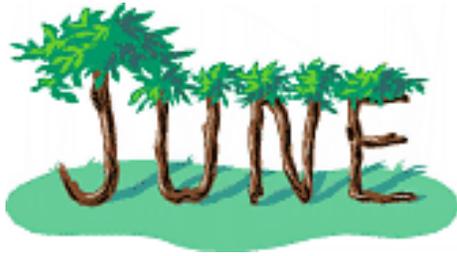


Houston Laker



June 2014



Community Events

June 4th - Recycle Day

*June 9th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm - City Hall*

June 15th



June 21st - Artists Administrative Meeting -10:00am-City Hall

June 21st -



July 2nd - Recycle Day & Trash Pick-up Day

*July 4th - Annual Houston Lake 4th of July Celebrations
BBQ Picnic, Giant Fireworks Display
4:00p.m. - City Hall*



Editor Note: I would like to "thank" Andy for printing this months front cover.

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!

SPECIAL NOTICE

Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any fireworks within the public right of way of any public street.

E. Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:

1. From 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26) until July second (2nd) and on July fifth (5th); and

2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th).

F. No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks.

G. Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.

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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.



Dance Recital with Andi Freese

Arts

Artists and Art Enthusiasts organization - yet to be officially named

May 16 Meeting

No May Meeting

We collected paper for an art project during the Houston Lake Clean up Day. Additionally some members attended Andi Freese's dance recital at the Music Hall in the afternoon.

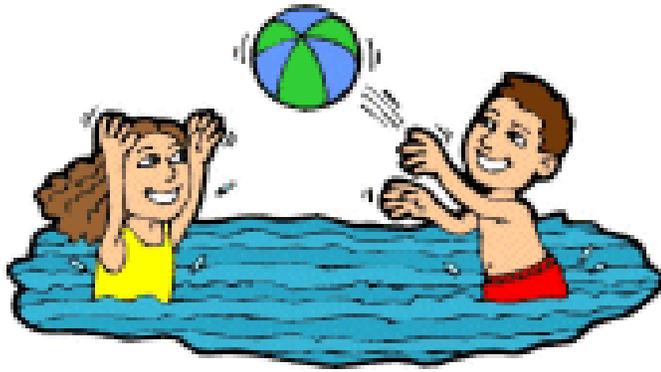
We'll meet June 21 10:00 a.m. City Hall.

Casting Call

Call for children 3 and older to perform in a dance routine at our 4th of July festivities.

The dance will be choreographed by Andi Freeze who has completed 7 years of dance instruction with Diane's School of Dance.

In addition to Andi, two members of the Houston Lake Arts Group will assist in learning fun and simple dance movements. Practices will be held at city hall: Tuesday June 3, 6:00 pm; Friday, June 13 6:00 pm; Friday, June 27 6:00 pm; Sunday June 29 2:00pm and Thursday July 3 6:00 pm. Dancers must attend at least 3 practices to perform with the group on the 4th. A parent(s) is (are) encouraged to attend or hang out at the children park.



Beach area

**The Fecal Coliforms Test performed
May 21st, 2014 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



How to Properly Remove Ticks: Common Myths and Foolproof Methods

MAY 13, 2014

It's going to be summertime soon, when the living is easy — unless you have a pet who will be spending lots of time in the great outdoors. Spring and summer are the most popular (and prolific) seasons for ticks, and they're a problem you should be prepared for. "Ticks are dangerous," says Dr. Rick Alleman, DVM, Ph.D., a researcher on vector-borne diseases and a professor of veterinary medicine at the University of Florida. "They transmit much more than Lyme disease." In fact, some can emit as many as four or five pathogens, and cause infections in humans and pets. If a large number of ticks infest a pet, they can suck so much blood that your pet can become anemic — a good reason to nip the prospect of ticks in the bud.



Fortunately, there are several products that can protect your pet from picking them up in the first place, as well as foolproof techniques to remove them. But there are also popular myths out there that won't actually fix the problem. Read on for expert advice on what you should do when ticks attack.

4 Common Tick Removal Myths

Petroleum jelly, burning them off, freezing them off, nail polish. These are just a few of the common folk remedies that pop up when you Google tick removal. And all of them won't work — and have the potential to further hurt your pet.

"These techniques are not viable options," says Dr. Alleman. "The problem is that I've never seen a tick back out. Their head remains embedded in the animal's skin." And this is precisely the problem with petroleum jelly and nail polish: Pet owners think that they can drown or kill the tick, but the head stays in place.

Then there's the burning method. Fact: Lighting a match anywhere near your pet is the very definition of playing with fire. "This should be common sense," says Sabrina Wehrhan, lead veterinary technician at St. James Animal Hospital in St. James, New York. "The dog has hair. The hair is going to go up in flames."

She also recommends not toying with the idea of freezing ticks, which some owners try to do by using an aerosol-based liquid freezing gel. "For one, you're not a veterinary professional, so you won't know how long to hold it on," says Wehrhan. "I've seen people just spray and spray."

The other myth Wehrhan has often heard: Once you successfully take a tick off, you can burn it. "The tick is actually toxic," she says, "When it pops, it can let off a toxic fume that can be harmful to pets and infants."

The Best Way to Remove a Tick

"Simply pull them out using tweezers or a tick remover," says Dr. Alleman.

The latter is a tool that's specially designed for safely and quickly removing ticks. "There are a couple of types," explains Dr. Alleman. "One functions as blunt-ended, plastic tweezers. The other I've seen is called the Tick Key, a little gizmo that resembles a bottle opener. The hole in it comes down to a very thin point, so you can kind of slip the tick into this hole, slide the tick down to the end and basically lift — just like you would remove a cap off a bottle — and it pulls the tick out."



Your technique is equally important: Start by parting your dog's fur where you see a tick, and then "pull it out by the body, so as not to twist or pinch the head off," says Dr. Alleman.

And be sure to take extra care if you're using a tick-removal aid, like tweezers. "With tweezers, you need to be careful that you don't squeeze the head and neck of the tick so hard that you break it," he says. Instead, apply enough pressure to grab the body right where the head and neck attach — and don't leave the head embedded.



Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake "2014 Yellow Bracelet"!!

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2014 Yellow Bracelet in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2014 Yellow Bracelet.

No Fishing in the Beach Area.

To get your 2014 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 2014 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.

Extreme Heat: A Prevention Guide to Promote Your Personal Health and Safety

Extreme Heat Prevention Guide - Part 1

HIGHLIGHTS

- Elderly people (65 years and older), infants and children and people with chronic medical conditions are more prone to heat stress.
 - Air-conditioning is the number one protective factor against heat-related illness and death. During conditions of extreme heat, spend time in locations with air-conditioning such as shopping malls, public libraries, or public health sponsored heat-relief shelters in your area.
 - Get informed. Listen to local news and weather channels or contact your local public health department during extreme heat conditions for health and safety updates
 - Drink cool, nonalcoholic beverages and increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level.
 - Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable yet annually many people succumb to extreme heat. Historically, from 1979-2003, excessive heat exposure caused 8,015 deaths in the United States. During this period, more people in this country died from extreme heat than from hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes combined. In 2001, 300 deaths were caused by excessive heat exposure.
 - People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to compensate and properly cool themselves. The body normally cools itself by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating just isn't enough. In such cases, a person's body temperature rises rapidly. Very high body temperatures may damage the brain or other vital organs.
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- Several factors affect the body's ability to cool itself during extremely hot weather. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Other conditions related to risk include age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug and alcohol use.
 - Because heat-related deaths are preventable, people need to be aware of who is at greatest risk and what actions can be taken to prevent a heat-related illness or death. The elderly, the very young, and people with mental illness and chronic diseases are at highest risk. However, even young and healthy individuals can succumb to heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather. Air-conditioning is the number one protective factor against heat-related illness and death. If a home is not air-conditioned, people can reduce their risk for heat-related illness by spending time in public facilities that are air-conditioned.
- Summertime activity, whether on the playing field or the construction site, must be balanced with measures that aid the body's cooling mechanisms and prevent heat-related illness. This pamphlet tells how you can prevent, recognize, and cope with heat-related health problems.

- **What Is Extreme Heat?**

- Conditions of extreme heat are defined as summertime temperatures that are substantially hotter and/or more humid than average for location at that time of year. Humid or muggy conditions, which add to the discomfort of high temperatures, occur when a "dome" of high atmospheric pressure traps hazy, damp air near the ground.

Extremely dry and hot conditions can provoke dust storms and low visibility. Droughts occur when a long period passes without substantial rainfall. A heat wave combined with a drought is a very dangerous situation.



- **During Hot Weather**

- To protect your health when temperatures are extremely high, remember to keep cool and use common sense. The following tips are important:

- **Drink Plenty of Fluids**

- During hot weather you will need to increase your fluid intake, regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. During heavy exercise in a hot environment, drink two to four glasses (16-32 ounces) of cool fluids each hour.
- **Warning:** If your doctor generally limits the amount of fluid you drink or has you on water pills, ask how much you should drink while the weather is hot.
- Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol, or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.

- **Extreme Heat Prevention Guide - Part 2**

- **Replace Salt and Minerals**

- Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body. These are necessary for your body and must be replaced. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, non-alcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat. However, if you are on a low-salt diet, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage or taking salt tablets.

- **Wear Appropriate Clothing and Sunscreen**

- Wear as little clothing as possible when you are at home. Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself and causes a loss of body fluids. It also causes pain and damages the skin. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) along with sunglasses, and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels) 30 minutes prior to going out. Continue to reapply it according to the package directions.

- **Schedule Outdoor Activities Carefully**

- If you must be outdoors, try to limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours. Try to rest often in shady areas so that your body's thermostat will have a chance to recover.

- **Pace Yourself**

- If you are not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. If exertion in the heat makes your heart pound and leaves you gasping for breath, STOP all activity. Get into a cool area or at least into the shade, and rest, especially if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.



- **Stay Cool Indoors**

Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area. Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off. Use your stove and oven less to maintain a cooler temperature in your home.

Use a Buddy System

When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your co-workers and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness. If you are 65 years of age or older, have a friend or relative call to check on you twice a day during a heat wave. If you know someone in this age group, check on them at least twice a day.

Monitor Those at High Risk

Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others.

- Infants and young children are sensitive to the effects of high temperatures and rely on others to regulate their environments and provide adequate liquids.
- People 65 years of age or older may not compensate for heat stress efficiently and are less likely to sense and respond to change in temperature.
- People who are overweight may be prone to heat sickness because of their tendency to retain more body heat.
- People who overexert during work or exercise may become dehydrated and susceptible to heat sickness.
- People who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure, or who take certain medications, such as for depression, insomnia, or poor circulation, may be affected by extreme heat.



Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

Adjust to the Environment

Be aware that any sudden change in temperature, such as an early summer heat wave, will be stressful to your body. You will have a greater tolerance for heat if you limit your physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat. If you travel to a hotter climate, allow several days to become acclimated before attempting any vigorous exercise, and work up to it gradually.

Do Not Leave Children in Cars

Even in cool temperatures, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. Even with the windows cracked open, interior temperatures can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes. Anyone left inside is at risk for serious heat-related illnesses or even death. Children who are left unattended in parked cars are at greatest risk for heat stroke, and possibly death. When traveling with children, remember to do the following:

- Never leave infants, children or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- To remind yourself that a child is in the car, keep a stuffed animal in the car seat. When the child is buckled in, place the stuffed animal in the front with the driver.
- When leaving your car, check to be sure everyone is out of the car. Do not overlook any children who have fallen asleep in the car.

Use Common Sense

Remember to keep cool and use common sense:

- Avoid hot foods and heavy meals—they add heat to your body.
- Drink plenty of fluids and replace salts and minerals in your body. Do not take salt tablets unless under medical supervision.
- Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing and shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella.
- Limit sun exposure during mid-day hours and in places of potential severe exposure such as beaches.
- Do not leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car.
- Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets, and leave the water in a shady area.

• Extreme Heat Prevention Guide - Part 3

• Hot Weather Health Emergencies

- Even short periods of high temperatures can cause serious health problems. During hot weather health emergencies, keep informed by listening to local weather and news channels or contact local health departments for health and safety updates. Doing too much



- on a hot day, spending too much time in the sun or staying too long in an overheated place can cause heat-related illnesses. Know the symptoms of heat disorders and overexposure to the sun, and be ready to give first aid treatment.
- Heat Stroke
- Heat stroke occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. The body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106°F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

Recognizing Heat Stroke

Warning signs of heat stroke vary but may include the following:

- An extremely high body temperature (above 103°F, orally)
- Red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating)
- Rapid, strong pulse
- Throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Unconsciousness

What to Do

If you see any of these signs, you may be dealing with a life-threatening emergency. Have someone call for immediate medical assistance while you begin cooling the victim. Do the following:

- Get the victim to a shady area.
- Cool the victim rapidly using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously.
- Monitor body temperature, and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F.
- If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions.
- Do not give the victim fluids to drink.
- Get medical assistance as soon as possible.

Sometimes a victim's muscles will begin to twitch uncontrollably as a result of heat stroke. If this happens, keep the victim from injuring himself, but do not place any object in the mouth and do not give fluids. If there is vomiting, make sure the airway remains open by turning the victim on his or her side.

Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. It is the body's response to an excessive loss of the water and salt contained in sweat. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.



Recognizing Heat Exhaustion

Warning signs of heat exhaustion include the following:

- Heavy sweating
- Paleness
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fainting

The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke. Seek medical attention immediately if any of the following occurs:

- Symptoms are severe
- The victim has heart problems or high blood pressure

Otherwise, help the victim to cool off, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than 1 hour.

What to Do

Cooling measures that may be effective include the following:

- Cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Rest
- Cool shower, bath, or sponge bath
- An air-conditioned environment
- Lightweight clothing

Heat Cramps

Heat cramps usually affect people who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture. The low salt level in the muscles may be the cause of heat cramps. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion.

Recognizing Heat Cramps

Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms—usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs—that may occur in association with strenuous activity. If you have heart problems or are on a low-sodium diet, get medical attention for heat cramps.

What to Do

If medical attention is not necessary, take these steps:

- Stop all activity, and sit quietly in a cool place.
- Drink clear juice or a sports beverage.
- Do not return to strenuous activity for a few hours after the cramps subside, because further exertion may lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.
- Seek medical attention for heat cramps if they do not subside in 1 hour.

Sunburn

Sunburn should be avoided because it damages the skin. Although the discomfort is usually minor and healing often occurs in about a week, a more severe sunburn may require medical attention.

Recognizing Sunburn

Symptoms of sunburn are well known: the skin becomes red, painful, and abnormally warm after sun exposure.

What to Do

Consult a doctor if the sunburn affects an infant younger than 1 year of age or if these symptoms are present:

- Fever
- Fluid-filled blisters
- Severe pain



Also, remember these tips when treating sunburn:

- Avoid repeated sun exposure.
- Apply cold compresses or immerse the sunburned area in cool water.
- Apply moisturizing lotion to affected areas. Do not use salve, butter, or ointment.
- Do not break blisters.

Heat Rash

Heat rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. It can occur at any age but is most common in young children.



Recognizing Heat Rash

Heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. It is more likely to occur on the neck and upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases.

What to Do

The best treatment for heat rash is to provide a cooler, less humid environment. Keep the affected area dry. Dusting powder may be used to increase comfort.

Treating heat rash is simple and usually does not require medical assistance. Other heat-related problems can be much more severe.

This information provided by [NCEH's Health Studies Branch](#).

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Minutes of May 21, 2014 Meeting

Board Members Nick Jackalone, Keith Carey, Jan Jackalone and Ron Haines were present. Gary Halterman was excused as he was out of town. Association members attending were Sue Haines, Mary Head, Joe Chepren and Janette Boehm.

President Nick Jackalone told the members that he had sprayed the thistle on the peninsula with Round Up. He thought he might have to do another round later.

Pres. Nick thanked the Board and volunteers who helped with the City cleanup. No tires, TVs, batteries, oil or paint are accepted. Wood is accepted but has to be brought to the dumpsters for disposal.

Joe Chepren brought us up to date on the siltpond. It seems there are more rules and regulations in place now then the last time the silt pond was worked on. He will have to work with Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Corps. Of Engineers to get any permits in place before the work can begin.

There will be no June Meeting.



**The Boat ramp is closed and a chain is across it.
If you want to put your watercraft in the lake at the
boat ramp call**

Nick Jackalone 587-0028 or

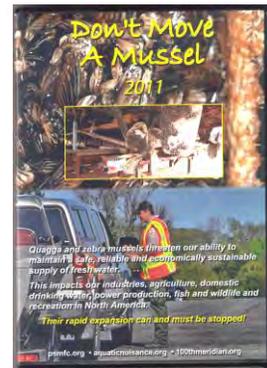
Ron Haines 699-5906.

The Dept. of Conservation has a 72 minute DVD called "Don't Move A Mussel".

**Anyone interested in viewing it at their leisure can borrow it. It describes the
life history of the mussels and the impacts they have to our local lakes.**

**Also, a segment on the proper way to inspect and decontaminate watercraft
and equipment such as trailers.**

Call Nick or Ron for a copy.



Stop Aquatic Hitch Hikers!

Once the **Zebra Mussels** have come into our system and taken over, there is very little
we can do about it.

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.

Clean all recreational equipment.

This spread is preventable.

Prevention will cost less than maintenance.

What you can do to protect your interest.

You need to clean, drain and dry your watercraft equipment.

Before you put your watercraft in Houston Lake, please call Nick Jackalone
or Ron Haines.

From the Desk of the City Clerk:

USER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT/ONE GRINDER PUMP

Our sewage grinder pumps are aging. We are seeing a few more pump failures than we did when our systems were new. We now know there are a few things that can be done to help prevent premature failures. It is recommended that you use a liquid detergent for laundering.

CARE AND USE OF YOUR GRINDER PUMP

The Environment/One grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping a wide range of materials. Regulatory agencies advise the following items should not, however, be introduced into any sewer, either directly or through a kitchen waste disposal unit:

Glass, diapers, socks, rags or cloth, metal, plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.), seafood shells, sanitary napkins or tampons.

In addition, you must NEVER introduce into any sewer:

Explosives	Strong Chemicals
Flammable Material	Gasoline
Lubricating Oil/Grease	

Do not use caustic solutions for drain cleaning. If you must use a drain cleaner, use an enzyme cleaner.

PERIODS OF DISUSE

We have found that in very cold weather, a pump can potentially freeze-up if there is no water usage in the house. If you are going to be gone during the cold weather, we would recommend that you have a friend, neighbor or relative run some hot water down the sink every day or two. This seems to keep the pump from freezing

CAUTION: DO NOT DISCONNECT POWER TO THE UNIT

POWER FAILURES

Your grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, keep water usage to a **MINIMUM**, please!

The Environment/One Grinder Pump is installed with a warning device. The yellow light should be removed and tested periodically. If you see a yellow pump light on, or the horn blowing on the Southside of the Lake, or if you have any questions about your sewer system, **PLEASE** call Mike Hallauer at 816-365-6469 or Marsha Duncan at 419-5051.

One last recommendation – **DO NOT** run your gutter down spouts or sump pumps into your sewer system.

THANK YOU
Marsha Duncan
City Clerk

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.

2014 Holiday Schedule:

Pick-up Day

New Years (Wednesday 1-1-14)
Memorial Day (Monday 5-26-14)
Independence Day (Friday 7-4-14)
Labor Day (Monday 9-1-14)
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-27-14)
Christmas (Thursday 12-25-14)
New Years (Thursday 1-1-15)

Thursday 1-2-14
Thursday 5-29-14
Wednesday 7-2-14
Thursday 9-4-14
Wednesday 11-26-14
Wednesday 12-24-14
Wednesday 12-31-14

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
April 14, 2014

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on April 14, 2014 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.
Oaths of Office were given to Aldermen Jean Anderson and Dan Coronado.
Congratulations on your re-election!!

Public Discussion

No public discussion

Minutes March 17, 2014

The March, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

Recreational burning permits for 5382 NW Wagon Trail (Mayor Hallauer recused himself), 5379 NW Edgewood Trail and 5463 NW Venetian Drive were approved by the Council. A Permit for a deck at 5382 NW Edgewood Trail was also approved by the Council. A recreational burning permit for 5452 NW Venetian was tabled by the Council in need of further information.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.
The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$313,661.78.

Resolution 04-14-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 04-14-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported income of \$7,118.78 for the month of March, 2014.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a police report from 3-1-14 to 3-31-14.

Emergency Management

Dan Coronado reported that he attended a Platte County luncheon regarding the State of Health in Platte County. Platte County was rated as one of the best in providing services to its residents.

Old Business

None

New Business

- a. The City Council voted unanimously to renew the Copier Shops maintenance agreement.
- b. The City Council also approved allocating \$10,000 for the repair of potholes.
- c. Mayor Hallauer introduced Bill No. 041414-1, An ordinance repealing chapter 410. Flood hazard prevention, of the Houston Lake City Code an in lieu thereof Chapter 410, Flood hazard prevention is enacted:

Alderman Otte made a motion to put Bill No 014141-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No 041414-1, by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to put Bill No 041414-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

The City Clerk read Bill No 041414-1, by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to put Bill No 041414-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Anderson – Aye

Bill No 041414-1, Ordinance No 343 has passed

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman congratulated aldermen Anderson and Coronado on their re-election.

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson thanked all of the residents that voted for her in the election.

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that next month was the Lake Clean-up day. The dates for this annual event will be May 17th and 18th.

b. Mayor Hallauer requested and received a proposal from Loren Head to paint, repair bad wood and power wash City Hall. The Council unanimously approved.

Closed Session

Mayor asked for a motion to enter in to a closed session for discussion of legal issues, RSMo 610.021(2). Alderman Cowan made such motion, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



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 August 5th, 2014 Primary Election is July 9th, 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



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: _____

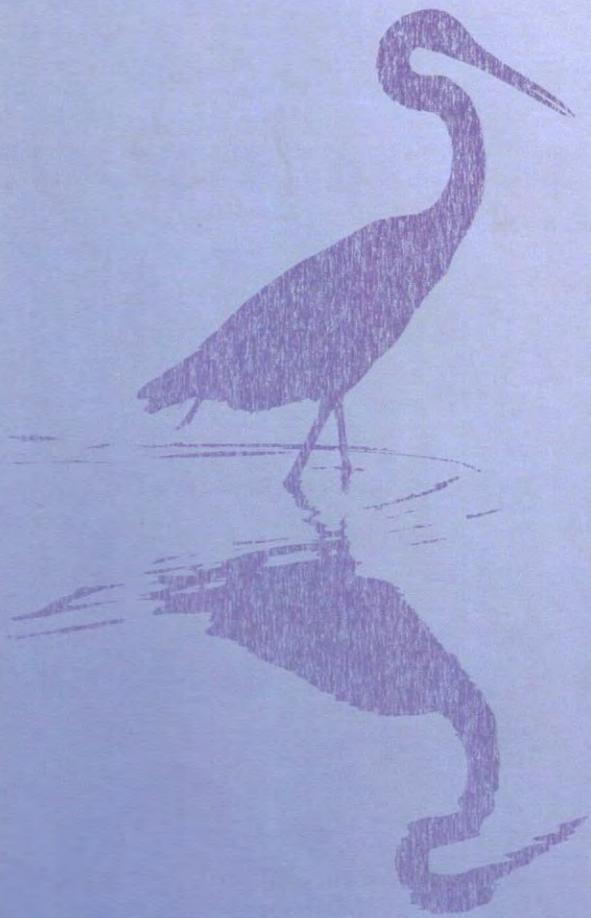
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I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Signature of Voter

Date

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