

*Houston Laker*

*Merry Christmas*



Have a  
Holly Jolly  
Christmas

*December 2015*



# Community Calendar Events

*Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - Houston Lake Arts Circle  
Holiday Cheer – 3:00pm City Hall*

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

*Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day*

*Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Open Date for Candidate Filing.  
Please contact City Clerk, Melinda Cook 816.352.6401*

*Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> -  First Day of Winter*

*Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday Trash Pickup*

*Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> -*



*Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Trash Pickup*

*Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy New Year 2016*

*Editor Note: I would like to “thank” Andy Spottswood for printing all of the front covers and the extra pages over this past year.*



*Merry Christmas and  
Best Wishes for the New Year  
From all of us to all of you!!!*

*City of Houston Lake  
Venetian Gardens Homes Association  
Houston Lake Arts Circle  
Houston Lake Community News*





On November 17th in the darkness and even the rain a local neighbor had some property stolen out of their driveway. 2 days later there was yet another suspicious truck driving in the same location. With the holidays approaching this could and always does seem to occur more often than not! Thieves don't have weather rules they follow. Please try to pay close attention to what is going on in your surroundings & if you see something suspicious report it to Platte County Sheriff's office, either by calling 911 or using the non-emergency number [816-858-3521](tel:816-858-3521)

# **NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING**

**The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election,  
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 to elect the following offices:**

**Mayor for one (one) year term.**

**One Alderman from Ward 1 (North) for two (2) year term.**

**One Alderman from Ward 2 (South) for two (2) year term.**

**To be a candidate for one of these offices you must file with the  
City Clerk, Melinda Cook, no earlier than Tuesday, December 15,  
2015, and no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday January 19, 2016. The  
filing forms will be made available by contacting Melinda Cook  
at 816-352-8401.**

# CITY OFFICIALS CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE

## **Mayor**

Joyce Kullman  
816-547-8173  
(mayor@houstonlake.net)

## **City Administrator**

Joe Chepren  
(citymanager@houstonlake.net)

## **City Clerk**

Melinda Cook  
816-352-8401  
(cityclerk@houstonlake.net)

## **City Collector**

Joyce Kullman  
816-547-8173

## **Alderman (Ward 1 So.)**

Jean Anderson  
816-645-1529  
(Sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

## **Alderman (Ward 1 So.)**

Rick Cowan  
816-741-3199  
(Sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

## **Alderman (Ward 2 No.)**

Phil Otte  
816-741-5477  
(Nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

## **Alderman (Ward 2 No.)**

Dan Coronado  
816-584-2667  
(Nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

## **Municipal Judge**

Greg Dorsey  
816-785-4284

## **Court Clerk**

Sharon Brandt  
816-785-4284

# VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION

## **President**

Sherry Burrup  
208-251-8201  
(cybermomx2@gmail.com)

## **Vice President**

Nick Jackalone  
816-587-0028

## **Secretary & Treasurer**

Jan Jackalone  
816-587-0028  
(janjackalone@hotmail.com)  
(Lake Tags)

## **Board Member**

Ron Haines  
816-699-5906

## **Board Member**

Craig Sovereign  
816-813-4024  
(cksov1@gmail.com)

## **Registrar**

## **Editor – Houston Laker**

Mary Head  
816-741-5639

## **Sewer Grinder Pump**

Melinda Cook  
816-352-8401

**For more City and Homes Association Info  
go to [houstonlake.net](http://houstonlake.net)**

# F Y I

## 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](http://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.



African textile shared by Kathryn Kreider

# Arts

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

November 21 Meeting

### Holiday Cheer

Sunday Dec 13 - 3:00pm at City Hall.

Christmas carols and children's songs, cookies, cider and coffee to warm our hearts.

### Minutes

Reviewed and approved August minutes

### Public Discussion

Joyce Kullman asked if we knew of anyone planning to decorate the city for the holidays but no one knew of anyone.

We thought it would be fun if residents had artistic or creative creations they'd like to share, to email [arts.circle@houstonlake.net](mailto:arts.circle@houstonlake.net) and we'd put them on our Facebook page.

### Treasurers Report

We spent \$24.01 for pumpkin fest. Our current balance is \$247.52.

### Old Business

**Pumpkin Fest** - new and long time residents enjoyed good food, fun activities, a sing-along and spooky stories.

**Decorating City Hall** - Mantel is ready for Joe Chepren to install, probably this weekend.

## **New Business**

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**Holiday Sing-along** - Terry Johnson will lead us in a holiday sing-along Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm in City Hall. We'll have cookies, cider and coffee. If anyone would like to bring cookies, please let Terry or another Circle member know.

**Painting with Stephanie** - Our neighbor Stephanie Gray is offering to host a painting session at her house. Tentatively looking at Sunday February 7 or 21. There will be a small fee for participating. A sign up sheet will be included next month.

## **Folks Share Art & Life**

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Kathryn Kreider shared her African Textile collection including 30 pieces from Nigeria, Ghana, Congo, Dahomey. She recently sold a masquerade costume and 2 men's agbada to the Denver Museum. She was right, we had lots of oohhhs and aaahhhs for the beautiful colors, and strong graphic patterns. What a treat!

## **Adjourned**

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If you have been thinking about attending, join us for our meeting Jan 16 1:00 p.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. Our e-mail address is [arts.circle@houstonlake.net](mailto:arts.circle@houstonlake.net)

# Snowman Word Search

COAL SNOW  
CARROT STICKS  
SCARF TOP HAT



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Just a reminder, Homes Association dues has been sent out. Payment is due no later than January 31, 2016 to avoid penalty.

Board Members will be present at City Hall Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from 2-4pm to accept payments and hand out the 2016 Lake Bracelets to paid members.



## *Houston Lake History Books & 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Cookbooks on sale.*

*All the recipes in this cook book are from people here on the  
Lake and they are used every day by local folks.*

*The History Book & Cookbook would make a wonderful  
Christmas gift to someone special.*

*This is a one of a kind gift - history book & cookbooks are passed from  
one generation to the next generation, and are forever treasured.*

*Prices for the History Books & 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Cookbooks are:*



*3 = books for \$10.00*

*2 = books for \$8.00*

*1 = book for \$5.00*



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

*To purchase your books please call President of the Houston Lake  
Arts Circle Linda Kramer - 816.225.4110 or Mary Head - 816.741.5639.*

*Thank You & Happy Holidays*

# 2015 & 2016 Schedule

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

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 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   |



## *The Works by Marlene*

**816-587-1550**

*by appointment only*

*Do you need gift ideas for the holidays!  
How about a Gift Certificate!*

*Specializing in Hair Color!  
Change it, Fix it, Cover the Grey!  
Maybe some Highlights or Lowlights...  
Or possibly a shade or two of Red!  
Great Styles and Color Techniques for Men...  
Mustache & Beard color!*

*Hair Cuts & Blow Dries  
Wash and Wear styles that are fast and easy...  
Many types of Perms to fit Your needs!*

*Brow Shaping, Waxing, Paraffin for Dry Skin.*

*Convenient hours to fit your busy schedule!*

*However you celebrate the Holidays,  
I wish You the Very Best.*



*Happy Holidays,  
Marlene*