

Houston Laker

**Happy
Thanksgiving**



November 2014



November



Community Events

Oct. 29th - Pumpkin Festival – City Hall
6:30pm – scarecrow Parade
7:00pm – Pumpkin Potluck Feast
8:00pm – Music
8:30pm - Bonfire

Sunday Nov. 2nd, at 2:00am.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Move Your Clocks Back One Hour!!!



Nov. 4th - General Election Day

Nov. 10th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm – City Hall

Nov. 11th - 

Nov. 15th - Arts, Life & Folks Events
10:00am. – City Hall

Nov. 19th - Recycling Day

Nov. 27th - 



Houston Lake 2nd Edition Cookbooks on sale.

*All the recipes in this book are from people here on the
Lake and they are used every day by local folks.*

*The Cookbooks would make a wonderful
Christmas gift to someone special.*

*This is a one of a kind gift - cookbooks are passed from
one generation to the next generation,
and are forever treasured.*

Prices for the 2nd Edition Cookbooks are:

3 = Cookbooks for \$10.00

2 = Cookbooks for \$8.00

1 = Cookbook for \$5.00



*All the proceed will go to the Art, Life & Folks:
Houston Lake Arts Circle*

*To purchase your Cookbooks please call Mary Head - 816-741-5639,
Thank You & Happy Holidays*



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

August 26, 2014

I'm happy to announce that the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency approved our application to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) on August 26, 2014.

This milestone is important because no one may purchase flood insurance unless their community participates in NFIP. Standard homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding.

Now we have the option to protect our property from the floods associated with storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact us in Missouri.

Building owners and tenants in Houston Lake may purchase insurance protection for

buildings and contents against losses from future flooding. Insurance may be purchased from any insurance agent or broker licensed to do business in Missouri.

Flood insurance rates are set nationally and do not differ from company to company or agent to agent. These rates depend on many factors, which include the date and type of construction of your home, along with your building's level of risk.

You may read more about flood insurance and the NFIP at www.FloodSmart.gov.

Jean Anderson
Alderman

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**For more City and Homes Association Info
go to**

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For Your Information

SECTION 210.285:

DISCHARGING AIR GUN, ETC.

Any person within the limits of this City who shall discharge any BB gun, spring gun, paint gun or air gun or shall shoot any pebble, bullet, slug, arrow or other hard substance by means of a sling, crossbow, rubber band or bow or any other means shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation; provided however, that this Section shall not apply to any person or organization authorized by the City of Houston Lake to possess and discharge such devices for the purpose of waterfowl pest control. (Ord. No. 303, 9-12-05)

JOHNNY CASH - RAGGED OLD FLAG LYRICS

I walked

through a county courthouse square On a park bench, an old man was sittin'
there. I said, "Your old court house is kinda run down, He said, "Naw, it'll do
for our little town". I said, "Your old flag pole is leaned a little bit, And
that's a ragged old flag you got hangin' on it". He said, "Have a seat", and I
sat down, "Is this the first time you've been to our little town" I said, "I
think it is" He said "I don't like to brag, but we're kinda proud of That Ragged
Old Flag "You see, we got a little hole in that flag there, When Washington took
it across the Delaware. And It got powder burned the night Francis Scott Key sat
watching it, Writing "Say Can You See" It got a rip in New Orleans, with
Packingham & Jackson Tugging at it's seams. And It almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, But she waved on though. She got cut with a sword at
Chancellorsville, And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill. There was Robert E. Lee
and Beauregard and Bragg, And the south wind blew hard on That Ragged Old Flag
"On Flanders Field in World War I, She got a big hole from a Bertha Gun, She
turned blood red in World War ii She hung limp, and low, a time or two, She was
in Korea, Vietnam, She went where she was sent By her Uncle Sam. She waved from
our ships upon the briny foam And now they've about quit wavin' back here at
home In her own good land here She's been abused, She's been burned, dishonored,
denied an' refused, And the government for which she stands Has been scandalized
throughout out the land. And she's getting thread bare, and she's wearin' thin,
But she's in good shape, for the shape she's in. Cause she's been through the
fire before And I believe she can take a whole lot more. "So we raise her up
every morning And we bring her down slow every night, We don't let her touch the
ground, And we fold her up right. On second thought I *do* like to brag Cause
I'm mighty proud of That Ragged Old Flag"

Lyrics taken from http://www.lyricsmode.com/lyrics/j/johnny_cash/ragged_old_flag.html

Venetian Gardens Annual Meeting October 15, 2014

A potluck dinner started the evening and was enjoyed by all. It was a special occasion for Betty Delafluente who celebrated her 83rd Birthday!

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. All Board Members were present. There were 22 members in attendance, one Absentee Ballot and 4 Proxy Votes. The Minutes from the April Semi-Annual meeting was approved.

President Nick Jackalone thanked the Board Members for their time and service to the Association this past year. He also apologized to those members who were not pleased with how repairs, or how things got done on the lake. He also explained why additional private property signs were placed on the lake.

Pres. Nick stated that he was retiring from the Board and so the Voting was begun to approve three Board Members and a New President. Gary Halterman, Ron Haines and Larry Haines were all approved by a majority and Larry Haines was approved as President.

Retiring President, Nick Jackalone, called Larry Haines up to pass the position of President onto him. President Larry Haines and Board Members thanked Nick for his time on the Board.

Next on the agenda, Jean Anderson, representing the Arts, Crafts and Folks Group, asked permission for the use of the peninsula for the upcoming Autumn Fest. The group wanted to have a burning pit while they read stories and enjoyed roasting marshmallows. Pres. Larry asked if the children would be supervised and he was assured they would. The Board agreed to allow use of the peninsula and the concrete pad.

The Proposed Budget for 2014-2015 was reviewed. Rick Cowan asked for time to address the costs of the fireworks display he puts on every other year. It was voted by majority to budget \$750 for 2014-2015 for fireworks. Mr. Cowan will provide the Board a copy of his costs for the show.

By a show of hands, the Budget for 2014-2015 was approved.

The Annual Homes Association Dues was voted on and by majority \$295.00 will be the dues for 2015.

Pres. Larry discussed the 5 and 10 year Plan which included keeping up with the Brush and trees on the lake. Rick Cowan stated that he met with the Dept. of Conservation and they suggested using Rodeo on the peninsula and planting fescue to prevent erosion. Jan Jackalone, who works for Scotts Miracle-Gro said the company has and will donate RoundUp and fescue grass seed as needed.

Pres. Larry said he also intends to keep the Board happy and work more with the City. He would like to see more younger people volunteer.

Pres. Larry asked the members for their ideas. Cleaning out the inlets, the silt pond and horseshoe and dredging the lake were brought up. Mr. Connell offered his boat dock to anyone who would take it.

The Board also reminded the members there is a suggestion box outside City Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Happy Thanksgiving

Your Venetian Gardens Homes Association Board

Larry Haines, President

Keith Carey, Vice President

Gary Halterman, Treasurer

Jan Jackalone, Secretary

Ron Haines, Board Member



**City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
September 8, 2014**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on September 8, 2014 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado, Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

The legality of gravel parking pads was discussed. Parking pads are not prohibited and changing that status could affect many residents around the lake that depend on parking space.

A concern was discussed about water seeping over Houston Drive. That area is not part of the City. The City cannot arbitrarily or legally repair or alter property that is not in their jurisdiction. The Mayor has contacted MODOT on this issue. Chuck Stone added that “their water is going into our lake”.

Minutes August 11, 2014

The August, 2014 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A permit for a fence at 5363 NW Wagon Trail was approved by the Council. A second permit for a fence at 5418 NW Venetian Drive was approved by the Council with the proviso that there is an agreement between the neighbors for the placement of the fence prior to the construction.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers’ report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$272,662.69.

Resolution 09-08-14 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 09-08-14 unanimously.

Collectors Report

City Collector Joyce Kullman reported deposits of \$8,963.92 for the months of July and August, 2014.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff’s Report

The Platte County Sheriff’ Department submitted reports for the months of July and August, 2014.

Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report for July/August 2014.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado reported he’s looking into getting some Emergency Response equipment through donations from Target, K-Mart and Walmart. He also attended a Damage Assessment and Crowd Control class.

Old Business

- a. Greg Sager, the Director of Platte County Public Works, spoke to the Council about the MODOT spillway bridge inspection report. Mr. Sager explained the report in detail and said that if we kept up with the maintenance of the bridge that it should last. He also talked about the different financial options the City would have in replacing the bridge. 80% of the cost would be covered by federal and county funds and 20% would be the cities responsibility. He did mention, however, there could be technical challenges over a spillway. It was noted that the bridge rails do not meet any safety standard. All maintenance and repair costs are solely on the city.
- b. Mayor Hallauer submitted to the Council a proposal from Modern Paving Systems for repair of the roads. The Council voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

New Business

- a. Two proposals for a salt spreader were submitted to the Council. One proposal from American Equipment Company is for \$3,990.00 and the other from Knapheid Truck Equipment for \$5,880.00. The Council voted unanimously for the American Equipment proposal.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan asked if everyone got their notice from Google Fiber regarding the reversal on their decision to not lay cable.

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte reminded everyone to keep their dogs on leashes.

Alderman Coronado – No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson reported that SEMA has accepted our application for the National Flood Insurance Program and it will be finalized soon. She also said that the Arts Council will have a pot luck and Pumpkin Fest on Wednesday October 29. All residents are invited to join the festivities.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Hallauer told the Council that they started on a Grant for widening the corner on Jeffrey Lane. This grant is through the Platte County Stormwater grant program.
- b. The school bus company has a new safety director. The director will review spillway bridge safety concerns with their drivers.
- c. The City received a “thank you” card from Janice Henson, the wife of Charlie Henson, Mayor of Lake Waukomis, who passed a few months ago. She wrote that after seeing Houston Lakes Community Garden, Charlie was inspired and created a community garden for Lake Waukomis.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS

Cast Your Official Ballot of the

“General Election”

Tuesday, Nov. 4th, 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.

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



Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional Amendment No. 2
Proposed by the 97th General Assembly (First Regular Session)
SCS HJR 16

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended so that it will be permissible to allow relevant evidence of prior criminal acts to be admissible in prosecutions for crimes of a sexual nature involving a victim under eighteen years of age?

If more resources are needed to defend increased prosecutions additional costs to governmental entities could be at least \$1.4 million annually, otherwise the fiscal impact is expected to be limited.

- YES
- NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 3
Proposed by Initiative Petition

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- require teachers to be evaluated by a standards based performance evaluation system for which each local school district must receive state approval to continue receiving state and local funding;
- require teachers to be dismissed, retained, demoted, promoted and paid primarily using quantifiable student performance data as part of the evaluation system;
- require teachers to enter into contracts of three years or fewer with public school districts; and
- prohibit teachers from organizing or collectively bargaining regarding the design and implementation of the teacher evaluation system?

Decisions by school districts regarding provisions allowed or required by this proposal and their implementation will influence the potential costs or savings impacting each district. Significant potential costs may be incurred by the state and/or the districts if new/additional evaluation instruments must be developed to satisfy the proposal's performance evaluation requirements.

- YES
- NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 6
Proposed by the 97th General Assembly
(Second Regular Session)
SS SCS HCS HJR No. 90

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to permit voting in person or by mail for a period of six business days prior to and including the Wednesday before the election day in general elections, but only if the legislature and the governor appropriate and disperse funds to pay for the increased costs of such voting?

State governmental entities estimated startup costs of about \$2 million and costs to reimburse local election authorities of at least \$100,000 per election. Local election authorities estimated higher reimbursable costs per election. Those costs will depend on the compensation, staffing, and planning decisions of election authorities with the total costs being unknown.

- YES
- NO

Constitutional Amendment No. 10
Proposed by the 97th General Assembly (Second Regular Session)
HJR No. 72

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to require the governor to pay the public debt, to prohibit the governor from relying on revenue from legislation not yet passed when proposing a budget, and to provide a legislative check on the governor's decisions to restrict funding for education and other state services?

State governmental entities expect no direct costs or savings. Local governmental entities expect an unknown fiscal impact.

- YES
- NO



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by appointment only

*I have enjoyed meeting neighbors around the lake and
Look forward to meeting You!*

*I have been in business over 25 years!
I have a full service beauty salon right in our very own
Neighborhood and offer a variety of services.*

*Hair Cuts, Perms, Hair Color, Highlights, Lowlights,
Brow Shaping, Waxing,, Paraffin for Dry Skin,
Manicures and Pedicures.*

*Consultations are always free!
Gift Certificates are available for all occasions!*



*The holidays are upon us. It's hard to believe it's that time
of year already! I hope in your busy, busy weeks ahead,
you can take the time to enjoy the precious moments of
each day. I wish you peace and happy holidays!*

*Best wishes!
Marlene*