

Houston Laker

November 2017



“Finally Fall”

By Lilly Gay

Community Calendar Events

Oct. 31 - Annual Brush Pick-Up

Oct. 31 - *Happy Halloween*



Sunday Nov. 5th, at 2:00am.
Daylight Savings Time Ends.
Move Your Clocks Back One Hour.

Nov. 13 – City Council Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall

Nov. 14 – Recycling Day

Nov. 15 – Venetian Gardens Homes Association Meeting, 7:00pm City Hall

Nov. 16 – Houston Lake Arts Circle Meeting
7:00pm City Hall

Nov. 21 – Trash Pickup



Pumpkin Pie Cake

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (16 ounce) can pumpkin
- 1 (12 ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup chopped pecans

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2 Mix together the pumpkin, evaporated milk, sugar, eggs, salt, cinnamon and pumpkin pie spice in a bowl.
- 3 Pour into a greased 9x13-inch pan.
- 4 Sprinkle the dry cake mix over the entire pumpkin mixture in the pan.
- 5 Spoon melted butter over the dry cake mix.
- 6 Sprinkle chopped nuts over all.
- 7 Bake for 55 minutes.
- 8 Serve warm or cold.

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

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||| Trash pickup for 2017 Thanksgiving week is
||| Tuesday Nov. 21st, and for
||| 2017 Christmas week it's Wednesday Dec.27th.
||| 2017 Recycling Day is Nov. 14th, and Dec. 12.
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Iris V. Arnold

Iris V. Arnold, 86, a long time Houston Lake resident, passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Iris was born August 25, 1931, to James Thomas and Nora Maude (Ellis) Arnold in London, England. Iris' family moved to the United States in 1956 and Iris became a citizen in 1967. Iris had a career in Kansas City working for Thomas McGee and Sons and retired from Watson, Ess, Marshall & Engass Law Firm.

Iris was devoted to her faith, first as a member of St. Gabriel's Church of Kansas City, then later becoming an active member of the Old St. Patrick's Oratory. Please pray for Iris' soul and continue to pray for the repose of her soul.

Iris embraced her friends and family dearly, especially her nieces and nephew. Iris' great love was and always will be gardening and enjoying the outdoors.

Iris was preceded in death by both parents; siblings: Sheila, Violet, Jimmy, George, Eileen and Maureen. Iris is survived by her brother, Eddy Arnold; loving nieces: Tanya Koch (Michael), Keisha DeZube (Doug), Kim Deves (Tim), Jeanette Doster and nephew Craig Tracy.

A Requiem Mass was held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Old St. Patrick's Oratory, [806 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO](http://www.806cherry.com) 64106 with Canon Glenn Gardner, Vice Rector presiding. In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to Old St. Patrick's Oratory, 806 Cherry Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 or The Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City, 5960 Dearborn St, Mission, KS 66202.

Memories of Iris and condolences to the family may be shared at meyersfuneralchapel.com

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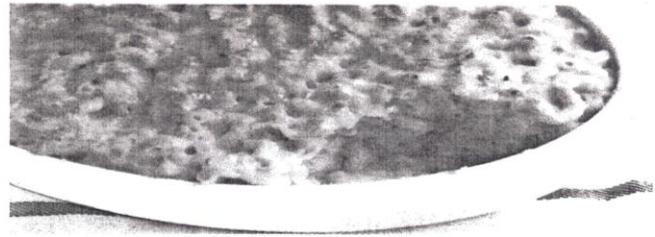
Pumpkin Mac and Cheese

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Prep
25 MIN

Total
50 MIN

Servings
6



Ingredients

- 1 package (16 oz) elbow macaroni
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 oz)

Steps

- 1 Heat oven to 350°F. Cook and drain macaroni as directed on package, using minimum cook time.
- 2 Meanwhile, in 2-quart saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in flour; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly with whisk. Remove from heat; stir in milk. Heat to simmering; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly, until thickened. Stir in salt, pepper, nutmeg, mustard and pumpkin. Add 1 3/4 cups of the cheese. Cook, stirring occasionally, until cheese is melted.
- 3 Add macaroni to cheese sauce and stir until coated. Pour into ungreased 3-quart casserole. Top with remaining 1/4 cup cheese.
- 4 Bake uncovered 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Pumpkin Meatballs with Cinnamon-Sage Tomato Sauce



Recipe courtesy of Joy Bauer

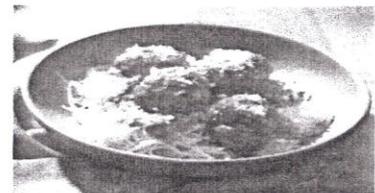
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Total: 1 hr 35 min
 Active: 20 min
 Yield: 6 servings
 Level: Easy

Directions

Using a fork, mix together the turkey, pumpkin puree, sage, sugar, cinnamon, salt, black pepper, nutmeg, ginger, garlic powder and egg in a large bowl. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to help firm.



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Form the turkey mixture into evenly sized (approximately 1.5-inch) meatballs. You should end up with about 22 in total. Note: If they're fussy, you can smooth them into a rounded shape once they're on the baking sheet.

Bake the meatballs for 15 minutes on one side. Carefully turn them over and bake for an additional 15 minutes. Add the meatballs to a pot of simmering Cinnamon-Sage Tomato Sauce. Cover and simmer for another 10 to 15 minutes, allowing the meatballs to soak up the yummy sauce flavor. Serve with the Spaghetti Squash "Pasta."

Cinnamon-Sage Tomato Sauce:

Add the broth, tomato sauce, pumpkin puree, basil, garlic powder, cinnamon and sage to a large pot and mix well. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle on some crushed red pepper to kick up the heat if desired.

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 pounds 93 percent lean ground turkey breast
- 1 cup canned 100 percent pumpkin puree
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- Cinnamon-Sage Tomato Sauce, recipe follows
- Spaghetti Squash Pasta, recipe follows, for serving

Cinnamon-Sage Tomato Sauce:

- 3 cups reduced-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- One 24-ounce jar of your favorite tomato or marinara sauce
- One 15-ounce can 100 percent pumpkin puree
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 fresh sage leaves, minced
- Salt and black pepper
- Crushed red pepper, optional

Houston Lake Arts Circle News

Pumpkin Festival

Our 4th annual Pumpkin Festival was a delicious success! Thanks to everyone who attended. Included in this month's Laker are recipes from some of the dishes. Enjoy!

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 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.

Butternut Squash And Italian Sausage Soup

YIELD: 4 to 6 servings

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INGREDIENTS

1 large butternut squash, about 3 pounds, halved, seeds removed

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1/2 pound sweet Italian sausage, removed from casings

1 large onion, chopped

6 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage, plus 12 whole leaves

1 teaspoon chopped fresh marjoram

6 cups light chicken stock or broth

1 teaspoon cider vinegar or lemon juice

1/2 cup heavy cream, or more to taste

2 tablespoons butter

DIRECTIONS

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Lightly coat the squash halves with 1 teaspoon of the vegetable oil. Season the inside with salt and pepper and place cut-side down on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake until very tender, about 45 minutes. When the squash is cool enough to handle, scoop out the flesh and reserve. Discard the peel.

In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, add the remaining vegetable oil and, when hot but not smoking, add the sausage. Cook until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until the onions wilted and starting to caramelize, about 6 minutes. Add the garlic, sage and marjoram, and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add the cooked squash and chicken stock, stir well to combine, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

With a hand-held immersion blender, or in batches in a food processor or blender, puree the soup. Strain through a fine mesh strainer into a clean saucepan. Add the cider vinegar and stir to combine. Add the cream and adjust seasoning, to taste.

In a small saute pan, cook the butter over medium-high heat until it begins to turn brown around the edges. Add the whole sage leaves and cook until crisp, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer the leaves to paper towels to drain.

Serve the soup in bowls, garnished with the crispy sage leaves.

City of Houston Lake
Official Minutes of the Special Council Meeting
September 18, 2017

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in special session on September 18, 2017 at City Hall. The following members were present: Mayor Pam Freese, Alderman Joyce Kullman, Alderman Nick Jackalone, Alderman Phil Otte.

1. Opening Session

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

2. Public Discussion

- Jan Jackalone announced that she had applied for a grant, Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance, aka TRIM, in the amount of \$2,394. The grant was awarded to Houston Lake. In the amount of This grant will have an arborist and locate the trees on City property. The arborist will make recommendations for what trees need attention. Platte County will share the cost of the grant with the City of Houston Lake. An inventory of all the trees in the City will then be updated for use with GPS.

3. Minutes August 14, 2017 and August 28, 2017-Tax Hearing

- Mayor asked for an approval of the August 14, 2017 and August 28, 2017 Tax Hearing minutes and tonight's agenda.

Alderman Jackalone motioned, Alderman Kullman seconded the motion.

Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte,

Opposed: None

Motioned passed

4. Building/Burn Permit

- No report at this time

5. Treasurer's Report

- Mayor asked for motion to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$353,541.48

Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.

Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte,

Opposed: None

Motion passed

6. Collector's Report

- No concerns with report. Report included with meeting packet

7. Resolution 09.18.17 (Paybills)

- Mayor asked for a motion to approve Paybills 09.18.17

Alderman Otte motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.

Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte,

Opposed: None

Motion for Resolution 09.18.17 passed.

8. Emergency Management-Fire Department

- Mr. Shelton attended the State Management conference. Mr. Shelton had handouts announcing the Senior Health Expo for Platte County on Thursday the 21st. There will also be one at the Platte County Community Center in Platte City on September 28th. At the Riverside Fire Department there will be a "drive-thru" flu clinic on Saturday, September 23rd from 10am-2pm.

Mr. Shelton reported that there was 1 emergency call in the month of August.

9. Police Report

- No police report

10. Codes' Enforcement Report

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

11. City Administrator Report

- Mayor acknowledged Mr. Chepren for his hard work in regard to the road construction
- Joe Chepren thank the council and residents of Houston Lake for their cooperation with the road construction.
- Mayor shared that her and Mr. Chepren have had conversation about the leftover materials from the road construction project. They have discussed option that will benefit the City and save money in future projects.

12. Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

- Joe Chepren announced that at the next HOA meeting they will be introducing the new website.

13. Old Business

- Alderman Otte presented an updated burn permit application. Alderman Kullman will update the City website to ensure the new permit is available to residents.

14. New Business

- Mayor asked for an approval for Resolution for KCI Airport upgrade support. Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion passed.

15. Reports from Alderman

Alderman Kullman-asked about brush pick up this fall. Mr. Chepren will contact the service provider for potential dates

Alderman Jackalone- No report

Alderman Otte- Wanted to apologize for being out of contact with his email. Alderman Otte is working on returning emails within the near future.

16. Mayors report

- Mayor has contacted the director of the Police Memorabilia museum in Springfield, Missouri. The City of Houston Lake has donated any extra memorabilia to the museum.
- Mayor would like again to thank Mr. Chepren and Barkley Construction for their work on the City roads.
- Mayor would like to thank her husband and daughter, Lucy, for walking around and handing out packets to residents.
- The City is considering future road projects that will increase their quality.

17. 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 8: 25 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

October 9, 2017 at 7:30pm.

Venetian Gardens HOA

City of Houston Lake

Minutes

Title:	HOA Monthly Public Meeting												
Date:	18-Oct-2017												
Time:	7:00 – 8:15 PM CST: Full Meeting – Adjourn at 8:15 PM 8:15 – 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 from 8:15 – 8:30 PM following the public meeting.2. Residents may also submit individual feedback via email to hoacommunications@houstonlake.net.												
2016-2017 Current 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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2017 Sub-Committees:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Audit Committee – Joyce Kullman, Kay Honeycutt, Susan Hodges2. Grant Funding Officer - <u>TBD</u>3. 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 - <u>TBD</u>11. Water Quality Officer - <u>TBD</u>												

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Discussion Topics

Time:	Topic(s):	Discussion Leader								
7:00 PM	Opening Session (Nick Jackalone) - Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President Nick Jackalone	Vice President								
7:05 PM	Roll Call (Jan Jackalone) – All Board Members were present	Secretary								
7:10 PM	Approval of Previous Minutes (Jan Jackalone) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved – The minutes for September 2017 were unanimously approved. 	Secretary								
7:15 PM	<p>Collector's Report (Jan Jackalone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved – The collector's report was unanimously approved. <p>Treasurer's Report (Jan Jackalone)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Business Checking:</td> <td>\$21,018.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Money Market:</td> <td>\$52,050.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CACU – CD:</td> <td>\$75,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total of Combined Accounts:</td> <td>\$ 148,068.41</td> </tr> </table>	Business Checking:	\$21,018.16	Money Market:	\$52,050.25	CACU – CD:	\$75,000.00	Total of Combined Accounts:	\$ 148,068.41	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 2017 Budget - Ongoing through Q1 2018 (Joe Chepren) Review of HOA By Laws (WIP) – Ongoing through Q1 2018 (Keith Carey) Houston Lake Insurance Coverage – Ongoing through Q4 2017 (Joe Chepren) Insurance Claim – Estimated timeline for repairs of Beach Park Fence (Keith Carey) – Keith Carey reported that work to replace the fence will commence in November 2017. 2017-2018 Volunteer project updates and open items (Joe Chepren) - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project I: Peninsula Clean-up – Volunteers Needed Site Location: Peninsula located on North Adrian Drive Houston Lake, MO Project Description: Remove invasive plants, clean up gardens, trim all plants to 36" Project II: Spillway Clean-up – VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED THE PROJECT! Site Location: Main Spillway located under bridge on Houston Drive Houston Lake, MO Project Description: Removal of storm debris. <p>Thank you to the following volunteer team for relocating and cutting up the oversized log blocking the spillway. Your commitment to the Houston Lake community is recognized and very much appreciated!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chuck Stone Laura Hines Teresa Olson – Thank you Teresa for purchasing a new chainsaw! Project III: HOA Shoreline Clean-up – Volunteers Needed Site Location: Shoreline on NW Edgewater Trail & Houston Dr. Also to include beach area Houston Lake, Mo. Project Description: Remove invasive plants, clean up trash, trim all plants to 36" 	President								

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Time:	Topic(s):	Discussion Leader
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Project IV: <u>Parks and Shelters Clean-up</u> – VOLUNTEERS SIGNED UP! Site Location: Parks / Shelters Project Description: Removal of trash bag / Raking / removal of unsafe objects The HOA would like to thank the following volunteers for signing up to maintain Houston Lake Parks and Shelters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chuck Stone ▪ Laura Hines ○ Project V: <u>Parks and Shelters Maintenance</u> – Volunteers Needed Site Location: Parks / Shelters Project Description: Pressure wash wood structures / Treatment As a kind reminder, the HOA has included a 2017-2018 budget to supply any volunteer/team with the appropriate equipment and resources needed to address ongoing maintenance of HOA maintained property. If you would like to volunteer for any of the above projects, or if you see other projects needing attention on the lake, please contact your HOA board. ● Sub-Committee updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Audit Committee Results (Joyce Kullman) - Joyce Kullman reported that the 2017 audit was completed and there were no discrepancies and suggested that they recommended that the future Treasurer use a computer program to handle the incoming and outgoing of HOA money. ○ Grow Native Update (Jan Jackalone) - Grow Native was established at last year's annual meeting. Our members consist of (in no special order) Linda Kramer, Janette Boehm, Gary Halterman, Carolyn Carey, Lori Scarborough, Martha Green, Kerry Hollowell, Gail Simmons, Keith Carey, and Nick and Jan Jackalone. Some members left us and some joined us. Thank You To All. The committee received a \$1000 Grant for park benches from the Platte County Parks and Recreation. Our Butterfly Waystation is registered in the United States as a place for the Monarch Butterfly to feed to gain energy to fly to Mexico. The garden will take three years to fully mature. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee placed 60 bags of mulch, planted 100 grow native plants with a total of 101.25 hours of volunteer work. ▪ We are striving to make it happen. ○ Water Quality Management including treatment options, budget, proposal and timeline (Spring 2018) for lake vegetation (Joe Chepren) – The HOA has received a formal proposal to address prominent lake vegetation species and high phosphorous levels. The proposal suggests treatments in phases to initially address the more critical areas (horseshoe arm and coves) that affect the larger parts of the lake. The proposal fits within the HOA budget and scope and will provide long-term results. Joe Chepren will present the proposal to the community in Q1 2018 for community vote. ○ Aerator System and Diffuser retrieval – Gary Halterman reported that his crew fixed the system and it is up and running. The HOA would like to recognize and thank the following volunteer team for their part in reconstructing and installing the aerator system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gary Halterman – Aerator System Sub-Committee Officer/Project Mechanic ▪ Todd Lagessie – Project Captain/Boat operator ▪ Chuck Stone – Project Diver ● Introduction of new City Alderman – Chuck Stone ● FAREWELL AND THANK YOU NICK AND JAN JACKALONE... The HOA would like to personally recognize and thank Nick and Jan Jackalone for over eight 	

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	<p>years of service to the Houston Lake community through their voluntary commitment to the Venetian Garden's HOA. Nick and Jan, your collective experience and knowledge has been a great asset to the HOA. In addition, Jan's dedication to Grant funding initiatives has been a welcomed blessing for supplementing our modest budget.</p> <p>I, Joe Chepren thank you both on behalf of the community and the HOA for volunteering your valuable time and for your many contributions. It is my hope that the HOA will have the opportunity to benefit from your talents in the future.</p> <p>Sincerely, Joe Chepren, HOA President 2016-2017</p>																																				
7:30 PM	<p>2018 HOA Election and Budget Approval:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 688 1235 1125"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" data-bbox="240 688 1235 730">CANDIDATES: (A-Z by last name & desired position):</th> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="240 730 516 772">First Name</th> <th data-bbox="516 730 792 772">Last Name</th> <th data-bbox="792 730 1235 772">Desired Position</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 772 516 814">Joe</td> <td data-bbox="516 772 792 814">Chepren</td> <td data-bbox="792 772 1235 814">President</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 814 516 856">Albert</td> <td data-bbox="516 814 792 856">Horine</td> <td data-bbox="792 814 1235 856">President</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 856 516 898">Keith</td> <td data-bbox="516 856 792 898">Carey</td> <td data-bbox="792 856 1235 898">Vice President</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 898 516 940">Susan</td> <td data-bbox="516 898 792 940">Hodges</td> <td data-bbox="792 898 1235 940">Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 940 516 982">Kerry</td> <td data-bbox="516 940 792 982">Hallowell</td> <td data-bbox="792 940 1235 982">Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 982 516 1024">Garry</td> <td data-bbox="516 982 792 1024">Halterman</td> <td data-bbox="792 982 1235 1024">Board Member 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 1024 516 1066">Craig</td> <td data-bbox="516 1024 792 1066">Sovereign</td> <td data-bbox="792 1024 1235 1066">Board Member 1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 1136 1235 1224"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" data-bbox="240 1136 1235 1178">Withdrawn application(s)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="240 1178 354 1224">N/A</td> <td data-bbox="354 1178 630 1224">Joyce</td> <td data-bbox="630 1178 906 1224">Kullman</td> <td data-bbox="906 1178 1235 1224">Treasurer</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul data-bbox="240 1245 1235 1885" style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 Budget Discussion – Joe Chepren took to the podium to field and answer questions from the community. There was a high level of community participation and great questions were asked. All questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction and the budget discussion was closed. • Vote for New HOA Board Members (Jan Jackalone): <ul data-bbox="289 1419 1235 1885" style="list-style-type: none"> • In Absentee were 13 Ballots and 35 members present. • The votes were tallied by three resident volunteers: <ul data-bbox="386 1507 1235 1623" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean Anderson ○ Sharon DeLaFuente ○ Mary Head • Results of Voting: <ul data-bbox="386 1682 1235 1885" style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President - Joe Chepren, 28 votes & Al Horine, 19 votes ○ Vice President - Keith Carey, 47 votes ○ Treasurer - Susan Hodges, 38 votes ○ Board Member – Gary Halterman, 32 votes & Craig Sovereign, 15 votes ○ 2018 Budget - Approved with 31 "Yes" & 3 "No" 	CANDIDATES: (A-Z by last name & desired position):			First Name	Last Name	Desired Position	Joe	Chepren	President	Albert	Horine	President	Keith	Carey	Vice President	Susan	Hodges	Treasurer	Kerry	Hallowell	Secretary	Garry	Halterman	Board Member 2	Craig	Sovereign	Board Member 1	Withdrawn application(s)				N/A	Joyce	Kullman	Treasurer	Secretary
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7:45 PM	<p>15-minute Recess – Board Members count votes</p> <ul data-bbox="289 1959 1235 1980" style="list-style-type: none"> • Chepren family-sponsored Raffle – FREE Entry! All resident attendees received a free 	2016-2017 HOA Board																																			

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	raffle ticket upon entry and sign-in. During the vote tally, various Hallmark seasonal items were raffled off to the community. There were six winners in all! Thank you Chepren family for your generous donation of the Hallmark raffle items.	
8:00 PM	<p>Introduction to New Board Members</p> <p>The new Board Members were introduced and took their position at the table.</p> <p>Joe Chepren, elected President, invited Kerry Hallowell to assume position of Secretary; Kerry Hallowell accepted.</p> <p>The 2017-2018 HOA Board Members are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Chepren, President 2. Keith Carey, Vice President 3. Susan Hodges, Treasure 4. Kerry Hallowell, Secretary 5. Gary Halterman, Board Member <p>The next HOA meeting on 15-Nov-2017; 7:00 pm at City Hall.</p>	Secretary
8:05 PM	<p>New Business (Transition to 2017-2018 HOA Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	President
8:15 PM	Adjourn Meeting	President

Action Items

Date Created	Date Due	Closed Date	Status New/ Open/ Ongoing/ Closed	Owner First Initial Last Name	Committee/ Sub- Committee	Description
2016	Feb2018		Ongoing	J. Chepren	Watershed	Inlet Dam – Remove Debris / Bowl Out – Pending first opportunity following ground freezing
2017	2018		Ongoing	K. Carey	HOA	Review / Rewrite By-Laws as Needed
20Sep2017	Q1 2018		Ongoing	J. Chepren	HOA	Present proposal for water treatment program to commence in Spring 2018
20Sep2017	Q4 2017		Ongoing	J. Chepren	HOA	Review and request necessary revisions to the HL Insurance Policy
20Sep2017	15Nov2017		Ongoing	K. Carey	HOA	Repair fence by beach area/park



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*Best wishes!
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