

Merry Christmas



Houston Laker - December 2013

Houston



Community Events

**Dec. 9th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. – City Hall**

**Dec. 17th - Opening Date for Candidate Filing
Please contact City Clerk Marsha Duncan 816.419.5051**

Dec. 18th - Recycling Day

**Dec. 18th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
No Meeting**

Dec. 25th -



Editor Note: I would like to “thank” Andy Spottswood for printing this month’s Christmas cover.



Artists and Supporters of the Arts!

Our community has a number of fine artists of all varieties: musicians, writers, painters, photographers, at least one movie director, poets, sculptors, actors and actresses, maybe dancers, fiber and folk artists! A few of us have talked about forming some type of group to recognize the arts in our community and to loosely organize we creative ones. Should you like to express your ideas, or have questions, we are interested in your opinions and thoughts about forming this type of a connection in our Houston Lake Neighborhood. Please call Jean Anderson at 645-1529 or Linda Kramer at 225-4110. Hopefully we will meet during the late morning of January 11, 2014 or January 18, 2014. With your input, the date and time will be determined. We are looking forward to creative visions!

Written by Linda Kramer, Edited by Jean Anderson



*Happy Holidays
and
Best Wishes for the New Year
From all of us to all of you!!!*

*City of Houston Lake
Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Watershed Management Committee
Houston Lake Garden Club
Houston Lake Community News*



Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bob-tail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight.

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh, O
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
You better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town.

He's making a list, Checking it
twice, Gonna find out who's
naughty or nice. Santa Claus is
coming to town. He sees you
when you're sleeping. He knows
when you're awake. He knows if
you've been bad or good. So be
good for goodness sake.

You better watch out
You better not cry
You better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher, and Dancer,
and Prancer, and Vixen,
Comet, and Cupid, and
Donder and Blitzen
But do you recall
the most famous reindeer of all
Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose
and if you ever saw it
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him
names. They never let poor
Rudolph play in any reindeer
games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so
bright, won't you guide my sleigh
tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!



Frosty the Snowman

Frosty the Snowman, was a jolly
happy soul, with a corn cob pipe
and a button nose, and two eyes
made of coal. Frosty the Snowman,
is a fairytale, they say. He was made
of snow, but the children know he
came to life one day.

There must have been some magic
in that old silk hat they found, for
when they placed it on his head, he
began to dance around!
Oh, Frosty, the Snowman, was alive
as he could be; and the children say
he could laugh and play, just the
same as you and me.

Thumpety thump, thump,
thumpety thump, thump,
look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump, thump,
thumpety thump, thump,
over the hills of snow.

Frosty the Snowman, knew the sun
was hot that day, so he said, "Let's
run, and we'll have some fun now,
before I melt away." Down to the
village, with a broomstick in his
hand, running here and there, all
around the square, sayin', "Catch
me if you can." He led them down
the streets of town, right to the
traffic cop; and only paused a
moment, when he heard him holler,
"Stop!" For Frosty, the Snowman,
had to hurry on his way, But he
waved goodbye, sayin' "Don't cry,
I'll be back again some day."

White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white
Christmas
Just like the ones I used to
know
Where the treetops glisten,
and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white
Christmas
With every Christmas card I
write
May your days be merry and
bright
And may all your Christmases
be white

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Christmas
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Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you
listening?
In the lane, snow is glistening
A beautiful sight, we're happy
tonight.
walking in a winter wonderland!

Gone away is the bluebird,
here to stay is a new bird.
He sings a love song as we go
along,
walking in a winter wonderland!

In the meadow we can build a
snowman,
then pretend that he is Parson
Brown.

He'll say "Are you married?"
we'll say "No man!
But you can do the job
When you're in town".

Later on, we'll conspire
as we dream by the fire,
to face unafraid,
the plans that we've made,
walking in a winter wonderland!

In the meadow we can build a
snowman,
And pretend that he's a circus
clown
We'll have lots of fun with
mister snowman,
Until the other kids knock him
down.

Later on, we'll conspire
as we dream by the fire,
to face unafraid,
the plans that we've made,
walking in a winter wonderland!
Walking in a winter
wonderland!

Holly Jolly Christmas

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
It's the best time of the year
I don't know if there'll be snow
but have a cup of cheer

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
And when you walk down the
street
Say Hello to friends you know
and everyone you meet

Oh ho, the mistletoe
hung where you can see
Somebody waits for you
Kiss her once for me

Have a holly jolly Christmas
and in case you didn't hear
Oh by golly have a holly
jolly Christmas this year

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry
Christmas,
We wish you a Merry
Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you
and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

From the Desk of the City Clerk

This year the City of Houston Lake will be having a “Christmas Light” contest!!! There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The judges will be Zoah and Lillian Gay. They will be going all around the lake observing all the wonderful decorations.

Each year I see new and amazing light displays.....Let’s make our City light up like never before!!!!

Just a reminder

January 1st is the date to renew your “Recreational Burning” permits for 2014. Please contact your Alderman for more information.

**Marsha Duncan
City Clerk**

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING

The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election, Tuesday, April 8, 2014 to elect the following offices:

One Alderman from Ward 1 (North) for two (2) year term.

One Alderman from Ward 2 (South) for two (2) year term.

To be a candidate for one of these offices you must file with the City Clerk, Marsha Duncan, no earlier than Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday January 21, 2014. The filing forms will be made available by contacting Marsha Duncan at 816-419-5051.

December 18, 2013

2014 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid
Recycling Cart**

January 15
February 12
March 12
April 9
May 7
June 4
July 2
July 30
August 27
September 24
October 22
November 19
December 17



Items must be inside the cart (**Not on the ground, not on top – inside**). Recycle carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. If you need an extra cart or would like to recycle, please notify Mike Hallauer - 816-215-9138 or Marsha Duncan 816-419-5051.



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 & 2014 Holiday Schedule:

Pick-up Day

Christmas (Wednesday 12-25-13)

Thursday 12-26-13

New Years (Wednesday 1-1-14)

Thursday 1-2-14

Memorial Day (Monday 5-26-14)

Thursday 5-29-14

Independence Day (Friday 7-4-14)

Wednesday 7-2-14

Labor Day (Monday 9-1-14)

Thursday 9-4-14

Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-27-14)

Wednesday 11-26-14

Christmas (Thursday 12-25-14)

Wednesday 12-24-14

New Years (Thursday 1-1-15)

Wednesday 12-31-14

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
October 14, 2013

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 14, 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

Residents discussed the possibility of placing speed bumps on the dam. Another solution for traffic control would be closing the dam to traffic. Pedestrians only was also discussed.

Minutes September 9, 2013

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A recreational burning permit for 5511 NW Venetian Drive was approved by the Council.

Treasurers Report

Alderman Coronado moved that we accept the treasurers report, seconded by Alderman Anderson. Motion passed.

The Treasurers report shows a grant total balance of \$266,862.72.

Resolution 10-14-13 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 10-14-13, seconded by Alderman Anderson. Motion passed

Collectors Report

No report

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

A report from the Platte County Sheriff's Department was submitted to the Council from 9-1-13 to 9-30-13.

Emergency Management

Dan Coronado told the Council that he will be attending an Emergency Management Class this November in Blue Springs. He also is looking into FEMA grants for possibly fixing our ditches and culverts.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan - Excused

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – Alderman said that he is working on resetting a couple of signs.

Alderman Anderson – No report

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer reminded everyone that no air guns of any kind can be discharged in the City according to Section 210.285 of the City Municipal Codes.

b. The Brush pick up will be on the 15th.

c. Mayor Hallauer said that the light had not been replaced on the light pole after the accident on Edgewater Trail. He called KCPL to remind them.

d. The Mayor told the Council that the Platte County Prosecutor will press charges on the person that hit the bridge last year.

e. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that on 9-28-13 he noticed a rock by the bridge had been moved at least a foot. It was obvious a large vehicle would have been needed to push the rock prior to driving over the bridge.

f. Mayor Hallauer asked each Aldermen to ask their constituents about closing the bridge down for traffic control. He asked that they give him reasons “why” or “why not” to close the bridge.

Closed Session

Mayor Hallauer asked for a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) for discussion of Legal issues at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



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However you celebrate the Holidays,

I wish You the Very Best.

*Best Wishes!
Marlene*

