

Houston Laker 4th of July Annual Bike Parade



Comedy Magic Show



August 2013

Having Fun on Houston Lake...Go Andy & Chelsea



Go Chelsea

July 21, 2013



Community Events

July 31st - Recycling Day

Aug. 12th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall

Aug. 28th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Meeting – City Hall – 6:30p.m.

Aug. 28th - Recycling Day

Editor Note: I would like to “thank” Pam Freese for taking some of the 4th of July pictures. Also “thank” Any Spottswood for printing this months front cover and second page of the pictures.



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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816-746-4472

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**For more City and Homes Association Info
go to**

Houstonlake.net

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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.

DANGER

Just a few
minutes in a
hot car could
kill your pet!



A pet should **NEVER** be left unattended in a parked car when the outside temperature is over **70 degrees**. Allowing an animal to be harmed in this way is considered animal abuse. It is **ILLEGAL** and punishable by fines and imprisonment.

If you see an animal in distress or locked in a parked car, please call our rescue hotline at **(314) 647-4400** and your local police.

*This message is brought to you by the
St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association,
St. Louis County Police Department,
Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis
and the Humane Society of Missouri.*



WARNING

A Hot Day Can Be Deadly To A Pet Left In A Parked Car.

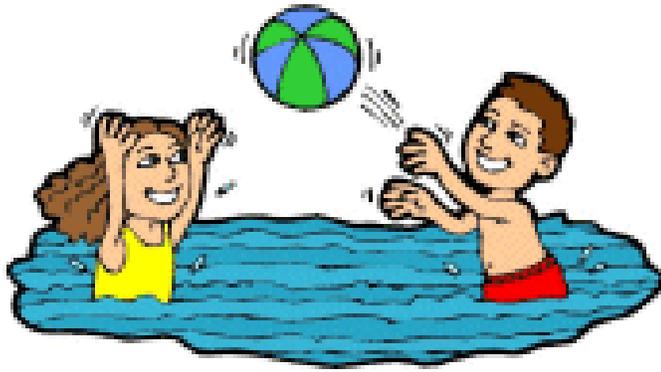
When the temperature outside is above 70 degrees, a parked car quickly becomes unbearably hot inside within minutes, even with the windows left slightly open.

- In just 10 minutes, the temperature inside your car can reach **102 degrees or hotter**.
- In just 30 minutes, the temperature inside your car can reach **120 degrees or hotter**.
- **At 110 degrees, your pet may have just minutes to live!** Your pet will suffer heatstroke, leading to collapse, brain damage and an agonizing death!

If Your Pet Is Overheated, Take Emergency Action!

Put your pet into cold water or give a cold-water rubdown immediately to lower body temperature. Take your pet to a veterinarian for a thorough examination.

**Next Trip, Please Leave
Your Pet at Home!**



Beach area

The Fecal Coliforms Test performed July 22nd, 2013 by Sharron DeLaFuente at the beach are considered Normal.

It is safe to swim at the beach.

Children under 14 years of age require Adult supervision when using the beach area.

State Law

Venetian Gardens Homes Association





Customer: Sharron De la Fuente
 City of Houston Lake
 3440 NW Edgewater Tr.
 Kansas City, MO 64151
 Fax
 e-mail: sbr-3440@att.net

LAB REPORT

9503 N Congress Ave, Kansas City, MO 64153
 Phone: 816-891-7337 • Fax: 816-891-7450
 gpal@gpalab.com • www.gpalab.com

Batch: 110560
Report Date: 7/24/2013
Received: 7/22/2013

Lab ID	Sample Identification	Analysis	Detection Limit	Result	Test Date
130722L004	Lake Water collected 7-22-13 11:00 am	Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml)	1	3	7/24/2013

Methods: Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml) SM 9222D

Approved by John Fontana, VP, Technical Services

Environmental conditions are controlled at Great Plains Analytical Laboratory. The analytical results pertain only to the submitted sample and may not be construed as an endorsement of the sampling method employed. This report may not be distributed or reproduced except in full.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Minutes of July 24, 2013 Special Meeting

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. President Nick Jackalone, Vice President Keith Carey, Secretary Jan Jackalone and Board Member Ron Haines were in attendance. Treasurer Gary Halterman was excused as he was out of town.

There was a representation of 12 member's households in attendance and an additional 7 proxy votes were represented. There were enough members in attendance, by proxy and including the Board, to have a quorum.

President Nick told the members that the old picnic table the city donated to the Homes Association was restored and placed under a large shade tree next to the pedestrian bridge. Lots of work went into sanding, painting, preparing the pad site. Thanks to the work of Ron Haines and Gary Halterman as well as Nick it is a nice addition to the area and hopefully will be put to good use.

Joe and Anthony Chepren then made a presentation on the Grant Application Process and the Silt Pond.

A lot of information was presented and Joe is preparing a summary that will be put in the next Houston Laker.

President Nick then said "there is something to think about."

"There will be 2 Board Member positions open this coming October. Keith Carey and Jan Jackalone have served their two-year terms. I, myself, will resign from the Board in October. We are needing our members to consider giving their time and talents as a Board Member. Personally, I feel I am leaving the Homes Association in good shape with the help of my Board Members and Joe Chepren's Professional input. Joe has gotten us through so far on the spillway project and now working on the Sediment Basin Retention Project. Our lake is improving. It would be a good time to jump on board and keep the momentum going in the right direction. If you are interested, give me a call."

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting will be

6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

(Includes An Update on the Sediment Basin Restoration Project)

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE OF FILING _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

1. Are you currently a paid up member of the Homes Association?

2. What is your experience serving on previous Boards?

3. List activities/experiences that you have been involved with at Houston Lake that may give you an advantage serving on the Board?

4. What work or outside experiences can you draw from that will help you serve effectively?

5. What areas/issues do you consider most important for the future of the Homes Association?

6. Tell why you would like to serve on the Board of Directors of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association.

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Houston Lake, MO.

The Board of Alderman of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri will conduct a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2013 at Houston Lake City Hall.

Citizens may be heard on the property tax rates to be set in order to comply with Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 67.110 and 137.073 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

The proposed tax rate is based on information currently available to the City of Houston Lake. The tax adopted may vary from, but will not exceed the proposed rate.

	Prior Tax Year (2012)	Current Tax Year (2013)
Assessed Valuation (Real Estate/Personal Property)	\$2,794,699.00	\$2,898,103.00
Prior Tax Rate (2012) as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0 .6550	
Proposed Tax Rate (2013) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.6300
County Collection Fee \$0.016	\$18,305.00 <u>- \$419.00</u>	\$18,258.00 <u>- \$464.00</u>
Revenue for General Fund	\$17,886.00	\$17,794.00

Date: July 23, 2013

Marsha Duncan, City Clerk

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Assessed Valuation (Real Estate/Personal Property)	\$2,794,699.00	\$2,898,103.00
Prior Tax Rate (2012) as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0 .7300	
Proposed Tax Rate (2013) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.7300
County Collection Fee \$0.016	\$20,401.00 - <u>\$419.00</u>	\$21,156.00 - <u>\$464.00</u>
Revenue for Fire Protection	\$19,982.00	\$20,692.00

Date: July 23, 2013 Marsha Duncan, City Clerk

**Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
As of June 30, 2013**

Income - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2013

General Fund	96,954.42	
Road Fund	5,882.17	
Grinder Pump Fund	8,082.84	
Fire Protection Fund	19,275.47	
Total		\$ 130,194.90

Expenses - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2013

General Fund	105,015.28	
Road Fund	5,054.48	
Grinder Pump Fund	-	
Fire Protection Fund	9,499.98	
Total		\$ 119,569.74

Total Funds as of June 30, 2013

General Fund	56,890.37	
Road Fund	8,151.48	
Grinder Pump Fund	8,184.07	
Fire Protection Fund	21,644.69	
Municipal Court Account	506.25	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
Transportation Sales Tax Receipts	28,374.07	
General Fund CD	23,451.90	
Road Fund CD	57,287.47	
Mill and Overlay CD	25,472.99	
Grinder Pump Fund CD	12,310.99	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,073.85	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,000.00	
Sewer CD	10,000.00	
Total		\$ 282,867.88

August 12, 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 - Budget

6. Paybills – Resolution No 08-12-13

7. Emergency Management

8. Police Report - Codes Report

9. Old Business

- a. Missouri American Water

10. New Business

- a. Tax Rate Hearing
- b. Bill No. 081213-1 (2013 Tax Rate)

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
June 10, 2013

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on June 10, 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

Nick Jackalone informed the Council that due to a high e-coli count in the water, the beach area is closed for swimming.

A resident told the Council that there are still big trucks coming in the Lake area. The Council will look into placing more signs around the Lake.

Minutes May 13, 2013

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A permit for recreational burning for 5416 NW Venetian Circle was approved by the Council.

Treasurers Report

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

Resolution 06-10-13 (paybills)

Alderman Cowan moved that we accept Resolution 06-10-13, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for the month of May as \$6,720.73

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

Reports from the Platte County Sheriff's department, from 4-1-13 to 4-30-13 and 5-1-13 to 5-31-13 were submitted to the Council.

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

Emergency Management

Dan Coronado told the Council that he will be attending the Emergency Operations Center management class in Warrensburg to train on how Houston Lake is represented in an incident to receive recovery support. He also will be attending the Public Information Officer class in Chillicothe to relate relevant information to the community and media about any incidents that affects Houston Lake.

And he is continuing the certification process as certified FEMA Emergency Manager for Houston Lake.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that because the Blue Ridge Bank is closing their Riverside branch, the City will have to move their Safe Deposit Box to the Bank Of Weston. Alderman Cowan made a motion to move the Safe Deposit Box to the Bank of Weston, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Anderson – Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Motion passed

Mayor Michael Hallauer and Aldermen Cowan and Coronado will be listed on the security card for the Safe Deposit Box.

b. Mayor Hallauer gave the Council copies of a rough draft of the new City Budget for July1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014. The Council will vote on this budget at the next City Meeting.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson reported that she was asked about participating in the Water Line/Sewer Line Protection Program from the Water Company and that it was a very affordable program. She also reported that she is still working on the National Flood Insurance Program application and what is needed at this point is the City passing a Resolution.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer noted that the Water Company is using a new format on their billing. He noticed that the tax franchise indicated going to Kansas City. He called them and they will correct this but everyone should check their billing information.

b. Only 2 dumpsters were used this year for the City Clean-up. The Mayor thanked everyone for their help and especially Phil Otte for all the time he spent organizing.

c. The mowing agreement has been signed between the City and the Homes Association.

d. Mayor Hallauer received a call from a resident inquiring about Google Fiber. The Mayor contacted the City of Gladstone and Riverside and Houston Lake is on the same waiting list.

e. The Mayor informed the Council that there was still no word from Missouri American Water on the confusion with the franchise fee rate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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"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.

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<http://plattesherriff.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.

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?

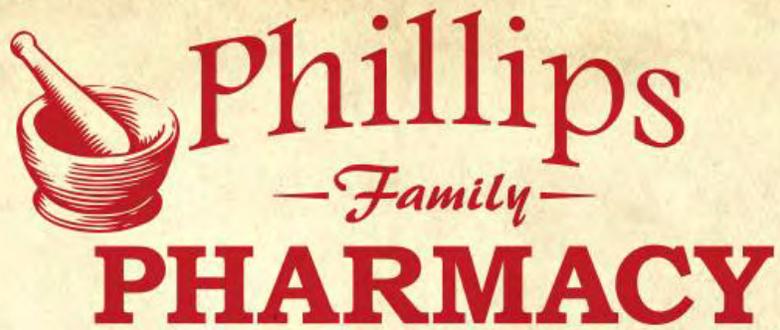
If so, who and what language is used?

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.

Signature

Date



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Marlene*