

# *Houston Laker*



*February 2014*



# **Community News**

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

***Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day***

***Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> -*** 

***Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Artists Coalition  
10:00am.-City Hall***

***Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - Homes Association Board  
Meeting – 6:30pm- City Hall.  
2014 yellow lake wristband  
will be available for pickup  
from 6:00pm to 6:30pm.***



Houston Lake is excited to announce the formation of it's own Artists Coalition. The focus of the group is promoting and exploring the arts in an inspiring and encouraging way for all residents, young and old. Our goal is to make it a platform to explore and exchange creative ideas. The first steps we are working on are creating a mission statement and finding our name.

## *Upcoming Events*

*Sat. Feb 15th 2014 ~ 10 am at City Hall*

Coalition meeting focusing on the March event. Please bring a piece of art to share. .

*Sunday March 11th, 2014 ~ 2 pm at City Hall*

A Meet and Greet Event Celebrating Thomas Hart Benton's 125th Birthday featuring guest speaker Evadene Judge who will be giving a verbal tour of "Museum Hoping in Kansas City." Our guest musician will be Chelsea Spottswood performing on her Oboe. A craft activity will be available for our younger residents.



Future projects in the works are:  
Birdhouse building and decorating  
Making and flying kites  
Drum Circle  
Scarecrow making for the community garden  
4th of July exhibits and performances  
Snow sculpting  
Monthly meetings with artists and engaging guest speakers

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a part of this exciting project please feel free to contact anyone on the following list: Evadene Judge, Phil Ott, Chelsea Spottswood, Pam Freese, Marsha Duncan, Linda Kramer and Dan Coronado.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Minutes for January 15, 2014 Meeting

About 20 folks came to the January meeting. Some arrived earlier to enjoy a spiral ham baked by Mary Head. Others brought side dishes and desserts. It was all very tasteful.

A few business items were discussed. President Nick apologized for not getting the peninsula brush cleared up before the cold weather set in. He promised to get back to it as soon as weather permits.

Homes Association dues are about 50% collected. Don't forget January 31 is the deadline to send in your payment. After that, a 10% penalty will be applied.

We also watched a DVD about the growing concerns of zebra mussels invading local lakes. After about 30 minutes, it was decided that the information was being repeated. We got the intended message so we ended the playing of the DVD.

The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM.



## “Houston Lake Ice”

is not thick enough to skate on.

Please do not get out on the ice.

**2014 Yellow Wristband**



**Call Homes Association President Nick Jackalone  
to get your lake wristband – 816-587-0028.**

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**December 9, 2013**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on December 9, 2013 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and 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 November 11, 2013**

The minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

Recreational burning permit for 5451 NW Venetian Drive was approved by the Council.

**Treasurers Report**

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

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$248,890.01.

**Resolution 12-09-13 (paybills)**

Alderman Anderson moved that we accept Resolution 12-09-13, seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passed

**Collectors Report**

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported income of \$5,539.04 for the month of November, 2013.

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

A report from the Platte County Sheriff's Department was submitted to the Council from 11-1-13 to 11-30-13.

**Emergency Management**

Dan Coronado told the Council that the water main break was caused by a break in a PVC pipe. The break in the 10 inch main was caused by the pipe resting on rocks. He appreciated the fast response by the Riverside Fire Department and the water company.

**Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** - None

**Alderman Otte** – None

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado told the Council that he had interviewed many residents regarding the possible closing of the bridge and dam for traffic. He documented the discussions and gave each Alderman a copy.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson said she wanted to formally acknowledge and thank the first responder, the Riverside Fire Department, to the water main break. She said that they stayed until it was fixed. She also commended the Water Company for coming back 3 times to oversee the repairs. She also thanked Dan Coronado for sending out the notice to all residents of this incident.

## **Mayors Report**

### **Year in Review:**

- a. The Council paid forward \$15,000 for our street project
- b. Started a Sewer Fund with \$10,000.00
- c. Donated the old city truck to charity
- d. The transportation tax passed for additional funding of our street project
- e. Completed the new City Directory
- f. Updated our City Code book
- g. Formed a budget that included our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration
- h. Passed the Fire Protection levy
- i. Successful City and Brush clean up
- j. Have made contact with Google Fiber

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Financial Statement  
City of Houston Lake  
As of December 31, 2013**

**Income - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2013**

General Fund	39,814.63	
Road Fund	4,561.85	
Grinder Pump Fund	2.12	
Fire Protection Fund	8.66	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 44,387.26</b>

**Expenses - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2013**

General Fund	43,046.98	
Road Fund	1,712.91	
Grinder Pump Fund	7,472.25	
Fire Protection Fund	9,500.02	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 61,732.16</b>

**Total Funds as of December 31, 2013**

General Fund	53,655.74	
Road Fund	11,000.42	
Grinder Pump Fund	713.94	
Fire Protection Fund	12,153.33	
Municipal Court Account	601.75	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
County Transportation Tax	28,374.07	
General Fund CD	23,493.08	
Grinder Pump Fund CD	12,310.99	
Mill and Overlay CD	25,712.08	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,028.20	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,073.85	
Road Fund CD	57,388.07	
Sewer Pump Fund CD	10,018.80	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 266,044.07</b>

## ***ADVERTISING IN HOUSTON LAKER***

Houston Lake is a small community, Class 4 City, located between I-29 and I-635 in Platte County, Mo. There are approximately 125 households on the lake and residents live here year round.

Residents love the proximity to locations that meet their every day needs and those who provide their services to our residents.

If you are a church, bank, big chain store, local insurance agent, medical providers, run a business from your home, provide on-site services like painting or carpet cleaning,

**you can't afford not to advertise with us!**

Our rates are very inexpensive. With the wide range of retailers in the surrounding area, you will find that we can bring customers to you and not the guy down the street.

If you are interested in placing black and white advertising with us, please call Houston Laker Editor, Mary Head at 816-741-5639 or Venetian Gardens Homes Association Secretary, Jan Jackalone at 816-587-0028.

## To ADVERTISE is WISE!

Our Paper size is 8.5 x 11. Ads are priced by one-sided printing only and with copy-ready artwork provided.

(Sorry, the back cover is already sold for the year!)

8.5" \_\_\_\_\_  
x Full page Ad inside Houston Laker  
11" \$20.00 per month or  
\$200.00 per year

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x Half-page Ad inside Houston Laker  
5.5" \$10.00 per month or  
\$100.00 per year  
Either Vertical or Horizontal

3.5" \_\_\_\_\_  
x Inside Business Card Size  
2" \$5.00 per month or  
\$50.00 per year

Offer coupons for Houston Lake residents in your ad and watch your business grow!

Any questions, contact Editor Mary Head @ 816-741-5639

# Analog to Digital Transfer

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*Preserve your memories: Tape degrades with use and age. Vinyl degrades with use.*



*Music: Cassette, LP's & 45's to CD. Can be transferred to you computer or MP3 Player!*

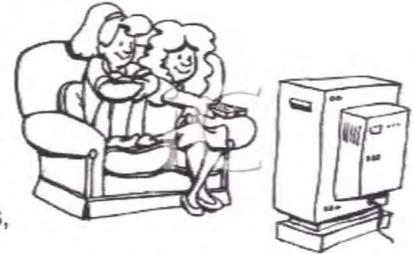


*Video: Transfer old home videos to DVD  
Makes a great gift for family members*

*VHS & 8mm Tape*

*\*Basic editing and music added free\**

*\*Professional Editing Available\**



Audio Editing: Included free is removal of most pops, scratches and hiss from the sound. Many old cassettes and LP's either weren't recorded well or sonic quality has been degraded over time. For a nominal charge I can re-master this audio to bring out the best from the past.

Often, I can make it sound much better than the original. The sound is still in the recording, it just got muffled along the way. I use the most powerful software available to find the treasure and rescue it.

Video Editing: Free editing includes nice Title and Credit rolls. Background music added (your choice or I can choose). Boring footage removed (who wants to see all 12 minutes Dad filmed out the windshield riding I-70 across KS?). Easy or very energetic transitions between scenes. More in depth editing at per-hour rate.

*Houston Lake Introductory Specials for my neighbors--*

*LP transfers starting @ \$9.00*

*Cassette transfers starting @ \$9.00*

*Video transfers starting @ \$12.00*

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*913-568-7395 or*

*816-741-9697*



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Marlene*