

HOUSTON LAKER



OCTOBER 2016

October Happenings

Community Calendar Events

Oct. 5th - Houston Lake Arts Circle
“Third Annual Pumpkin Festival”
6:30pm – City Hall
7:00pm – Pumpkin Potluck Feast



Oct. 10th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm – City Hall

Oct 12th - LAST DAY to Register to Vote for the
November 8th, 2016 General Election.

Oct. 13th - Annual Brush Pick-Up

Oct. 18th - Recycling Day

Oct. 19th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Annual Membership meeting, 7:00pm – City Hall
“Approval of 2017 Budget, new Board Members & Lake dues”

Oct. 31st -



Nov. 2nd - Last Day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed
to the voter for the General Election.

Nov. 8th - General Election

Wanted Old Houston Laker's

Please help me complete our archives of Houston Laker's. Below is a list, by years, 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.

Thank You

1957 – missing September, October, November and December
1958 – missing all
1959 – missing all
1960 – missing all but April
1961 – missing all
1962 - missing all but February
1963 - missing all but March, April, August
1964 – missing all
1965 – missing all
1966 – missing all
1967 – missing all but December
1968 – missing April, July, August, September, October, November and December
1969 – missing August, September, November
1970 – missing January, February, November and December
1971 – missing July, August, September
1972 – missing April, June, July, August, September, November
1973 – missing March, May, July, September, November and December
1974 – missing January, February, March, September and December
1975 – missing January, March, July, August, September, October, November and Dec.
1976 – missing April, May, June, July, August, October, November and December
1977 – missing January, February, April, May, June, August, September, October, Nov. & Dec.
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 and October
1982 – missing April, July, September, November
1983 – missing February
1985 – missing February
1987 – missing June
1994 – missing March and August
1996 – missing February
1999 - missing August
2002 – missing April



Grace Elaine Evans, 92, of Lenexa, Kan., formerly of Houston Lake, Mo., passed away Monday, August 29, 2016. Grace was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Kansas City, Mo., to Everett and Evelyn (Fitzpatric) Hamilton. She was a dedicated employee who worked for 30 years at H.O.Peet/Kidder Peabody. Grace is preceded in death by parents, husband, Carl Wayne Evans, and four siblings, Evelyn M. Welch, Dorothy Bernice Provost, Richard Everett Hamilton, and James Edward Hamilton. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra L. Rose of Kansas City, Mo. Also left behind to cherish her memory are her five grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. Funeral service 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at the McGilley-Frye Funeral Home, 105 East Loula St., Olathe, Kan. Interment in East Slopes Cemetery, 5011 NW Gateway Ave., Kansas City, Mo. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The [American Lung Association](#) , 6701 West 64th Street, Suite #110, Shawnee Mission, KS 66202 or The [Alzheimer's Association](#) , 3846 West 75th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Condolences may be offered at www.mcgilley-frye.com McGilley & Frye Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Dignity Memorial.

Grace & Carl Evans purchased a lot at Houston Lake in 1947. They started building their house on Easter of that year. The next fall they moved into Cambell's garage where they lived for awhile and then they moved in to the cabin that they rented from Mr. Houston in 1948 that was down by the dame. Carl's brother had some friends that lived here and he told Carl that he should build a house at Houston Lake, because Grace and he both loved to fish. Another reason they wanted to move here was the fact they wanted to live in the country and yet be close to the city. Grace lived here on Houston Lake for 67 years.



This picture of the bench to the left is at the beach where Carl and Grace loved to fish from. Grace and her family in 2001 donated this bench in memory of her husband Carl Evans.

This was the cabin that Grace & Carl rented from Mr. Houston in 1948 while they were building their house on Venetian Drive.





ANNUAL BRUSH PICK-UP

The tree service will be in our area on Thursday, October 13th. Please bring your brush to the edge of the street no later than 4:00 pm, Wednesday, October 12th so that it can be tagged for pick-up. Please note: if your brush is not placed street side by then, it will not get picked up. The tree service employees will not go into your back or side yards to retrieve your brush.

Please do not block access to mailboxes or fire hydrants!

Please place the larger ends of the branches toward the street as this will help speed up the process.

Tree branches larger than 10” (inches) in diameter will not go into the chipper so the tree service will not pick them up.

**If you have any questions, please call:
Melinda Cook, City Clerk, 816-741-0644**

HOUSTON LAKE ARTS CIRCLE'S THIRD ANNUAL

Pumpkin Festival

October 5, 2016

6:30 pm at Houston Lake City Hall

***Time for more Fall Fun!
Mask-making, a Pumpkin Feast,
some Music and a Bonfire,
Marshmallows to toast, and Scary
Stories, too! Come join your
friends and neighbors.***



Pumpkin Potluck Feast —

Bring your favorite fall dish to share, along with the recipe. Let's enjoy the fruits of the harvest and the talents of our neighborhood cooks! After dinner, there will be a BONFIRE on the peninsula (*weather permitting*) with marshmallows to toast and scary stories. Don't forget your lawn chair and a roasting stick!!



So, mark your calendar —

October 5th at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7 pm
and don't forget to bring your friends and family!!

Houston Lake Arts Circle

Calendar of Events

2016

September 28 Arts Circle Meeting, 7pm

October 5 Fall Pumpkin Festival (date tentative)

November 23 Arts Circle Meeting, 7pm

December Holiday Caroling (date TBA)

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Minutes of September 21, 2016 Meeting

The meeting started promptly at 6:30 PM. Vice President, Nick Jackalone, welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned off before the meeting would begin. There were 18 households represented in person and seven households were represented by Proxy Vote.

VP Nick asked Joyce Kullman to take roll call. Roll Call Present: President Joe Chepren, Vice Present Nick Jackalone, Secretary/Treasurer Jan Jackalone, Board Members Janette Boehm and Carolyn Carey.

Minutes of August 17, 2016 Meeting were published in the Houston Laker, there were no changes to be made.

Collector's Report: Jan Jackalone had collected \$45.00 so far for September on a past due balance.

Treasurer's Report: The total amount of money on hand is \$154,656.64.

Update from Subcommittee Leaders :

Grant Funding Officer – Pam Freese. Speaking for Pam, Pres. Joe mentioned that while researching plants for Grow Native committee Jan Jackalone discovered an awesome grant available to our community. Projects eligible for TRIM (Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance) funding include tree inventory, hazardous tree removal or pruning, tree planting and volunteer and city employee training on how to best care for our community forests. Pres. Joe said the info was passed on to the Grant Funding Officer. He said this is positive team work at its best and gave special thanks to Jan for her part.

Grow Native Officer – Linda Kramer. Speaking for Linda, Janette Boehm reported that the Community Garden was weeded. Some of the committee members met with Stephen Van Rhein from MO Dept. of Conservation. While doing a visual inspection around the lake, he offered ideas for habitat improvement using native plants. He also suggested that an area between the bridge and Mayors Park be planted with native grasses and flowers to demonstrate our support of native pollinators and the Monarch Butterfly.

Aerator System Officer – Gary Halterman reported that one of the diffusers was not functioning as well as the others and would need to be checked on. He still plans on pulling up the diffusers to replace the filters. He said that the aeration is a big player in the health of the lake.

Houston Lake Editor – Mary Head responded to her survey and that 33 households appreciated receiving the Houston Laker delivered to their home. Two said no. This is out of 125 households on Houston Lake.

Dam Watershed Officer – Joe Chepren made an outstanding presentation on the Silt Basin Restoration Project. His first involvement began in July of 2013. The area was inspected and it was determined that the basin needed to be emptied. Additional water volume would create a higher velocity at the outlet, shorten detention time and cause further erosion of the horseshoe.

During the past year, Joe spent a considerable amount of time on the silt basin. His recommendation included handouts for the project as well as drawings from previous studies and his drawing for the proposed silt pond.

The proposal was broken down into two phases:

Phase 1 – Pump water down, remove muck, incorporate rock detention plating at basin outlet to control discharge rates/increase detention times and reduce the amount of future erosion at outlet embankment. Install silt fencing and grade disturbed areas.

Phase 2 – Final Grading and hydro seeding of disturbed areas.

Total Cost of \$26,233.00 was **unanimously approved** and would include an additional \$5,000 for on site improvements.

Old Business – Group of members wanting to release grass carp into the lake.

Janette Boehm and Jan Jackalone researched aquatic vegetation and spoke with Conservationists at the MO Dept. of Conservation (MDC). Reference material included 2015 MDC Pond Management Series – Aquaguide, 2015 MDC Pond Handbook, 1942 MDC Fish, Game and Forests study, 1989 MDC Private Lake Study (of Houston Lake), 1994 MDC on site study of aquatic vegetation for sportfish and 2002 study by Professor Tim Gabor, Park University.

The Board determined that based on the information presented no grass carp would be introduced at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

ANNUAL MEETING will be at 7 PM October 19, 2016. Mark your calendars!

An invitation will be mailed around the first week in October to all Members in good standing to attend the meeting scheduled for October 19 at 7:00 PM. Names of Candidates for the Board will be voted on. Suggested Budget for 2017 will be included which will be discussed and voted on at this meeting.

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
August 8, 2016

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on August 8, 2016 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Joyce Kullman, Aldermen Phil Otte, Evadene Judge, and Pam Freese.

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 passing of our Alderman Rick Cowan who was a very valued member of our community.

Due to Alderman Cowan's passing, the council agreed to hold an abbreviated session.

Public Discussion

Resident Teri Deister of 5372 NW Wagon Trail Circle expressed her concerns of the high volume of traffic that crosses our bridge at excessive rates of speed. She also expressed concern for the amount of injured and deceased geese by the beach area as a result of the high volume of traffic and careless drivers. Mayor Kullman asked the Platte County sheriff's deputy if they could increase patrols around the lake during morning and evening rush hours to reduce speeding.

Minutes July 11, 2016

The July 11, 2016 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A new building permit for 5323 NW Wagon Trail was approved by the council.

Resolution 8-8-16 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 8-8-16 unanimously.

Mayor Kullman also presented the council with income and expenses from the past month.

New Business

Tax Rate Hearing:

Mayor Kullman presented the council with Bill No. 080816-1, an Ordinance setting forth the tax levy for the City of Houston Lake, Missouri for the tax year 2016. Alderman Otte made a motion to put Bill No. 080816-1 on its first reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Freese. The City Clerk read Bill No. 080816-1 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to put Bill No. 080816-1 on its second reading by title only, seconded by Alderman Freese.

The City Clerk read Bill No. 080816-1 by title only.

Alderman Otte made a motion to put Bill No. 080816-1 on its final passage, seconded by Alderman Freese.

Roll Call:
Freese- Aye
Otte- Aye
Judge- Aye
Bill No. 080816-1 Ordinance 354 was passed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



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 November 8th, 2016 General Election is October 12th, 2016.

ABSENTEE BALLOT: Voters may fax the signed request to the board of Elections at (816)858-3387 or mail to Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City Mo. 64079. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter is Nov. 2nd.

Any questions call

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



Board of Election Phone number (816) 858-4400
or Mary Head (816) 741-5639

HOUSTON LAKE RESIDENTS



Cast Your Official Ballot of the

“General Election”

Tuesday, November 8th, 2016

at



WEXFORD PLACE

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

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.

MISSOURI VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Use this application to:

1. Register to vote in any election in Missouri.
2. Register to vote when you move from one jurisdiction (St. Louis City, Kansas City, or any county) to another jurisdiction (St. Louis City, Kansas City, or any county) within Missouri.
3. Change the address on a current voter registration when you move within a jurisdiction.
4. Change the name on a current voter registration.

Other information:

1. You must be 18 years of age by the day of a particular election to be eligible to vote in that election.
2. If mailed, this form must be postmarked by the 4th Wednesday preceding an election to be eligible to vote in that election. If delivered in person, it must be received in the office of the election authority by the 4th Wednesday preceding an election. (See reverse for election calendar.)
3. Submitting this application to an individual other than the election authority does not insure timely voter registration.
4. After the election authority receives your voter registration application, you will be sent confirmation within 7 business days. If you do not receive confirmation, contact the election authority.
5. If you wish to serve as an election judge on election day please contact your local election authority and mark the box at the bottom of this form.
6. Optional—If registering by mail for the first time, please submit a copy of one of the following forms of identification: current or valid photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address, birth certificate, Native American tribal document or other proof of United States citizenship. (You will be required to present identification when you vote.)

Completing this form (All information is required unless indicated as optional):

Boxes 1 and 2 -- Citizen and Age Requirements

Federal Law requires voter registration applicants to answer these two questions.

Box 3 -- Type of Application

Check appropriate box if this is a new registration or if you are changing a name or address on your current voter registration.

Box 4 -- Name

Put in this box your full name (Last, First, Middle). DO NOT use nicknames or initials. For name changes, Box 12 should contain your old name.

Box 5 -- Home Address

List your home address. DO NOT put your mailing address if it differs from your home address.

Box 6 -- Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address other than your home address in Box 5, put that address here in this box.

Box 7 -- Driver's License Number

Required for registration unless you do not have a Driver's License. (§115.158, RSMo.) If you do not have a Driver's License, leave blank.

Box 8 -- Last Four Digits of Social Security Number

Required for registration unless you do not have a Social Security Number. (§115.155, RSMo, §115.158, RSMo.) If you do not have a Social Security Number, leave blank.

Box 9 -- Date of Birth

Place your date of birth in this box (Month, Day, Year). DO NOT USE TODAY'S DATE!

Box 10 -- Place of Birth (Optional)

List your place of birth (city/county/state).

Box 11 -- Daytime Phone Number (Optional)

Please list a number at which the election authority may contact you for clarification of information.

Box 12 -- Last Voter Registration Information

If you are currently registered, please list the name and address of your last registration including county and state.

Box 13 -- Signature

Review the information. If you meet the requirements and all is correct, sign your full name or make your mark and print today's date.

Box 14 -- Rural Voters

If you live in a rural area without a street address, please supply information which may help in placing you in the proper voting district.

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONFIRMED BY MAIL WITHIN SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS OF ITS RECEIPT BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY. PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTION AUTHORITY IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE NOTIFICATION.

(DETACH HERE - KEEP TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS) This card is not proof of registration.



MISSOURI VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

USE PEN - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1 ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		2 WILL YOU BE 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If you checked no in response to either of the above questions, do not complete this form.			
3 <input type="checkbox"/> NEW REGISTRATION <input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> NAME CHANGE		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY REGISTRATION NO.	
4 LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX (JR, II, ETC.) <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5 ADDRESS WHERE YOU LIVE (HOUSE NO., STREET, APT. NO. OR RURAL ROUTE AND BOX - NO PO BOXES)		CITY	COUNTY
6 ADDRESS WHERE YOU GET YOUR MAIL (REQUIRED IF DIFFERENT FROM #5 ABOVE)		CITY	STATE MO
7 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE, PLEASE LEAVE BLANK.		8 LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER* IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PLEASE LEAVE BLANK.	
9 DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	10 PLACE OF BIRTH (OPTIONAL)	11 DAYTIME PHONE NO. (OPTIONAL)	
12 NAME AND ADDRESS ON LAST VOTER REGISTRATION NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ If currently registered in another state or county please complete this box.		13 I hereby certify that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Missouri. I am at least seventeen and one half years of age. I have not been adjudged incapacitated by any court of law. If I have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I swear under penalty of perjury that all statements made on this card are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I register to vote knowing that I am not legally entitled to register, I am committing a class one election offense and may be punished by imprisonment of not more than five years or by a fine of between two thousand five hundred dollars and ten thousand dollars or by both such imprisonment and fine. Date _____ Signature _____	
14 RURAL VOTERS: COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF ANY CITY. I live _____ miles _____ (N S E or W) of _____ (landmark or junction). Section, Township and range _____. My neighbors are _____.			

Check here if you are interested in working as an Election Judge

Warning: Conviction for making a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine up to \$10,000.

Place
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MO

**Platte County Election Board
2600 NW Prairie View Rd.
PO Box 560
Platte City, MO 64079**

FOLD HERE

Mailing Instructions

1. Sign the form.
2. Fold this sheet with address showing.
3. Fold and insert completed voter application.
4. Tape edges.
5. Apply postage.
6. Mail.

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