

*Houston Laker  
Happy New Year*



*January 2016*

# *January* **Community Calendar Events**

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

*Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> -*  *HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016*

*Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting  
7:30pm – City Hall*

*Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day*

*Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - Closing date for Candidate Filing. Please  
contact City Clerk, Melinda Cook 816.352.8401*

*Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Homes Association Board Members will be at  
City Hall 2-4pm. To accept dues and hand out  
2016 Lake Bracelets.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*March 15<sup>th</sup> - Presidential Preference Primary Election*

*April 5<sup>th</sup> - General Municipal Election Day*

# The Snowy Day

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Just a reminder, Homes Association dues have 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.

# 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**

Pam Freese  
816-726-4455

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

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816-645-1529  
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Rick Cowan  
816-741-3199  
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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  
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(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)**

# **For Your Information**

## **SECTION 210.285:**

### **DISCHARGING AIR GUN, ETC.**

Any person within the limits of this City who shall discharge any BB gun, spring gun, paint gun or air gun or shall shoot any pebble, bullet, slug, arrow or other hard substance by means of a sling, crossbow, rubber band or bow or any other means shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation; provided however, that this Section shall not apply to any person or organization authorized by the City of Houston Lake to possess and discharge such devices for the purpose of waterfowl pest control. (Ord. No. 303, 9-12-05)

# 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.



# 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.**

**2016 Holiday Schedule:**

**Pick-up Day**

<b>New Years (Friday 1-1-16)</b>	<b>Tuesday 12-29-15</b>
<b>Memorial Day (Monday 5-30-16)</b>	<b>Wednesday 6-1-16</b>
<b>Independence Day (Monday 7-4-16)</b>	<b>Wednesday 7-6-16</b>
<b>Labor Day (Monday 9-5-16)</b>	<b>Wednesday 9-7-16</b>
<b>Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-24-16)</b>	<b>Tuesday 11-22-16</b>
<b>Christmas (Sunday 12-25-16)</b>	<b>Tuesday 12-27-16</b>
<b>New Years (Sunday 1-1-17)</b>	<b>Tuesday 1-3-17</b>

# **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.**



## VOTER REGISTRATION SITES PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

**Are You Registered to Vote?** All residents of Houston Lake whether you are Owner or Renter can register and VOTE. You must be 18 years old or older to register. You can register at any of the sites below.

**Houston Lake City Hall**, 5417 NW Adrian, (816)741-0644 or  
Registrar Mary Head (816)741-5639, call for an appointment.

**Mid-Continent Public Libraries:**

**Boardwalk**, 8600 N. Executive Hills Blvd, Kansas City: (816) 741-9011

**Parkville**, 8815 NW Hwy 45, Parkville: (816) 741-4721

**Riverside**, 2700 NW Vivion Rd, Riverside: (816) 741-6288

**NOTE:** In addition, Missouri Voter Registration Application postcards can be completed at any license bureau.

**LAST DAY** to Register to VOTE for the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary Election is February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**LAST DAY** to Register to VOTE for the April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 General Municipal Election is March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Any questions call

Platte County Board of Elections  
2600 NW Prairie View Road  
P.O. Box 560  
Platte City, Missouri 64079

Phone number (816) 858-4400



To apply for absentee ballot: print this application form, complete and mail to Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079 or FAX to 816-858-3387

## REQUEST FOR PLATTE COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby request an absentee ballot for the \_\_\_\_\_ Election.

For Identification purposes, the last four digits of my social security number are \_\_\_\_\_.  
If the election is a primary election, please print the name of the political party ballot you wish to receive \_\_\_\_\_. If you registered by mail and this is your first time voting you must provide a copy of current valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address.

Reason for requesting an absentee ballot:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which registered to voter;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Religious belief or practice
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than your polling place;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained
- \_\_\_\_\_ (6) certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections [589.660](#) to [589.681](#) because of safety concerns.

Current Residential Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address where ballot is to be mailed, if different than above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Voter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Mail completed Absentee Ballot Application to **Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079, or FAX to 816-858-3387**. All requests must be received by the Board of Election's office no later than 5:00 p.m., the Wednesday prior to election day.

**City of Houston Lake  
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting  
November 9, 2015**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on November 9, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado, Jean Anderson. Alderman Rick Cowan and Mayor Joyce Kullman were excused.

**Opening Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte.

**Public Discussion**

No public discussion

**Minutes October 12, 2015**

Alderman Dan Coronado made a motion to table the October 12, 2015 minutes, due to the fact that Alderman Anderson was abstaining, and Alderman Cowan was excused.

**Building Permit**

The City Council approved a renewal for a burning permit at 5444 NW Venetian Drive.

**Treasurers Report**

The Treasurers' report was approved by the Council.  
The Treasurers report shows a balance of \$312,740.15.

**Resolution 11-09-15 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 11-09-15 unanimously.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte stated that the grinder pump situation continues, and it will need to be addressed in the near future.

**New Business**

- a. City Administrator Joe Chepren stated that he called KCP&L to have them check on some trees that looked like could be in the way of some power lines. KCP&L came out to assess, they stated that we didn't have any threats, and cleared it with no issues.
- b. City Administrator Joe Chepren stated that there is still an issue with the bridge planks moving, and that we may need to eventually tie them together.
- c. City Administrator Joe Chepren gave the council a copy of his activity agenda, and his maintenance schedule for 2016.
- d. Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte presented the Council the KCP&L tax rate increase for 2016. He also presented Bill No. 110915-1, the 2016 KCP&L tax rate increase. Alderman Anderson made a motion to put Bill No. 110915-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Coronado. The City Clerk read Bill No. 110915-1 by title only.

Alderman Coronado made a motion to put Bill No. 110915-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson. The City Clerk read Bill No. 110915-1 by title only.

Alderman Anderson made a motion to put Bill No. 110915-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Coronado-Aye

Otte-Aye

Anderson-Aye

Cowan-Excused

Bill No. 110915-1, Ordinance 351 was passed

e. Alderman Anderson made a motion to appoint Pamela Freese as the new City Collector, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Coronado-Aye

Otte-Aye

Anderson-Aye

Cowan-Excused

Melinda Cook presented the Oath of Office to Pamela Freese.

### **Code Enforcement/Sheriff's Report**

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a police report for the month of October.

No Codes report.

### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he attended the FEMA training, and there was discussion of the possibility of a community tornado shelter in Houston Lake. This is only in the preliminary stages. Dan also stated that he attended the Aid Response and Rapid Assessment training, and they were very impressed with our action emergency management plan that we currently have in place.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Excused

**Alderman Otte** – Alderman Otte stated that we are still in need of a Codes Enforcement Officer.

**Alderman Coronado** - Alderman Coronado also stated that we are are still in need of a Codes Enforcement Officer.

Gary Halterman is in need of a building inspector to contact him.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson welcomed Melinda Cook as the new City Clerk.

Alderman Anderson stated that the city's website domain name will automatically renew, and we will temporarily be using Alderman Coronado's credit card.

### **Mayors Report**

No report

**Closed Session**

Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO610.021 (1) for discussion of Legal issues, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Happy Holidays  
and Peace to all !

From the Houston Lake  
Arts Circle



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