

Houston Laker

happy
valentines



February 2017



Community Calendar Events

Feb. 7th - Recycling Day

*Feb. 13th - City Council meeting
7:30pm – City Hall*

Feb. 14th -



*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.*

*March 15th - The Houston Laker paper 60th Anniversary reception
6 – 7pm City Hall*



A NOTE OF



I would like to take this opportunity to thank some very special people who reside at Houston Lake. These individuals went above and beyond to go out of their way during the time of my illness. Their prayers, visits, flowers helped in keeping my spirits high and on to the road of recovery.

There is no way I can ever repay them, but to say, "Thank you all for being good friends and good neighbors".

Betty, Sharron & Rick DeLafuente

Michel & Jacob Arial

Kenny Tarrell

Kerry Hallowell

Lana Lee

Mark Valencia



Happy New Year.

Love, Iris Arnold

Important Ballot Issue! Please vote on April 4, 2017

On the ballot April 4, 2017 the voters of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri will be asked to continue the existing special tax levy of 78¢ for fire suppression services for the City of Houston Lake.

This levy has expired and must be readopted by the voters to extend it for an additional four-year period. This levy provides the funding necessary to provide the City of Houston Lake with fire suppression services. If the voters do not choose to continue this levy, it could be devastating to the City's ability to provide fire suppression services.

This levy is not a new tax; it is a continuation of the existing special tax levy. It is important for the voters to understand that this will not increase their levy, but only continue it at the same rate it is today.

The existing special tax levy of 78¢ expired at the end of 2016. By state law this issue must be brought back to the voters every four (4) years in order for it to continue.

The ballot language will read:

“Shall the City of Houston Lake continue the existing special tax levy of seventy-eight cents (\$.78) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for an additional period of four (4) years for fire suppression services?”

Yes

No

This issue must be passed by the voters in order for the City to maintain fire suppression services for the City.

If you have any questions regarding the special levy, please contact your alderman:

Houston Lake City Council

Pam Freese, SW Alderman 1, pamelafreese@gmail.com or 816.726.4455

Nick Jackalone, SW Alderman 2, janjackalone@hotmail.com or 816.587.0028

Evadene Judge, NW Alderman 2, 816.321.2239

Phil Otte, NW Alderman 1, kcelia@sbcglobal.net or 816.419.0070

Joyce A. Kullman, Mayor, 816.547.8173, joyce@houstonlake.net

Bridge Closed

NOTICE

Recently there was a car accident on the Houston Lake Bridge. There is significant structural damage to the guard rail over the spillway.

Thankfully no one was hurt in the accident. For everyone's safety, the bridge was closed and will remain closed until it can be made safe again. Thank you for your patience and respect while we repair the bridge.

Please SLOW DOWN!!



Attention Cat and Dog Owners

Proof of Vaccinations Due May 1, 2017

SECTION 205.020: Vaccination

The owner or keeper of any dog or cat in the City of Houston Lake is hereby required to have such animals vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and to procure a certificate of such vaccination from the veterinarian and to present such certificate to the City Clerk on or before **May first (1st) of each year**; and the City Clerk shall register such certificate, which registration shall remain in force until the April thirtieth (30th) next following said registration. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit such animal to remain in the City of Houston Lake unless vaccinated as above provided.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Minutes of January 18, 2017 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 16 households represented in person.

VP Nick asked Joyce Kullman 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.

Collector's Report: Jan Jackalone reported that she received \$724.00 from past due member's accounts in January.

Treasurer's Report: Total amount of Money on hand is \$136,575.11. To date, 41 Members have paid the 2017 dues.

Old Business:

Pres. Joe Chepren updated members on the following projects:

- Seawall Repair at Beach, Preparing a Scope of Work to include Sandbagging low area.
- Chain Link Fence at Beach/Park, Received a bid for fencing, posts, hinges, realignment and resetting posts, replacing top rail. This will be industrial gauge fencing for appx \$1,877.00. Money for this project is budgeted under Maintenance and Repairs.
- Inlet Dam, Shape the embankment to control water flow into the slit pond. Preparing a Scope of Work for this winter project.
- KCMO Waste Water Management, Received word that a work order was being issued.

Update from Jan Jackalone, Grow Native Committee: She and the group will be gathering information regarding the projects they want to pursue in 2017 which include applying for four grants from various MO agencies.

New Business: 2017 Board members will be meeting to work on written business plan for 2017 and 2018 years. Main focus will be Income, Controlled Spending, Budget, Grants and on the 5 and 10 Year Plans of the Association.

Open Discussion: Pres. Joe asked member what are they expecting from the Board?? We would like to suggest that Members use the HOA mailbox near the door to City Hall to drop off suggestions and opinions to the Board. It is a locked mailbox and all correspondence will be kept confidential.

There will be no February Meeting.

March Event: March 15th Mary Head, Editor of the Houston Laker, will host a 60th Anniversary gathering from 6PM – 7PM at City Hall. Cake and drinks will be served.



“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.

2017 Royal Blue Lake Wristbands

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

WELCOME HOUSTON LAKE GARDENERS!

Love to garden but don't have the space?

Want to be outdoors and grow your own bounty?

Get your kids involved in vegetable or flower gardening?

WE HAVE THE ANSWER FOR YOU ~~~~~

You may know or seen that the Community Garden was not utilized during 2016 and the Grow Native Committee pulled weeds and put mulch down to get it ready for the 2017 growing season.

The garden is divided into three rows:

A Section will be reserved for Grow Native as planting beds.

B Section has a wire lead that can accommodate climbing plants like green beans, cucumbers, etc. as well as the regular spot for tomatoes, peppers, etc.

*C Section is bare and left to your own imagination.
(Unfortunately, growing medicinal marijuana is illegal !)*

B & C Section will be divided into 3 plots per row ~ a total of 6 plots are available. Cost is \$25.00 per each plot. This includes access to water, so you don't have to haul jugs of water to your garden.

You will be required to sign an agreement to tend to your garden including pulling weeds and being respectful of the other gardeners around you. This garden is ORGANIC. No pesticides or herbicides allowed unless labeled ORGANIC.

You will be given a key to access the garden so you can come and go as you tend your area.

If you are interested, please feel free to visit the garden and let Jan Jackalone know of your interest and more information about the responsibilities of your garden space.

Contact Jan at 816-587-0028 or janiackalone@hotmail.com

Deadline is March 17th.



City of Houston Lake

Official Minutes of the Council Meeting

December 12, 2016

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on December 12, 2016 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Joyce Kullman, Aldermen Evadene Judge, Pam Freese, Nick Jackalone, and Phil Otte-excused.

Opening Session

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

Public Discussion

Alderman Freese introduced our guest speaker Teresa Keller, with the Missouri Community Betterment Education Funds, Inc. Ms. Keller informed us about what the organization has to offer. It is a nonprofit organization which has been in existence since 1963. If we were to join, for a yearly fee of \$100.00, they would give assistance with locating funding sources, free educational webinars, help with available grants, bring in experts to help prepare a 5-10 year plan for Houston Lake. They also have a program for our youth that will empower them to be actively engaged in the planning and implementation of improvement projects.

Minutes November 7, 2016

The November 7, 2016 minutes were approved by general consent.

Building Permit

None

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 \$326,114,01.

Resolution 12-12-2016 (paybills)

Mayor Kullman informed Council and attendees that there was an additional check in the amount of \$17.52 which will be added to next month's resolution.

The City Council approved Resolution 12-12-2016 unanimously.

Emergency Management

Mayor Kullman informed Council that she would be sending out a link for them to take the Emergency Management classes online.

Police Report-Fire Department Report

A resident expressed concern for some type of disturbance along Houston Drive and Venetian, it was not in our November police report, Council advised her that if the disturbance took place in Houston Lake it may be in our December report.

Codes' Enforcement Report

A codes' report was presented to Council and attendees.

City Administrator Report

Joe Chepren informed Council and attendees that he had visited with a homeowner in Brenner Ridge whose house backs to Edgewater Trail who had some tree work done in which the Contractor entered the property through Houston Lake. Joe has spoken with the contractor and all issues have been resolved.

Joe also thanked Assistant Fire Chief Mr. Shelton for attending our City Council meeting. Joe informed him that he has been working to ensure that all trees and hangovers are taken care of, he is now in the process of trying to distinguish whose responsibility it is to clear these, whether it be the homeowner, KCP&L, or the City.

Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

No report.

New Business

Mayor Kullman informed Council that there is a Special Tax Levy for Fire protection that needs to be passed at our January City Council Meeting.

Reports from Alderman

Alderman Freese- Made a motion to join the Missouri Community Betterment Program, seconded by Alderman Judge.

Roll call:

Jackalone-Aye

Freese-Aye

Otte-excused

Judge-Aye

Alderman Jackalone- No report

Alderman Otte- Excused

Alderman Judge- No report.

Mayors report- Informed Council and attendees that she has spoken with Kim Johnson, who is the Platte County Circuit Court Clerk about transferring Houston Lake Court Clerk requirements over to Platte County. We will also be using an online payment system.

Mayor Kullman and Council agreed to move the next City meeting to Monday January 16, 2017.

Mayor Kullman informed Council and attendees that the City had donated one of our old trucks to the Veterans. Mayor Kullman thanked City Administrator Joe Chepren and City Clerk Melinda Cook for the organizing and handling of this matter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Financial Statement
City of Houston Lake
As of December 31, 2016**

Income - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2016

General Fund	50,417.60	
Road Fund	4,890.32	
Grinder Pump Fund	4.05	
Fire Protection Fund	9.37	
Total		\$ 55,321.34

Expenses - Period Covered July 1 - December 31, 2016

General Fund	55,905.49	
Road Fund	3,710.20	
Grinder Pump Fund	4,128.57	
Fire Protection Fund	9,499.98	
Total		\$ 73,244.24

Total Funds as of December 31, 2016

General Fund	83,270.03	
Road Fund	79,364.12	
Grinder Pump Fund	714.83	
Fire Protection Fund	13,710.55	
Municipal Court Account	3,827.01	
Municipal Court Bond Account	519.75	
County Transportation Tax	68,963.89	
General Fund CD	23,705.66	
Mill and Overlay CD	26,100.33	
Sewer Fund CD	5,030.10	
Grinder Pump Maint CD	12,685.35	
Mill and Overlay CD	15,370.39	
Total		\$ 333,262.01



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 April 4th, 2017 General Municipal Election is March 8th, 2017.

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



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
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
Postage
Here

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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Have you signed the form?

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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.



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*Best wishes,
Marlene*