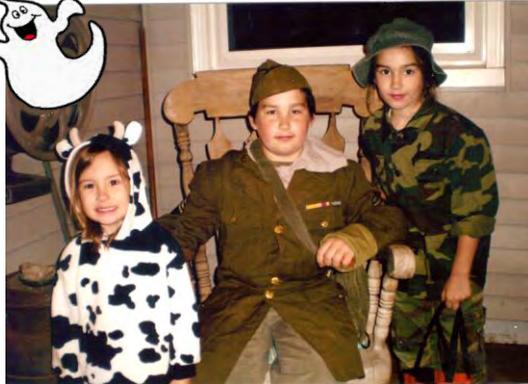


BOO Houston Laker BOO



October 2015

October

Community Events

Sept. 30th - Houston Lake Arts Circle

"Pumpkin Festival Party" - City Hall

6:30pm - Art Activities for all



Oct. 12th - Brush Clean-up

Oct. 12th - City Council Meeting

7:30pm - City Hall

Oct. 20th - Recycling Day

Oct. 21st - Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Annual Membership meeting, 6:30pm - City Hall

"Approval of 2016 Budget, new Board Members & Lake dues

Oct. 31st -





A long time resident, Jennie Tomlinson, 90
Houston Lake, passed Sept 12, 2015. Survivors include:
her sister, Laurie Ford, a great-niece, Lynzy Joseph and a
great-great nephew, Mason.

Arr: Cashatt FH 816-587-8200

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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!!*



ANNUAL BRUSH PICK-UP

The tree service will be in our area the week of October 12th. Please bring your brush to the edge of the street and they will feed it into their wood chipper. They will not be going into your back yard to retrieve your brush.

Do not block access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Place the larger ends of the branches toward the street as this will help speed up the process.

Tree branches larger than 10” (inches) in diameter will not go into the chipper.

If you have any questions, please call:

**Marsha Duncan
419-5051**

UPDATED

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 22
October 20
November 17
December 15



Items must be inside the cart (**Not on the ground, not on top – inside**). Recycle carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. If you need an extra cart or would like to recycle, please notify Mike Hallauer - 816-365-6469 or Marsha Duncan 816-419-5051.



Updated Important Notice Trash Pick-up Day



Blue Lid Trash Cart

Your recycling day will also be on a Tuesday 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 Wednesday 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)

Tuesday 9-9-15

Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-26-15)

Tuesday 11-24-15

Christmas (Friday 12-25-15)

Tuesday 12-22-15

New Years (Friday 1-1-16)

Tuesday 12-29-15

**Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Minutes of September 16, 2015 Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Board members President Larry Haines, Treasurer Gary Halterman, Secretary Jan Jackalone and Board Member Ron Haines were in attendance. Vice President, Keith Carey, who now serves as City Administrator, was replaced by Nick Jackalone until the October Annual Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting, as mentioned in the Houston Laker, was to get input in preparation of the Budget for the Homes Association for October, 2015 to September, 2016. The following members attended: Jean Anderson, Janette Boehm, Joe Chepren, Rick Cowan, Sharron DeLaflente, Sue Haines and Mary Head. President Larry Haines thanked them for showing their interest and support for the Homes Association.

President Larry offered a bid to clean up brush at the foot bridge, by the swimming dock and remove a dead tree at the horseshoe. The work will be preformed at November prices. Estimate was \$2480 and this will be placed on the upcoming budget approval at the October 21 Annual Meeting.

There are three vacancies for the Board. President's term is for 1 Year, Vice President's term is for 2 Years. So far, Jan Jackalone has offered to be a Board Member. She currently holds the Secretary position.

Joe Chepren introduced the Board and attendees to a new Income/Budget Draft. He said that in previous meetings there was a question as to where money was "budgeted" for projects on the lake. He suggested the form he designed would help make clear where the dues collected were spent and how money needed to be budgeted for projects the lake needs to do. There was some discussion as to why money in the checking account was not set aside instead of sitting in the checking account. After some discussion it was agreed by all that a meeting would be held on Sept. 23 as a roundtable discussion to finalize a budget to be voted on in the October Meeting.

There was a suggestion that the pot luck come back to the Annual Meeting. It was a means for members to get together and visit and was a tradition in the past. The Board shared their thoughts about the hard work it took and some folks didn't even stay for the meeting. There was a reminder that the Arts Circle was hosting a pot luck on Sept 30th.

Rick Cowan asked that \$750 be placed on the voting ballot for the fireworks that will happen in 2016. The Board agreed to place it on the voting ballot.

President Larry asked for volunteers to do the audit prior to the October meeting. He then asked Janette Boehm if she would gather her team and get the job done. She agreed if no one else steps forward.

Annual Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, October 21, 2015.

Proxy and Absentee Ballots are available from Secretary Jan Jackalone and must be completed and accepted no later than 5PM, **on the day before the Annual Meeting.** Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

HEAR YE!
HEAR YE!



Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Annual Meeting
October 21, 2015

Members in good standing are invited and the Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

The 2015 President will update us on the Past Year, and 5 Year and 10 Year Plans.

We will be voting for 3 Board positions:

1 Year for President, 2 Years for Vice President and Secretary. Applications for Board Members will be accepted by Secretary Jan Jackalone until October 14, 2015.

Forms available from the Board:

Absentee Ballots must be completed no later than 5PM, October 20, 2015.

Proxy Ballots must be signed by both parties and witnessed by a Board Member no later than 5PM, October 20, 2015.

Board Members are:

Larry Haines, Nick Jackalone, Gary Halterman, Jan Jackalone and Ron Haines

Please watch your mailbox for your Official Invitation to the Annual Meeting. The Expenses and Proposed 2016 Budget will be included for your review. As well as the April 2015 Minutes that need to be approved.

We look forward to our Annual Meeting as a time to gather together with our members and put in place our finances and goals for next year.

Any questions about voting or the meeting, please call Jan Jackalone, 587-0028.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
WANTS YOU!

Don't turn this page yet- read on:

The Venetian Gardens Homes Association is run by a Board of Directors and Board Members to provide services to maintain our lake property, beach and shelter properties and Mayor's park properties and other amenities on the lake. This Board consists of five members and are elected to President and Vice President positions after being approved by the Members of the Association. Below is an excerpt from the updated By-Laws dated April 17, 2013:

Section 10. All Directors shall be elected to serve a term of TWO (2) years or until their successors are elected and qualified. TWO (2) directors or THREE (3) directors as the case requires will be elected to fill the vacancies of the retiring directors. (Refer to Section 12)

Section 11. After the directors have been elected, the general membership of the HOA (Homeowners Association) will proceed under the outgoing Board to elect (1st) a President and (2nd) a Vice President from the incoming Board of Directors. These officers will serve until the next annual election or until their successors are duly elected or qualified. Nominations will be opened from the floor and the voting and certifying of the results will be conducted by the aforementioned election judges by secret ballot. In the event that one or both positions should not be filled, then the newly elected or incoming Board when duly convened shall ballot in secret to fill the position(s).

Section 12. Vacancies in the Board of Directors caused by resignation, removal, death, delinquency in payment of annual assessment as described in the RESTRICTION AGREEMENT, shall be filled by the remaining directors (when assembled as a board), appointing a qualified association member(s). Such appointees shall hold office until the next annual election. In case of appointee(s) serving as a director for an unexpired term, the qualified candidate at the annual election receiving the smallest number of votes from among the winning candidates shall be elected to fill the unexpired term(s).

So here is the question:

Why don't you get involved in the Homes Association?

No, you don't have to be President - No, you don't have to work hours after hours.

Don't you care ? ?

*You just have to be a member in good standing - meaning
paid up on your annual association dues.*

*Our concern is keeping the lake alive which helps
to keep up the property values of your property
and our community.*

*Our Annual Meeting will be held Oct 21 at
6:30 PM at City Hall.*

If you care about the lake, this is your time to offer your suggestions and make your concerns known.

We have openings on the HOA Board:

1 Year Term for President and
2 Year Term for Vice President and Secretary

Won't you consider being a member
of the Board?

Contact Jan Jackalone 816-587-0028
DEADLINE: October 14, 2015

**Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Board Application**

By submitting my name as a candidate to serve on the Venetian Gardens Homes Association Board, I certify that I am currently a paid member in good standing.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

email _____

If you have an idea(s) to bring to the Board, please let us know:

Signature

From the Desk Of the City Clerk

After thirteen years as your City Clerk I must inform you, with sadness, that I am resigning. I can't express how much I appreciated this opportunity to serve the City Council and its wonderful residents. Houston Lake has been family to me for five decades but I feel that I must pass the wand to the next generation.

I am pleased to announce that the City Council has appointed Melinda Cook as your next City Clerk. She and her husband Johnnie, sons Joe and Johnnie Joe and daughters Angelina, Michaela and Selena have lived in Houston Lake for six years. Melinda grew up in Gladstone, Missouri, and graduated from St. Pius X High School. Their oldest son graduated from Park Hill South and currently attends North West Missouri State University. Their youngest son started pre-school this year. Melinda feels that her greatest accomplishment is raising their five children but still finding time for the outdoors, fishing and yes, cheering the Royals.

Please plan on attending one of the City meetings to welcome Melinda. I have no doubts that she will be an outstanding City Clerk.

Again, I thank you for allowing me to serve my community and the City of Houston Lake. It was an honor that I will never forget.

Marsha Duncan

City Clerk

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
August 10, 2015

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on August 10, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado and Rick Cowan. Alderman Jean Anderson was excused.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Homes Association President Larry Haynes told the Council that a movie was going to be made on Houston Lake. This will be filmed at the beach area on August 28th.

Minutes July 13, 2015

The July 13, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

No building permits

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$325,121.35.

Resolution 08-10-15 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 08-10-15 unanimously.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council the proposed Tax Rate for 2015. He also presented Bill No. 081015-1, the 2015 Tax Rate. Alderman Otte made a motion to put Bill No. 011015-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado. The City Clerk read Bill No. 081015-1 by title only.

Alderman Coronado made a motion to put Bill No, 081015-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Cowan. The City Clerk read Bill No. 081015-1 by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to put Bill No. 081015-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Anderson - Excused

Bill No. 081015-1, Ordinance 346 was passed

- b. Mayor Hallauer introduced two proposals for the Edgewater/Jeffrey Lane widening. Clay's Professional Remodeling proposal for \$3,250.00 and Stinnett Stone & Supply for \$5,200.00. After much discussion the Council unanimously voted for the proposal from Clay's Professional Remodeling.
- c. The City Council was presented a Resolution to Adopt the Regional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The resolution was passed by general consent and will be sent to FEMA.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted police reports for the months of June and July.

No Codes report

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that the resolution that will be adopted today will be forwarded to Platte County and then on to FEMA. This Resolution will last for 5 years then it will have to be passed again. He also attended a class on Mass Fatalities Training, especially designed for small communities.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado - Alderman Coronado commented that we have a new resident in one of the cabins on Houston Lake Drive.

Alderman Anderson – Excused

Mayors Report

a. Mayor Hallauer welcomed the new residents and told them about our Houston Lake website, Houstonlake.net, which contains a lot of information regarding the City and the Homes Association.

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 8:12 p.m.



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Best wishes!
Marlene