

# Houston Laker



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

February 2016



# Community Calendar Events

*Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - "Process Painting Workshop" for Adults  
by Stephanie Gray, at her house 2-4pm  
register before Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, by calling Linda 816-225-4110*

*Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting,  
7:30pm - City Hall*

*Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day*

*Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - ♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥*

*Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Houston Lake Arts Circle Meeting, 1pm – City Hall*

The Art Exhibit will change. All the artists who have had their work on display for the fall and winter will need to come pick up their pieces, and the artists who are slated to exhibit in the spring and summer will need to bring their work back to be displayed.

Also, on Feb 20th, the regular business meeting will include the election of officers to the Houston Lake Arts Circle board. If you've been thinking of getting involved, here's your chance!

Come add your voice to the discussion!

## **Upcoming Elections for 2016**

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

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

*Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Primary Election*

*Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - General Election*



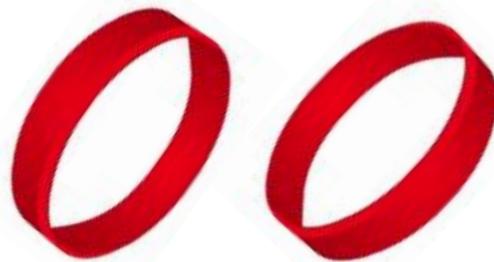
## “Houston Lake Ice”

is not thick enough to skate on.

Please do not get out on the ice.



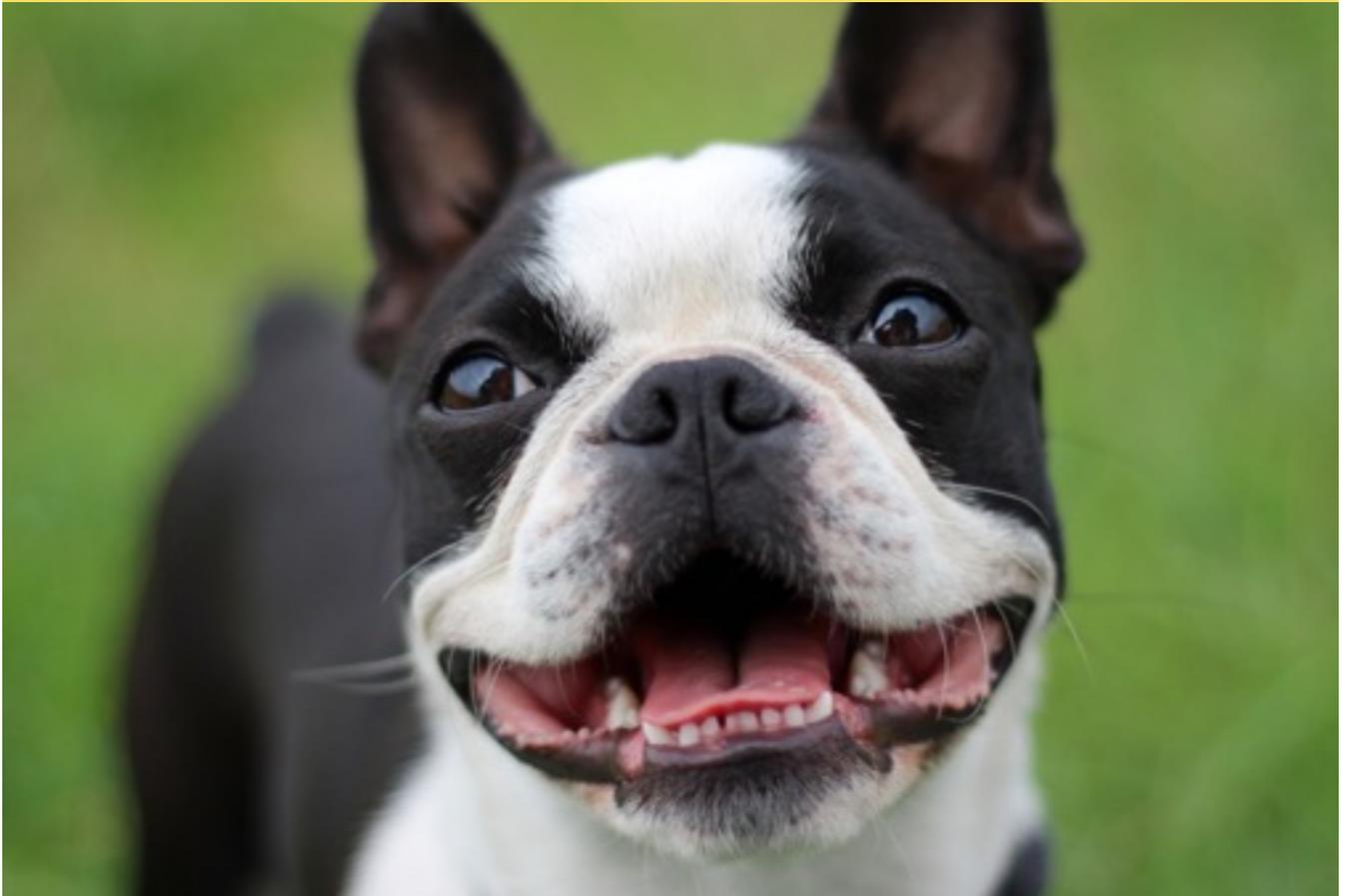
## 2016 Red Wristbands



**Call Homes Association Secretary & Treasurer  
Jan Jackalone to get your lake wristbands,  
816-587-0028.**

# PROTECT

## your pet dogs



### **Feral Dogs Roaming Houston Lake**

A pack of wild dogs are living in the woods in or near Houston Lake. Residents reported hearing them howling whenever any sirens go off nearby and a few have also physically seen them running around.

### **Professional Help**

Animal Control will soon be in our neighborhood searching for and collecting loose dogs.

### **Keep Your Pets Secure**

Make sure family pet dogs have ID tags and are leashed or fenced for their own protection from feral dogs and Animal Control.



**Houston Lake Arts Circle**  
Presents

**Process Painting Workshop**  
by Stephanie Gray

**Sunday, February 7, 2016**  
**2 to 4 pm**

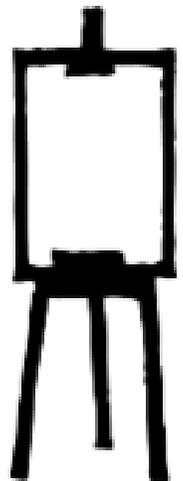
**5382 NW Edgewood Trail**  
**Houston Lake, Mo**

Stephanie Gray, one of our resident artists whose work will be included in our spring/summer exhibit in City Hall, has graciously offered to hold a workshop in her studio for Process Painting. Here is how she describes it—

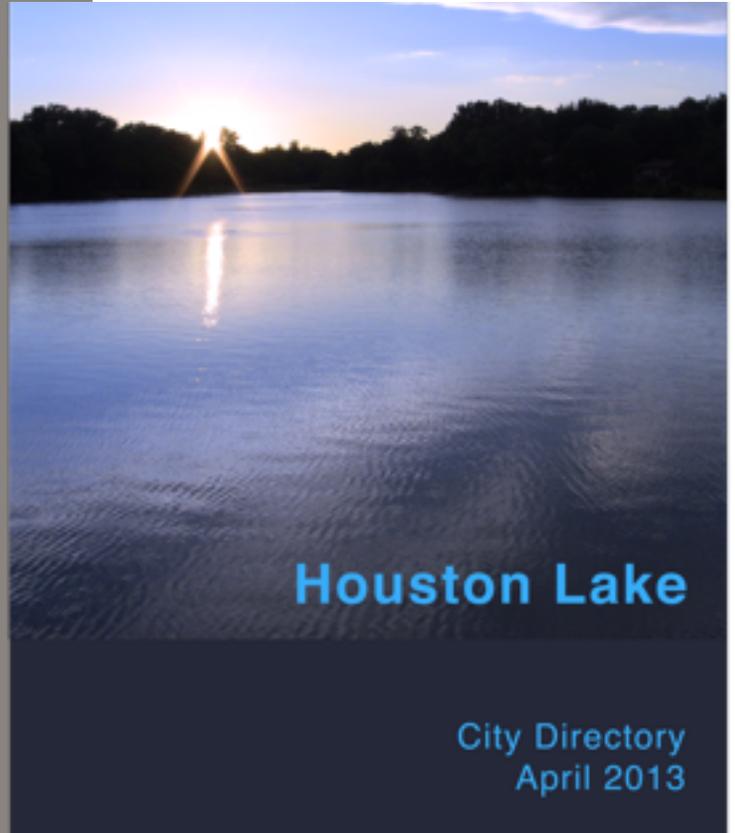
**“Process painting” essentially means painting from the inside out. It is a tool for mindfulness and self-discovery facilitated in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Free from comparison and critique, we embark on a boundless journey into the unknown, with the focus placed on the experience rather than the finished product. Painting in this way drops us from our head space into the space of the heart and because we paint in silence, there is room for things to be deeply felt. Not being told what or how to paint can be satisfying and freeing.”**

***Reservations are necessary. Space is very limited. Sign up early! Call Linda Kramer 816-225-4110 to reserve your spot.***

\*A love donation for materials would be really nice and very appreciated....however not mandatory.



# City Directory Update



## We're Updating the Directory

Help us keep our directory up-to-date. If you've changed phone numbers, added a cell phone or dropped your house phone please update your information.

New to the community? Please let us know if you are not in the 2013 Directory so we can add you.

- ▶ Send your information via e-mail to Jean Anderson, [sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net](mailto:sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)
- ▶ Or drop this completed form in the door mail slot at City Hall.

Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

House Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone & Name : \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone & Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **City of Houston Lake**

## **Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**

### **October 12, 2015**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 12, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Aldermen Phil Otte, Rick Cowan, Dan Coronado and Jean Anderson-excused.

#### **Opening Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Otte presided. Mayor Pro-Tem gave the floor to City Clerk Marsha Duncan. The City Clerk read the following:

On September 14, 2015 in a closed session of the City Council, Alderman Anderson made a motion to appoint Melinda Cook as new City Clerk, seconded by Alderman Otte

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Anderson – Aye

Cowan – Aye

At this same closed meeting Mayor Hallauer announced that he would be resigning as of October 11.

In a special closed meeting of the City Council on October 5, 2015, Alderman Cowan made a motion to appoint Joe Chepren as City Administrator, seconded by Alderman Otte

Roll call:

Coronndao – Aye

Otte – Aye

Anderson – Excused

Cowan – Aye

In the same closed meeting Alderman Otte made a motion to appoint Joyce Kullman as Mayor to finish out Mayor Hallauer's term, seconded by Alderman Coronado.

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Anderson – Excused

Cowan - Aye

Marsha Duncan presented the Oath of Office to Joyce Kullman, Joe Chepren, and Melinda Cook.

Mayor Joyce Kullman thanked Marsha Duncan for her 13 years of service, also acknowledged Mike Hallauer for his 12 years of dedicated service as Mayor of Houston Lake. There will be a discussion on how we should honor him in the future.

#### **Public Discussion**

Homes Association President Larry Haines brought to our attention that the new planks on the bridge had issues with loose nails, and nails pulling up.

#### **Minutes September 14, 2015**

The September 14, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

#### **Building Permit**

None

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurer's report shows a grand total balance of \$313,315,18.

### **Resolution 10-12-15 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 10-12-15 unanimously.

### **New Business**

a. City Administrator Joe Chepren presented to the council three snow removal quotes. After discussion a motion was made by Alderman Cowen to accept quote #1 from Embassy for our snow removal, seconded by Alderman Otte.

Roll call:

Coronado – Aye

Otte – Aye

Anderson – excused

Cowan – Aye

Motion passed

b. City Administrator Joe Chepren visited the Riverside Fire Department, and was informed that the City of Houston Lake was invited to participate in their Smoke Detector Awareness Program.

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

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

No Codes report

### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado told the Council that he was invited to participate in the Kansas City Metro Area Disaster Response exercise. He will be attending the Riverside Railroad Accident Response exercise, and the FEMA Disaster Assessment class.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Alderman Cowen thanked the new members, and mentioned that we need to address the fact that we do not have a Codes Officer.

**Alderman Otte** – Alderman Otte thanked the new members.

**Alderman Coronado** - No report

**Alderman Anderson** – Excused

### **Mayors Report**

No report

### **Closed Session**

None

### **Adjournment**

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

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

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on December 14, 2015 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Joyce Kullman, Aldermen Phil Otte, Dan Coronado, Jean Anderson. Alderman Rick Cowan was excused.

**Opening Session**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Joyce Kullman.

**Public Discussion**

Resident Chuck Stone inquired as to why the public had not seen the October 2015 minutes. Mayor Joyce Kullman stated that the October minutes had to be tabled due to lack of Council Members present to approve.

**Minutes October 12, 2015**

Mayor Joyce Kullman stated that the October minutes had to be tabled due to lack of Council Members present to approve.

**Minutes November 9, 2015**

The November 9, 2015 minutes were approved by general consent.

**Building Permit**

The City Council approved a renewal for a burning permit at 5336 NW Houston Lake Drive. A renewal for a burning permit at 5509 NW Adrian Avenue has been tabled until next month.

**Treasurers Report**

The signatures for the bank accounts for The City of Houston Lake have been updated. Mayor Joyce Kullman, Rick Cowan and Dan Coronado have signature approval on the accounts.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$310,263.89.

The Treasurer's report was approved by the Council.

**Collector's Report**

Mayor Joyce Kullman welcomed Pam Freese as the new City Tax Collector.

**Resolution 12-14-15 (paybills)**

The City Council approved Resolution 12-14-15 unanimously.

**New Business**

a. City Administrator Joe Chepren provided a copy of his activity log to the Council.

b. Alderman Phil Otte stated that fire extinguishers, exit signs, and smoke detectors needed to be checked at City Hall. City Administrator Joe Chepren stated he was looking into this matter.

c. Mayor Joyce Kullman presented the Council with Bill No. 121415-1, appointing Andrew T. Coulson as an additional assistant City Attorney while Jennifer Fain is on maternity leave. Alderman Phil Otte made a motion to put Bill No. 121415-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson. The City Clerk read Bill No. 121415-1 by title only. Alderman Coronado made a motion to put Bill No. 121415-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Anderson. The City Clerk read Bill No. 121415-1 by title only. Alderman Phil Otte made a motion to put Bill No. 121415-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Anderson.

Roll call:

Coronado-Aye

Otte-Aye

Anderson-Aye

Cowan-Excused

Bill No. 121415-1, Ordinance 352 was passed

d. The City Council recognized Marsha Duncan, and Mike Hallauer for their many years of service.

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

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

### **Emergency Management**

Emergency Management Director Dan Coronado asked that we all be aware of unusual or suspicious activity in and around Houston Lake. He informed us that he would be meeting with the Office of Secure Transportation with Riverside next week. In February he will be attending a technician class to become a ham radio holder.

### **Reports from Aldermen**

**Alderman Cowan** – Excused

**Alderman Otte** – Alderman Otte suggested that we be mindful with the City budget.

**Alderman Coronado** - Alderman Coronado brought to our attention of an incident at the park where he approached a parked car to see if they needed assistance, only to find the person smoking marijuana. He asked them to leave without incident, and asked that we be aware of suspicious activity, especially after hours, and if you feel the need please call the Platte County Sheriff's Department.

**Alderman Anderson** – Alderman Anderson wished everyone Happy Holidays, and expressed that she enjoys working with the Council.

### **Mayors Report**

No report

Mayor Joyce Kullman gave thanks to the new and old Council members, wished everyone Happy Holidays, and is looking forward to a prosperous new year.

**Closed Session**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

**Financial Statement  
City of Houston Lake  
As of December 31, 2015**

**Income - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2015**

General Fund	58,318.27	
Road Fund	4,846.35	
Grinder Pump Fund	0.64	
Fire Protection Fund	9.20	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 63,174.46</b>

**Expenses - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2015**

General Fund	57,367.20	
Road Fund	2,843.44	
Grinder Pump Fund	2,254.28	
Fire Protection Fund	9,499.98	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 71,964.90</b>

**Total Funds as of December  
31, 2015**

General Fund	78,349.38	
Road Fund	3,736.40	
Grinder Pump Fund	598.83	
Fire Protection Fund	13,189.63	
Municipal Court Account	200.25	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
County Transportation Tax	58,465.15	
General Fund CD	23,628.64	
Grinder Pump Fund CD	12,533.17	
Mill and Overlay CD	26,002.46	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,124.22	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,270.92	
Road Fund CD	57,733.37	
Sewer Fund CD	10,082.81	
Sewer Fund CD	5,015.01	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 320,449.99</b>

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.



## 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



## ***ADVERTISING IN HOUSTON LAKER***

Houston Lake is a small community, Class 4 City, located between I-29 and I-635 in Platte County, Mo. There are approximately 125 households on the lake and residents live here year round.

Residents love the proximity to locations that meet their every day needs and those who provide their services to our residents.

If you are a church, bank, big chain store, local insurance agent, medical providers, run a business from your home, provide on-site services like painting or carpet cleaning,

**you can't afford not to advertise with us!**

Our rates are very inexpensive. With the wide range of retailers in the surrounding area, you will find that we can bring customers to you and not the guy down the street.

If you are interested in placing black and white advertising with us, please call Houston Laker Editor, Mary Head at 816-741-5639 or Venetian Gardens Homes Association Secretary, Jan Jackalone at 816-587-0028.

HALF PAGE \$10.00/mo. or \$100.00/year

FULL PAGE \$20.00/mo. or \$200.00/year

LAST PAGE OF HOUSTON LAKER – Sorry, already sold!

Have your ad to us by the 24<sup>th</sup> for next month issue.



from

# *The Works by Marlene*

**816.587.1550**

*by appointment only*

*A Full Service Salon in Your neighborhood*

*Consultations Always Free*

*Convenient Hours  
To Fit Your Needs*

*Gift Certificates Always Available  
Great for Last Minutes Gifts*

*Over 25 Years of Experience!*



*Best wishes,  
Marlene*