

Houston Laker



September 2014

September

Community
Events

Sept. 1st -



Sept. 4th - Thursday Trash Pick-up day

Sept. 7th -



Sept. 8th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm. – City Hall

Sept. 20th - Arts, Life & Folks Event
10:00am – City Hall

Sept. 22nd -



Sept. 24th - Recycle Day

GRANDPARENTS fill the world with LOVE



"A song for Grandma and Grandpa"

Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you
I love all those little things that you say and do
A walk through the park, a trip to the zoo
Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you

- 1) Going to a ball game, fishing on the lake
- 2) Eating Grandma's cookies, boy they sure taste great
- 3) Going to the circus when it comes to town
- 4) Eating cotton candy and laughing at the clowns

Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you
I love all those little things that you say and do
A hug and a kiss, a ride home from school
Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you

- 5) Spending time together, talking on the phone
- 6) Happy birthday presents, chocolate ice cream cones
- 7) Photographs and memories, picnics and parades
- 8) Saying that you love me in so many ways

Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you
I love all those little things that you say and do
The stories you tell, things I never know
Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you

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"Shuttle Cock at Quick Paint" by Linda Kramer, india ink

Arts

Art, Life & Folks: Houston Lake Arts Circle

August 16 Meeting

Minutes

Reviewed and approved July minutes.

Treasurers Report

We have \$36.25 in our treasury. Wendy said she'd make a donation jar for our future events.

Old Business

October Pumpkin Fest - scheduled for Wednesday October 29. We will have pumpkin decorating for the kids, hand crafted scarecrow contest and a pumpkin food pot luck. Linda will ask the Hen House if they will donate pumpkins. Chelsea and Jo will facilitate the sign up for the scarecrow contest and will get judges. Pam will help organize the pot luck and recipe share.

December Caroling - Discussed an early December open house and sing-a-long or caroling. We need to set a date and do additional planning.

February Valentine Fundraiser - Tentatively scheduled for Sunday February 8 at 2pm. We need to name this event and do additional planning.

New Business

Communications - We discussed how we can communicate our events and keep in touch with interested folks. Jean will research and bring back ideas for the September meeting.

Folks Share Art & Life

Wendy Thompson's KC Mystery Train will open "Magical Murdery Tour" September 5th at Golden Ox in Westport. www.kcmysterytrain.org.

Linda Kramer participated in KC Big Picnic Quick Paint at Nelson - Atkins. The opening for all Quick Paint entries, including Linda's, will be the evening of October 3, MWE Inc, 1720 Wyandotte St.

Adjourned

If you have been thinking about attending, join us for our next meeting September 20 10:00 a.m. City Hall.



2014 HHW Mobile Collection Schedule

Events run from 8 a.m.–noon

Check RecycleSpot.org to confirm locations

April 5	Independence, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. <i>Walnut and Liberty near the Square</i>
April 19	Blue Springs with Grain Valley and Jackson County* <i>Pink Hill Park</i>
May 31	Excelsior Springs with Lawson <i>Excelsior Springs Public Works</i>
June 21	Harrisonville with Pleasant Hill and Cass County <i>Cass County Justice Center</i>
Aug. 9	Belton with Raymore and Cass County* <i>Belton Freshman Center</i>
Aug. 16	Smithville with Clay County <i>Smithville High School</i>
Aug. 23	Platte County with Weston and Platte City <i>Platte Ridge Park</i>
Sept. 13	Richmond <i>Richmond City Hall</i>
Sept. 27	Gladstone* <i>Happy Rock Park</i>
Oct. 4	Riverside with Parkville* <i>E.H. Young Park</i>
Oct. 18	Liberty* <i>Liberty City Hall</i>

***ABOP** collection event (only **Antifreeze**, **Batteries**, **motor Oil** and **Paint** are accepted)

NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED

Residents of member communities may attend any of the collection events.

2014 REGIONAL

Household Hazardous Waste

COLLECTION PROGRAM



*It's your HOME.
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HOW YOU CAN SAFELY
DISPOSE OF TOXIC
HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS



Missouri Permanent Collection Facilities

	CITY of KANSAS CITY, MO. 4707 Deramus (just south of the Chouteau Bridge in the east river bottoms) 816/513-8400	CITY of LEE'S SUMMIT, MO. 2101 SE Hamblen Rd. (at the Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park) 816/969-1805
HOURS	No appointment required. Thursday, Friday 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.	Appointment required. Open on first Saturday of the month, 7 a.m.–noon; third Wednesday of each month, year round, 2–6:30 p.m. (paint only on Wednesdays). 100-pound limit per visit.
WHO	No charge for residents of Regional HHW Collection Program participants. Must bring ID with proof of residency. <i>Residents of non-participating communities may access for a fee.</i>	
ACCEPTS	Automotive products, antifreeze, batteries, CFL light bulbs, fertilizers, flammables, fuels, hazardous cleaners, hazardous liquids, household cleaners, lawn & garden products, paint, pesticides, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, solvents, thinners, used oil.	
DOES NOT ACCEPT	Prescription drugs, explosives, yard waste, commercial waste, pressurized gas cylinders, items containing asbestos, tires, appliances.	

For information on *Kansas area facilities*, visit RECYCLESPO.TORG or call 816/474-TEAM

About the Regional HHW Program



The Regional HHW Collection Program provides convenient access to proper HHW disposal for all residents of participating communities. Residents may take HHW products to the permanent collection facilities in Kansas City, Mo., and Lee's Summit, Mo. at no charge. Residents may also attend **ANY** of the mobile collections held throughout the year. **Proof of residency is required.**

**RESIDENTIAL WASTE ONLY
NO BUSINESS WASTE ACCEPTED**



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To find out if you live in a participating community, call the HHW program coordinator at 816/701-8226, or visit RecycleSpot.org's HHW section.

If you live within the MARC Solid Waste Management District (Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri), and your city or county is not participating in the program, please contact your city council or county commission.

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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 - 816-365-6469 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

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



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VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Looking for Volunteers

President, Nick Jackalone = 816-587-0028, Vice President, Keith Carey = 816-746-4472,

Treasurer, Gary Halterman = 660-492-2068, Secretary, Jan Jackalone = 816-587-0028,

Board Member, Ron Haines = 816-699-5906

Venetian Gardens Homes Association is looking for volunteers to help with projects around the lake. Please call President Nick Jackalone or one of the Board Members to give your name and phone number to.

Thank You

Beach area

The Fecal Coliforms Test performed August 18th, 2014 by Sharron DeLaFuente at the beach is considered Normal. The Fecal Coliforms is 34, anything under 200 is good.

It is safe to swim at the beach.

Children under 14 years of age require Adult supervision when using the beach area.

State Law

Be sure you wear your yellow identification bracelet, when using the beach area.



Venetian Gardens Homes Association



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.

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For more information call Editor Mary Head 816-741-5639.

HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD HARD AT WORK

President Nick Jackalone stated that there were some conversations going around about the Board wasting the members' money. He pointed out that the Board seriously takes its obligation to take care of the lake with the dues collected. He said that the Board is very open about their activities. From the Minutes in the Houston Laker, any member can tell what is going on or by simply attending the meetings.

He pointed out some of the activities that were done on the lake in the past couple of years.

- We placed additional mulch at the children's swing set at the beach.
- We placed private property signs at the beach area, along the road to the bridge and at the Mayor's Park.
- We replaced shelter house supports at the Mayor's Park and at the beach.
- We had tree limbs and branches at the Bridge removed so traffic could have clear view of oncoming traffic.
- We spent \$29,000+ in repairing the spillway.
- We replaced the night light at the beach shelter and added a light at the Mayor's Park.
- We removed dead trees from the water.
- We removed trees and brush from the peninsula.
- We left the porta potty for year round use.
- We replaced the encapsulated floats and re-secured the ramp at the beach.
- We placed a Suggestion Box outside City Hall.
- We've taken steps to keep Zebra Mussels out of our lake.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE OF FILING _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

1. Are you currently a paid up member of the Homes Association?
2. What is your experience serving on previous Boards?
3. List activities/experiences that you have been involved with at Houston Lake that may give you an advantage serving on the Board?
4. What work or outside experiences can you draw from that will help you serve effectively?
5. What areas/issues do you consider most important for the future of the Homes Association?
6. Tell why you would like to serve on the Board of Directors of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association.

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

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on July 14, 2014 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and Rick Cowan. Alderman Jean Anderson was excused.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided.

Public Discussion

Many residents were present to discuss their concerns and/or opposition to the closing of the spillway bridge. Many ideas were presented regarding the current traffic and speeding problems on the dam such as “more speed bumps”, “more police presence” or “Cert team monitors”. Resident Terri Deister will present a petition at the next City meeting in opposition to the closing.

Resident Evadene Judge requested help in a clogged up drainage ditch in her neighbor’s driveway that results in water rushing down her driveway and into her garage. Residents offered to help and to approach the neighbor in question to resolve the problem.

A resident reported that there have been many reports of someone shooting wildlife on the lake. Geese and turtles have been shot. Canada Geese are protected under law with a \$10,000 fine and jail time. If anyone sees an incident like this, please contact the Platte County Sheriff’s Department.

Minutes April 14, 2014

The June, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

No permits

Treasurers Report

The treasurers’ report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$303,266.69.

Resolution 07-14-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 07-14-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

City Collector, Joyce Kullman submitted a report of an June collection of \$12,024.35.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff’s Repo

A report was submitted from the Platte County Sheriff’s Department for the month of June, 2014.

Codes Enforcement Officer, Mitch Kelly presented the Council with a June, 2014 report.

Emergency Management Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado said that the 4th of July fireworks went well without any real serious incidents. He encountered one resident that resisted the “road closed” sign on the dam but he explained to the resident this was for public safety.

Houston Lake Emergency Management was accepted as a formal member of the MARC Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee.

The Office of the Houston Lake Emergency Management was also accepted as a NOAA Weather Ready Nation Ambassador partner committed to improving the community and nation’s readiness against extreme weather, water and climate events.

Dan Coronado will also be attending the Platte County Managers meeting at the Platte County Resource Center.

Old Business

a. Mayor Hallauer opened the discussion regarding the closure of the spillway bridge. He said that this has been an issue for a long time. Many residents have voiced their concern of the danger they have experienced with the heavy and speeding traffic. The Council voted to close the bridge but the question has been over the permanence of the closure. In case of emergencies such as heavy snow storms or blocked streets from extreme storms, a better idea would be to have gates that could be opened if needed. Another major concern for the City is the damage that the bridge is incurring because of the heavier traffic. This bridge was not made to sustain the added traffic. The issue remains that this is a matter of convenience or safety. This will be a matter of discussion at the next City meeting.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer opened the 2014-2015 Budget Hearing. He presented the Council with the 2014-2015 Budget. Alderman Cowan made a motion to accept the new budget, A seconded by Alderman Otte. All were in favor. The new 2014-2015 budget was passed.

b. A Resolution was introduced by Mayor Hallauer to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Alderman Coronado, seconded by Alderman Otte. Motion passed

c. A Resolution to honor the late Mayor Charlie Hinson of the City of Lake Waukomis was read by the City Clerk. Alderman Cowan made a motion to accept the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Coronado. Motion passed.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan expressed his thanks to the VGHA for allowing the use of the peninsula for the 4th of July fireworks display. He also thanked the City for the funding and the Emergency Management Team.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte said the 4th of July fireworks display was wonderful and the best ever.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said that he witnessed a resident shooting bottle rockets at geese and the killing of a goose by a pellet gun. He reported this to the Missouri Department of Conservation as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. The resident was also cited by the Platte County Sheriff’s Department for the firing a bottle rockets within the city limits. Any resident witnessed hitting a goose by car, killing or maiming it will be reported to the Missouri Department of Conservation. Again, this is against the law, Migratory Bird Treaty and does have a \$10,000 fine and jail time.

Alderman Anderson - Excused

Mayors Report

Mayor Hallauer said that the 4th Of July Celebration was a huge success.

Closed Session

Alderman Phil Otte made a motion to enter in a closed session under RSMo 610.021(3) for personnel issues, all were in favor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Friday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Closed

FROM:



September is Children's Health Month at Live Blue Zona Rosa. To encourage children to begin leading healthy lifestyles at an early age, we're offering fun, free events for children and their families the entire month!

Kid's Kraze Tuesday, September 2 at 5:30 p.m. The Kid's Kraze equation starts with upbeat pop music, adds effective exercises and fun moves, equaling a total blast! This high-energy fitness class is recommended for children ages four to 12.

My Picky Eater: Cooking Demo with Hy-Vee Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Do you know a picky eater? Are you frustrated and looking for cooking ideas that are healthy and kid friendly? Join your Barry Road Hy-Vee dietitian for healthy recipes and tips for even the pickiest of eaters!

Children's Cooking Session: Power Balls! Saturday, September 20 at 2:30 p.m. At this session, children will learn to make this fun, on-the-go snack that is simple to make, healthy and tastes great! This is a hands-on, interactive workshop that allows parents and children to make and taste this wonderful snack. Our take on "power balls" are preservative, gluten and dairy free!

Tough Talks: How to Have a Difficult Conversation with Your Child Saturday, September 27 at 11:30 a.m. Kids love to talk and ask questions, so let them! A healthcare professional from North Kansas City Hospital will provide recommendations on this challenging topic, backed by her decades of experience talking and working with children. This class is for parents/guardians only.

Join us this month to try a new fitness or well-being class. Check out all of the classes Live Blue has to offer on our monthly [calendar](#) or by calling

816-395-2828.

CLASSES AND EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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		Chair Yoga 10:30 - 11:00 AM	Ab Lab 10:30 - 11:00 AM	Band and Resistance Class 11:00 - 11:30 AM	Sit N Fit 10:30 - 11:15 AM	Live Blue Bike Club 7:00 - 9:00 AM
		Kid's Kraze 5:30 - 6:00 PM	ZUMBA® 5:30 - 6:30 PM	Cardio Blast 5:30 - 6:00 PM	Basic Yoga 12:15 - 12:45 PM	BE-ginner Run Club 8:00 - 9:30 AM
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