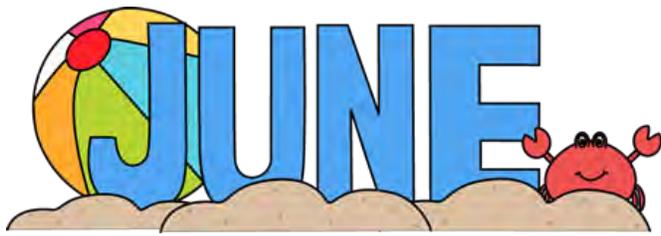


Houston Laker  
Happy Father's Day



June 2015



# Community Events

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Recycling Day

June 8<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting  
7:30pm. - City Hall

June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Houston Lake Arts Circle  
"Paper Mache Workshop"  
12:00pm - 2:00pm, City Hall

June 17<sup>th</sup> - Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Meeting 6:30pm - City Hall

June 20<sup>th</sup> - Houston Lake Arts Circle Meeting  
10:00am. - City Hall

June 21<sup>st</sup> - Happy Father's Day!

The graphic for Father's Day features a fishing rod with a red and white striped handle and a yellow reel. A fishing lure is attached to the end of the line. The text "Happy Father's Day!" is written in a green, bubbly font.

July 1<sup>st</sup> - Recycling Day

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day

The graphic for Independence Day shows two American flags on poles, with the poles crossed at the top. The text "Independence Day" is written in a red, serif font below the flags.

June 14<sup>th</sup>,  
FLAG DAY

The graphic for Flag Day features a waving American flag on a flagpole. The text "FLAG DAY" is written in a blue, sans-serif font below the flag.

June 21<sup>st</sup>,  
First Day of Summer

The graphic for the First Day of Summer features a smiling sun with sunglasses. The text "First Day of Summer" is written in a black, sans-serif font below the sun.

# DO NOT FEED THE GEESE



## Feeding The Geese

- Feeding attracts more than the area can support naturally.
- Human food is not good for the geese! Bread is awful for geese. They fill up on the wrong nutrients and don't consume the proper food they need to grow flying feathers, making it more difficult for the geese to migrate when they are supposed to!
- Someone who starts feeding just two geese can quickly turn those numbers into 50 geese!
- Geese in high concentrations are more likely to get diseases and parasites.
- Geese droppings harbor parasites that can cause human health problems.
- Goose droppings increase algae growth that, in turn, results in fish kills.
- Goose droppings are unsanitary, unsightly, and contain parasites irritating to humans.
- Geese eat plants needed for ground cover and erosion control.
- Goose-management costs taxpayers money.

## Did You Know?

About 12 or so years ago, there was no management of the geese and so by some well-intentioned hand feeders, they were fed and multiplied as well as those who came by way of migration and decided to stay. Before we knew it, you couldn't walk to the mailbox without side-stepping goose droppings. The MO Dept. of Conservation was called in and they allowed us to start a program to control the population. At that time, there were some 120 plus geese on and around the lake. Today, **thanks to volunteers**, the population remains under control. Please help and not feed the geese.



**Don't Forget  
Your  
Missouri  
Fishing  
License and a  
Houston  
Lake "2015  
Green  
Wristband"!!**

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2015 Green Wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2015 Green Wristband.

No Fishing in the Beach Area.

To get your 2015 Green Wristbands call Homes Association Treasurer, Gary Halterman 660-723-9356.

The Wristbands are FREE if your Homes Association dues are paid.

Guests of Residents must have that Residents 2015 Wristband with them when they are on or around the lake and Homes Association property.



**Homes Association Rules and  
Regulations**

1. Lake wristbands will be issued to lot owners who have paid the current years Homes Association fee. Lot owners will be responsible for all wristbands issued to their property.
2. Lake wristbands must be worn by Residents, Lot Owners and Guests. Wristband 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, seine net, gillnetting 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.

# VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION



President, Larry Haines = 816-506-1564, Vice President, Keith Carey = 816-746-4472,  
Treasurer, Gary Halterman = 660-723-9356, 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 Larry Haines or one of the Board Members to give your name and phone number to. Thank You**

*Venetian Gardens Homes  
Association meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>,  
6:30pm – City Hall*



**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 President Larry Haines or Board Member Ron Haines.**

**Thank You**

# **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.**

# **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)



Dance Recital with Andi Freese

# Arts

## Houston Lake Arts Circle

May 16 Meeting

### Paper Maché Workshop

Friday and Saturday June  
12 & 13, 12:00 - 2:00pm at  
City Hall.

We will sculpt animals  
that might be seen around  
our lake or in one's  
dreams. Adults and  
children 9 and older will  
enjoy! Guests are  
welcome, accompanied by  
a lake resident. Please  
Register before June 6.

### Minutes

Reviewed and approved April minutes.

### Treasurers Report

We received \$300 from the Garden Club, a new donation of \$50 and we spent \$5.18 for refreshments on the April Open House. The new balance is \$513.92.

### Old Business

**Time Capsule** - Jean Anderson collected some information for the time capsule to go in the quilt display box.

**Quilt Display Box** - Linda Kramer received a new bid for the display box for 313.45. The new proposal was discussed and approved. A memorial plaque for Mayor Jean Hallauer has been requested in connection with the recent donation for the display box.

**Paper Maché Sculpture Workshop** - No one signed up for the workshop yet so we'll published in this addition of the Houston Laker and will post again on Facebook.

**Open House** - Our honored artist and his wife seemed to enjoy the flow of 18 visitors during open house April 19. Gene and Linda shared how, when, and why some sculptures and machines were created. Linda will send a thank you card.

**Looking Out My Back Door** - Linda and Wendy may go around the neighborhood next week and deliver sign up sheets to encourage participation.

## **New Business**

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No new business to discuss this month.

## **Adjourned**

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

Please let us know if you would like to be added to our e-mail address list.

# Paper Maché Sculpture Workshop

**When: June 12 & 13**

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!



Title: "I Wish She Could Be Out My Backdoor!"  
This is an uncompleted example and height is 8".

**FOR WHOM:** You, if you are older than nine!

All levels of ability are wanted.

(You do not have to be able to draw a straight line!)

**WHO ELSE:** Bring a friend.

**WHY:** To have fun, try something new and get to know a neighbor!

**WHERE:** City Hall and WITH Houston Lake Art Circle (HLAC) friends!

**HOW:**

1. Register before **June 6** by completing the form on the back.
2. Place \$5 fee in envelop with completed a registration form.
3. Place your envelope in front door mail slot at city hall, give to HLAC member or mail to HLAC, Houston Lake, MO 64151.



**The Houston Lake Arts Circle wants YOU!!**

## **CALL TO ARTISTS**

### ***“Looking Out My Back Door”***

As many of you know, Houston Lake’s City Hall is being spruced up with a little redecorating. The Houston Lake Arts Circle has been asked to help. So, we are putting out a Call To Artists on the Lake—and that means YOU! We are asking for entries of artwork by our residents that can be displayed in City Hall for a limited exhibition.

***“Looking Out My Back Door”*** is the theme. The Grand Opening will be the weekend of **August 22nd and 23rd**. The accepted pieces may be displayed on a rotating basis, giving each artist some time to grace City Hall, and show off their view of our community, our home, our lake, as well as the artful life of Houston Lake’s people.

***What can you enter?*** It can be any artistic expression that reflects ***“Looking Out My Back Door”*** on our lake. For example: Sunrise or sunset over the lake, splashing water while swimming or playing, fishing, the animals we see or hear, the snow plow cleaning our streets, a party at Mayor’s Park, old trees of character, flower gardens, spring clean up, our fun and curvy roads, our homes, our kids, our gatherings, our holiday celebrations and well, you get the idea ... there are so many possibilities!

***How can you do that?*** Any artistic expression includes, but is not limited to, drawing, painting, photography, fiber arts, sculpture, film, video, music, poetry, storytelling and dance. We will have a review committee to determine appropriate artistic expression, exhibit scheduling and display criteria. Specific guidelines and details for submissions are on the entry form which follows.

***Still have questions?*** Come to HLAC’s monthly meeting to hear more, or call Linda Kramer, President at 816-225-4110.



Sponsored by Houston Lake Arts Circle (HLAC)  
 “Looking Out My Back Door”



Entry Form and Guidelines:

1. All Artwork must be original, created by the registered artist or artists. No more than two entries per artist or a group of artists, but more than one artist may submit from a single Houston Lake family.
2. The Call to Artists opens on **March 21, 2015** and submissions will be accepted at any regular monthly meeting of the HLAC. Extra entry forms are available then as well. All entry forms must be in by **August 1, 2015**. Entry forms may be mailed to the Houston Lake Arts Circle, c/o City Hall, 5417 N Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo 64151. They may also be dropped off at City Hall, or given to an HLAC board member, or delivered during the regular monthly meeting of the HLAC ( the third Saturday of the month at 10 am.)
3. Deadline for final delivery of entered pieces is **Sunday, August 16 between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm**, or by special arrangement via appointment with an Arts Circle board member. Delivery can also be made at any monthly meeting of HLAC at City Hall.
4. Visual art in two dimensions cannot exceed 30” x 36”. All two dimensional art will need to be museum wrapped canvas, or framed, and ready to hang with wire. HLAC does have some frames available for use in limited sizes—please inquire about using those.
5. Three-dimensional art, such as sculptures for indoor display cannot exceed 3’ x 3’, are to weight less than 50 pounds and must be free-standing. Sculptures for outdoor display cannot exceed 3’w x 6’h, must be freestanding and weatherproof.
6. Other art forms that need to be filmed or recorded cannot exceed ten minutes of performance time, and must be in a standard format. Permission will be asked to display these pieces on social media sites, as well as, at a City Hall Screening for the exhibit opening. Contact Rick Cowan with questions at 816-536-9282.
7. All accepted entries will be displayed during the opening weekend of “**Looking Out My Back Door**”. The review committee will determine the schedule that each piece will be on display following that and will notify the artist accordingly. All pieces must remain up during their scheduled time. All pieces will remain property of the artist. The artist is responsible for collecting their work when the exhibition ends. Any work not reclaimed after 4 weeks past the end date becomes property of HLAC.

**Complete both the following entry forms to submit. Submit Entry Form A to HLAC, attach Form B to your entry.**

**Looking Out My Backdoor: Entry Form A**  
 Sponsored by Houston Lake Arts Circle

(please print)  
 Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If a child, Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s signature \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Form of ART entering: Dance Performance Painting Sculpture  
 Poetry Photography Fiber Art Film Drawing Other

If other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of piece: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Physical description of piece:

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Media \_\_\_\_\_

Do you grant permission to have your submission on HLAC’s Facebook page?

YES  NO

HLAC will do our best to care for your entry. However, we will not be responsible for any damage that it may incur.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Looking Out My Backdoor: Entry Form B**  
 Sponsored by Houston Lake Arts Circle

(please print)  
 Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If a child, Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Form of ART entering: Dance Performance Painting Sculpture  
 Poetry Photography Fiber Art Film Drawing Other

If other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of piece: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Physical description of piece:

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Media \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**April 13, 2015**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on April 13, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Alderman Dan Coronado , Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson. Alderman Phil Otte was excused

**Opening Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided. Oaths of Office were given to Mayor Hallauer and Alderman Rick Cowen. Alderman Phil Otte's Oath of Office will be tabled for the next City meeting.

**Public Discussion**

Resident Chuck Stone said that the Sunshine request he made, a copy of the tape of the February meeting, did not contain the statement that he thought was there and he wanted the \$22.00 that he paid for said request refunded to him. Mayor Hallauer asked Mr. Stone if the Sunshine request was answered. Mr. Stone said yes, but he said that it was clearly "edited". Mayor Hallauer asked Mr. Stone if the \$22.00 was reasonable. Mr. Stone said yes. Alderman Cowan told Mr. Stone that to accuse anyone from the City of editing a tape was a "drastic" statement to make and if Mr. Stone thought that to be true he should hire an attorney or make a public apology to the City. Alderman Coronado told Mr. Stone that he himself had made the copy of the tape and that he recorded one to one the tape and the blank. He said he pushed the record button and that was it. Mayor Hallauer said that the City will consider the refund request.

Janette Boehm told the Council that another episode of an unleashed dog attacking her dogs as she walked them happened again. She also thanked the City for their attention on this matter. Mayor Hallauer and Mitch Kelly and Alderman Cowan agreed that the dog leash law needs to be revisited.

**Minutes March 9, 2015**

The March, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

A recreational burning permit was approved by the Council for 3409 NW Edgewater Trail.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.  
The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$336,562.67.

**Resolution 04-13-15 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 04-13-15 unanimously.

**New Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer suggested that Bill No. 030915-1, Amending Section 215.010 of the Houston Lake City Code, be removed from the floor for further research and review. A unanimous vote removed this bill.

b. Mayor Hallauer submitted a copy of a Maintenance Agreement issued by the Copier Shop for \$710.00. The Council approved the agreement.

### **Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a report for the months of February and March, 2015. Codes Enforcement Officer Mitch Kelly submitted a report of activity for the months of March and April, 2015.

### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he attended the National Weather Warning through a social media seminar, attended a 2 day Advanced Weather Warning Coordination class in Warrensburg, attended a 3 day National Incident Management All Hazards Strike team at the Johnson County EOC and a Natural Gas Pipeline Safety class. He also accepted an invitation to take the Homeland Security Community IED training.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Alderman Cowan praised the author of the article on Richard Connell that was in the Houston Laker. He also contacted MODOT and because I-29 does not pass through the city limits, the city has no authority involving “Jake Brake” signs. However, he said that Kansas City does have an Ordinance regarding the use of jake brakes, but so far he has found none. Mr. Cowan also presented a I-29 map for bridge improvements and lane closures that will be starting soon.

**Alderman Otte** –Excused

**Alderman Coronado** – Alderman Coronado told the Council that he observed some election signs on 2 vacant properties. He contacted the owners and was told that they did not authorize the placement of these signs. He removed these signs and returned them to their owner explaining that this was a state election violation of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson wanted to remind everyone that the Art's Council will meet on Saturday, 10:00 am at City Hall. On Sunday the Art's Council will host an Open House at 2:00 pm and Gene Charles will be talking about creating his folk art.

### **Mayors Report**

a. Mayor Hallauer said that Platte City has a Jake Brake ordinance because I-29 runs right through their city limits.

b. Mayor Hallauer mentioned that he would like to periodically have a “Public Forum” to voice any issues or concerns in a less formal setting than the City meetings.

c. May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the City Wide Spring Clean-up Day. A notice will be posted in the Houston Laker.

### **Closed Session**

Mayor Hallauer made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMo610.021 (3) for discussion of Personnel Issues, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



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*Best wishes!  
Marlene*