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Christmas

December 2016

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

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





Community Calendar Event

Dec. 2nd - Kansas City Art Institute's End of Semester show

*Dec. 12th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm – City Hall*

Dec. 13th - Recycling Day

*Dec. 13th - Open Date for Candidate Filing.
Please contact City Clerk, Melinda Cook 816.352.6401*

Dec. 21st -



Dec. 25th -



Dec. 27th - Tuesday Trash Pick-up

Jan. 1st - Happy New Year 2017

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

Houston Lake Arts Circle News

To nurture and inspire the creativity and talents of our Houston Lake community

Friday, December 2– *Kansas City Art Institute's End of Semester show*

(<http://kcai.edu/2016/11/kcais-end-semester-exhibition-sale-offers-something-everyone/>)

We will be attending this event as a group. If you would like to join, please email arts.circle@houstonlake.net or call Evonne at 901-596-6704 for more details.

Wednesday, January 18– *Meeting and Artwork Pick up/Drop off*

We will rotate the artwork from our recent show during our January meeting from 7-8pm. If your artwork is currently on display at City Hall, please come to the meeting to pick it up. If your artwork is scheduled to be displayed during the second rotation, please bring it to City Hall on January 18 from 7-8pm.

If you have questions or need more information, please email arts.circle@houstonlake.net

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ARTICLE II. PERMITS

SECTION 500.100: BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

All persons desiring to construct, erect, alter or add to any building, boat dock, fences, road or drive or any structure in the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, must first obtain a building permit for such construction, alteration or addition from the Board of Aldermen of said City. (Ord. No. 282 §2, 10-14-02)

SECTION 500.110: PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All persons desiring to obtain such a permit shall submit an application with the complete plans and specifications and plot plan for such construction showing sizes, estimated cost and details of such proposed construction and the location of such construction upon the plot of land. No new dwelling construction or property line fence construction will be permitted until after certified surveys have been filed with the Board of Aldermen. Certified surveys will be required on all additions to old dwellings where the new construction will be closer to the property line than the old dwelling. (Ord. No. 282 §3, 10-14-02) Applications for a building permit may be obtained by leaving a message at City Hall, contacting your Alderman or calling City Clerk at 816-352-8401

From the desk of the City Clerk:

“To All Residents of Houston Lake”

1. If any resident needs a trash container or a recycling contact the following people for a timely response and to avoid any confusion. Please leave your name, address and a phone number and the containers will be delivered to your home.

Mayor Joyce Kullman –
816.547-8173

Or

City Clerk Melinda Cook –
816.352-8401

2. According to Ordinance
334, Section 230.025

Open Burning for Recreational Purposes

All residents of Houston Lake wishing to apply for an open burning permit can do so by downloading the application on our website Houstonlake.net or you may call 352-8401. After you have filled out the form, please slip it through the mail slot on the door at City Hall for review and approval by the City Council.

December 13, 2016

2017 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid
Recycling Cart**

January 10
February 7
March 7
April 4
May 2
May 31
June 27
July 25
August 22
September 19
October 17
November 14
December 12



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 call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. City Hall: 816-741-0644.



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 call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. City Hall: 816-741-0644.

The holidays that Allied Waste observes 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 pickup will be on Wednesday of that week.

2016 & 2017 Holiday Schedule:

Christmas (Sunday 12-25-16)
New Years (Sunday 1-1-17)
Memorial Day (Monday 5-29-17)
Independence Day (Tuesday 7-4-17)
Labor Day (Monday 9-4-17)
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-23-17)
Christmas (Monday 12-25-17)
New Years (Monday 1-1-18)

Pick-up Day

Tuesday 12-27-16
Tuesday 1-3-17
Wednesday 6-31-17
Wednesday 7-5-17
Wednesday 9-6-17
Tuesday 11-21-17
Wednesday 12-27-17
Wednesday 1-3-18

Trash and Recycle Bin Retrieval!

If you have extra Trash or Recycle bins that you are NOT using, the city would like them back! The trash bins are blue with wheels and the recycle bins are blue with yellow lids and wheels. Please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number and we will arrange a time to pick up the extra bins. City Hall: 816-741-0644

Thank you!

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Minutes of November 16, 2016 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Vice President Nick Jackalone welcomed everyone and asked that cell phones be turned off before the meeting would begin. There were in total 12 households represented in person.

VP Nick asked Mary Head to take roll call. Roll Call: President Joe Chepren, Vice Present Nick Jackalone, Secretary/Treasurer Jan Jackalone, Board Members Kerry Hallowell and Keith Carey were all present.

Minutes: Secretary Jan Jackalone asked if there were any correction to the October, 2016 Minutes and there were none so the Minutes stand approved.

Collector's Report: Jan Jackalone reported that she received \$1,119.00 from past due member's accounts in October.

Treasurer's Report: Total amount of money in combine accounts is \$127,500.32.

Kaw Valley Inc. invoice # 01140 in the amount of \$23,661.00 for the 2016 *Sediment Basin Project* was paid in full 10/25/2016 – Project to date came in under approved budget by \$7,572.00.

Old Business:

Credit Card Acceptance – Treasurer Jan Jackalone said that she has a company that will process our credit card payments without charging monthly fees or yearly contracts. They will charge a per transaction fee. It is estimated that the total cost would be \$305.28 to our members. This includes the \$295.00 Annual Dues and the "Convenience fee" passed on to our members. The annual bills will be sent out early December, payable no later than January 31, 2017. If everything falls into place, there will be the option of paying by credit card. Treas. Jan is working on finalizing this through Intuit, an established and reputable company.

Seawall Repair – Dam / Watershed Officer Joe Chepren – Is preparing a Scope of Work for repair. Target for this project is Spring of 2017

New Business:

Inlet Dam – Dam / Watershed Officer Joe Chepren – Is preparing a Scope of Work for repairs to Rock Check Dam / Cleaning and reshaping embankments. Our 2015 / 2016 combine budget for Propose Projects Fund - line item Inlet Dam has \$5000.00 earmark for this work. Target for this project is winter of 2016 /2017.

New Business Continued:

Chain Link Fence – Parks / Maintenance Officer – Joe Chepren is reaching out for bids on repairs. The gates are difficult to secure etc. and invites unwanted individuals to come to the Beach for whatever reasons after 9PM.

Outlet Spillway at Sediment Basin - Dam / Watershed Officer - Joe Chepren has met on site at Houston lake with KCMO waste water. Chepren discussed a solution for correcting the exposed sewer line at the outlet and is waiting for KCMO engineers to reply. It has also been discussed that the cost for this project would be the responsibility of KCMO Waste Water.

Grow Native Update – Lana Lee spoke on behalf of the Committee about a meeting attending at the Northland Garden Club. The meeting was about using public space and/or conserving lakes in the Platte County area to incorporate Native plants with regular planting. She learned that there is a reimbursement program that comes from Platte County Parks and Rec. for \$1,000 to \$2,000 for acquiring plants. One of the goals is to preserve and bring back natural species that are now buried under concrete and rock as development in the County continues.

Lana said the Grow Native Committee would love to have the Community's input and involvement and get more people involved in the planting and maintaining Native plants. She will do more research and get the details about the program for reimbursement.

Public Discussion – None

There will be no December 21 Meeting.

***On Behalf of the Board of the Venetian Gardens Homes
Association***

We wish you and yours a

Very Merry Christmas

And a

Happy and Healthy New Year !

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING

**The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election,
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 to elect the following offices:**

Mayor for two (2) 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 13,
2016, and no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday January 17, 2017. The
filing forms will be made available by contacting Melinda Cook
at 816-352-8401.**

**City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Council Meeting
October 10, 2016**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 10, 2016 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Joyce Kullman, Aldermen Phil Otte, Evadene Judge, and Pam Freese. Absent: Melinda Cook, City Clerk

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

None

Minutes September 8, 2016

The September 8, 2016 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building and Burning Permits

Building permit: 5510 NW Adrian: Alderman Freese made the motion to issue a building permit for 5510 NW Adrian contingent on the homeowner obtaining a building permit from Kansas City also. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jackalone.

Roll Call:

Jackalone- Aye	Freese- Aye
Otte- Aye	Judge-Aye

A recreational burning permit for 5335 NW Edgewood Circle was approved by the Council.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was approved by Council.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$323,472.73.

Resolution 10-10-16 (paybills)

The City Council approved Resolution 10-10-16 unanimously.

Emergency Management

No report.

Police Report-Fire Department Report

No police report.

No fire department report.

highly recommended that we budget enough for the entire city council to attend the 2017 meeting.

Alderman Jackalone- No report.

Alderman Otte- No report.

Alderman Judge- No report.

Mayors report

Brush pick-up is scheduled for October 13th. All brush must be at the curb by the evening of October 12th and tagged for pick-up the next day. Resident Jan Jackalone thanked the city for donating the mulch and chippings for the city garden.

Mayor Kullman congratulated the Arts Council on a successful Pumpkin Festival. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



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



*Happy Holidays,
Marlene*