

Houston Laker

Summer Time Fun on Houston Lake



August 2015



Community Events

*Aug. 10th - City Council Meeting & Tax Rate Hearing
7:30pm. – City Hall*

*Aug. 15th - Houston Lake Arts Circle Meeting
10:00am – City Hall*

*Aug. 22nd – Houston Lake Arts Circle
“Look Out My Back Door” Open House
4:00pm – 6:00pm – City Hall*

*Aug. 23rd - Houston Lake Arts Circle
“Look Out My Back Door” Open House
2:00pm – 4:00pm – City Hall*

Aug. 26th - Recycling Day

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 July 14, 2015 , by Sharron DeLaFuente at the beach are considered Normal.

The Fecal Coliforms is 72, 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



Great Plains
Analytical Laboratory

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: 138444
Report Date: 7/16/2015
Received: 7/14/2015

Lab ID	Sample Identification	Analysis	Result	Test Date
1507140008	Beach swimming dock 7/14/15 10:45am	Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml)	72	7/16/2015

Comments: Sample temp. on arrival (°F): 79.1



Wood sculpture by Gene Charles' father

Arts

Houston Lake Arts Circle

July 18 Meeting

Art Show Opens!

**“Looking Out My Back
Door”** Grand Unveiling

August 22nd & 23rd
Houston Lake City Hall

The opening gala will be 4
to 6 pm Sat, Aug 22, and
the party will continue
Sun, Aug 23, 2 to 4 pm

Talk to the artists and see
their work. Bring your
friends—we really want to
show off our local talent!

Minutes

Reviewed and approved June minutes.

Treasurers Report

This month we spent \$305.39 for the quilt display box. The current balance is \$208.53.

Old Business

Quilt Display Box - We received the quilt display box, it's all ready to install.

Decorating City Hall - We'll hang the quilt along with the Mayors' pictures and coat rack later today.

Looking Out My Back Door - The submission date for "Looking Out My Back Door" entry forms is August 1st. The finished art needs to be delivered by August 16th. Wendy will send extra entry forms with a reminder by email as well as post it on Facebook. If you have questions, or need extra forms, contact anyone on the Arts Circle.

Open House - We'll unveil the exhibit, and the new look for City Hall. This is a two day celebration, Saturday Aug 22, 4:00 – 6:00 and Sunday Aug 23, 2:00-4:00.

A second mini exhibit will feature Gene Charles's fathers awesome Folk Art sculptures.

New Business

Future Meeting Schedule - We've held administrative meetings monthly since we started the Arts Circle. Now that we are established we feel we don't need to meet as often. We're considering a quarterly or 6 times a year schedule for administrative meetings. We'll change our schedule after the Pumpkin Fest in October.

Folks Share Art & Life

Gene Charles shared a number of his metal sculptures and also some wooden sculptures his father made for him when he was a child.

Adjourned

If you have been thinking about attending, join us for our next meeting August 15 10:00 a.m. City Hall.

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

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Greg Dorsey
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Court Clerk

Sharon Brandt
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Codes Enforcement Officer

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

Houstonlake.net

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ARTICLE II. PERMITS

SECTION 500.100: BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

All persons desiring to construct, erect, alter or add to any building, boat dock, fences, road or drive or any structure in the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, must first obtain a building permit for such construction, alteration or addition from the Board of Aldermen of said City. (Ord. No. 282 §2, 10-14-02)

SECTION 500.110: PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All persons desiring to obtain such a permit shall submit an application with the complete plans and specifications and plot plan for such construction showing sizes, estimated cost and details of such proposed construction and the location of such construction upon the plot of land. No new dwelling construction or property line fence construction will be permitted until after certified surveys have been filed with the Board of Aldermen. Certified surveys will be required on all additions to old dwellings where the new construction will be closer to the property line than the old dwelling. (Ord. No. 282 §3, 10-14-02) Applications for a building permit may be obtained by leaving a message at City Hall, contacting your Alderman or calling City Clerk at 816-419-5051.

From the desk of the City Clerk:

“To All Residents of Houston Lake”

1. If any resident needs a trash container or a recycling contact the following people for a timely response and to avoid any confusion. Please leave your name, address and a phone number and the containers will be delivered to your home.

**Mayor Mike Hallauer –
816.365.6469**

Or

**City Clerk Marsha Duncan –
816.419.5051**

2. According to Ordinance 334, Section 230.025

Open Burning for Recreational Purposes

All residents of Houston Lake wishing to apply for an open burning permit can do so by downloading the application on our website Houstonlake.net or you may call 365.6469. After you have filled out the form, please slip it through the mail slot on the door at City Hall for review and approval by the City Council.

For Your Information

Vaccination:

The owner or keeper of any dog in the City of Houston Lake is required to have such animal vaccinated yearly against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

(Section 205.020 Municipal Code)

A certificate of vaccination can be given to any city official or placed in the mail slot at city hall.

Fishing:

It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, take, transport, ship, buy, sell, possess or use any fish from any body of water within the City without possessing a valid fishing permit issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This section shall not apply to any person 65 years of age or older or is 15 years of age or younger.

(Section 210.690 Municipal Code)

Parking:

No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the city limits of Houston Lake, MO.

(Chapter 300 - Schedule II, Municipal Code)

All-Terrain Vehicles:

No person shall operate an All-Terrain Vehicle upon the streets of this city.

(Section 340.110 Municipal Code)



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

**Lake
Residents**

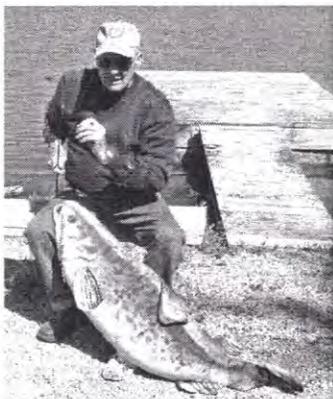
from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2015 Green Wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2015 Green Wristband.

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.

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Houston Lake, MO.

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Citizens may be heard on the property tax rates to be set in order to comply with Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 67.110 and 137.073 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

The proposed tax rate is based on information currently available to the City of Houston Lake. The tax adopted may vary from, but will not exceed the proposed rate.

	Prior Tax Year (2014)	Current Tax Year (2015)
Assessed Valuation (Real Estate/Personal Property)	\$2,864,936.00	\$2,950,432.00
Prior Tax Rate (2014) as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0 .6400	
Proposed Tax Rate (2015) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.6300
County Collection Fee \$0.016	\$18,335.00	\$18,587.00
	<u>- \$458.00</u>	<u>- \$472.00</u>
Revenue for General Fund	\$17,877.00	\$18,115.00

Pre-BOE

Date: July 24, 2015

Marsha Duncan, City Clerk

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Prior Tax Rate (2014) as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0 .7200	
Proposed Tax Rate (2015) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.7100
County Collection Fee \$0.016	\$20,628.00 - <u>\$458.00</u>	\$20,948.00 - <u>\$472.00</u>
Revenue for Fire Protection	\$20,170.00	\$20,476.00

Pre-BOE

Date: July 24, 2015 Marsha Duncan, City Clerk

**Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
As of June 30, 2015**

Income - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2015

General Fund	136,450.35	
Road Fund	6,274.92	
Grinder Pump Fund	8,887.35	
Fire Protection Fund	19,510.54	
Total		\$ 171,123.16

Expenses - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2015

General Fund	101,498.03	
Road Fund	10,799.89	
Grinder Pump Fund	6,565.95	
Fire Protection Fund	9,500.02	
Total		\$ 128,363.89

Total Funds as of June 30, 2015

General Fund	76,927.95	
Road Fund	1,733.49	
Grinder Pump Fund	2,852.47	
Fire Protection Fund	22,680.41	
Municipal Court Account	5,277.50	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
County Transportation Tax	53,874.11	
General Fund CD	23,592.94	
Grinder Pump CD	12,533.17	
Mill and Overlay CD	25,953.66	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,101.51	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,270.92	
Road Fund CD	57,646.62	
Sewer Fund CD	10,067.67	
Sewer Fund CD	5,007.56	
Total		\$ 329,039.73

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
June 8, 2015

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on June 8, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson and Dan Coronado.

Opening Session

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Hallauer presided.
The Council elected Alderman Phil Otte as Mayor Pro Tem.

Public Discussion

Resident Gary Halterman asked the Council if something could be done with the overhanging of foliage around some of the blind corners on the Lake. Mayor Hallauer said that because we do not have the proper equipment he will present 2 proposals to address this issue.
Resident Evedene Judge asked the Council if residents who did not have a grinder pumps were paying taxes for these pumps. Mayor Hallauer told her that just the people with grinder pumps pay into the Grinder pump fund.

Minutes May 11, 2015

The May 11, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

The Council approved a recreational burning permit for 5400 NW Wagon Trail.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.
The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$337,874.84.

Resolution 06-08-15 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 06-08-15 unanimously.

New Business

- a. Mayor Hallauer presented 2 proposals for reducing shrub height and clear from road for safety and visibility. Arbor Master's proposal was for \$235.00 per hour and Urban Tree Specialists was for \$215.00 per hour. The Council unanimously voted for Urban Tree Specialists.
- b. Mayor Hallauer presented the new Fire Protection Contract with the City Of Riverside. He also introduced the Fire Chief of Riverside Gordon Fowlston. Chief Fowlston said that because of new city attorneys in Riverside they wanted to make it for a 2 year contract instead of 3 years. He also said that he has really enjoyed the relationship he has had with the City of Houston Lake and looking forward to many more years. Mayor Hallauer made note that this new agreement was with no increase to the City. The City Council voted unanimously for the new Fire Protection Contract.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a report for the month of May, 2015.
No Codes Enforcement report.

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that regarding the bridge, he sent out 2 text casts notifying of the closure of the bridge for repair. He also said he appreciated any input into the MARC Mitigation plan. He attended a class in the Lake of the Ozarks on "Wide Area Search". New CERT training classes will begin in August 21, 22 and the 29th at the Platte County Resource Center, for people who are interested in attending. He also met with Keith Stammer, the EMD for Joplin and Jasper County. There will be a meeting for MEMC to set up new standards for Mutual Aid Agreements.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – Alderman Otte wanted residents to be aware of foxes in the area and to keep an eye on small pets. He also suggested that residents get rid of any honeysuckle as it is highly invasive.

Alderman Coronado – Alderman Coronado said that the bridge repair went smoothly and quickly. He also suggested that drain/road repair on Venetian Drive needed to be revisited as it is clogging again and may need a much larger drainage pipe.

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson wanted everyone to know that every resident is eligible for flood insurance because the City is part of the National Flood Insurance Program. You just need to speak to your Insurance agent if you are wanting this insurance and the rates should be reasonable. She also wanted to remind residents of the Arts Council's search for local art to display at City Hall. You must fill out an application and submit it to the Arts Council. The theme is "Looking out my backdoor".

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer said that a resident was told they could not get flood insurance. Mayor Hallauer gave a copy of a certified letter from SEMA/FEMA stating that the City is a member of the NFIP.

b. The bridge repair went well and the City is still working with the county for future proposals for the future of the bridge.

c. Mayor Hallauer wanted to recognize a "Random Act of Kindness". Resident Wendy Thompson donated several tomato plants to the Community Garden. They have been planted and are doing well. Thank you so much Wendy.

Closed Session

Mayor Hallauer made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMo610.021 (1) for discussion of Legal Issues, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



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your neighbor,
Marlene*