

Houston Laker



March 2014

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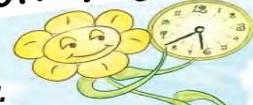


Community

News

March 9th - Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00a.m.
Remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour.

Don't forget to....



Spring Forward!

March 10th - City Council Meeting
7:30p.m. - City Hall

March 12th - Recycling Day

March 15th - Arts Coalition Administrative Meeting
10:00a.m. - City Hall

March 16th - Arts Coalition Meet and Greet Celebrating
Thomas Hart Benton's 125th Birthday
2:00p.m. - City Hall

March 17th -



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 20th -

**The First
Day Of
Spring**



Editor: Please keep this March issue. Two of the City Board Members phone numbers has been changed on the City Official list.

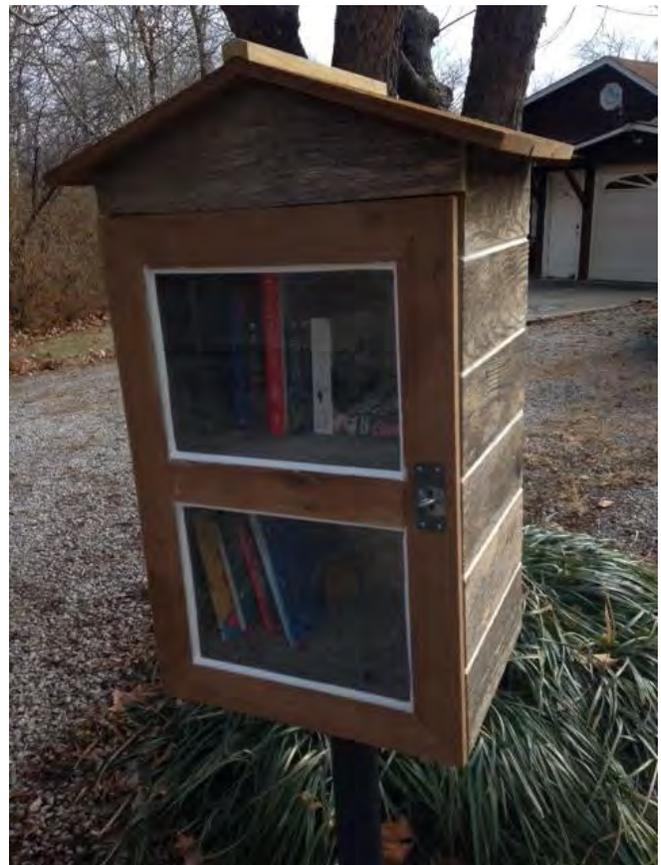
HOUSTON LAKE GETS COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE

Houston Lake now has a Community Book Exchange available for everyone's use. If you want a book, come get one. If you want to donate books, just leave them. And thanks! We'll take puzzles and magazines too.

The top shelf is for the adults, the bottom shelf is reachable for kids.

Installed at 5406 NW Venetian Dr., it's rustic design looks like an aged cabin.

It was built and donated by Michael Lazar; he constructed it completely from recycled materials.



Enjoy!



Arts

Artists and Art Enthusiasts organization - yet to be officially named

February 15 Meeting

Minutes

Reviewed and approved January minutes with one correction. We published The March Meet and Greet Event Celebrating Thomas Hart Benton's 125th Birthday incorrectly in the Houston Laker.

The Meet and Greet will be March 16 2:00 p.m.

Old Business

Survey idea and discussion ~ We want to hear more ideas from our community. Pam Freeze volunteered to start forming the survey with the ideas we shared. We agreed that the survey will be ready to distribute by the Meet and Greet on March 16th.

Mission Statement ~ Evadene Judge distributed information she collected on keeping a mission statement simple and concise which stimulated good discussion. Our new mission statement is *"To nurture and inspire the creativity and talents of our Houston Lake community"*

Choose a name for our organization ~ Three names were discussed but we wanted more time to consider and decide. Tabled until March.

Meet and greet artist as a platform proposal ~ Administrative and art sharing meetings will be monthly and open to the community. Meet and Greet will be every other month, also open to the community.

Planning March Meet and Greet Event Celebrating Thomas Hart Benton's 125th Birthday ~ Chelsea will perform on her oboe, Andi Freeze will lead a craft activity for the younger guests, Wendy will provide refreshments. Survey will be ready and will be distributed.

New Business

Define our board positions ~ Short discussion about what board positions we need now and what will be needed as we grow. Tabled for further discussion and decisions.

Adjourned

Next meeting is March 15 10:00 a.m. City Hall.

All residents are welcome.

Invitation

Arts Council Hosts a Meet and Greet Celebrating Thomas Hart Benton's 125th Birthday

Guest speaker Evadene Judge
Guest musician Chelsea Spottswood
Craft activity for younger guests



Sunday March 16, 2:00 p.m. City Hall
Light refreshments

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Keith Carey
816-746-4472

Treasurer

Gary Halterman
660-492-2068

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Jan Jackalone
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Ron Haines
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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 –
816.365.6469**

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 365.6469. 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 – February 19, 2014

All the Board Members were in attendance. There were four Association Members present.

President Nick Jackalone presented the expenses for January and February as well as the income collected from Homes Association Dues.

The total of our bank accounts is just over \$100,000. As of February 19, there are still 26 households that have not paid the \$295 dues. Pres. Nick said that the Board will be looking at those who are significantly behind and the Association will file liens on the properties.

The Board discussed clearing the brush around the peninsula. They decided to try to find some companies to give bids for the job and proof of insurance.

There will be no March meeting. The Board is planning on an update regarding the silt pond project during the April meeting.

On April 16, 2014, the Homes Association will have its Semi-Annual Meeting. The Board will be hosting a light dinner beginning at 5:30 PM. Meeting will begin promptly 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
January 13, 2014

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on January 13, 2014 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

Janette Boehm announced that her mother, Marie Boehm, 5406 NW Venetian, started a “Book Exchange”. She has a bookcase full of books in the front of her house and welcomes anyone to bring a book that you want to share and then take a book of your choice. What a wonderful way of sharing with the community.

Minutes December 9, 2013

The minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

Recreational burning permit for 5509 NW Adrian and a permit extension for 5519 NW Adrian were approved by the Council.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers’ report was corrected for a typo.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$266,044.07

Resolution 01-13-14 (paybills)

Alderman Otte moved that we accept Resolution 01-13-14, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported income of \$25,584.84 for the month of December, 2013.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff’s Report

No reports

Emergency Management

Dan Coronado told the Council that he has sent the paperwork to MARC for their Emergency Management and Emergency Response acceptance making Houston Lake a part of their Emergency plan. The Council also discussed Mr. Coronado’s list of pros and cons for closing the bridge for traffic.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. The City Council approved unanimously to allow a Houston Lake Art's Council the use of the City Hall for their meetings. The Council will be open for any resident to attend.
- b. The City Council also approved the Platte County 2013-2023 Transportation Tax City Distribution Agreement.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson told the Council that progress has been made with the office of SEMA regarding Houston Lake's ordinance on flood plain management.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Hallauer received a Christmas card from the City Attorney saying they had made donations in our city's name to the Platte County Sheriff's Department "Shop with an Officer" event as well as Harvesters.
- b. Mayor Hallauer announced the winners of the "Christmas Light Contest". Third place went to 3701 NW 56th, Second Place went to 5444 NW Venetian. There was a tie for first place between 5420 NW Edgewood Trail and 5428 NW Johnson Trail. Congrats to all!!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the
“General Municipal Election”

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014

at



WEXFORD PLACE

6500 N. Cosby Ave.

From I-29: west on Hwy 45 (64th St.) to N. Cosby Ave. Turn right on N. Cosby Ave., then left into the entrance to Wexford Place. The poll site will be set up in the Stafford Room, just past the reception desk.

Time 6:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

Platte County Board of Election (816) 858-4400

Any Questions please call:

City Clerk – Marsha Duncan = (816) 419-5051

Editor – Mary Head = (816) 741-5639



VOTER REGISTRATION SITES PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Are You Registered to Vote? All residents of Houston Lake whether you are Owner or Renter can register and VOTE. You must be 18 years old or older to register. You can register at any of the sites below.

Houston Lake City Hall, 5417 NW Adrian, (816)741-0644 or
Registrar Mary Head (816)741-5639, call for an appointment.

Mid-Continent Public Libraries:

Boardwalk, 8600 N. Executive Hills Blvd, Kansas City: (816) 741-9011

Parkville, 8815 NW Hwy 45, Parkville: (816) 741-4721

Riverside, 2700 NW Vivion Rd, Riverside: (816) 741-6288

NOTE: In addition, Missouri Voter Registration Application postcards can be completed at any license bureau.

LAST DAY to Register to VOTE for the April 8th, 2014 General Municipal Election is March 12, 2014.

Any questions call

Platte County Board of Elections
2600 NW Prairie View Road
P.O. Box 560
Platte City, Missouri 64079

Phone number (816) 858-4400





Judges' Initials

#25

Instructions

Completely fill in the oval next to the candidate or question response of your choice like this: ●

If you do not see the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, darken the oval opposite the write-in line and print the name of the candidate on the write-in line provided.

If you are in favor of the question completely fill in the oval opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, completely fill in the oval "NO".

NOTE: The ballot reading device in use is designed to only record votes cast as a filled in oval. Use only the special marking pen provided. There can be no erasures, stray marks, check marks, or cross outs on the ballot. If you make an error marking the ballot, see an Election Judge to receive a replacement ballot.

Park Hill School District

For School Board Member
 (Three year term, vote for three)

- Boon Lee
- Lathem Scott
- Janice Bolin
- Bart J. Klein
- David Blackburn
- Write-in _____
- Write-in _____
- Write-in _____

Question

Shall the Park Hill School District of Platte County, Missouri be authorized to increase its adjusted operating tax levy 32 cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, and to use such funds for instructional technology programs and improvements (including the Future Learner Project, "FLIP"), safety programs and improvements, and the operation of its schools? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted operating tax levy of the District is estimated to increase \$4.9217 currently to \$5.2417 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

- YES
- NO

Parkville Benefit Assessment
 Special Road District

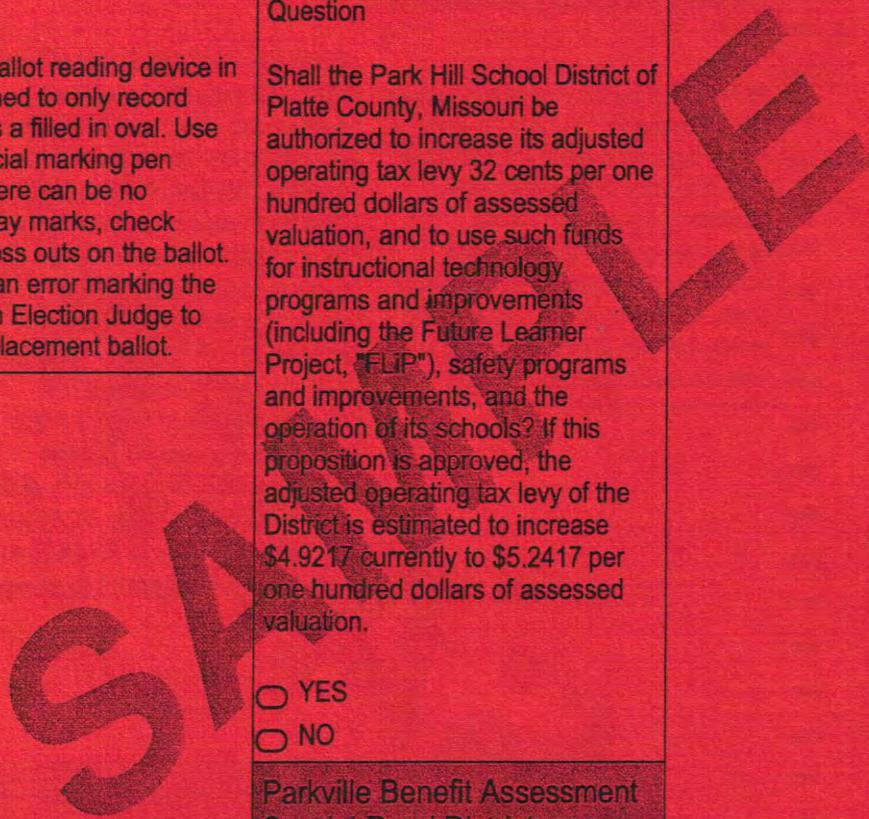
For Commissioner
 (Three year term, vote for one)

- Charles R. Hevalow
- Judy D. Johnson
- Write-in _____

City of Houston Lake

For Alderman Ward 1 South
 (Two year term, vote for one)

- Jean Anderson
- Write-in _____



Official Ballot
 General Municipal Election
 Platte County, Missouri
 Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Judges' Initials

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 (Three year term, vote for three)

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- YES
- NO

Parkville Benefit Assessment
 Special Road District

For Commissioner
 (Three year term, vote for one)

- Charles R. Hevalow
- Judy D. Johnson
- Write-in

City of Houston Lake

For Alderman Ward 2 North
 (Two year term, vote for one)

- Daniel Coronado
- Write-in

SAMPLE

To apply for absentee ballot: print this application form, complete and mail to Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079 or FAX to 816-858-3387

REQUEST FOR PLATTE COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT

I, _____, do hereby request an absentee ballot for the _____ Election.

For Identification purposes, the last four digits of my social security number are _____.
If the election is a primary election, please print the name of the political party ballot you wish to receive _____. If you registered by mail and this is your first time voting you must provide a copy of current valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address.

Reason for requesting an absentee ballot:

- _____ (1) Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which registered to voter;
- _____ (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
- _____ (3) Religious belief or practice
- _____ (4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than your polling place;
- _____ (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained

Current Residential Address:

Address where ballot is to be mailed, if different than above:

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Signature of Voter

Date

Mail completed Absentee Ballot Application to **Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079, or FAX to 816-858-3387**. All requests must be received by the Board of Election's office no later than 5:00 p.m., the Wednesday prior to election day.

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Best wishes,
Marlene