since the City will not have a fireworks display this July 4th, the Council needs to decide whether to host a picnic.

g. Mayor Hallauer was informed by the President of the Home Owners Association that it was in HOA's best interest that the City continue mowing/maintaining HOA property. Mayor Hallauer requested a written agreement. A log will be kept of all maintenance activities. The HOA will have access to this log. The Council approved maintaining the current 50-50 cost sharing, instead of the actual 80-20.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm



Important Notice

Trash Pick-up Day



Blue Lid Trash Cart

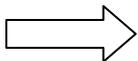
Your recycling day will also be on a Wednesday once a month.

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)
Memorial Day (Monday 5-27-13)
Independence Day (Thursday 7-4-13)
Labor Day (Monday 9-2-13)
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-28-13)
Christmas (Wednesday 12-25-13)
New Years (Wednesday 1-1-14)

Thursday 1-3-13
Thursday 5-30-13
Wednesday 7-3-13
Thursday 9-5-13
Wednesday 11-27-13
Thursday 12-26-13
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.

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 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)



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Weatherization program accepting applications

Participants receive free home energy audit

The City of Kansas City, Mo., Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department has begun accepting applications for its Home Weatherization Program. This service is available for all of Jackson, Clay and Platte counties, including the areas outside the city limits of Kansas City, Mo. Both homeowners and renters (with landlord participation) may apply.

The Home Weatherization Program provides its participants with a free home energy audit, which identifies improvements that can be made to make a home more energy-efficient, thereby minimizing energy costs. Recommendations may include: air sealing; attic and wall insulation installation; door and window repair; furnace replacement; caulking; and weather stripping.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), weatherization saves each home an average of \$437 in heating and cooling costs annually. In addition, the EIA reports that for every dollar invested into the program, weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society.

To qualify, applicants must not have received previous assistance

from this program after Sept. 30, 1994, and must meet the following annual income guidelines:

- › **One person** – \$22,980 or under
- › **Two people** – \$31,120 or under
- › **Three people** – \$39,060 or under
- › **Four people** – \$47,100 or under
- › **Five people** – \$55,140 or under
- › **Six people** – \$63,180 or under
- › **Seven people** – \$71,220 or under
- › **Eight people** – \$79,260 or under
- › **For each additional person** – add \$8,040 per year.

Total income is based off of household income for all adults and is calculated from all sources and is based on gross pay – before taxes and expenses are deducted.

To apply or learn more about the Home Weatherization Program and the City's other home repair programs, please visit www.kcmo.org/homerepair. Applications are also available at the Neighborhoods and Housing Services' Property Preservation Division, located on the 19th floor of City Hall at 414 E. 12th St.

Source: City of Kansas City, Mo.



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Marlene**