

Houston Laker

2nd Annual Pumpkin Festival



making a mask



artists at pumpkin fest



helpers



Lilly behind the mask



Victoria behind the mask



Reve behind the mask



eager for the feast



gathering with neighbors



new neighbors



bonfire is ready



scary stories

November 2015



helpers on break

It was a lovely evening, and we had a good turnout. The art activity was mask making, and it was a big hit. Linda Kramer and Kathryn Kreider assisted the artists. Several very creative masks were produced. There was lots of delicious food. A few cooks shared their recipes. Terry Johnson led our sing-a-long, accompanied by videos. Dan Coronado was the Keeper of the Fire, assisted by his son, Eli, and it was just brisk enough to make the bonfire feel great! Marshmallows were toasted as Rick Cowan read a Goose Bumps story, then Wendy Thompson read a traditional version of the Headless Horseman. One of the younger crowd, Nevaeh Hansen, told an impromptu story to finish! Several special guests joined us during the evening: new neighbors, Dawn Booker and her son, Daniel came by, as well as, Sherry and Justin Burrup. Betty De La Fuente also got out to attend! A good time was had by all.

Here are some recipes from the pumpkin festival.

Cinnamon Roasted Chicken with Pumpkin-Sage Grits

Linda Kramer

Ingredients

- 4 4 ounces skinless boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2/3 cup instant grits (two 1-oz. packages)
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh sage
- 1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Sage leaves

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Arrange chicken breast halves in 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Drizzle chicken with oil and sprinkle with 1 tsp. of the salt, the cinnamon, and black pepper. Rub the spices over all sides of the chicken. Roast in preheated oven 18 to 20 minutes or until no longer pink and juices run clear.
2. Meanwhile, in medium saucepan bring water to boiling. Stir in grits until combined. Stir in pumpkin, sage, and 1/2 tsp. salt. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Cook, uncovered, for 5 to 7 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; stir in cheese.
3. To serve, spoon grits onto dinner plates and top with chicken breast halves. Add sage leaves. Makes 4 servings.

Wendy Thompson

Moroccan Butternut & Chicken soup From Cooking Light made by LKramer

Ingredients (serves 4)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 (4-ounce) skinless, boneless chicken thighs cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 3 cups (1/2-inch) cubed peeled butternut squash
- 2 tablespoons no-salt-added tomato paste
- 4 cups Chicken Stock or fat-free, lower-sodium chicken broth
- 1/3 cup uncooked couscous
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 zucchini, quartered lengthwise and sliced into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh basil
- 2 teaspoons grated orange rind

Preparation

1. Heat a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add oil to pan; swirl to coat. Add onion, and cook for 4 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add chicken; cook for 4 minutes, browning on all sides. Add cumin, cinnamon, and pepper to pan; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add butternut squash and tomato paste; cook 1 minute. Stir in Chicken Stock, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 8 minutes. Stir in couscous, salt, and zucchini; cook 5 minutes or until squash is tender. Remove pan from heat. Stir in chopped basil and orange rind.

prepared by Frances McELWAIN

Spooky Spare ribs

- 4 lbs pork spare ribs, cut into serving-size pieces.
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup prepared mustard
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 3 Tbsp cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 to 2 tsp hot sauce

Place ribs in a 5-qt slow cooker.

Combine remaining ingredients: Pour over ribs. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until meat is tender.

These are moist, chewy pumpkin brownies, but without the chocolate!

prepared by KELLEY JONES

Feel free to see some other Pumpkin Recipes too like Moist Pumpkin Cake and How to Bake a Pumpkin!

Prep Time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: Approximately 20-25 minutes
 Yield: Approximately 16 brownies

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease an 8x8 square pan; set aside.
2. Cream together butter and sugar with a mixer.
3. Add all other ingredients except the flour (cinnamon, egg, pumpkin, vanilla) and mix together well.
4. Stir in flour.
5. Bake for approximately 25 minutes or until edges are lightly browned and toothpick comes out clean in the middle.

From My Kitchen Pumpkin Pie Cake Linda France

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 can pumpkin | 4 eggs |
| 1 can evap. milk | 1 1/2 C. Sugar |
| 1 t. salt | 1 1/2 t. cinnamon |
| 1/2 t. nutmeg | 1/2 t. ginger |
- Mix and pour in 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with yellow cake mix and chopped pecans. Pour 2 sticks oleo over top. Bake 350° - 1 hour, or until knife comes out clean.





Community Calendar Event

Sunday Nov. 1st, at 2:00am.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Move Your Clocks Back One Hour!!!



Nov. 9th - *City Council Meeting*
7:30pm – *City Hall*

Nov. 11th - 
Veterans Day

Nov. 17th - *Recycling Day*

Nov. 21st - *Houston Lake Arts Circle Meeting*
1:00pm – *City Hall*

Nov. 26th - 



**Please save this copy of the Houston Laker Paper November 2015.
It has a lot of NEW NAMES on the Official phone number list and other pages.**



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



Thank You Mike!!!

The community of Houston Lake would like to thank Michael Hallauer for serving as mayor of Houston Lake for almost 12 years.

Whether plowing the winter's snow covered roads at 3:00 am in the morning so we could all make it to work on time or working to bring updated law enforcement and fire protection to create a better and safer lifestyle for the communities residents. Mayor Mike worked tirelessly to move this community forward as the Northland grows into the future.

As one of the distinguished Mayors of Houston Lake he leaves office with the community in a sound financial condition and in able hands to continue the work of making this a very special place for the residents to live in the Kansas City metroplex.

Sleep late and ENJOY your grandkids!!!

The Community of Houston Lake

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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 816-352-8401

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 Joyce Kullman –
816.547-8173**

Or

**City Clerk Melinda Cook –
816.352-8401**

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 352-8401. 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.

2015 & 2016 Schedule

November 17, 2015

December 15, 2015

2016 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid
Recycling Cart**

January 12

February 9

March 8

April 5

May 3

May 31

June 28

July 26

August 23

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 13



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 Joyce Kullman -816-547-8173 or Melinda Cook 816-352-8401.



2015 & 2016 Schedule

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 Joyce Kullman - 816-547-8173 or
Melinda Cook - 816-352-8401.

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 & 2016 Holiday Schedule:

Pick-up Day

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

Memorial Day (Monday 5-30-16)

Wednesday 6-1-16

Independence Day (Monday 7-4-16)

Wednesday 7-6-16

Labor Day (Monday 9-5-16)

Wednesday 9-7-16

Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-24-16)

Tuesday 11-22-16

Christmas (Sunday 12-25-16)

Tuesday 12-27-16

New Years (Sunday 1-1-17)

Tuesday 1-3-17

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 Joyce Kullman at 816-547-8173 or Melinda Cook at 352-8401.

One last recommendation – **DO NOT** run your gutter down spouts or sump pumps into your sewer system.

THANK YOU
Melinda Cook
City Clerk

*Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Annual Meeting
October 21, 2015*

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Board Members present: Larry Haines, President; Nick Jackalone, Vice President; Gary Halterman, Treasurer; Jan Jackalone, Secretary and Ron Haines, Board Member. There were 17 members in attendance, 5 members by Proxy and 2 Absentee Ballots.

First Order of Business: The minutes of the April 2015, Semi-Annual Homes Association Minutes, published in the October Houston Laker, were approved by majority.

President Larry Haines thanked everyone for attending and supporting the Board during the past year as President. He asked if there were any more candidates for the Board and Sherry Burrup stepped up. Craig Sovereign was also a candidate as a Board Member. The election of new Board Members was begun. By majority all Board Member candidates were approved by the Members.

The next process was to fill the Directors and Board positions by title. It was decided: Sherry Burrup will be President for 2-year term.

Nick Jackalone will be Vice President for 1-year term.

Jan Jackalone will be Sec/Treasurer for 2-year term.

Craig Sovereign will be Board Member for 2-year term.

Ron Haines will be Board Member for 1-year term.

The Report from the Audit Committee was presented: Janette Boehm, Todd Lagessee and Carolyn Carey found compliance in the record keeping. They recommended that the books be put on computer using Quicken. This would make the bookkeeping and audit process easier. Treasurer Jan Jackalone will look into the process. President Larry thanked the Audit Committee for their hard work.

The process of approving the 2016 budget began. Joe Chepren gave an overview of the new format and explained how the dues collected for the new year have to cover fixed Administrative and Operating expenses and the remainder would be disbursed for other categories in the budget, i.e. Recreational, Reserve Fund, and Proposed Project Fund.

There were a few questions about Porta Potty, Beautification of HOA property, Gift cards, and Fireworks. These topics were discussed and answered.

The dredge fund was questioned. Joe explained that those funds (monies) were still in the CD accounts and not part of the 2016 annual cash flow budget.

2016 Budget was voted on and approved 23 to 1. (It would have been a landslide but Joe Chepren checked the wrong box!)

Please note: The Fireworks had an approved expense of \$750 in 2014 and is carried over to the additional \$750 approved in 2015. A total of \$1,500 will be used for the 2016 Fourth of July fireworks.

Homes Association dues were voted on: 1 Vote for \$50, 14 Votes for \$295 and 9 Votes for \$310. \$295.00 remains the dues for 2016. The dues will be mailed out mid-December, 2015 and will be considered late after January 31, 2016.

Riverside Fire Department received a grant and is offering on a first-come/first-serve basis free smoke alarms to Riverside residents as well as HOUSTON LAKE residents. There is some paperwork to complete, the fire department will inspect your home and install up to three smoke alarms. Joe Chepren offered this information to those attending the meeting.

There was time set aside for Open Discussion. A few members thanked the Outgoing Board for their hard work. And there was a show of support for the new Board.

As part of the Open Discussion, Joe Chepren had prepared a Proposed 2016 Task Plan for the new Board to consider. He explained that these were a cummulation of notes he had made while working on projects on the lake, listening to concerns and being a member himself. The Task Plan includes six points that he felt would begin the process of staying on task and maintaining our cash flow budget and help us on setting sites for future projects on the lake. In the next month or so, the new Board will meet to consider the 2016 Task Plan.

President Larry called Sherry Burrup up and officially turned over the office of the Homes Association President over to her. Sherry and her family moved to the lake mid-summer and she looks forward to the challenge of being the President.

Craig, and his family, have lived on the lake for a couple of years and he looks forward to being of whatever service he can be to the association/community.

President Sherry Burrup adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM. Watch the Houston Laker for the date of the next Homes Association meeting.

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
September 14, 2015

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on September 14, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado, Rick Cowan and Jean Anderson.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

None

Minutes August 10, 2015

The August 10, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

Building permits at 5408 NW Edgewood Trail for recreational burning and 5411 NE Edgewood Trail for a porch roof were approved by the Council. Another recreational burning permit at 5411 NW Edgewood Trail was approved by the Council with Alderman Anderson abstaining.

Treasurers Report

The treasurers' report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurers report shows a grand total balance of \$317,129.68.

Resolution 09-14-15 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 09-14-15 unanimously.

New Business

a. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with a proposal from the Arts Council for a mantle to be placed on the fireplace to display artwork. The Proposal is for 320.00 and was approved by the Council.

b. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with Bill No. 091415-1, an Ordinance repealing Section 115.060 salaries fixed by Ordinance of the Houston Lake Code and in lieu thereof Section 115.060 salaries of Officers and Employees is enacted. Alderman Anderson made a motion to put Bill No. 091415-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-1 by title only

Alderman Cowan made a motion to put Bill No. 091415-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-1 by title only.

Alderman Anderson made a motion to put Bill No. 091415-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Anderson - Aye

Bill No. 091415-1 Ordinance 347 was passed.

b. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with Bill No. 091415-2, An Ordinance adjusting the salary of the City Administrator for the City of Houston Lake, Missouri. Alderman Coronado made a motion to put this bill on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-2 by title only.

Alderman Anderson made a motion to place this bill on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Cowan.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-2 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to put this bill on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Anderson - Aye

Bill No. 091415-2 Ordinance 348 was passed.

c. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with Bill No. 091415-3, An Ordinance adjusting the salary of the Grounds Keeper for the City of Houston Lake, Missouri. Alderman Otte made a motion to put this bill on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-3 by title only.

Alderman Cowan made a motion to place this bill on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-3 by title only.

Alderman Anderson made a motion to put this bill on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Cowan – Aye

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Anderson - Aye

Bill No. 091415-3 Ordinance 349 was passed.

d. Mayor Hallauer presented the Council with Bill No. 091415-4, An Ordinance adjusting the salary of the Alderman for the City of Houston Lake, Missouri. Alderman Cowan made a motion to put this bill on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Otte.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-4 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to place this bill on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 091415-4 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to put this bill on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Roll call:

Cowan – Nay

Otte – Aye

Coronado – Aye

Anderson - Aye

Bill No. 091415-4 Ordinance 350 was passed.

Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report

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

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that the City of Houston Lake is now part of the Platte County Emergency Management Plan. He also said that he attended a FEMA Emergency class on Health and Contamination.

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Cowan – No report

Alderman Otte – No report

Alderman Coronado - No report

Alderman Anderson – Alderman Anderson thanked Keith Carey for overseeing the fix in the road at Jeffrey Lane and Edgewater Trail. She also brought up the annual Brush Clean-up. This will be scheduled for the weekend of October 10th and 11th. Also the Arts Council will be sponsoring their second Pumpkin Fest for September 30th. There will be a “Pot luck” dinner, a bon fire and also a “Scare Goose” contest.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Hallauer said the Brush Clean- up date will be posted in the Laker.
- b. The Arts Council presentation was fabulous and everyone took great pride in their work.
- c. The repair of the corner of Jeffrey Lane and Edgewater turned out great.

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 Otte.

Adjournment

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



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*The holidays are upon us. It's hard to believe it's that time
of year already! I hope in your busy weeks ahead,
you can take the time to enjoy the precious moments of
each day. I wish you peace and happy holidays!*

*Best wishes!
Marlene*