

Houston Lake 4th of July Celebration

*Congratulations
to everyone!*

*Pet
Show*

*Bike
Parade
and
Popsicle*

Pet Show

Cheeseburgers

Hot Dogs

Bingo

Picnic

August 2016

Garage Sale Bingo



Fireworks Extravaganza



*Pictures courtesy of
Pam Freese, Andi Freese,
Kim Walker & Mary Head*



Community Calendar Events

Aug. 1st - Houston Lake Arts Circle
Entry Form Deadline for Art Show

Aug. 2nd - Primary Election at Wexford Place



Aug. 8th - City Council Meeting - City Hall
7:00pm - Tax Rate Hearing
7:30pm - Meeting

Aug. 13th - Houston Lake Open House Forum
9:00am - 11:00am - City Hall

Aug. 14th - Houston Lake Arts Circle
Artwork Entry Deadline for Art Show, 2 - 4pm City Hall

Aug. 17th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Meeting 6:30pm City Hall

Aug. 20th - Houston Lake Arts Circle
"Drip, Dribble & Splash" Art Show
Grand Opening 4 - 6pm, City Hall

Aug. 21st - Houston Lake Arts Circle
"Drip, Dribble & Splash" Art Show
2 - 4pm, City Hall

Editor's Note: I would like to "thank" Andy Spottswood for printing all the color pages in the Houston Lakers.

4th of July Celebration a Success!

Many thanks to all who attended and participated in this year's 4th of July activities. From the Pet Contest, Bike Parade, Potluck Supper, White Elephant Bingo, and amazing Fireworks' Show, the day was filled with fun, friendship, and a wonderful sense of community.

Thank you to Pam and Drew Freese, Melinda and John Cook, Lisa, Joe and Anthony Chepren for all their work to make the day's events a success! I want to thank all the kids for bringing your pets to the contest (who knew we had such talented pets?), riding your bikes, dancing and playing bingo.

On behalf of all the residents of the city, I want to recognize and offer a special thank you to Rick Cowan, who has organized and directed the beautiful fireworks' show for the past 17 years. Everyone agreed this year's celebration was the best one ever!

We also want to thank Rick's crew of volunteers who attended special training and set up and helped make the display go boom with perfect synchronization.

Mike Hallauer
Dennis Hallauer
Brittany Hallauer
David Hallauer
Jeff Smith
Amy Stone
Natalie Kincaid
Nathan Kincaid

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CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE**

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HOMES ASSOCIATION (HOA)**

President

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816-587-0028

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Melinda Cook

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Anthony Chepren

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Gary Halterman

Water Quality Officer

Sharron DeLaFuente

Wild Grow Program Officer

Linda Kramer

City of Houston Lake

City Hall 816-741-0644

**For more City and Homes Association Info
go to www.houstonlake.net**

Please Join Us! Save the Date!

Houston Lake Open House Forum

Saturday, August 13, 2016

9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

City Hall

Please join us for coffee and donuts and the opportunity to meet your council and Venetian Gardens Homes Association leaders and learn about plans for the community. We invite you to share your ideas and get involved.

Houston Lake Arts Circle

Calendar of Events

2016

- August 1 Entry Form Deadline for Art Show
- August 14 Artwork Entry Deadline for Art Show
- August 20 “Drip, Dribble & Splash” Art Show Opening
Saturday from 4pm to 6pm
- August 21 “Drip, Dribble & Splash” Art Show
Sunday from 2pm to 4pm
- September 28 Arts Circle Meeting, 7pm
- October 5 Fall Pumpkin Festival (date tentative)
- November 23 Arts Circle Meeting, 7pm
- December Holiday Caroling (date TBA)

Children's Workshop
“Drip, Dribble and Splash”
Painting and Drawing Fun
June 26, 2016



2016 Houston Lake Arts Circle's Art Show

CALL TO ARTISTS

“Drip, Dribble and Splash!”

We had so much fun last year and enjoyed so many wonderful entries into the Art Show that we're going to make it an annual event. All of you, our local resident artists, are invited to once again submit your work for the 2016 Houston Lake Arts Circle's Art Show.

So, once again we are putting out a Call To Artists on the Lake—and that means young and old! We are asking for entries of artwork by our residents that can be displayed in City Hall for a limited, rotating exhibition.

“Drip, Dribble and Splash” is the theme. The Grand Opening will be **August 20th, from 4 to 6 pm, and August 21st, from 2 to 4 pm**, and all entries will be exhibited for those two days. After that, the accepted pieces will be displayed on a rotating basis, giving each artist some time to grace City Hall, and show off to our community what talented people we have and what inspires them to create.

What you enter can be any artistic expression that is inspired by the words *“Drip, Dribble and Splash”*. Any artistic expression includes, but is not limited to, drawing, painting, photography, fiber arts, sculpture, film, video, music, poetry, storytelling and dance. We will have a review committee to determine appropriate artistic expression, exhibit scheduling and display criteria. Specific guidelines and details for submissions are on the entry form on the other side.

Still have questions? Come to Houston Lake Arts Circle's regular meeting to hear more, or call Linda Kramer, President at 816-225-4110.





Sponsored by Houston Lake Arts Circle (HLAC)
 “Looking Out My Back Door”



Entry Form and Guidelines:

1. All Artwork must be original, created by the registered artist or artists. No more than two entries per artist or a group of artists, but more than one artist may submit from a single Houston Lake family.
2. The Call to Artists opens on **March 23, 2016** and submissions will be accepted at any regular monthly meeting of the HLAC. Extra entry forms are available then as well. All entry forms must be in by **August 1, 2016**. Entry forms may be mailed to the Houston Lake Arts Circle, c/o City Hall, 5417 N Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo 64151. They may also be dropped off at City Hall, or given to an HLAC board member, or delivered during the regular monthly meeting of the HLAC (the third Saturday of the month at 10 am.)
3. Deadline for final delivery of entered pieces is **Sunday, August 14 between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm**, or by special arrangement via appointment with an Arts Circle board member. Delivery can also be made at any monthly meeting of HLAC at City Hall.
4. Visual art in two dimensions cannot exceed 30” x 36”. All two dimensional art will need to be museum wrapped canvas, or framed, and ready to hang with wire. HLAC does have some frames available for use in limited sizes—please inquire about using those.
5. Three-dimensional art, such as sculptures for indoor display cannot exceed 3’ x 3’, are to weight less than 50 pounds and must be free-standing. Sculptures for outdoor display cannot exceed 3’w x 6’h, must be freestanding and weatherproof.
6. Other art forms that need to be filmed or recorded cannot exceed ten minutes of performance time, and must be in a standard format. Permission will be asked to display these pieces on social media sites, as well as, at a City Hall Screening for the exhibit opening. Contact Rick Cowan with questions at 816-536-9282.
7. All accepted entries will be displayed during the opening weekend of “**Drip, Dribble and Splash**”. The review committee will determine the schedule that each piece will be on display following that and will notify the artist accordingly. All pieces must remain up during their scheduled time. All pieces will remain property of the artist. The artist is responsible for collecting their work when the exhibition ends. Any work not reclaimed after 4 weeks past the end date becomes property of HLAC.

Complete BOTH the following entry forms to submit. Submit Entry Form A to HLAC, attach Form B to your entry.

Drip, Dribble and Splash!: Entry Form A
 Sponsored by Houston Lake Arts Circle

(please print)
 Artist Name _____

Phone # _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____

If a child, Age: _____ Parent’s signature _____

Circle Form of ART entering: Dance Performance Painting Sculpture
 Poetry Photography Fiber Art Film Drawing Other

If other, describe: _____

Title of piece: _____

Physical description of piece:
 Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ Time _____ Media _____

Do you grant permission to have your submission on HLAC’s Facebook page?
 YES NO

HLAC will do our best to care for your entry. However, we will not be responsible for any damage that it may incur.

Signature: _____

Date _____

Drip, Dribble and Splash!: Entry Form B
 Sponsored by Houston Lake Arts Circle

(please print)
 Artist Name _____

Phone # _____ - _____ - _____

Address: _____

If a child, Age: _____ Parent’s signature: _____

Circle Form of ART entering: Dance Performance Painting Sculpture
 Poetry Photography Fiber Art Film Drawing Other

If other, describe: _____

Title of piece: _____

Physical description of piece:
 Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ Time _____ Media _____

Do you grant permission to have your submission on HLAC’s Facebook page?
 YES NO

HLAC will do our best to care for your entry. However, we will not be responsible for any damage that it may incur.

Signature: _____

Date _____

WANTED

THE VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION IS
LOOKING FOR THREE BOARD MEMBERS TO FILL
THREE VACANCIES.

HERE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST BE A LOT OWNER FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR.
- MUST BE CURRENT IN ASSOCIATION DUES.
- THIS IS A VOLUNTEER POSITION.

YOUR HOMES ASSOCIATION REALLY NEEDS YOU!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND EMAIL TO
JANJACKALONE@HOTMAIL.COM.

CALL VICE PRESIDENT NICK JACKALONE @ 587-0028
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER
THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 FOR CONSIDERATION.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

1. Are you currently a paid up member of the Homes Association?

2. Do you have any experience serving on previous HOA Boards? If yes, please explain.

3. List activities/experiences that you have been involved with at Houston Lake that may give you an advantage serving on the Board?

4. What work or outside experiences can you draw from that will help you serve effectively?

5. What areas/issues do you consider most important for the future of the Homes Association?

6. Tell why you would like to serve on the Board of Directors of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association.

All applications must be received no later than September 30, 2016 for consideration. You may email your application to janjackalone@hotmail.com or drop them off in a sealed envelope in the mailbox at City Hall marked HOA.



**Don't Forget
Your
Missouri
Fishing
License and
a Houston
Lake "2016
Red
Wristband"!!**

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2016 Red Wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2016 Red Wristband.

No Fishing in the Beach Area.

To get your 2016 Red Wristbands call Homes Association Secretary/Treasurer Jan Jackalone, 816-587-0028.

The Wristbands are FREE if your Homes Association dues are paid.

Guests of Residents must have that Residents 2016 Wristband with them when they are on or around the lake and Homes Association property.



Homes Association Rules and Regulations

1. Lake Wristbands will be issued to lot owners who have paid the current years Homes Association fee. Lot owners will be responsible for all wristbands issued to their property.
2. Lake Wristband must be worn by Residents, Lot Owners and Guests. Wristband should be visible.
3. Private property. No trespassing. Residents, lot owners and guests only.
4. Property owners are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guest at all times.
5. No DIVING from the Swimming Docks because of shallow water.
6. No. swimming after 9:00p.m.
7. Alcohol will not be allowed in the beach area.
8. Animals will not be allowed in the beach area.
9. Fishing will not be allowed in the swimming area.
10. No disorderly conduct.
11. All Rules and Regulations of the Missouri State Conservation Commission will apply.
12. No trot lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines are permitted.
13. All Terrain Vehicles, motor bikes, motor cycles and motor scooters are prohibited from operating on Homes Association property.

NOTE: A complete list of Rules and Regulations may be obtained at City Hall or by contacting any Homes Association Official.

Beach area

The Fecal Coliforms Test performed July 18, 2016 by Water Quality Officer; Sharron DeLaFuente at the beach dock, water sample is considered Normal. The Fecal Coliforms(water) is 49, anything under 200 is good.

It is safe to swim at the beach.

Children under 14 years of age require
Adult supervision when using the beach area.

State Law



Venetian Gardens Homes Association



Customer: City of Houston Lake
Sharron De la Fuente
3440 NW Edgewater Tr.
Kansas City, MO 64151

LAB REPORT

9503 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64153
Phone: 816-891-7337 • Fax: 816-891-7450
gpal@gpalab.com • www.gpalab.com

Batch: 160718050
Report Date: July 21, 2016
Received: July 18, 2016
Customer PO:

Lab ID	Sample Identification	Analysis	Detection Limit	Result	Units	Test Date
160718050-001	Beach Dock Water Sample	Fecal Coliforms (water)	1	49	cfu/100ml	7/21/2016

Batch Comments: Sample Temperature on Arrival (°F): 61.7

Methods: Fecal Coliforms (water) SM 9222D

Approved by


John Fontana, VP, Technical Services

Environmental conditions are controlled at Great Plains Analytical Laboratory. The analytical results pertain only to the submitted sample and may not be construed as an endorsement of the sampling method employed. This report may not be distributed or reproduced except in full.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Minutes of July 20, 2016 Meeting

The meeting started promptly at 6:30 p.m. Vice President, Nick Jackalone, welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned off before the meeting would begin. He asked Joyce Kullman to take roll call. Present were Nick Jackalone, Vice President and Jan Jackalone, Secretary/Treasurer. There were 14 households represented.

Introduction

Due to the resignations of Sherry Burrup, Justin Burrup and Craig Sovereign in June, three residents were appointed to serve on the board until the October 2016 meeting: Joe Chepren, Janette Boehm, and Carolyn Carey. (Per Section 12, Bylaws). Joe Chepren will serve as board president until the October election.

Roll Call

President - Joe Chepren
Vice President - Nick Jackalone
Secretary/Treasurer - Jan Jackalone
Board Member - Carolyn Carey
Board Member - Janette Boehm

2016 Purpose Task Plan (Exhibit A 10212015-TP) was reviewed and adopted:

- T1) Review, understand, and uphold the restrictions / By-laws agreement as written.
- T2) Implement / maintain approved annual cash flow budget.
- T3) Reach out to HOA members that have joined our community.
- T4) Do a visional survey of VGHA property lines and document maintenance plan for each area. (i.e. Shelter building, Fences, Bridges, Docks, Pumps / Equipment, Trees / vegetation, erosion, etc.) These inspections will be helpful in prioritizing maintenance scheduling, creating SOPs for each task, and how funds are to be used from the annual cash flow budget.
- T5) Form a Task Management group from VGHA members with strong skill sets for assisting with collection of above data, and reviewing the pros / cons and impacts of each task / purposed project.
- T6) Continue the research / documentation of our purposed projects. Round table discussions with Task Management group to consider pros / cons of each project, and maximizing end results for dollars spent.

The Sub Committees will help the Board in matters relating to the Homes Association and Property/Lake Management. They are:

Introduction and Roll Call of Sub Committee Leaders

Audit Committee - pending
Grant Funding Officer/Editor - Pam Freese
Dam/Watershed Officer/Projects - Joe Chepren
Parks and Maintenance - pending
Wildlife Control Officer - Janette Boehm

Wild Grow Program Officer - Linda Kramer
Special Events Officer - Melinda Cook
Water Quality Officer - Sharron DeLafuente
Houston Laker Editor - Mary Head
Aerator Maintenance - Gary Halterman
Offsite Engineering - Anthony Chepren

Minutes

Minutes from the June 2016 meeting were approved by a show of hands. The minutes are published in the Houston Laker.

Collector's Report

Jan Jackalone, Treasurer, presented the Collector's Report. As of July 15, 2016, there are 16 members who are delinquent in their due payments. The Board will consider further action. The report was approved by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report

Jan Jackalone, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report: \$154,812.30 The report was approved by a show of hands.

2016 Budget Report

Joe Chepren, President, reviewed the Proposed Amended 2016 Budget. The budget was approved by a show of hands.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

- Janette Boehm, Wild Life Control Officer, reported she had to dispose of a dead goose recently, cause of death probably a broken neck.
- Linda Kramer, Wild Grow Program Officer, presented information about introducing noninvasive Missouri native plants to the community. Benefits include less mowing costs, and providing more food and habitat for Monarch Butterflies and birds, among other wildlife. Linda passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to join her committee to gather more information and to create a plan. She also recommended residents visit the Missouri Dept. of Conservation and the Missouri Prairie Foundation websites for more information.
- Sharron DeLafluente, Water Quality Officer, reported she had just taken samples and is waiting on the results. If there is a problem with ecoli, signs will be placed at the beach closing it to swimmers.
- Pam Freese, Grant Funding Officer/Editor asked if the HOA meeting dates could be changed due to a scheduling conflict starting when school resumes. The Board will discuss options.

There was no further public discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2016, at 6:30 PM.

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Houston Lake, MO.

The Board of Alderman of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri will conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00pm. on Monday, August 8, 2016 at Houston Lake City Hall.

Citizens may be heard on the property tax rates to be set in order to comply with Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 67.110 and 137.073 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

The proposed tax rate is based on information currently available to the City of Houston Lake. The tax adopted may vary from, but will not exceed the proposed rate.

	Prior Tax Year (2015)	Current Tax Year (2016)
Assessed Valuation (Real Estate/Personal Property)	\$2,850,678.00	\$2,848,111.00
Prior Tax Rate (2015) as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0.7200	
Proposed Tax Rate (2016) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.7813
County Collection Fee \$0.016	\$20,524.88 - <u>\$456.10</u>	\$22,252.29 - <u>\$455.69</u>
Revenue for Fire Protection	\$20,068.78	\$21,796.60
Post-BOE		

Date: July 28, 2016 Melinda Cook, City Clerk

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Assessed Valuation	\$2,850,678.00	\$2,848,111.00
(Real Estate/Personal Property)		
Prior Tax Rate as defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0.6300	
Proposed Tax Rate (2016) (Rate per \$100.00)		\$0.7091
	\$17,959.27	\$20,195.95
County Collection Fee \$0.016	<u>456.10</u>	<u>455.69</u>
	\$17,503.17	\$19,740.26

Revenue for General Fund

POST-BOE

Date: July 28, 2016 Melinda Cook, City Clerk

**Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
As of June 30, 2016**

Income - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2016

General Fund	103,415.77	
Road Fund	6,328.74	
Grinder Pump Fund	8,883.57	
Fire Protection Fund	19,511.55	
Total		\$ 138,139.63

Expenses - Period Covered January 1 - June 30, 2016

General Fund	106,746.20	
Road Fund	2,343.37	
Grinder Pump Fund	2,645.05	
Fire Protection Fund	9,500.02	
Total		\$ 121,234.64

Total Funds as of June 30, 2016

General Fund	75,055.72	
Road Fund	7,721.77	
Grinder Pump Fund	9,482.40	
Fire Protection Fund	23,201.16	
Municipal Court Account	859.01	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
County Transportation Tax	65,800.49	
General Fund CD	23,670.04	
Grinder Pump CD	12,533.17	
Mill and Overlay CD	26,051.35	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,146.97	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,270.92	
Road Fund CD	57,820.26	
Sewer Fund CD	10,097.98	
Sewer Fund CD	5,022.59	
Total		\$ 348,253.58

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
June 13, 2016

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on June 13, 2016 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Joyce Kullman, Aldermen Phil Otte, Evadene Judge, Pam Freese, and excused was Rick Cowan.

Opening Session

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

Mayor Kullman asked for a moment of silence for the tragic event that took place in Orlando, Florida.

Public Discussion

State Representative Kevin Corlew attended the meeting to introduce himself and ask for questions from the audience. Mayor Kullman inquired about the top highlights of his session and he touched on these issues:

- a. Restrictions on lobbying by former government officials
- b. How campaign money is spent
- c. Education
- d. Balanced budget
- e. Public safety
- f. Criminal Justice
- g. Lawsuit Reform Bill
- h. Vehicle sales tax
- i. Municipal Court Reform Bill

Alderman Freese inquired about the Education Bill that will go into effect in 2018-2019; all students will be screened for dyslexia. Ms. Freese asked at what age the students will be screened. State Representative Corlew answered accordingly.

Minutes May 9, 2016

The May 9, 2016 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A new building permit for 5335 NW Edgewood Circle was approved by Council.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Kullman informed everyone that the general fund CD matured, and would be rolled over for the time being. Mayor Kullman informed everyone that the mill & overlay CD, and the road fund CD will mature this month and can be used to fund road work. Alderman Freese inquired as to why a check for \$279.76 came out of our road fund account. Mayor Kullman will check into this matter. The Treasurer's report was approved by the Council.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$353,280.31.

Resolution 6-13-16 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 6-13-16 unanimously.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Joe Chepren expressed his gratitude towards Mayor Joyce, Ethan, Glen, Tony, and Anthony for all their help on City Clean Up Day. He thanked Nick Jackalone for spending that morning helping him clean out the maintenance building, and to City Clerk Melinda Cook for helping with follow up on his behalf. He also thanked the mayor for all the work she does and for making all of our jobs a little more enjoyable.

City Administrator Chepren stated that there were concerns from several residents at last month's public discussion about the erosion and traffic impact from the project on Northwood and 56th Street. He has identified that the project is in the watershed and has searched out the development company and exchanged several emails sharing the residents' concerns. The developer has taken action to correct the BMPs (best management practices), and Mr. Chepren has scheduled a site meeting on Friday, June 17th to survey the site to ensure BMPs are in place.

City Administrator Chepren informed everyone that the road survey work has been completed on the southeast section of Houston Lake from the dam to the start of the new pavement on NW Edgewater Trail. The survey work will continue on the East and West sections by Venetian over the next month.

City Administrator Chepren provided an update to the culvert cleaning project; all work has been shut down. It has been decided by some of the residents that use of his personal equipment and his endless, countless hours of effort were not needed, and therefore he has removed himself and his equipment from any further work for the community of Houston Lake. He would like to make this public knowledge and let everyone know that he is not one to walk away from unfinished projects, but in this case he will. He will contact vendors to get bids on the City's behalf for completion of the work. Resident Janette Boehm informed everyone that she walks through the lake and is very impressed by the amount of work Joe has done for our community.

City Administrator Chepren informed everyone that people have been calling City Hall to report the bridge conditions, and someone even reported getting a flat tire. He has pre-drilled and respiked the loose tread plates. He also stated that the traffic impact to our bridge is a concern, and that the largest percentage of the traffic isn't even from residents of Houston Lake. Resident Boehm stated that she noticed the bridge work that had been done and thanked Mr. Chepren for his work.

City Administrator Chepren stated that he, Mayor Kullman, and Melinda Cook, City Clerk, met with John Bellerive from Haynes Equipment last week to discuss the grinder pumps. Mr. Chepren informed everyone that we are in the process of implementing a global pump inspection to gather information to create a plan to move forward. He will give an update upon completion of the onsite inspection by Haynes' employees.

Mayor Kullman informed everyone that Haynes Equipment will be conducting a global inspection next Tuesday and Wednesday to determine how old each pump is, when it was installed, and pump's wiring. A letter will be mailed to the 37 residences which have grinder pumps.

Sheriff's Report

The Platte County Sheriff's Department submitted a police report for the month of May, 2016.

Codes' Enforcement Report

A codes' report was presented to council and attendees. Codes Enforcement Officer Ethan Dean stated that he had received some questions as to why some people get five days to resolve an issue and some people get 30 days. Mr. Dean informed everyone that it is in the City Codes that if it is a lawn issue the homeowner has five days, and if it is the removal of trees or vehicles it is 30 days. Mr. Dean further stated that he had spoken with the city attorney and was informed that after going through the court system there is a new owner for the property at 5426 NW Venetian Circle. Mr. Dean also inquired as to who is responsible for a tree that has fallen and is partially in the lake; is it the HOA or the homeowner's responsibility? Council will research and let him know. He also stated that while four people will be summoned to court, for the most part everyone has been pretty cooperative and progress is being made. Mayor Kullman asked if anyone had seen any activity at 5420 NW Houston Lake Drive. No one has. The City will continue to have the yard mowed until owners can be identified and the invoices will be added to the home's tax bill. If anyone sees any activity at the residence please contact our Codes Enforcement Officer Dean.

Emergency Management

No report

Reports from Aldermen

Alderman Judge - Alderman Evadene Judge shared an article that was posted in the Kansas City Star that highlighted the benefits of living in Platte County.

Alderman Otte –Alderman Phil Otte **thanked** everyone that volunteered for the City Clean Up Day.

Alderman Freese - Alderman Pam Freese stated that she attended the Missouri Municipal League Conference along with Mayor Kullman and found it to be very informative. She briefly gave an overview on these topics:

- a. The Sunshine Law
- b. Closed session Meetings
- c. Community Building
- d. Revenue Streams

Alderman Cowan – excused

Mayors Report

Mayor Kullman thanked all the volunteers who helped with City Clean Up Day. This will be the last time the city offers the free dumpsters due to problems with the event. Several non-residents dumped items, many people dumped illegal items, and some people abused the access to free dumpsters. Some of the volunteers were verbally abused by people dropping off items. It is obvious that the original intent/spirit of the event (to help residents) is no longer there and is a waste of the city's resources.

Mayor Kullman stated that on July 4th at 11:00 am at the Mayors' park there will be a pet show, followed by a kids' bike parade across the dam at 11:30 am. Kids of all ages are welcome. At 4:00 pm our traditional pot luck will be held at City Hall. The city will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats; we ask residents bring lawn chairs and a side dish. We will play garage sale bingo followed by fireworks at dark. Alderman Rick Cowan will put on the fireworks show and is in need of a volunteer to assist.

Mayor Kullman informed everyone that we received an estimate from Sullivan to update our City's Codes book.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS



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“Primary Election”

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016

at



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6500 N. Cosby Ave.

From I-29: west on Hwy 45 (64th St.) to N. Cosby Ave. Turn right on N. Cosby Ave., then left into the entrance to Wexford Place. The poll site will be set up in the Stafford Room, just past the reception desk.

Time 6:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

Platte County Board of Election (816) 858-4400

Any Questions please call:

City Clerk – Melinda Cook = (816) 352-8401

Editor – Mary Head = (816) 741-5639

Wanted Old Houston Laker's

Please help me complete our archives of Houston Laker's. Below is a list, by year, of the Houston Laker's that are missing. If you have any of the missing copies please contact Mary Head at 816-741-5639. I will take copies of these and return the originals back to you.

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1958 – missing all

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1967 – missing all but December

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1971 – missing July, August, September

1972 – missing April, May, June, July, August, September October, November and Dec.

1973 – missing March, May, July, September and December

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1975 – missing January, March, July, August, September, October, November and Dec.

1976 – missing March, May, June, July, August, October, November and December

1977 – missing all

1978 – missing January, March, July, September, November

1979 – missing January, April, June, July, October and December

1980 – missing February, April, July, September, November

1981 – missing February, June, September, November

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1983 – missing July, September

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1999 – missing August

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GREAT PROGRESS MADE IN LAKE DREDGING

WARM WEATHER UPSETS PLANS

BUT WORK PROCEEDS FAR BEYOND EXPECTATIONS FOR PRESENT YEAR

Houston Lake residents have watched with interest & anticipation the past three months as the long-awaited dredging operations got under way at the north end of the lake.

While unseasonably warm weather turned the mud flats into a bog in which the dredging rig could not operate 100% effectively and several areas could not be cleaned out as well as had been hoped, tremendous improvements in the size and appearance of the lake were made.

Harold Howe, Lake Association president, said when the dredged mud, piled up along shorelines and in the center of the "peninsula" at the north end, had had time to dry thoroughly, a bulldozer would be brought in to level it into a more presentable appearance.

For future dredging at the north end the higher and drier peninsula will furnish a more suitable base of operations for the dragline which can then widen the two newly-dug canals and possibly shorten the peninsula itself.

Since the dredging equipment was already here -- and Lake finances permitted -- the Lake Board decided to clean out the filled-in areas at the northeast end of the lake rather than to wait until next year as originally planned.

Thus the major dredging
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RESIDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEAN-UP AROUND OWN HOMES

More than a thousand dollars was spent by the Lake Association last year in a general clean-up campaign. Ravines, coves, ditches and the shoreline were cleared of all brush and trash.

Except in specific areas set aside as parkways or as general lake property, it is the responsibility of individual home owners -- or renters -- to keep their own yards in respectable condition.

It should not be necessary for a resident to be asked to clean up his own property but this will be done in extreme cases. After such a request if cans, bottles and other trash have not been removed in a reasonable length of time, it may be necessary for the Association to have the job done and a statement sent to the resident for the cost.

SUCCESSFUL LAKE NEWSPAPER NEEDS HELP FROM EVERYONE!

This first issue of the HOUSTON HI-LITES is a trial balloon. It is published in the belief that an informed community is a better community -- you should know what is going on around the Lake and have an opportunity to take part in its affairs. This way we will all benefit.

So we ask your help in publishing the HI-LITES. Tell us the names of new families around the Lake, births, prize catches (husbands or fish), questions you'd like answered or any other items of interest to everyone. Call Claytons: SH 1-2047.

HAROLD HOWE NAMED PRESIDENT OF HOUSTON LAKE ASSOCIATION;

WOODY ELGIN IS VICE-PRESIDENT

Harold Howe, a resident of Houston Lake for the past 12 years who has taken an active interest in Lake affairs, was elected president of the board of directors of the Lake Association at the first meeting of the new board in February.

This is Howe's second term as a member of the board.

Woodrow Elgin, a two-year member of the board, was elected vice-president. Other members of the board are Floyd Ramey, Art Clayton and Stan Shroyer, all having been elected at the annual Lake meeting in January.

Ramey and Clayton were elected for the regular two-year term; Shroyer will serve out the one-year unexpired term of Bill Johannes, who resigned due to the press of regular business matters.

Johannes, however, is still assisting the Board in concluding the deed arrangements with the Houston heirs which will make the Lake the legal property of the Association.

Appointed by the Board to serve as secretary and treasurer for the coming year were Stan Barski and Charlie Nathan, respectively.

STICKERS AVAILABLE

Windshield stickers, proclaiming Houston Lake as the "Home of the Big Bass," are available from Treasurer Charlie Nathan.

LAKE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS MAILED

Statements for 1957 Lake Maintenance assessments have been mailed and are now payable, Charlie Nathan, Lake Association treasurer, has announced.

The annual assessment is the only source of revenue available to the Association for such important matters as dredging, clean-up, repairs to the dam and bridges, road upkeep, adequately stocking and fertilizing the lake, and maintenance of the swimming beach.

While the majority of residents are prompt in payment of their assessment, a few have been delinquent for several years. According to the by-laws of the Association, a lien may be filed against the property in question in order to collect the delinquent assessment.

Membership badges for 1957 are being ordered and will be delivered to paid-up residents before the fishing and swimming seasons begin.

HOUSTON LAKE COMMUNITY STILL HAS ROOM TO GROW

It's no secret that the population of Platte Co. is growing by leaps and bounds. New residential areas are all over the southern part of the county, older areas are rapidly expanding.

While Houston Lake cannot expand area-wise, it can still profit by the population shift north. There are many good homesites still undeveloped on lake property; we have room for many new homes.

Tell your friends about the advantages of living on Houston Lake -- best in the county! Near the highway, near the Big City, near the new airport, good fishing, good swimming, good people!



SPEEDING, CARELESS DRIVING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

Persons found guilty of speeding or careless driving on Lake roads will be subject to a fine or possible imprisonment this year as Houston Village authorities tighten police regulations as Spring approaches.

"Many individuals who were given repeated warnings last year about their driving will find themselves in real trouble if their offenses continue this year," Marshal Frank Hedge warns.

Marshal Hedge and his two deputies, Bob Murray and Guy Pulem, have been instructed to issue traffic tickets to violators who will then be brought before the Houston police judge for hearing.

In cases requiring imprisonment, arrangements have been made with Parkville & Platte City for use of their jails.

The Village Board points out that all lake rules, including speed limits and the wearing of badges when fishing or swimming, apply to all adults as well as the teenagers. A grownup driving too fast can kill a child just as quickly as a high school boy in his jalopy.

Phone numbers of the three marshals are as follows:

Hedge -- SH 1-3344
Murray -- SH 1-3543
Pulem -- SH 1-2711

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BUT WORK PROCEEDS FAR BEYOND

EXPECTATIONS FOR PRESENT YEAR

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problems have been taken care of this winter and from now on we can concentrate on "holding the line" or improving the areas dredged this year.

Total cost of the dredging this year was \$3,600. Howe expressed the Board's appreciation to Damon Purcell, owner of the rig, and his operators for their cooperation and assistance in getting the job done.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF VILLAGE BOARD TO BE HELD APRIL 2

The annual election of members to serve on the governing board of the Village of Houston Lake will be held April 2.

Unlike Lake Association matters in which only one member from each lot-owning family may vote, all adult residents of the Village of Houston Lake hold voting privileges in the Village election.

Five members of the Village board are to be elected. All terms of office are for one year only.

Persons wishing to become a candidate for election to the board should make their intentions known in writing to the Village clerk, Floyd Ramey, at least two weeks before election date.

Printed ballots listing all duly registered candidates, with space for write-ins, will be available at the home of Mrs. Pearl Houston, the official voting site, on election day.



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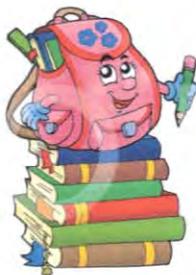
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