

Houston Laker



October 2013



Community Events

Oct. 14th - Annual Brush Pick-Up

***Oct. 14th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall***

***Oct. 16th - Venetian Garden Homes Association
Annual Membership meeting – City Hall
5:30p.m. – Pot Luck Dinner
6:30p.m. – Meeting***

Oct. 23rd - Recycling Day

***Oct. 31st - Happy Halloween
Watch out for the little
Ghosts and Goblins!!!***



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)



ANNUAL BRUSH PICK-UP

The tree service will be in our area the week of October 14th. Please bring your brush to the edge of the street and they will feed it into their wood chipper. They will not be going into your back yard to retrieve your brush.

Do not block access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Place the larger ends of the branches toward the street as this will help speed up the process.

Tree branches larger than 10” (inches) in diameter will not go into the chipper.

If you have any questions, please call:

**Marsha Duncan
419-5051**

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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.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

All the Board members were represented and there were eight members in attendance.

We had a special guest, **Kaila Schmidt**, who is on the Weatherby Lake Improvement Company – Stream Team Committee Chair and a Contractor for Missouri Dept. of Conservation AIS Outreach Program. She gave us an awesome insight into the plight of Missouri waterways and the invasion of Zebra Mussels. She had handouts of a slide presentation and some graphic handouts of invasive aquatic plant life and background history of zebra mussels. (One info sheet is attached.) She discussed many items, but most importantly “PREVENTATIVE MEASURES” will keep our lake healthy and alive.

Kaila Schmidt’s presentation is an “eye-opener”. She gave us a film and the Board would like to review it and set up a time where all residents can review it and become aware of the consequences of the Zebra Mussels. More details to follow. She will get back to us on forms, and other materials we can use to promote the NO ZEBRA MUSSELS program.

However, to take steps now, the Board will close off the Boat Ramp and Dock near the Mayor’s Park until further notice. There will be a Meeting Nov. 2 from 1-3PM for all lakes in this area to meet and discuss Preventative Measures for Zebra Mussels and concerns that affect this area’s lakes. Rest assured, your Homes Association Board will be represented.

Our Lawyer, Jennifer Fain, from Whitt, Hickley & Snider, has said all is well with our current By-Laws and Restriction Agreements. This is in regards to a concern of a 15 old member/non-member. We can contact her for more guidance. (Copy of her mailings were handed out at mtg.)

Current Lawsuit against the Homes Association for a trip and fall at the Mayor’s Park (bench at the boat dock) has been dismissed. The Plaintiff failed to appear in court. Nick Jackalone was ordered to be present. He and the Attorney were present. Case closed without any settlement to the Plaintiff.

Treasurer’s Report was read by Gary Halterman.

Request from Rick Cowan for July 4th Celebration has been tabled until the Annual Meeting.

Ron Haines suggested that the tall over-growth of trees, weeds, etc. be taken care of during late October. This was on Edgewater. Pres. Nick said it would be a good time to do it on the Peninsula when the City plans its pick-up of brush/ there is plenty of Round-Up available from Jan’s work with Scotts Miracle Gro.

NEXT MEETING: OCT 18th POT LUCK at 5:30 PM Ham, Turkey, Rolls and Beverages Provided. Bring a side-dish or dessert.

ANNUAL MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM. All Proxy Applications must be done in person prior to the meeting. Call the President or Secretary at 587-0028

Impacts

The economic impacts of zebra mussels in North America during the next decade are expected to be in the billions of dollars. Zebra mussels can:

- clog power plants, as well as industrial and public drinking water intakes
- foul boat hulls and motors
- impact native fish and disrupt aquatic ecosystems
- decimate populations of native freshwater mussels and other aquatic animals

Control

If you are a boater, angler, water skier, scuba diver, sailor, canoeist or other type of water recreationist, you can prevent the spread of zebra mussels and keep your own equipment from being fouled by completing the following steps:

Clean—Remove all plants, animals, mud and thoroughly wash all equipment, especially in crevices and other hidden areas. If your boat or equipment was used in infested waters or if you found any attached adult mussels, use a HOT (104 degree F) water spray.

Drain—Eliminate all water before leaving the area, including livewells and transom wells.

Dry—Allow sufficient time for your boat to completely dry before launching in other waters.

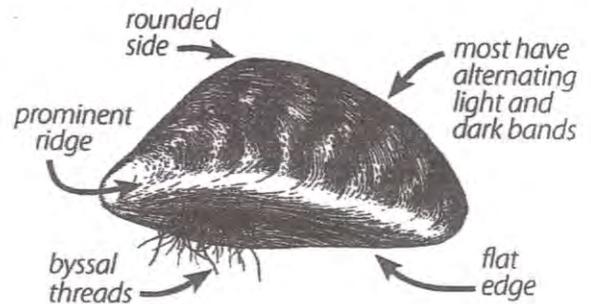
Dispose—Put unused bait in a trash can.

The Boat ramp has been closed for the season and chained across, we are getting a sign made.



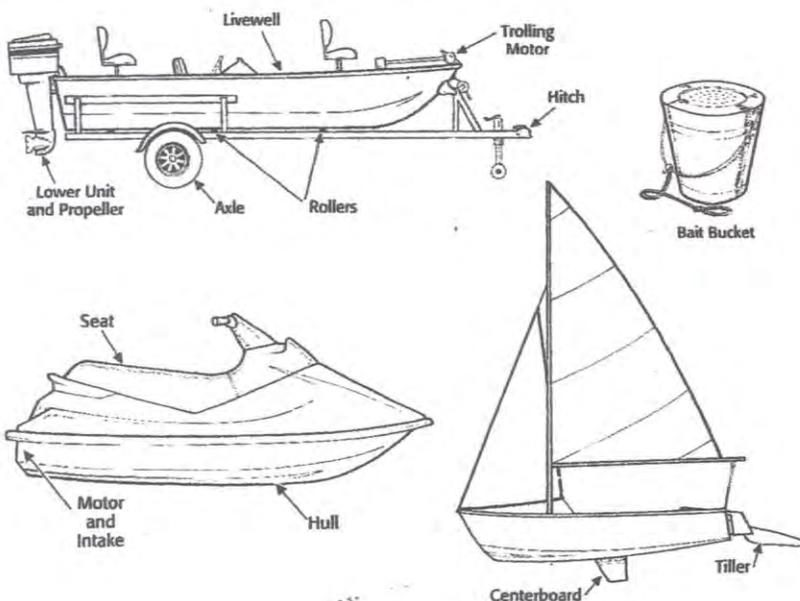
Identifying Zebra Mussels

Typically these invasive mussels are found attached to objects or structures in the water, other animals like crayfish or native mussels, or each other.



Adult life size: less than 2 inches

Where to look for Zebra Mussels



For Additional Information

www.mdc.mo.gov/nathis/exotic/zebra/
nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.asp?speciesID=5
www.100thmeridian.org/

For more information or to report a population, contact your local Missouri Department of Conservation office, e-mail WildlifeDivision@mdc.mo.gov, or write:

Zebra Mussels
Missouri Department of Conservation
Invasive Species Coordinator
P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180



City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
August 12, 2013

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on August 12, 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

Resident Larry Haines told the Council that the street light on Edgewood Circle has gone out. Mayor Hallauer told him that any resident can call KCPL to have them replace the light.

Minutes July 8, 2013

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A permit for a driveway at 3420 NW Edgewater was denied by the Council as being incomplete. A permit for an electrical upgrade was approved by general consent.

Treasurers Report

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

Resolution 08-12-13 (paybills)

Alderman Coronado moved that we accept Resolution 08-12-13, seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits for the month of July as \$3,680.98.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from the Platte County Sheriff's Department was submitted to the Council from 7-1-13 to 7-31-13.

A report from Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly was submitted to the Council for June/July 2013.

Emergency Management

Dan Coronado told the Council that he applied for membership to MARC's Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee. He also started the process to become part of the State of Missouri government surplus property program. He attended the 2 day FEMA Spontaneous Volunteer and Donations workshop in St. Joseph, MO and he also will be attending the CERT class on Traffic and Crowd Control Management. The Houston Lake CERT team members will taking a refresher/recertification class in the next two weeks. Dan has started the process of repurposing the old Police Department office at City hall into the Houston Lake Emergency Operations Center.

Old Business

Mayor Hallauer told the Council that the dispute between Missouri American Water and the City regarding the franchise fees is at a standoff. The City's records show that the error in the amount of the franchise fees goes back 10 years. The City attorney will be in contact with Missouri American Water's attorney.

New Business

a. The City Council held its Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate for the year 2013. There was no public discussion.

b. The Mayor presented the Council with Bill No. 081213-1, setting the new 2013 tax rate. Alderman Otte moved that we place Bill No. 081213-1 on its first reading, by title only, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 081213-1 by title only.

Alderman Coronado moved that we place Bill No. 081213-1 on its second reading, by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 081213-1 by title only.

Alderman Cowan moved that we place Bill No. 081213-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Anderson – Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Bill No. 081213-1, Ordinance No. 340 was passed.

c. The Mayor presented the Council with Bill No. 081213-2, amending City Codes Section 125.310, Court costs. Alderman Cowan moved we place Bill No. 081213-2 on its first reading, by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 081213-2 by title only.

Alderman Otte moved that we place Bill No. 081213-2 on its second reading, by title only, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 081213-2 by title only.

Alderman Cowan moved that we place Bill No. 081213-2 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Anderson - Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Bill No. 081213-2, Ordinance No. 341 was passed

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte noted that there was a loose plank on the bridge.

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson said that progress has been made with the application for National Flood Insurance Program.

Mayors Report

- a. The City's safe deposit box has been moved to the Bank of Weston.
- b. The City bookkeeper's computer crashed and the Council will pay a portion for a new computer for her.
- c. Last month the City decided that anyone who wants to use the City Hall will have to come before the City Council with their request and show why the event would be in the City's best interest. It will be up to the Council to decide if the event will be sponsored by the City once certain criteria is met.

Adjournment

Mayor Hallauer asked for a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) for discussion of Legal issues. Alderman Cowan made said motion, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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