

Rick Cowan's point of view taken last year on his phone.

Happy 4th of July



Houston Laker July 2017

## Community ~ Calendar Events



July 5<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday Trash Pick up

July 10<sup>th</sup> - City Council Meeting ~ 7:30pm – City Hall

July 19<sup>th</sup> - Venetian Gardens Homes Association ~ 7:00pm – City Hall

July 25<sup>th</sup> - Recycling Day and Trash Pick up

July 26<sup>th</sup> - Houston Lake Arts Circle Meeting ~ 7:00pm – City Hall

July 29<sup>th</sup> - Houston Lake Arts Circle ~ Need to be registered for the Art Show

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> - Deliver Art Entries to Houston Lake Arts Circle ~ Between 2:00pm and 4:00pm at City Hall

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Art Show at City Hall

### 2017 Recycling Schedule:

July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12

### Trash Pick-Up Schedule:

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.

For questions relating to your services please call Maria Kristek 913-927-1903 between 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday. She works at Republic Services our trash service.

The holidays that Allied Waste observes are New Year's, 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**

**Independence Day (Tuesday 7-4-17)**

**Labor Day (Monday 9-4-17)**

**Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-23-17)**

**Christmas (Monday 12-25-17)**

#### **Pick-up Day**

**Wednesday 7-5-17**

**Wednesday 9-6-17**

**Tuesday 11-21-17**

**Wednesday 12-27-17**

### **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!

# Be On ALERT

**For Solicitors and Door to Door Salesperson. Sometimes they are checking out your house for a later break-in. Don't let them come into your house. Houston Lake has an Ordinance prohibiting Solicitors and Door to Door Salesperson.**

## Beach Area

The Fecal Coliforms Test performed June 20, 2017 by Sharron DeLaFuente at the beach is considered Normal. The Fecal Coliforms(water) is 47, 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

  
Great Plains  
Analytical Laboratory  
Customer: City of Houston Lake  
Sharron De la Fuente  
3440 NW Edgewater Tr.  
Kansas City, MO 64151  
email: jewelmary@att.net

### LAB REPORT

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

Batch: 170620040  
Report Date: June 23, 2017  
Received: June 20, 2017  
Customer PO

Lab ID	Sample Identification/Analysis	Detection Limit	Result	Units	Test Date
170620040-00	City of Houston Lake Beach 6-20-17 11:00 am	1	47	cfu/100ml	6/22/2017

Batch Comments: Sample Temperature on Arrival (F): 95.3

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.

R=Rush Charges; SD=Same Day Charges; NC=No Charge

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:

- C. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”.
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any fireworks within the public right of way of any public street.
- E. Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:
  - 1. From 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26) until July second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and on July fifth (5<sup>th</sup>); and
  - 2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and July fourth (4<sup>th</sup>).
- F. No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks.
- G. Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.

# **CITY OFFICIALS**

## **CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE**

### **Mayor**

Pam Freese  
816-726-4455  
([pam@houstonlake.net](mailto:pam@houstonlake.net))

### **City Administrator**

Joe Chepren  
816-741-0644  
([citymanager@houstonlake.net](mailto:citymanager@houstonlake.net))

### **City Clerk**

Amber L. Moore  
816-741-0644  
([amoore@houstonlake.net](mailto:amoore@houstonlake.net))

### **Sewer Grinder Pump**

Amber L. Moore  
816-945-9827

### **City Collector**

Jean Anderson  
816-645-1529

### **Alderman (Ward 1 So.)/Mayor Pro Tem**

Joyce Kullman  
816-547-8173  
([joyce@houstonlake.net](mailto:joyce@houstonlake.net))

### **Alderman (Ward 1 So.)**

Nick Jackalone  
816-587-0028

### **Alderman (Ward 2 No.)**

Phil Otte  
816-741-5477  
([Nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net](mailto:Nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net))

### **Alderman (Ward 2 No.)**

Evadene Judge  
816-321-2239  
([Nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net](mailto:Nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net))

### **Codes Enforcement Officer**

Cathy Grove  
816-741-0644  
([codesenforcement@houstonlake.net](mailto:codesenforcement@houstonlake.net))

### **Platte County Circuit Court Clerk**

Kim Johnson  
816-858-2232

### **Platte County Sheriff**

Non emergency 816-858-2424  
For emergencies please call **911**

**City of Houston Lake** City Hall 816-741-0644

## **VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION (HOA)**

### **President**

### **Dam/Watershed Officer/Projects**

Joe Chepren  
816-741-0644

### **Vice President**

Nick Jackalone  
816-587-0028

### **Secretary / Treasurer/Notary Public**

Jan Jackalone  
816-587-0028  
([janjackalone@hotmail.com](mailto:janjackalone@hotmail.com))  
(Lake Tags)

### **Board Member**

Kerry Hallowell  
816-695-4100

### **Board Member**

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Mary Head  
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### **Grant Funding Officer**

Pam Freese

### **Special Events Officer**

Melinda Cook

### **Offsite Engineering**

Anthony Chepren

### **Aerator Maintenance**

Gary Halterman

### **Water Quality Officer**

Sharron DeLaFuente

### **Wild Grow Program Officer**

Jan Jackalone

### **Wildlife Control Officer**

Janette Boehm  
816-746-8258  
([jboehm5@kc.rr.com](mailto:jboehm5@kc.rr.com))

**For more City and Homes Association Info go to**  
**[www.houstonlake.net](http://www.houstonlake.net)**

**Attention**  
**Cat and Dog Owners**  
**Proof of Vaccinations is due**  
**May 1st,**

**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. **(Section 205.020 Municipal Code)** *(A certificate of vaccination can be placed in the mail box next to the front door.)*

**Fishing**

It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, take, transport, ship, buy, sell, possess or use any fish from any body of water within the City without possessing a valid fishing permit issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This section shall not apply to any person 65 years of age or older or is 15 years of age or younger. **(Section 210.690 Municipal Code)**

**Parking:**

No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the city limits of Houston Lake, MO. **(Chapter 300 - Schedule II, Municipal Code)**

**All-Terrain Vehicles:**

No person shall operate an All-Terrain Vehicle upon the streets of this city. **(Section 340.110 Municipal Code)**

**DISCHARGING**  
**AIR GUN, ETC.**

Any person within the limits of this City who shall discharge any BB gun, spring gun, paint gun or air gun or shall shoot any pebble, bullet, slug, arrow or other hard substance by means of a sling, crossbow, rubber band or bow or any other means shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation; provided however, that this Section shall not apply to any person or organization authorized by the City of Houston Lake to possess and discharge such devices for the purpose of waterfowl pest control. (Ord. No. 303, 9-12-05) **(Section 210.285 Municipal Code)**



## 2017 Houston Lake Arts Circle's Art Show

### CALL TO ARTISTS

## “Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!”

We had another great Art Show last year with so many wonderful entries, we are looking forward to this year's show just a few months away. All of you, our local resident artists, are invited to once again submit your work for the 2017 Houston Lake Arts Circle's Art Show.

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.

“*Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!*” is the theme. The Grand Opening will be **August 12th, from 4 to 6 pm, and August 13th, 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 “*Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!*” 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)*  
*"Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!"*



**Entry Form and Guidelines:**

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The Call to Artists is open and submissions will be accepted at any regular meeting of the HLAC. Extra entry forms are available then as well. All entry forms must be in by **July 29, 2017**. 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 fourth Wednesday of the odd months at 7 pm.)
- ◆ Deadline for final delivery of entered pieces is **Sunday, August 6 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ All accepted entries will be displayed during the opening weekend of **"Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!"** 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.

**PLEASE READ**

1. **Both Form A and Form B need to be complete for each piece entered in the Art Show.**
2. **Submit Form A to the HLAC by July 29, 2017 to register your entry (artwork does not have to be submitted at this time).**
3. **Attached Form B to your artwork when you deliver it to HLAC on for before August 6th.**

**Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!**  
**Entry Form A**

Submit this form to HLAC by July 29, 2017 to register your entry

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!**  
**Entry Form B**

Attach this form to your artwork when you deliver to HLAC on or before August 6, 2017

(please print)  
 Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

If a child, Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Houston Lake Arts Circle News

## **Call to Artists on the Lake**

Art entries for the 2017 Art Show, “Birds, Blossoms and Bugs!” need to be registered by July 29. Get those creative juices flowing – we look forward to our best show yet! Any artistic expression inspired by the theme includes, but is not limited to, drawing, painting, photography, fiber arts, sculpture, film, video, music, poetry, storytelling and dance. More details, and entry forms, to follow in future Laker issues and at our next meeting, Wednesday, July 26 at 7pm.

## **2017 Art Show**

This year’s art show, Birds, Blossoms and Bugs, will be on Saturday, August 12 from 4-6pm and on Sunday, August 13 from 2-4p. This is your chance to see all the new exhibits and meet the artists! Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

## **Ever dream about your art being on the cover?**

Now is your chance! HLAC has been asked to provide images for the cover of the Houston Laker! Please send an electronic image of your art to [arts.circle@houstonlake.net](mailto:arts.circle@houstonlake.net) for consideration. We welcome submissions from any resident of Houston Lake – young or old!

**We encourage you to join us at our next meeting on  
Wednesday, July 26 at 7pm at City Hall.**



# FUN SUN KIDS WORKSHOP

This past month, the Houston Lake Arts Circle hosted a Fun Sun Painting Workshop for the youngest residents of Houston Lake. It was a brilliant success! All the kids (and adults) had a colorfully good time and walked away with amazingly designed t-shirts!



# From the Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Board Secretary Jan Jackalone

The Minutes of the June 21, 2017, Meeting will be available in the August, 2017, issue of the Houston Laker.

*The next meeting of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association will be July 19, 2017, @ 7 PM.*

If anyone has retrieved the Meeting Sign put out as a reminder from the corner of Houston Lake Drive and Venetian Gardens, we would appreciate your returning it to City Hall at your earliest convenience.

*Please remember ~*

*There is no Life Guard on the Lake ~*

**SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK !**

***HAVE A HAPPY and SAFE SUMMER !***

***Your Venetian Gardens Homes Association Board***

## Homes Association Rules and Regulations



### Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake "2017 Royal Blue Wristband"!!

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2017 Royal Blue Wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2017 Royal Blue Wristband.

No Fishing in the Beach Area.

To get your 2017 Royal Blue 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 2017 Royal Blue Wristband with them when they are on or around the lake and Homes Association property.



1. Lake tags 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 or 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.

***PLEASE NOTE: Houston Lake is dedicated to preventing the spreading of Zebra Mussels. If you want to launch your boat into our lake, you must call no less than 12 hrs. ahead so that your boat maybe inspected. You must also have a lake wristband, watercraft safety equipment (life vests) and adhere to lake rules.***

***This applies to NEW boaters. However, safety equipment applies to ALL boaters.***

***CALL NICK JACKALONE 816-587-0028.***

## Chapter 230

### Section 230.025. Open Burning Restrictions. [Ord. No. 176 §1, 5-9-1988; Ord. No. 336, 7-9-2012]

- A. No person shall conduct or cause or permit the conduct of open burning, except open burning for recreation purposes shall be allowed upon application and issuance of a permit by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Houston Lake. Permits will be issued at no cost to the individual. Permits are valid for the calendar year in which the permit is approved, not to exceed December thirty-first (31st) of the calendar year in which the permit is approved, and are subject to the restrictions set forth in this Section 230.025(B).
- B. Permits will be considered for open burning for recreational purposes only with the following restrictions:
1. Applicants must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and an owner of the property in which the fire will be located.
  2. Burning shall be in a chiminea, commercially purchased fire pit, or barbecue grill. Home built fire pits must be approved by the Board of Aldermen.
  3. The location for burning shall not be less than fifteen (15) feet from any structure or combustible material.
  4. Fires shall not exceed three (3) feet in length by three (3) feet in width by three (3) feet in height and shall only be between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Midnight.
  5. Burning shall be of untreated wood only.
  6. Burning of solid waste such as household trash is prohibited.
  7. Burning of yard waste, tires, rubber products, hazardous materials, styrofoam, plastics, petroleum-based products, demolition waste, treated wood, and asbestos-containing material is prohibited.
  8. Burning of waste generated by a business, trade, industry, salvage or demolition operation is prohibited.
  9. Burning in the street is prohibited. No open burning shall be allowed in the paved portion of any public street.
  10. Burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions shall be prohibited.
  11. The permit holder shall remain in constant attendance of the fire until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one (1) portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.
  12. The Mayor and Fire Chief or his designee is authorized to designate individual days as "no burn" days for recreational open burning within the City. On days designated

- as "no burn" days, all open burning is prohibited. The designation of "no burn" days shall be subject to the discretion of the Mayor and Fire Chief or his designee. Designation of "no burn" days shall be posted at Houston Lake City Hall before 9:00 A.M. of the day that is to be designated as a "no burn" day. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to determine whether a particular day is designated as a "no burn" day.
13. The permit must be kept on-site and be presented to the Fire Department official or City Official upon request.
- C. Open burning for recreational purposes is prohibited on designated "no burn" days. Open burning is also prohibited when the following conditions exist:
1. Atmospheric conditions that prevent smoke from rising freely.
  2. When excessively dry conditions exist.
  3. Sustained winds greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour.
  4. Frequent wind gusts greater than twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- D. Permits may be revoked by the Board of Aldermen should the Board of Aldermen determine that the permit holder has violated any of the conditions set forth above in Section 230.025(B).
- E. The Fire Department official or City Official is authorized to order the extinguishment by the permit holder, another person responsible, or the Fire Department of burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation, or of burning that is in violation of this Section.
- F. "*Open burning*", as used in this Section, means the burning of any materials in which air contaminants are emitted directly into the air without first passing through a stack or chimney.
- G. "*Untreated wood*", as used in this Section, means lumber and other wooden materials that have not been chemically treated for resistance to moisture, fire, fungi, insects and other pests or has not otherwise been treated or manufactured with chemicals, or that does not contain adhesives or resins. Untreated wood does not include plywood, particle board, chipboard or wood with other than minimal amounts of paint, coating or finish.
- H. "*Yard waste*", as used in this Section, means leaves, brush and vegetation, to include, but not be limited to, grass clippings, vines, and ivy, that originated on the property in which it will be burnt on. Yard waste does not include tree limbs that originated on the property in which it will be burnt on.

PASSED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2012

**City of Houston Lake**  
**Official Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**May 8, 2017**

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on May 8, 2017 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Pam Freese, Alderman Joyce Kullman, Alderman Nick Jackalone, and Alderman Phil Otte. Alderman Judge-absent.

**1. Opening Session**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Freese.
- Oath of Office for Cathy Grove, Code Enforcement, by Amber Moore, City Clerk

**2. Public Discussion**

- None

**3. Minutes April 17, 2017**

- Mayor asked for an approval of the April 17, 2017 minutes with amendment approving Mayor, Pam Freese and City Clerk, Amber Moore for review bank statements at Bank of Weston. In addition, approving Pam Freese, Mayor and Amber Moore, City Clerk, to use the UMB Credit Card for City purchases only.  
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.  
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte,                      Opposed: None  
Motioned passed.

**4. Building/Burn Permit**

- Mayor announced a burn permit request for Teresa Olson,  
Alderman Otte motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.  
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte,                      Opposed: None  
Motion passed
- Mayor announced a burn permit renewal request for Mitchell Thurman pending inspection by Alderman Otte.  
Alderman Otte motioned upon completion of inspection, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.  
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte,                      Opposed: None  
Motion passed

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- Mayor asked for motion to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$441,816.57  
Alderman Jackalone motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.  
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte                      Opposed: None  
Motion passed

## **6. Collector's Report**

- Mayor Freese inquired about a new source of tax collection from TaxConnex. Collector explained it was change of name on a previous collection.

## **7. Resolution 05.08.2017 (paybills)**

- Mayor asked for a motion to approve paybills 5.08.17  
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.  
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte                      Opposed: None  
Motion for Resolution 05.08.17 passed.

## **8. Emergency Management-Fire Department**

- Mr. Shelton announced that Riverside Police/Fire Station has a free medication disposal system for all citizens. This program enables all expired or unused prescriptions to be disposed of safely and responsibly. Additional information and disposal pouches are available at City Hall.
- Mr. Shelton reported that there were 2 fire calls to Houston Lake last month.
- Mr. Shelton also explained that the City of Riverside offers large recycling bins for those who do not have them. The containers are located at 2950 NW Vivion Road.

## **9. Police Report**

- Officer Mountain presented police report for the month. He reported 9 calls for service for the City of Houston Lake.

## **10. Codes' Enforcement Report**

- Cathy Grove, Code Enforcement, is in the process of setting up contact information for City residents

## **11. City Administrator Report**

- Joe Chepren spoke about the roads improvement project and handed out an estimate bid proposal for reference. Mr. Chepren gave the Alderman a map of the City and requested that they walk the City roads to get an idea of what improvements need to be made. Mayor and Mr. Chepren will consider City benefits when making decisions regarding city road improvements. Mayor thanked Mr. Chepren for his diligence and hard work with finding information about road improvement work.

## **12. Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report**

- None

## **13. Old Business**

- None

#### **14. New Business**

- None

#### **15. Reports from Alderman**

**Alderman Jackalone-** No Report

**Alderman Kullman-** Platte County is having a cleanup day for non-bulky items on Friday and Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>. Flyers are available at City Hall if residents would like more information.

**Alderman Otte-** No Report

#### **16. Mayors report**

- Mayor asked that all City staff start using the Houston Lake emails for all city correspondence. This will assist in getting access to information if an employee is to vacate a position. In addition, this puts both the employee and City in better compliance under the Sunshine Law.
- Mayor is working on a form that will be available online for reporting code violations anonymously.
- Mayor was contacted by an individual who is putting together police memorabilia from small cities in Platte County. They Mayor has some badges and patches. There are also a few vehicle license plates available. Mayor asked for a motion to approval for donation of police items to museum.

Alderman Jackalone motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.

Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte                      Opposed: None

Motion passed

Alderman Otte requested that all items will be handled securely and properly when donated to the museum. Mayor assured that all memorabilia will be handled appropriately.

- Mayor explained that she spoke with the City attorney about the history of the bridge ownership. It was determined that the bridge is not up to code and the City would be responsible for damages. A new bridge must be purchased to keep it open. The Mayor plans to research what grants and monies are available that can be used to replace/rebuild the bridge.
- A City of Houston Lake resident feels that the bridge has historical value and concerned about access to their homes if bridge is not replaced. Mayor has a meeting with Platte County Commissioner to discuss options for the bridge.
- Another resident expressed concerned about transportation in and out of Houston Lake if the bridge continues to be inoperable.
- Sharon DeLaFuente, 3440 NW Edgewater Trail, talked to Bob Heim, Platte County Public Works Director, to attend the June's city council meeting regarding questions and concerns

- Mayor informed that a laptop was purchased for the City Clerk position and will remain property of the City of Houston Lake.

### **17. Adjournment**

- Mayor Freese asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Alderman Jackalone motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.  
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte                      Opposed: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

### **Next Council Meeting**

June 12, 2017 at 7:30pm.

# From the Venetian Gardens Homes Association

President Joe Chepren

I hope that all Members in Good Standing will be on hand for our July 19, 2017 Meeting. I especially want to ask those Members who attended the June 21, 2017 to attend. So mark your calendars for our next meeting on July 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

In our June Meeting there were many unanswered questions and concerns that couldn't be fully addressed. It can be frustrating for all of us.

In our July Meeting, I feel confident that the Board will have possible solutions and we will once again be unified as a Homes Association.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at this meeting.

Joe



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