

Houston Laker

Wishing You Very

Happy New Year

2017

January 2017



Community Calendar Events



Jan. 1st -

Happy New Year

Jan. 3rd - Tuesday Trash Pick-up

Jan. 10th - Recycling Day

Jan. 16th - City Council Meeting
7:30pm – City Hall

Jan. 17th - Closing date for Candidate Filing. Please
contact City Clerk, Melinda Cook 816.352.8401

Jan. 18th - Venetian Garden Homes Association meeting, 7pm City Hall.
6:45-7pm Secretary/Treasurer Jan Jackalone will be at City Hall
to accept dues & hand out 2017 Lake Bracelets to paid members.

Jan. 25th - The Arts Circle: Business Meeting will meet at 7:00pm, City Hall.
Following the meeting, professional actors will present a staged
reading of Wendy Thompson's screenplay "Women in Bronze".
The screenplay "Women in Bronze" reading is a science-fiction
story about a group of mercenaries who come to Earth to save a
fashion-company dispute in the galaxy.

Jan. 28th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association Board Members will be at
City Hall 10:00am – Noon to accept payments & hand out the
2017 Lake Bracelets to paid members.

Feb. 19th - The Arts Circle: Sunday 2:00pm – 4:00pm, City Hall. Artists please
drop off and pick up your artwork to change out the "Drip, Dribble
and Splash" Art Show.



“Houston Lake Ice”

is not thick enough to skate on.

Please do not get out on the ice.

Just a reminder, Homes Association dues have been sent out. Payment is due no later than January 31, 2017 to avoid penalty.

Secretary/Treasurer Jan Jackalone will be at City Hall **Wednesday Jan. 18th, from 6:45pm – 7pm.** To accept payments and hand out the 2017 Lake Bracelets to paid members right before the meeting at 7pm.

Board Members will be present at City Hall **Saturday January 28th, 2017 from 10:00am - Noon** to accept payments and hand out the 2017 Lake Bracelets to paid members.

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CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE**

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HOMES ASSOCIATION (HOA)**

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Houston Lake History Books & 2nd Edition Cookbooks on sale.

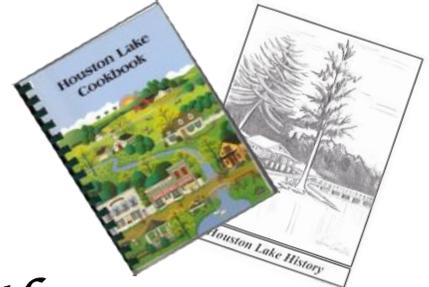
This would make a wonderful gift to someone special.



3 = books for \$10.00

2 = books for \$8.00

1 = book for \$5.00



All the proceeds will go to the Houston Lake Arts Circle.

To purchase your books please call President of the Houston Lake Arts Circle Linda Kramer - 816.225.4110 or Mary Head - 816.741.5639.

Thank You

HOUSTON LAKE COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE

Houston Lake has a Community Book Exchange available for everyone's use. If you want a book, come get one. If you want to donate books, just leave them. And thanks! We'll take puzzles and magazines too.

The top shelf is for the adults, the bottom shelf is reachable for kids.

Installed at 5417 N.W. Adrian, (City Hall front porch), its rustic design looks like an aged cabin.

It was built and donated by Michael Lazar; he constructed it completely from recycled materials.

Enjoy!



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.

2017 Holiday Schedule

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 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!

From the Desk of the City Clerk:

USER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT/ONE GRINDER PUMP

Our sewage grinder pumps are aging. We are seeing a few more pump failures than we did when our systems were new. We now know there are a few things that can be done to help prevent premature failures. It is recommended that you use a liquid detergent for laundering.

CARE AND USE OF YOUR GRINDER PUMP

The Environment/One grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping a wide range of materials. Regulatory agencies advise the following items should not, however, be introduced into any sewer, either directly or through a kitchen waste disposal unit:

Glass, diapers, socks, rags or cloth, metal, plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.), seafood shells, sanitary napkins or tampons.

In addition, you must NEVER introduce into any sewer:

Explosives	Strong Chemicals
Flammable Material	Gasoline
Lubricating Oil/Grease	

Do not use caustic solutions for drain cleaning. If you must use a drain cleaner, use an enzyme cleaner.

PERIODS OF DISUSE

We have found that in very cold weather, a pump can potentially freeze-up if there is no water usage in the house. If you are going to be gone during the cold weather, we would recommend that you have a friend, neighbor or relative run some hot water down the sink every day or two. This seems to keep the pump from freezing

CAUTION: DO NOT DISCONNECT POWER TO THE UNIT

POWER FAILURES

Your grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, keep water usage to a **MINIMUM**, please!

The Environment/One Grinder Pump is installed with a warning device. The yellow light should be removed and tested periodically. If you see a yellow pump light on, or the horn blowing on the Southside of the Lake, or if you have any questions about your sewer system, **PLEASE** call Joyce Kullman at 816-547-8173 or Melinda Cook at 352-8401.

One last recommendation – **DO NOT** run your gutter down spouts or sump pumps into your sewer system.

**THANK YOU
Melinda Cook
City Clerk**

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
November 7, 2016

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on November 7, 2016 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Joyce Kullman, Aldermen Phil Otte, Evadene Judge, Pam Freese and Nick Jackalone.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Mayor Kullman informed council and attendees that our guest speaker Teresa Keller the Director of Operations with Missouri Community Betterment cancelled her appearance due to illness.

Resident Joe Chepren residing at 3520 NW Edgewater Trail informed the Council, and asked to be on public record that he met with our Codes Enforcement Officer Ethan Dean to discuss some complaints about his property. Joe feels he is being personally attacked and considers it to be a witch hunt, he stated that his attorney and the City Judge would sort it out, as he finds this a waste of time.

Minutes October 10, 2016

The October 10, 2016 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

A new building permit for 5275 NW Edgewood Trail was approved by Council.

A building permit for 5510 NW Adrian will be put on hold until further information is provided. Resident Gary Halterman who resides at 5303 NW Edgewood Trail expressed his opinion and questioned Council as to why a building permit for 5510 NW Adrian seems to be so overdone and strenuous. Council advised that Mr. Harris who is the owner of this property needed to provide the City Council with certified drawings and a plot map. As soon as this information is received, the Council will expedite the permit.

A burn permit for 3540 NW Edgewater trail was approved by Council.

Treasurer's Report

Mayor Kullman informed Council and attendees that the City has a CD that is due on 12-15 at the Blue Ridge Bank & Trust and that she would be moving it to Bank of Weston, as Blue Ridge Bank & Trust is no longer North of the river and now all the funds will be at the same branch.

The Treasurer's report was approved by Council.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$312,800.20.

Resolution 11-7-2016 (paybills)

Mayor Kullman informed Council and attendees that there was an addition to resolution 11-7-2016 for KCP&L for \$122.45 due to a late invoice.

The City Council approved Resolution 11-7-2016 unanimously.

Emergency Management

Mayor Kullman and City Administrator Joe Chepren meet with Mr. Shelton, Assistant Fire Chief and Emergency Manager in September and he offered to attend our City meetings. Mr. Shelton informed Council and attendees that in the past month there had been only 1 call to EMS. He also informed everyone of the importance of inspecting the trees and hangovers to ensure that the apparatus is able to make its way through Houston Lake without any damage. The trees need to have a 14 ft clearance. Mayor Kullman and Alderman Otte thanked him for his service.

Police Report-Fire Department Report

Council reviewed the Police report and Alderman Freese inquired about criminal damage, Mayor Kullman stated that she would call Sergeant Thurman for details.

Codes' Enforcement Report

A codes' report was presented to Council and attendees. Codes Enforcement Officer Dean briefly updated everyone. He advised that we have 11 complaints on 8 properties. Officer Dean stated that for the most part people have been very cooperative and helpful, he has even helped residents to resolve their issues. He has two arrest warrants out for residents that have not responded accordingly. Most of the issues are with external services, not residents of Houston Lake. Officer Dean stated to resident Joe Chepren that he is not out on a personal witch hunt, and he refuses to be used as a tool for a witch hunt.

City Administrator Report

No report.

Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

No report.

New Business

None

Reports from Alderman

Alderman Freese- Inquired as to when we should reschedule Teresa Keller, it was decided that it will work out best to have her attend our December meeting. Teresa Keller is the Director of Operations with Missouri Community Betterment. This non-profit group will come into our community and help us develop a plan and apply for grants as applicable.

Alderman Jackalone- Stated that he has been helping out inspecting building for permits.

Alderman Otte- He thanked Ethan Dean for all his work as our Codes' Enforcement officer. He thanked Joe Chepren our City Administrator for his work on the silt pond. He inquired about

snow removal, Mayor Kullman informed everyone that we have a contract with a company that doesn't expire until April 2017. He inquired as to whether our new Emergency Management Officer could be brought in from outside the City. Mr. Shelton the Assistant Fire Chief with Riverside stated that we could absolutely do that. He also stated that he would be more than willing to assist until we are able to fill this position. He informed everyone that the training for ICS 100 & 700 could be done online. Mayor Kullman and Council all committed to completing this training by the end of this year.

Alderman Judge- No report.

Mayors report- Informed Council and attendees that our current Court Clerk had put in her resignation and would be leaving by the end of the month. We are currently working on a replacement for this position, possibly contracting with the Platte County Sheriff's Department. She stated that she would look into this and update everyone at our next meeting. Mayor Kullman informed everyone that Judge Dorsey has fallen ill and Judge Furgeson will be taking his place.

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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*Happy Holidays,
Marlene*