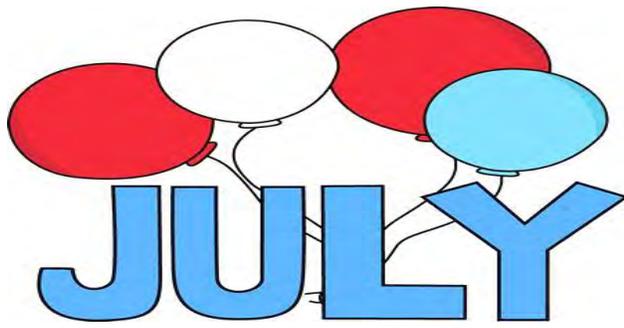




*Happy
4th
of July*

Houston Laker - July 2015



COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 1st - Recycling Day



July 4th -

July 13th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm - City Hall

July 18th - Houston Lake Arts Circle Meeting
10:00am - City Hall

July 29th - Recycling Day

There will NOT be a Fireworks display this year.

Wanted:

Houston Lake Home

FOR RENT to a nice family of 4
and a dog

Great Income and References

Any Condition Considered

2+ bed
1+ bath

Amber - 660.924.6102 (call or text)
chilesae@gmail.com

Beach area

The Fecal Coliforms Test performed June 11, 2015 by Sharron DeLaFuente at the beach are considered Normal.

The Fecal Coliforms is 96, 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

Venetian Gardens Homes Association



Customer: Sharron De la Fuente
City of Houston Lake
3440 NW Edgewater Tr.
Kansas City, MO 64151
e-mail: sbr-3440@att.net

LAB REPORT

9503 N Congress Ave, Kansas City, MO 64153
Phone: 816-891-7337 Fax: 816-891-7450
gpal@gpalab.com www.gpalab.com

Batch: 137025
Report Date: 6/16/2015
Received: 6/11/2015

Lab ID	Sample Identification	Analysis	Result	Test Date
1506110003	Beach swimming Dock 6/11/15 1:30pm	Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml)	96	6/16/2015

Methods: Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml) SM 9222D

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.

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)



Independence Day 2014 - Houston Lake Celebration

Arts

Houston Lake Arts Circle

June 20 Meeting

Minutes

Reviewed and approved May minutes.

Treasurers Report

No changes this month. The current balance is \$513.92.

Old Business

Mantle - Jean Anderson will get cost estimate. Final design in plain shaker style from cherry wood with a glossy finish and possible copper corners.

Quilt Display Box - has been ordered and should arrive soon. We'll need toggle bolts to support the weight. We'll also need help to hang the box when it arrives.

Paper Maché Sculpture Workshop - was cancelled, unfortunately too few people signed up.

Open House

Looking Out My Back
Door Open House

Saturday and Sunday
August 22 & 23 at City
Hall.

We will showcase the art
pieces submitted by our
residents.

New Business

Looking Out My Back Door - We have some entries and know more are coming soon. We are anticipating Mr Charle to have two entries as well.

Folks Share Art & Life

Linda is working on a Folk Art Sculpture and completed a painting, Jean is working on a pastel painting for Looking Out My Backdoor.

Adjourned

If you have been thinking about attending, join us for our next meeting July 18 10:00 a.m. City Hall.

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

CANADA GEESE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) are a modern success story for wildlife management. At one time, numbers of Canada geese were in serious decline. However, the actions of various wildlife agencies have brought their numbers in North America to an estimated 5,600,600 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2009).

Unfortunately, this dramatic increase in population has resulted in some negative consequences.

First, large numbers of geese leave large quantities of feces. A single goose can defecate every 20 minutes (Bowen and Valiela 2004) up to 1.5 pounds of feces each day (French and Parkhurst 2009). This problem is magnified when we realize that approximately 67% of those geese are non-migratory or resident geese (Dolbeer 2006). In other words, land and lakes frequently do not get a sustained rest from geese presence. If large numbers of geese congregate, one must wonder if there is a health risk related to the feces left on ground and in the water. French and Parkhurst (2009) note that "beaches and other public areas littered with accumulated goose feces have been closed due to the contamination or the threat of personal injury resulting from falls as people lose footing on the slippery material." So concerns regarding goose droppings are not simply speculative.



Many have raised concerns about the diseases found in the droppings of Canada geese. Photo Stephen M. Vantassel.

Human Health and Safety:

Many residents are concerned that Canada geese pose a potential threat to human health and safety. There has been speculation from public resource managers, citizens, and the media that Canada geese can transmit diseases to humans through direct contact with feces or through water-borne disease transmission. Although scientific studies have shown Canada goose feces to possess human pathogens such as *Cryptosporidium species*, *Giardia species*, *Salmonella species*, and *E. coli*, the potential risk of transmission to humans is not well understood. However, drinking water reservoirs and swimming areas have been temporarily closed due to high levels of *E. coli* attributed to goose feces.



Canada geese can be aggressive.

As a precautionary measure people are encouraged to minimize direct contact with goose feces, remove shoes prior to entering the home following contact, and wash hands thoroughly with an antibacterial soap. Additional examples of safety concerns include goose/aircraft collisions, traffic hazards, slipping on goose droppings, and being attacked by aggressive geese (which often occurs when people get too close to nests or goslings).

So, if you are at the beach with children, you can point out geese feces to them with instructions to stay away, and can tell them not to place their hands or fingers into their mouths while they are playing on the beach. Also, they need to wash their hands after leaving the beach and, even more importantly, before eating.

Please do not feed the Geese!



Fact sheet

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For a comprehensive list of our publications visit www.rce.rutgers.edu

<http://goaskalice.columbia.edu/geese-feces-health-risks>

<http://icwdm.org/handbook/birds/CanadaGeese/HumanHealth.aspx>

SUMMARY:

Canada geese in New Jersey and elsewhere provide a range of economic, recreational, aesthetic, and ecological benefits. However, these positive benefits are often overlooked because of negative impacts to agricultural crops and damage to residential, commercial and public property, and natural resources. Concerns raised by citizens, natural resource managers, and the media about possible human health and safety issues have also had an effect on the way Canada geese are now perceived by the general public.

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Venetian Gardens Homes Association Minutes

June 17, 2015

President Larry Haines called the meeting to order. All Board members were present and there were two members attending.

President Larry handed out two articles about the problems associated with goose droppings. This information will be printed in the Houston Laker for July. He mentioned that Janette Boehm and her volunteers did an excellent job keeping the geese population in control.

Pres. Larry also mentioned that the railroad ties were removed from the beach and the playground set will be removed weather permitting. Board Member Ron Haines volunteered to repair the swimming platform ladder that pulled loose.

There was a discussion about Homes Association easement. In June of 2014, there was a tree that fell and the homeowner assumed the Homes Association was responsible for the cleanup. At that time, President Nick Jackalone requested a clarification from our attorney, Jennifer Fain. She stated, "An easement does not make the HOA the owner of that portion of the land. An easement merely gives the HOA the right to do certain things... because the HOA does not own the property, it has no responsibility in the damage or clean up." A copy of the attorney's decision, per Pres. Larry's request was sent to the homeowner via email.

Treasurer Gary Halterman reviewed the budget. He also stated there were several members who were behind on their association dues and asked if the HOA should proceed with filing liens. It was agreed upon and the HOA will initiate the paperwork.

The HOA received notice that there was a property sold for taxes. Since the amount of dues still owed on the property is quite sizeable, Secretary Jan Jackalone asked for permission to contact an attorney to see what needs to be done to protect our lien and our interest. She is working on this.

Pres. Larry asked the Board about their thoughts on giving a decorative clock to the Arts Club who is in the process of decorating City Hall. It was decided to go ahead with it.

The next meeting will be held **September 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM**. We will be discussing items for the budget to be approved in our **annual meeting on October 21, 2015**.



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



Homes Association Rules and Regulations

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.



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.

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

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
May 11, 2015

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on May 11, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson. Alderman Dan Coronado was excused

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided. Oath of Office was given to Alderman Phil Otte.

Public Discussion

Resident and President of the Homes Association, Larry Haines told the Council that he hoped everyone appreciated all the hard work and effort that Dan Coronado has put into Houston Lakes Emergency Management.

Resident Gary Halterman asked the Council what determines when a building is condemned. Mayor Hallauer said that the City brings in an inspector to see if it's structurally sound. A letter from the City attorney is sent to the owner. If there's no response, then a summons is issued.

Resident Craig Sovereign voiced his concerns about safety issues of the "blind corner" at the 3400 block of Edgewater Trail. He suggested that maybe a traffic engineer could make some suggestions. Mayor Hallauer said that possibly a "warning sign" or a "speed bump" might be in order.

Minutes April 13, 2015

The April 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

Building permits for 5424 NW Venetian Circle for a deck and fence, 5413 NW Venetian Drive for a deck and 5408 NW Edgewood Trail for a deck were approved by the City Council.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$328,077.22.

Resolution 05-11-15 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 05-11-15 unanimously.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer spoke about the Hazard Mitigation Plan/Incident Action Plan for Citizens input. Information was made available for the public. One of the requirements from the Mid America Regional Council is for residents to review our mitigation plan.

The City is required to put together different scenarios such as tornados, flooding etc and put together a “plan” for each scenario.

b. Mayor Hallauer received a “Right of Entry Agreement” from Google Fiber to do a study on whether they can install their equipment in Houston Lake. The reason residents were contacted earlier to sign up was Houston Lake was listed as a subdivision of Kansas City. The City Council approved the agreement with Google Fiber.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff’s Report

The Platte County Sheriff’ Department submitted a report for the month of April, 2015. No Codes Enforcement report.

Emergency Management

Excused

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – Alderman Cowan reported that he received a final answer from MODOT regarding street signs limiting noise from Jake brakes. MODOT sent Mr. Cowan pictures of the signs and they read “Noise Ordinance Enforced”. As Mr. Cowan pointed out that the ordinance is not enforced.

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado – Excused

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson said that the quilt has been cleaned and is back. They are getting quotes on a display box and maybe a wall mounted box. The quilt will be folded in the display. She also wanted to remind everyone about the Paper Maché Workshop on June 12th and 13th. The next Art’s Council meeting will be tMY 16th at 10 am in City Hall. She also thanked everyone that attended the Open House.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Hallauer reported that the City mower was in the shop for repairs.
- b. The City clean-up is scheduled for this weekend.
- c. The timbers for the spillway bridge should be in around the 20th of this month. Residents will be notified when the bridge will be closed for repairs.

Closed Session

Mayor Hallauer made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (3) for discussion of Personnel Issues, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



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Marlene