

**Happy 4th of July**

**Houston Laker July 2014**





# Community Events

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Recycling Day & Trash pickup Wednesday

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - Houston Lake 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Celebration**

**4:00 pm - BBQ Picnic**

**5:00 pm – Special Presentation by the  
Houston Lake Arts Circle**

**9:15 pm – Giant Fireworks Display**



July 14<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting  
7:30 p.m. – City Hall

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Board Meeting – 6:30p.m. – City Hall

July 30<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day

August 5<sup>th</sup> - Primary Election



Editor's Note: We would like to "thank" Andy  
for printing the three pages in color.



## **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.**

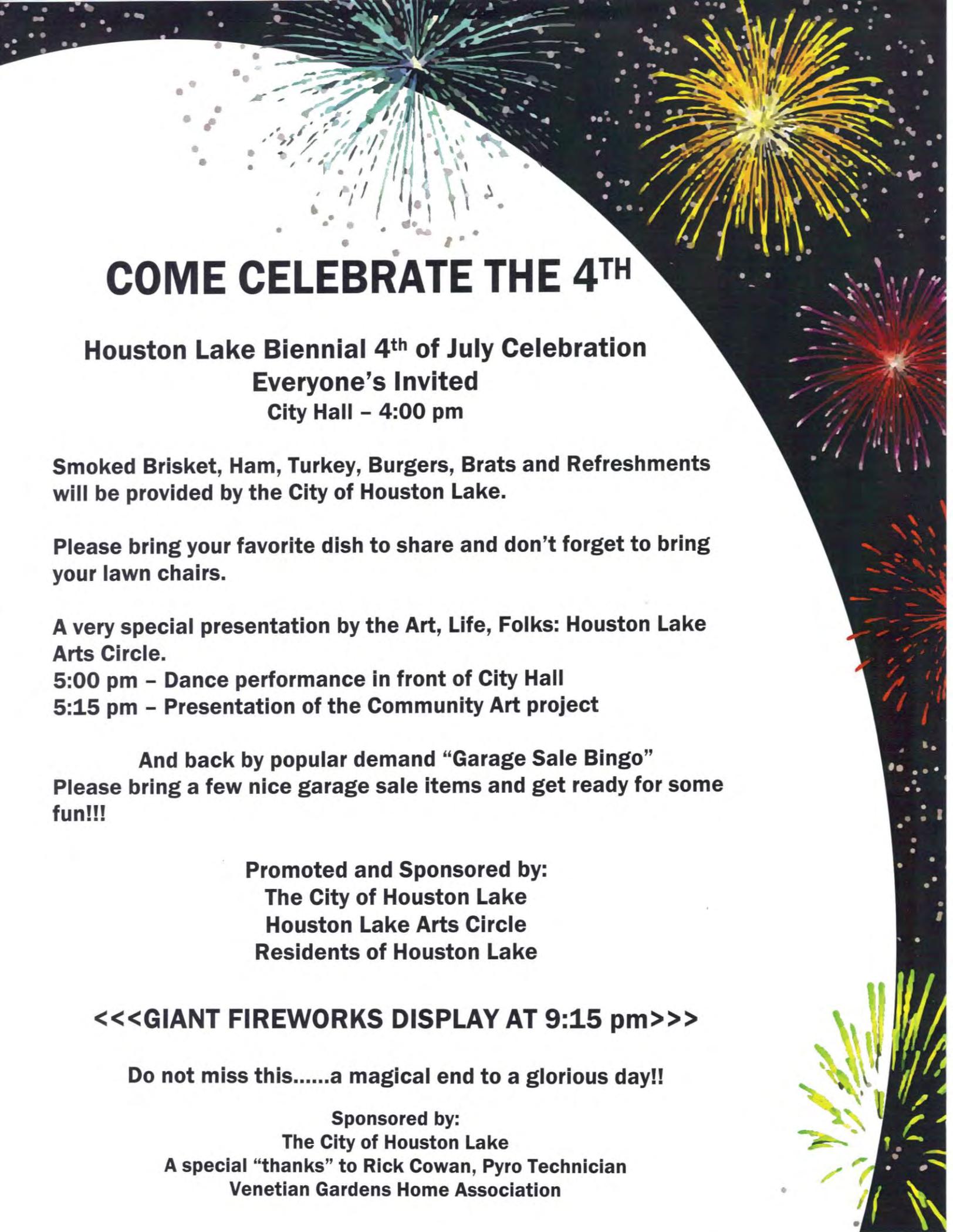
**E. Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:**

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

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

**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.**



# **COME CELEBRATE THE 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**Houston Lake Biennial 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration  
Everyone's Invited  
City Hall – 4:00 pm**

**Smoked Brisket, Ham, Turkey, Burgers, Brats and Refreshments  
will be provided by the City of Houston Lake.**

**Please bring your favorite dish to share and don't forget to bring  
your lawn chairs.**

**A very special presentation by the Art, Life, Folks: Houston Lake  
Arts Circle.**

**5:00 pm – Dance performance in front of City Hall**

**5:15 pm – Presentation of the Community Art project**

**And back by popular demand “Garage Sale Bingo”**

**Please bring a few nice garage sale items and get ready for some  
fun!!!**

**Promoted and Sponsored by:  
The City of Houston Lake  
Houston Lake Arts Circle  
Residents of Houston Lake**

**<<<GIANT FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 9:15 pm>>>**

**Do not miss this.....a magical end to a glorious day!!**

**Sponsored by:  
The City of Houston Lake  
A special “thanks” to Rick Cowan, Pyro Technician  
Venetian Gardens Home Association**

# WOW!!!!!!

For all of our new residents that want to know if we have fish in our lake.....here's your answer. Hunter Abernathy, the 12 year old grandson son of Carl D. Johnson, caught this 65 lb, 48 inch flathead catfish on May 24, 2014. He hooked it at 7:00 pm and landed him at 7:30 using a 20 lb test line. Along with this he also caught a 5 lb and a 15 lb catfish. Good Job Hunter!!!!

#catfishhunter

Houston Lake.....We got fish!!





## 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.



Watercolor "Raggedy Andy" by Jo King

# Arts

## Art, Life & Folks: Houston Lake Arts Circle

June 21 Meeting

### Minutes

Reviewed and approved April minutes with the following amendment.

Our mission statement is revised - To nurture, inspire, and share the creativity and talents of our Houston Lake community.

### Old Business

**Name for our group** - Good discussion about the various suggestions especially about the many meanings of the word Folk. We happily selected as our name - Art, Life, & Folks: Houston Lake Arts Circle.

**Independence day art project** - The art project is in process and will be finished on time for the July 4th presentation. We discussed the best methods for finishing the project.

**Independence day dance group** - Andi Freese is developing a choreographed dance that all ages can perform. They have a few more rehearsals before they will be ready. Performance is scheduled for 5pm on the 4th at City Hall.

### Independence Day Celebration

5:00 pm - Dance  
performance in front of  
City Hall

5:15 pm - Presentation of  
the art project

**Concrete Stage** - We tabled discussions about the fall art community event which will be on the new fireworks pad.

## **New Business**

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**Reports from City** ~ At the May City Council meeting Jean Anderson asked permission to keep a piano in City Hall for use during community activities. The City Council liked the idea and granted permission as long as the piano was a reasonable size and could fit in.

## **Adjourned**

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If you have been thinking about attending, join us for our next meeting July 19 10:00 a.m. City Hall.

# Beach area



**The Fecal Coliforms Test performed  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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



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### LAB REPORT

**Customer:** Sharron De la Fuente  
City of Houston Lake  
3440 NW Edgewater Tr.  
Kansas City, MO 64151

**Batch:** 122906  
**Report Date:** 6/23/2014  
**Received:** 6/19/2014

Lab ID	Sample Identification	Analysis	Result	Test Date
140619L010	Lake water 6/19/14	Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml)	40	6/23/2014
Methods:	Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml)	SM 9222D		

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
John Fontana, VP, Technical Services

Environmental conditions are controlled at Great Plains Analytical Laboratory. The analytical results pertain only to the submitted sample and may not be construed as an endorsement of the sampling method employed. This report may not be distributed or reproduced except in full.



Already, Missouri is facing the **crisis of summer for pets**.

Recently, a family pet was left locked in a car on a sunny day near a major St. Louis attraction. Although the outside temperature was 68 degrees and the windows were slightly open, the **temperature inside the car was 104 degrees**. Fortunately, an astute, off-duty member of the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force was passing by and alerted our team. We rescued the dog just in time.

This cautionary tale is a stark reminder that **pets left in parked cars in spring, summer or fall can be in grave jeopardy**. When the outside temperature is near or above 70 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach more than 100 degrees in a few minutes, even with the windows slightly open – life threatening for defenseless pets.

**You can help prevent these tragedies**. When an animal is in this kind of imminent danger, it can be considered an "exigent circumstances" situation; pets in jeopardy can and should be helped by immediately removing them from the car or area.

- During summer months, an animal in an unattended car (even with the windows cracked) **is** in imminent danger of serious injury and death.
- A dog panting, prostrate and lethargic chained in the direct sun **is** in imminent danger of serious injury and death.

When these life-threatening exigent circumstances occur, **action should be taken immediately** to remove the animal from that dangerous situation. Finding a child suffering in similar life-threatening situations, no police officer would hesitate to break a window or climb a fence to rescue that child. The situation is no different for a pet.

- The body temperature of a cat or dog left in a car or in direct sun can very quickly increase from a normal temperature of 101 to a life-threatening 105 degrees or more.
- The suffering and danger are severe and similar for pets and people – heart problems, liver and kidney failure, brain damage, even death as the blood literally boils.

**I respectfully ask you to issue a memorandum to all personnel in your department stating that they are expected and encouraged to help pets in these dangerous situations**. Quick action on their part can save the life of a helpless pet and the remorse and grief of careless pet owners.

The members of the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Task Force and I stand ready to help communicate this hot weather message to your department, assist when animals are in peril and offer our expertise in other animal-related situations. Thank you for your cooperation.

With kindest regards,

Kathryn W. Warnick  
President

Humane Society of Missouri  
ANIMAL CRUELTY HOTLINE  
**314-647-4400**

P.S. Enclosed is a supply of our Hot Weather Danger cards, which should be distributed to your department personnel. The cards can be placed on car windshields or given to local merchants, churches and other locations where people can be made aware of this important information. Please contact 314-951-1567 if you would like to receive additional copies of this card.

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**May 12, 2014**

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

**Public Discussion**

Resident Nick Jackalone asked if the City had an easement on personal property. He was informed that there is no such easement. He also stated that the brush on Edgewater would be picked up and that Todd Lagessie will be driving one of the City trucks on Lake Clean-up Day.

**Minutes April 14, 2014**

The April, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

A recreational burning permit for 5452 NW Venetian Drive was approved by the Council.  
A permit for an alteration to a garage at 5400 NW Wagon Trail was tabled by the Council in need of further clarification.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.  
The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$310,501,96  
The City Council also approved to raise the City Budget by \$10,000

**Resolution 05-12-14 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 05-12-14 unanimously.

**Collectors Report**

No Collectors report

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

No report from the Platte County Sheriff's Department.  
Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly presented the Council with a February, 2014, report.

**Emergency Management**

No report

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

The City Council approved to “pay forward” \$10,000 for a Mill and Overlay CD and \$5,000 to a City Sewer CD,

## **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – No report

**Alderman Otte** – No report

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado thanked everyone for their thoughts, kindness and support after his surgery.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson told the Council that the Arts Council is asking people to save their junk mail of good quality for an arts project. They will be collecting this at City Hall on Clean-up Day at 10:00am. She also told the Council that the Arts Council had an opportunity for a free piano for City Hall and if an offer came again would they allow it. The Council agreed at this prospect. And the Arts Council had very good feedback on their survey. The next Arts Council meeting they will decide on a name for their group.

## **Mayors Report**

- a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that he had received a complaint from a resident regarding “dog waste” that was left in their yard. The Mayor also told the Council that he read an article that apartments and cities are watching a law that allows waste to be tested for DNA and the owner of the dog would face very heavy fines. In our City, the Codes Enforcement Officer sends a letter of warning.
- b. Mayor Hallauer read a very warm and wonderful “Thank You” card that the City received from Kay Honeycutt and her family regarding the passing of her father.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

# HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the

“Primary Election”

Tuesday, August 5th, 2014

at



## WEXFORD PLACE

6500 N. Cosby Ave.

From I-29: west on Hwy 45 (64<sup>th</sup> 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

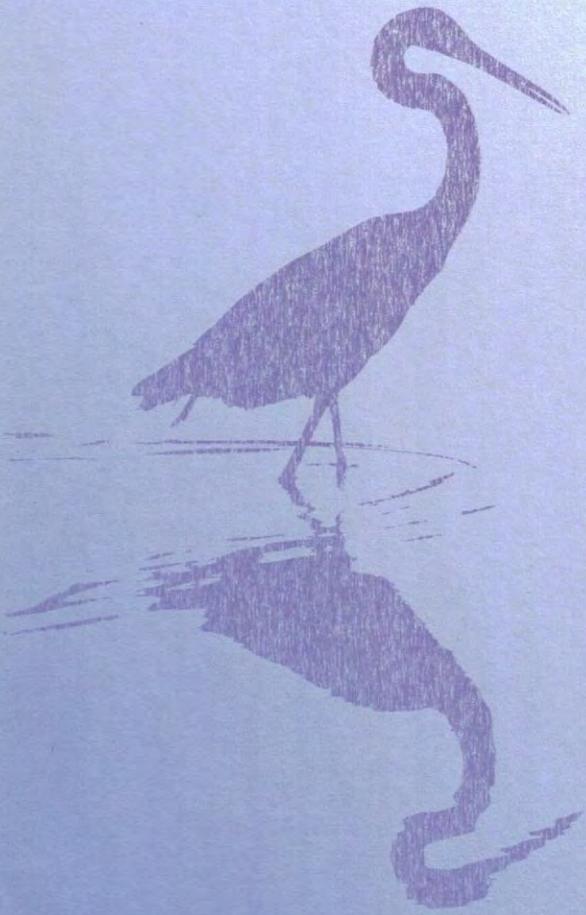
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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### Hello Neighbors!

My name is Andy Spottswood. I moved to Houston Lake with my wife, Chelsea and our son, Reed in 2011. Since then, we have found this to be a great home and community for our family to thrive and prosper. We want to make our in-home services available to you. Having been in the sign and banner industry since 1999, I have always desired to start a small business with my family. I think you will find that our prices and services are reasonable and always fair. I hope you will consider us for any of your sign, banner or large-format printing needs.

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