

Houston Laker

Happy Halloween



October 2017

Community Calendar Events

Oct. 4th - Houston Lake Arts Circle
“Fourth Annual Pumpkin Festival”
6:30pm – City Hall
7pm – Fall Flavored Potluck



Oct. 9th - City Council Meeting, 7:30pm – City Hall

Oct. 17th - Recycling Day

Oct. 18th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Annual Membership meeting, 7:00pm – City Hall

“Approval of 2018 Budget, new Board Members & Lake dues”

Oct. 31st - Annual Brush Pick-Up

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Oct. 31st -



ANNUAL BRUSH PICK-UP

The tree service will be in our area on Tuesday, October 31st. Please bring your brush to the edge of the street no later than 4:00 pm, Monday, October 30th 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:

Mayor Pam Freese @ 816.726.4455

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 816-741-0644 or contacting your Alderman.

“To All Residents of Houston Lake”

If any resident needs a trash container or a recycling container, call City Hall 816-741-0644 and leave your name, address, phone number and the containers will be delivered to your home.

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)

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 city hall and leave your name and phone number. 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.

Fire Danger

Over the years, Kansas City has issued several Red Flag Warnings to alert residents against starting fires. Please pay attention to the local news and refrain from starting any fires.

Fishing (Section 210.690 Municipal Code)

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.

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)

Houston Lake Arts Circle

INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

Pumpkin Festival



Wednesday, October 4, 2017

6:30 at City Hall

PUMPKIN POTLUCK AT 7PM

STORYTELLING * MARSHMALLOW ROASTING

MASK-MAKING FOR THE KIDS * RAFFLE FOR HALLOWEEN PRIZES



Houston Lake Arts Circle News

Pumpkin Festival

Our 4th annual Pumpkin Festival is this month, Wednesday, October 4th, 6:30 at City Hall.

Mask-making for the kids starts at 6:30. Please join us and bring a tasty dish for our Pumpkin Potluck starting around 7pm. Weather permitting, starting near 8pm, everyone is welcome around the bonfire for a sing along, storytelling, and marshmallow roasting.

New to our event this year is a raffle for fall prizes. Proceeds benefit the HLAC. Don't miss the opportunity to support your community's art circle while also taking a chance to win a great, season-appropriate prizes, including mask-making kits, haunted hay rides, and a lovely flower arrangement.

Bring your family, friends, a roasting stick for marshmallows and a dish to share (with the recipe)!

New Meeting Date

If you have wanted to join our meetings, but Wednesdays did not work for you, here is your chance! We are now meeting on the third Thursday of odd months. Our next meeting will be Thursday November 16. The time and location remain the same, 7pm at City Hall. We hope you can join us!

Houston Laker Cover Art

Think you can capture the perfect moment for the cover of the Laker? We need cover art for the November 2018 and December 2018 issues. Get inspired over the next couple of months and let us know if you'd like to sign up for either month.

If you are interested, please contact Linda Kramer, HLAC president at lindakramer@gmail.com.

Linda' Kramers "My Art: My Voice"

Linda Kramer's retrospective of work titled: "My Art: My Voice" will be exhibited at the Topeka Hands of Hope Gallery, opening on first Friday, October 6, through November.

Stay Connected

If you would like to join our electronic mailing list, please send an email to arts.circle@houstonlake.net. Also, please like us on Facebook- [Facebook.com/artscircleofhoustonlake/](https://www.facebook.com/artscircleofhoustonlake/)

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting – Thursday, November 16, 7pm at City Hall.



Road Construction At Houston Lake

Photos by Dennis Hodges

2017 Tax Rate for City of Houston Lake

The property tax rate is set in order to comply with Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 67.110 and 137.073 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

The proposed tax rate is based on information currently available to the City of Houston Lake. The tax adopted may vary from, but will not exceed the proposed rate.

	Prior Tax Year (2016)	Current Tax Year (2017)
Assessed Valuation	\$2,850,678.00	\$2,944,206.00
(Real Estate/Personal Property)		
Prior Tax Rate As defined in Chapter 137, RSMo.	\$0.7800	
Proposed Tax Rate (2017) (Rate per \$100)		\$.7800
County Collection Fee \$0.016	\$22,252.29	\$22,597.37
	<u>\$455.69</u>	<u>\$367.44</u>
	\$21,796.60	\$22,597.37
<u>Revenue for Fire Protection</u>	\$21,796.60	\$22,597.37

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Proposed Tax Rate (2017) (Rate per \$100)		\$.7005
County Collection Fee \$0.016	\$20,195.95	\$20,624.16
	<u>\$455.69</u>	<u>\$367.44</u>
	\$19,740.26	\$20,265.72
<u>Revenue for General Fund</u>		

POST – BOE

Date: August 18, 2017 Amber Moore, City Clerk

Venetian Garden HOA

City of Houston Lake

Minutes

Title:	HOA Monthly Public Meeting												
Date:	20-Sep-2017												
Time:	7:00 – 8:00 PM CST: Full Meeting – Adjourn at 8:00 PM 8:00 – 8:30 PM CST: Address the Board; Community Feedback												
NOTE:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Residents who would like to address the Board regarding specific requests may do so following the public meeting from 8:00 – 8:30 PM.2. Residents may also submit individual feedback via email to hoacommunications@houstonlake.net.												
Board Members:	<table border="1"><tr><td>x</td><td>Joe Chepren, President</td></tr><tr><td>x</td><td>Nick Jackalone, Vice President</td></tr><tr><td>x</td><td>Jan Jackalone, Secretary</td></tr><tr><td>x</td><td>Jan Jackalone, Treasure</td></tr><tr><td>x</td><td>Keith Carey, Board Member</td></tr><tr><td>x</td><td>Kerry Hallowell, Board Member</td></tr></table>	x	Joe Chepren, President	x	Nick Jackalone, Vice President	x	Jan Jackalone, Secretary	x	Jan Jackalone, Treasure	x	Keith Carey, Board Member	x	Kerry Hallowell, Board Member
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Sub-Committees:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Audit Committee – Joyce Ullman, Kay Honeycutt, Susan Hodges2. Grant Funding Officer - Pending3. Dam / Watershed Officer / Projects - Joe Chepren4. Off Site Engineering Resources - Anthony Chepren5. Parks & Maintenance Officer - Joe Chepren6. Aerator System Officer - Gary Halterman7. Wildlife Control Officer - Janette Boehm8. Grow Native Officer - Jan Jackalone9. Communications / Public Relations Officer - Shelly Broll10. Special Events Officer - Pending11. Water Quality Officer - Pending												
Announcements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017-2018 HOA Board Member Elections at the next HOA public meeting (Oct-2017)												
Upcoming Events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 04-Oct-2017: HLAC Annual Pumpkin Festival 6:30 pm at City Hall (Potluck, Mask-Making, Raffle, Fireside Stories and Marshmallow Roast!)												

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City of Houston Lake

Discussion Topics and Updates

Time:	Topic(s):	Discussion Leader								
7:00 PM	Opening Session - Vice Pres. Nick Jackalone called meeting to order at 7PM. Everyone was welcomed and asked that cell phones be turned off.	Vice President								
7:05 PM	Roll Call – All present	Secretary								
7:10 PM	Approval of Previous Minutes - Minutes from the August 2017 meeting, and published in the September 2017 edition of the Houston Laker, were approved by members.	Secretary								
7:15 PM	<p>Collector's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Business Checking:</td> <td>\$23,151.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Money Market:</td> <td>\$51,646.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CACU – CD:</td> <td>\$75,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total of Combined Accounts:</td> <td>\$ 149,797.64</td> </tr> </table>	Business Checking:	\$23,151.59	Money Market:	\$51,646.05	CACU – CD:	\$75,000.00	Total of Combined Accounts:	\$ 149,797.64	Treasure
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7:20 PM	<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inlet Dam (Preparing Scope of Work) (\$5,000 In 2016-17 Budget) – Project is postponed until the ground is frozen (anticipated Feb. 2018); these conditions are desirable for the least impact on HOA budget. Aerator System and Diffuser retrieval – Pump construction is complete; a high-efficiency compressor is needed to clear the lines and allow for installation. Line testing and installation completion is targeted for end of Sep2017. Review of HOA By Laws (WIP) – J. Chepren reported as the community evolves, so will the need for review and revisions to the current HOA bi-laws. K. Kerry leads the project with input from the HOA; initial revisions targeted Q1-2018. Water Samples (Closed) – J. Chepren reported that water testing results indicate low oxygen and high phosphorous levels contributing to the growing vegetation. A subsequent site visit from Solutions Lake Management was held in follow up to these findings (status available under new business below). Insurance Claim - HOA Docks (Claim Denied Due to Flood Clause in Policy) - HOA docks claim was denied because the Insurance policy does not include flood insurance. Pres. Joe noted the priority to re-visit and re-align our policy in 2018. Insurance Claim – Beach Park Fence (Closed) – K. Kerry reported that the Trucking company responsible for the damage to the fence by the beach/park area has received and accepted the claim for damages in the amount of \$1,655.00. Repairs will begin in the immediate future. Contact Information for New HOA Programs (Closed) – In follow up to the presentation for Community Proposals at the previous HOA meeting, there is now an email available to specifically address community feedback including suggestions, questions and/or concerns. Email: hoacommunications@houstonlake.net. 	President								
7:30 PM	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Site Meeting / assessment & request for proposal – J. Chepren reported findings from Solitude Lake Management site visit. All vegetation has been positively identified and the Management company is in process of developing a proposal to address the specific needs of the lake, including solutions around earlier findings from the water testing results, to fit the HOA budget and address long-term needs of the lake. Overview of revived HOA website and new features – S. Broll presented updates 	President Communications/ PR								

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	<p>to the HOA website. The new home page is linked to Facebook and information is currently available. The primary focus is to have a single point of reference and access for all community information including events, important updates as well as new and existing documentation: Volunteer Projects List, Volunteer Waivers, Community Projects Application, and more. For questions, go to hoacommunications@HoustonLake.net</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open and read applicant names for 2017-2018 HOA Board Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Five applications were opened and read during the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keith Carey, Vice President ▪ Al Horine, President ▪ Joe Chepren, President ▪ Susan Hodges, Treasurer ▪ Joyce Kullman, Treasurer ○ Two additional applications were received by the 21-Sep-2017 deadline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Craig Sovereign, Board Member ▪ Gary Halterman, Board Member ○ All applications will be printed and distributed to the community with the Annual Letter and Budget information. • HLAC Application for Burn Permit for October Fest – Unanimously approved by HOA Board. • Resident Recognition - J. Chepren recognized and thanked resident Dennis Hodges for being the first volunteer to complete necessary forms to remove a dock that was damaged by the July 27th storm. 	Secretary
7:40 PM	<p>Community Projects/Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement on the Peninsula for the memorial plaque for Rick Cowan (Jan Jackalone) – J. Jackalone and W. Thompson presented their proposal to the community for placement of a plaque honoring long-time resident, Rick Cowan for his may years of service as city alderman and community fireworks displays. The proposal included placement of a plaque on a 4-ft. pedestal, at the end of the peninsula by City Hall, and the official naming of the cove to, “Cowan’s Cove”. 	Residents
7:50 PM	<p>Vote for Community Projects (1 vote per household) – Ballot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community unanimously agreed to the proposal by J. Jackalone and W. Thompson. 	Residents
7:55 PM	Review Action Items (New/Closed)	President/ Board/ Sub-committees
8:00 PM	Adjourn – Public Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm	President

Action Items

Date Created	Date Due	Closed Date	Status New/ Open/ Ongoing/ Closed	Owner First Initial Last Name	Committee/ Sub- Committee	Description
2015	Sep2017	24Sep2017	Closed	G. Halterman	Aerator System	Re-Build Pump / Re-Place Diffusers
2016	Feb2018		Ongoing	J. Chepren	Watershed	Inlet Dam – Remove Debris / Bowl Out – Pending first opportunity following ground

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						freezing
2017	2018		Ongoing	K. Carey	HOA	Review / Rewrite By-Laws as Needed
2017	Sep2017	20Sep2017	Closed	J. Chepren	Watershed	Pull Water Samples / Present report
2017	Sep2017	20Sep2017	Closed	J. Chepren	Parks / Maint.	Site Visit / Re-placement Proposal / File Claim – Jul27 flooding
2017	Oct2017	20Sep2017	Closed	K. Carey	HOA	Re-Placement Proposal for wrecked fence at beach/ File Claim Sep18 – Pending trucking company ins. claim
2017	Sep2017	20Sep2017	Closed	S. Broll	Communication	Contact email
2017	Nov2017	20Sep2017	Closed	J. Chepren	Watershed	Site Visit / Assessment report / Request for Proposal
2017	Oct2017	20Sep2017	Closed	S. Broll	Communication	HOA Web Site / New Features
20Sep2017			NEW	J. Chepren	HOA	Review and request necessary revisions to the HL Insurance Policy.
20Sep2017			NEW	J. Chepren	HOA	Repair fence by beach area/park.

Community Feedback to the HOA Board

Time:	Topic(s):	Discussion Leader
8:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chuck Stone and Laura Heines volunteered for two projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of storm debris Removal of trash bags/raking/removal of unsafe objects. ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 18, 2017. Absentee and Proxy Ballots will be available October 1 and must be completed no later than 5 PM October 18. Call Jan Jackalone at 816-587-0028. 	Chuck Stone
8:10 PM	Community Feedback Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.	

2017-2018 Application for HOA Board Member

PURPOSE: Venetian Gardens Homes Association Board Application
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Term: Oct. 1, 2017 through Sept. 30, 2018

Application Deadline: Thursday, 21-Sep-2017 (20 days prior to election). Bio's will be printed in the Oct-2017 issue of the Houston Laker.

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Applicant Comments:

I'VE LIVED IN HOUSTON LAKE 15 PLUS YRS.
I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN A LOT OF VOLUNTEER
WORK ON THE LAKE PROPERTY.

Requirements:

Must be current on HOA dues.
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Full Name (First & Last):

KEITH CAREY

Date of Filing:

8/26/2017

Address:

5437 NW ADRIAN AVE

Phone

Landline:

Cell:

Email:

Please provide a brief biography (approximately 1 paragraph) to be distributed to the community with notification of applicants for the Board:

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1. I have been vice president on the Venetian Gardens HOA for two terms. I was chosen by former mayor Jean Hallauer to help run the grounds and roads area for the city.
2. I have had my own business and am still account manager for a KC firm that has 400 employees plus. I was a designer for Hallmark Cards for 19 years and also was a director for the photo department for Paramount Cards in New England.
3. I care very much about all the people in this community and want us all to work together to make Houston Lake a community everyone can be proud of.
4. I would like to think I can help make a difference in all that comes to us on the board.

Keith Carey

one more thing
Kurtis

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

THE BOARD OF VENETIAN GARDENS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON LAKE, MISSOURI WISHES TO EXTEND ITS THANKS TO KEITH CAREY FOR HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE, MISSOURI. WE SINCERELY EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION ON THIS THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

THE VENETIAN GARDENS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION:

PRESIDENT: Gil Hughes
GIL HUGHES

VICE PRESIDENT: Evadene Judge
EVADENE JUDGE

SECRETARY: Pam Freeze
PAM FREEZE

TREASURER: Kerry Hallowell
KERRY HALLOWELL

BOARD MEMBER: Bill Gay
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Applicant Comments:

Been Home Owner 16 yrs
like to Get lake + Properties Back to
looking nice.
Cut Grass + Weed

Requirements:

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Full Name (First & Last):

Albert L. Norine

Date of Filing:

8/24/17

Address:

5311 NW Edgewood Ln

Phone

Landline:

Cell:

Email:

Please provide a brief biography (approximately 1 paragraph) to be distributed to the community with notification of applicants for the Board:

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Retired From Const 32yrs Exp.
Field Forman Approx. 9yrs.
Field Supt 3yrs
love Boating + Fishing
Working in yard.

I Feel this lake Area is the worst it's
Ever been. (weed Brush over Grass) Grass's
lake is full of Algae + Trash All of our
Docks Are gone. (Why?)

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Full Name (First & Last): JOE CHEPREN

Date of Filing: WED, 20-SEP-2017

Address: 3570 NW Edgewater Trail, KC, MO 64151

Phone(s): _____

Landline: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please provide a brief biography (approximately 1 paragraph) to be distributed to the community with notification of applicants for the Board:

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As a qualified candidate for HOA office, I've been a resident of Houston Lake for 7 years and served as counsel to the City Government as City Administrator for 2 years and as counsel to the HOA since 2011 acting as President for the last 18 months. During my tenure serving the community of Houston Lake, we've made the following accomplishments:

- 2012 Spillway Restoration Project
- Implemented Sub Committee groups
- 2016 Sediment Basin Restoration Project
- Implemented / Maintained Annual Budget
- 2017 Street Restoration Project
- Negotiated BMP With Development Companies
- Working Within Our Watershed
- Implemented New HOA Election SOP
- Implemented SOP for Community Projects
- Cleaned up and resolved gravel washout at City Hall with road resurfacing project
- Volunteer Project Program (In Progress) to address community needs such as clean-up and restoration to maximize the HOA budget
- Implemented a standardize HOA meeting agenda template

I respectfully request the opportunity to serve the community of Houston Lake for another term to see through completion of ongoing projects:

- Watershed / Water Quality Research & Resolution of plant species on the lake (In progress/analysis complete/proposal pending)
- Review / Update HOA Bylaws
- Review / Update HOA Insurance Policy
- Creating Total Transparency in HOA Financials
- Interactive Web Site Upgrades for Community outreach and interaction
- Resurrect HOA Facebook page
- Implement FB and Nextdoor social media to HOA website
- Out Source HOA Collections

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Applicant Comments: Position desired is the Treasurer position as a board member

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Full Name (First & Last): Susan Kay Hodges

Date of Filing: 9-10-17

Address: 5480 NW Venetian Dr, Houston Lake, Missouri 64151

Phone

Landline: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please provide a brief biography (approximately 1 paragraph) to be distributed to the community with notification of applicants for the Board:

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We moved to Houston Lake in 1973 and moved into our current residence in 1975. I graduated from Park University in the early 1980's and worked in public accounting after graduation. I am a CPA and worked for BKD, LLP for 31 years, retiring from there in 2014.

We also raised six children here. Now that I am retired, I would like to serve the Houston Lake community.

2017-2018 Application for HOA Board Member

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer (2 yr. term)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary (2 yr. term)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Member I (2 yr. term)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board Member II (2 yr. term) - N/A for 2017/2018 election; available in Oct-2018 for 2018/2019 election.

Applicant Comments: I am interested in serving as treasurer for a one-year term if Joe Chepren is elected president. Joe has worked hard to identify the challenges our HOA faces and to provide ideas and plans for fixing them. He is also fiscally responsible, which is incredibly important with our limited budget, required expenditures and future goals.

Requirements: Must be current on HOA dues.
 Must be a property owner of a lot(s) located within Venetian Gardens HOA.
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Full Name (First & Last): Joyce A. Kullman

Date of Filing: 9-20-2017

Address: 5355 NW Wagon Trail, Houston Lake, MO 64151

Phone

Landline: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

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Houston Lake has many special qualities and dedicated residents interested in improving our community. I have lived on the lake since 1998 and have volunteered as city tax collector, mayor, and currently serve as an alderman for the South Ward. It is critically important that the city and HOA work together because both organizations have limited budgets and tremendous needs. I have 20+ years experience as executive director of the Vasculitis Foundation (VF), the international advocacy organization for people with vasculitis, a rare autoimmune disease which strikes people of all ages. The VF has an operating budget of \$1,000,000. As executive director, I am responsible for strategic planning, budgeting, program development and execution, communication, and staff development. I am excited to help the HOA achieve its goals.

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Full Name (First & Last): Craig Sovereign

Date of Filing: 9/21/2017

Address: 5331 NW Edgewood Circle

Phone: _____

Landline: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please provide a brief biography (approximately 1 paragraph) to be distributed to the community with notification of applicants for the Board:

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I have lived on the lake for 5 years. My family and I have rebuilt two homes here with the second home designed in mind, with making Houston Lake our forever home. These experiences have afforded me access to resources that can be of value to projects on the lake without depleting HOA funds. I also work as a A/V Systems Design Engineer at Children's Mercy Hospital and believe my experience in this field can lend additional resources to the HOA.

I have seen many positive changes on Houston Lake under the leadership of Joe Chepren and want to be part of keeping the momentum going with determining solutions for the lake's historical and future needs and implementing plans that provide long term results.

Sincerely,
Craig Sovereign

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Applicant Comments: I AM COMMITED IN MAKING HOUSTON LAKE
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

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Full Name (First & Last): GARY HALTERMAN

Date of Filing: 9/21/17

Address: 5303 NW EDGEWOOD TRAIL

Phone: _____

Landline: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

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COMMITTEE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LAKE
OPERATOR SYSTEM. I HAVE SERVED ON THE HOA
BOARD AS TREASURER

**City of Houston Lake
Tax Levy 2017 Public Hearing
August 28, 2017 at 8:00pm
City Hall**

1. Opening Session

- a. Cell Phones
- b. Roll Call

2. Tax Rate Hearing

- a. Bill No. 08.28.17 - Ordinance 365

Mayor asked for a motion approving 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance 365

Ordinance was read twice by City Clerk, Amber Moore

Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion

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

Ordinance 365 passed

3. Public Discussion -

-Attendees were given copies of both General and Fire Levy Rates

4. Reports from Aldermen

Ms. Kullman

Mr. Jackalone

Ms. Judge

Mr. Otte

17. Mayors Report

18. Adjournment

Mayor asked for a motioned to adjourn the meeting

Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm

Next regular council meeting September 11, 2017

6. Collector's Report

- No concerns with report. Report included with meeting packet

7. Resolution 08.14.17 (Paybills)

- Mayor asked for a motion to approve Paybills 08.14.17
Alderman Jackalone motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion for Resolution 08.14.17 passed.

8. Emergency Management-Fire Department

Mr Shelton presented the reports for Fire and Emergency Management. The City of Houston Lake had 12 inches of rainfall with the storms this month. Mr. Shelton did a windshield assessment, and found no damages. He reminded residents and councilmembers that next Monday the eclipse will be at totality at 1:08pm. He does not recommend getting on I-29 Highway between the hours of 11:30am and 3pm as this is in the pathway of the eclipse. Schools will let the children see the eclipse during school hours. Mr. Shelton suggested that individuals who have ordered eclipse glasses need to be aware that they are in compliance with safety regulations.

9. Police Report

- Officer Mountain confirmed that the local police agencies are going to provide more staff during the Eclipse. Police report attached with packets.

10. Fire Department Report

- Mr. Shelton reported that there were 2 emergency calls in the month June and July.

11. Codes' Enforcement Report

- Cathy Grove, Code Enforcement Report presented the codes report July 2017. Report included with meeting packet

12. City Administrator Report

- Joe Chepren explained that the street repair is prepared to start. Mr. Chepren provided a schedule for Mayor and Alderman. Also attached with meeting packet. Phase 1 will start September 5th and continue for 4 days.
- The trash service will be cancelled for the week due to road repairs.
- Alderman Kullman asked about rain out dates. Mr. Chepren answered that if rain delays road repair, the week following will be scheduled for repairs

13. Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

- No report at this time.

14. Old Business

- Alderman Otte talked about his thoughts on updating the burn permit application and City Ordinance. Alderman Otte will continue to review specification and bring back a final draft.
- Mayor asked for a motion to approve Budget for Fiscal year 2017-2018
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion passed.

15. New Business

- Mayor asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 364; Approving the first amended and restated law enforcement agreement between the City of Houston Lake and the Platte County Sheriff.
Ordinance 364 read twice by City Clerk, Amber Moore.
Alderman Otte motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion passed Ordinance 364.
- Mayor moved the Tax Levy Public Hearing to Monday, August 28th at 8pm at City Hall.

16. Reports from Alderman

Alderman Jackalone-
Alderman Kullman-
Alderman Otte-

17. Mayors report

- Mayor thanked all that helped with the budget including Alderman Kullman and Kay Honeycutt.
- Mayor shared that at the MML meeting she was able to present Jan Jackalone with an award of appreciation.
- Jan Jackalone thanked the Mayor and was honored to receive the award.
- Mayor congratulated the Art Circle on the additional art pieces placed at City Hall. Mayor encouraged more participation and noted the sense of community this type of event creates
- Mayor asked the Aldermen for ideas on supporting the Art Circle as a board
- Mayor provided handouts on the KCI improvement plan and is asking the Aldermen to work on a Resolution supporting the changes
- Mayor provided information about Missouri changes to voter registration.
- Mayor attended the Missouri Mayors I-70 series, including Sly James seminar. A major topic was providing students with internet access for homework.

- Mayor announced that Alderman Judge will be retiring and the City needs a replacement.
- Mayor expressed that the “Bridge Closed” signs are not large enough and would like to address other options for signage.

18. Closed Session

- Mayor asked for a motion to go into closed session in pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3)
Alderman Kullman motioned, Jackalone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion passed.
-Mayor and Alderman went into closed session at 8:54pm
- Mayor and Aldermen reconvened at 9:10pm – no vote taken

19. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11p.m

Next Council Meeting

September 11 , 2017 at 7:30pm.



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