

**Houston Laker**

**Happy  
Labor  
Day**

**September 2015**



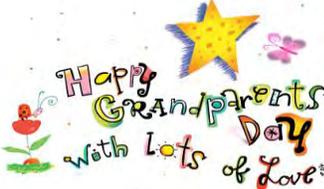
# September

# Community Events

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - **LABOR DAY**

Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - *Houston Lake Arts Circle Committee Meeting*  
10:00am – City Hall

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - *Thursday Trash Pickup Day*

Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - 

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - *City Council Meeting*  
7:30pm – City Hall

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - *Venetian Gardens Homes Association*  
*Board Meeting – 6:30pm, City Hall*  
*“to discuss input for 2016 budget”*

Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> - *Houston Lake Arts Circle Administrative Meeting*  
10:00am – City Hall

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - *Recycling Day*

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Fall is Here!**

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - **Houston Lake Arts Circle**  
**“Pumpkin Festival Party” – City Hall**

6:30pm – *Art Activities for all*





Long time residence of Houston Lake, Herb Mancos past away in his sleep on July 25, 2015.

He served in the Army as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne and was stationed in many places overseas on his tour of duty.

After completing his time in the service Herb became a building contractor, carpenter, electrician, plumber and roofer. He was also an artist which showed through in all of his other professions, everything he did had to be done and done right. Last,

but not least, in his line of professions he was a very well known and talented Chef.

Herb always had a very positive out look on life, he was a happy person and always had a smile on his face.

He will long be remembered by all of his family and friends.



New protected display for our Houston Lake Quilt.

# Arts

## Art, Life & Folks: Houston Lake Arts Circle

August 15 Meeting

### Minutes

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Reviewed and approved July minutes

### Treasurers Report

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No activity, current balance is \$208.53.

### Old Business

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Decorating City Hall - we are considering new options for a fireplace mantle. Wendy is looking online for options.

**Looking Out My Backdoor** - We will start installing the exhibit 8:30 Wednesday morning. All entries will be on display for the Art Show Opening this weekend. Approximately half will remain on display throughout the fall and winter, the other half will rotate in six months to display for spring and summer.

**Quilt box Time Capsule** - Jean sent Mary's notes to Wendy and Linda. Linda will format to install as the Story of Our Quilt.

**Art Show Opening** - We'll set up for the opening at 2:30 Saturday. Linda, Wendy, Jean and Kathryn will provide refreshments and other items for the opening.

## **New Business**

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**Pumpkin Fest** - We're considering dates for event; Sep 30th may be the best option. We'll finalize at planning committee meeting Sept 9th. Planned activities include "Scare Goose" yard decoration contest (scare-goose, like a scare crow, that will "help" keep geese out of your yard), harvest food pot luck, bonfire with scary stories, mask making activity.

## **Folks Share Art & Life**

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Linda's Watercolor Class at Wexford place is having their second annual art show with 20-30 paintings created by 7 students. 2:00 - 4:00 August 27 .

The Mystery Train has a new show opening September 4 - "*Our Brother's Caper*" at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

## **Adjourned**

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If you have been thinking about attending, join us for our committee meeting Sept 9 10:00 a.m. City Hall or our Administrative meeting Sept 19 10:00 a.m. City Hall, we'd love to have you join us.

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

# Arts

“Looking Out My Back Door ”

## Opening Weekend



# HOUSTON LAKE ARTS CIRCLE'S SECOND ANNUAL

# Pumpkin Festival

September 30, 2015

6:30 pm at Houston Lake City Hall

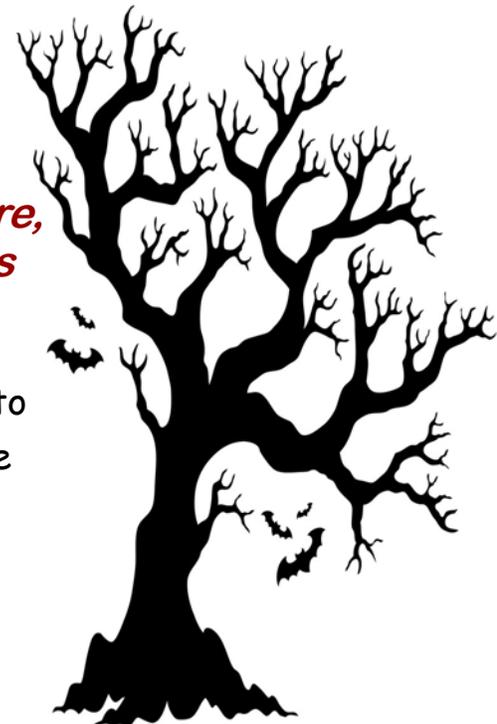
**It's Coming!** *Time for more fall fun!*

*We're planning: Mask-making, a Scare-Goose Contest, a Pumpkin Feast, some Music and a Bonfire, complete with marshmallows to toast, scary stories and more! Join us!*

Pumpkin Potluck Feast —Bring your favorite fall dish to share, along with the recipe. Let's all enjoy the fruits of the harvest and the talents of our neighborhood cooks! After dinner, there will be a BONFIRE on the peninsula (*weather permitting*) with marshmallows to toast and scary stories. Don't forget your lawn chair and a roasting stick!!



*A Houston Lake twist on a Scarecrow Contest—a Scare Goose Contest!* Prizes will be given for the most creative yard art that is made to scare the geese off your property, or offer them a refuge. Get your ideas ready! See entry form for details. Entry deadline Sept 16.



*So, mark your calendar —  
September 30th at 6:30 pm  
and don't forget to bring your friends and family!!*

# Consider Entering the “*ScareGoose*” Contest!

## What?

1. The **ScareGoose** Contest involves residents creating a *ScareGoose*, similar to a scarecrow! Your *ScareGoose* will “help” keep geese out of your yard! If your yard is a sanctuary for geese you might instead have a *welcoming sign or goose* in your yard!

## Who?

2. The judges will come to your family’s yard to view and select creative winners of the contest. Should you have a fence or dog limiting the access of judges into your yard, special arrangements can be made. The number of awards will depend on number of entries. More than one family member may enter.

## Creation?

3. There are no limits to size or materials as long as your **original** construction is harmless to the geese of Houston Lake.

## How?

4. **Design** your *ScareGoose*, **complete** your Entry Form and **Mail** to HLAC or **drop off** your Entry Form at city hall by September 16.

## When?

5. **September 16** is the deadline for displaying your finished *ScareGoose* and entering your form.

## Why?

6. Community Fall Fun Celebration!!

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## *ScareGoose* Entry Form (Please Print)

Sponsored by Houston Lake Arts Circle (HLACC)

Artist First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Creation choice; A *ScareGoose* or A Goose Sanctuary Location; Backyard Front Yard Side Yard; N E S W

Describe Physical Appearance \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Name of entry:” \_\_\_\_\_

I grant permission for this entry to be submitted to HLAC,s Facebook page. YES NO

Signature of an Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Due to City Hall September 16

# VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF FILING \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

You must be currently a paid up member of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association.

Why would you like to serve on the Board of Directors of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association? \_\_\_\_\_

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There are two vacancies for the Board term in October. The terms are for two years. Anyone interested in becoming a Board Member, please complete the application on this page and return to any Homes Association Board Member by October 1, 2015. Thank you

## **AUDITORS NEEDED**

We are in need of **three volunteers** to review the check book and other financial records for the Venetian Garden Homes Association.

As required by the By-Laws, an audit of the books must be completed prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held on October 21, 2015.

It is not an overwhelming task, probably an hour or two.

The President, Larry Haines and Treasurer, Gary Halterman, would be glad to meet at City Hall or at someone's home to get this job done.

So would you like to help out the Homes Association? And if you have done an audit before, you can offer your services again!

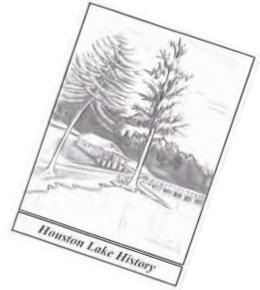
Call Gary Halterman 660-723-9356 and offer your services. It would be greatly appreciated.

# Houston Lake Cookbook & History Book

*Prices for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Cookbook and 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Houston Lake History Book are:*



3 = books for \$10.00  
2 = books for \$8.00  
1 = book for \$5.00



*To purchase your books please call Chuck Stone 816-305-3196 or email = [stoneredbone@aol.com](mailto:stoneredbone@aol.com).*

*Also you can call Mary Head 816-741-5639.*

*All the proceeds will go to the Houston Lake Arts Circle.*

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## Beach area

*The Fecal Coliforms Test performed August 13, 2015, by Sharron DeLaFuente at the beach are considered Normal.*

*The Fecal Coliforms is 7, 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*



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**Batch:** 139799  
**Report Date:** 8/18/2015  
**Received:** 8/13/2015

Lab ID	Sample Identification	Analysis	Result	Test Date
150813N020	Lake water 8/13/15 11:10am	Fecal Coliforms (cfu/100ml)	7	8/18/2015



# 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.

2015 Holiday Schedule:

Pick-up Day

New Years (Thursday 1-1-15)

Wednesday 12-31-14

Memorial Day (Monday 5-25-15)

Thursday 5-28-15

Independence Day (Saturday 7-4-15)

Wednesday 7-1-15

Labor Day (Monday 9-7-15)

Thursday 9-10-15

Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-26-15)

Wednesday 11-25-15

Christmas (Friday 12-25-15)

Wednesday 12-23-15

New Years (Friday 1-1-16)

Wednesday 12-30-15

# 2015 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid  
Recycling Cart**

January 14  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 6  
June 3  
July 1  
July 29  
August 26  
September 23  
October 21  
November 18  
December 16



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

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

**Opening Session**

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

**Public Discussion**

Homes Association President Larry Haines presented the Council with a new clock for City Hall. He also commended Alderman Dan Coronado for the outstanding job he has done for Emergency Management and presented Mr. Coronado with a check from the Homes Association.

**Minutes June 8, 2015**

The June 8, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

The City Council approved building permits for a deck and patio at 5539 NW Adrian and a deck and electrical upgrade for 3319 NW Edgewater Trail.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$329,039.73.

**Resolution 07-13-15 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 07-13-15 unanimously.

**New Business**

a. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with the new 2015-2016 City budget. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Otte to pass the 2015-2016 budget, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Anderson – Aye

Cowan – Aye

Motion passed

**Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

No reports

### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he was in contact with KCPL every two hours after the storm knocked out power for many residents at Houston Lake. He also will attend a Mass Fatality Class for first responders. He also attended a class on a Mennonite Disaster Recovery Service. This Team will come in after first responders in a disaster and help residents rebuild their homes if they did not have insurance.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – No report

**Alderman Otte** – No report

**Alderman Coronado** - No report

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson said the curb on NW Edgewater Trail looks really good after the trimming and it gives the perception that the road is wider. She also wanted to let people know that there will be an “Open House” on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2 pm at City Hall as an appreciation of the newly decorated City Hall. The Art’s Council is in its final stages of the “Call to Artist’s” for “Looking out your back door”.

### **Mayors Report**

- a. Mayor Hallauer said that the trimming of brush made a tremendous difference around the lake roads.
- b. The City lawn mower will be repaired soon.
- c. Mayor Hallauer noted that the storm that went through last week showed the need for a generator.

### **Closed Session**

Mayor Hallauer made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to RSMO610.021 (3) for discussion of Personnel, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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*Best wishes!  
Marlene*