

Houston Laker



December 2017

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
2018**

**From all of us
to all of you!!!**



**City of Houston Lake
Venetian Gardens
Homes Association**

Houston Lake Arts Circle

**Houston Lake
Community News**

Community Calendar Events

Dec. 11th - City Council Meeting, 7:30pm , City Hall

Dec. 12th - Recycling Day

Dec. 15th - Christmas Carols, Cookies & Cocoa with Santa
7:00pm - City Hall

Dec. 19th - Open Date for Candidate Filing.

Please contact City Clerk, 816.741.0644

Dec. 20th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall

Dec. 25th -



Dec. 27th - Wednesday Trash Pick-up

Jan. 1st -



Jan 3rd - Wednesday Trash Pick-up

Homes Association Dues:

The Homes Association dues statements will be mailed the first part of December. Annual dues are \$295.00, and are due January 31, 2018. Past due amounts are charged a 10% penalty each year. Payments can be mailed to City Hall or delivered to City Hall. If mailed please mail it to Venetian Gardens Homes Association, 5417 NW Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo. 64151. If delivered, please put your payment in the HOA mailbox. Thanks!



The city of Houston Lake
in conjunction with the
Houston Lake Arts Circle
invites you to ~

Carols, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa

Please bring your children and grandchildren and join us at City Hall on Friday December 15th at 7pm for a fun family celebration with *Christmas Carols, Cookies and Cocoa* featuring our **very own Santa**. Followed by a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Mayor Pam Freese.

Houston Lake Arts Circle Update

At our last Houston Lake Arts Circle, it was decided to refocus our efforts onto our mission statement: To nurture and inspire the creativity and talents of our Houston Lake community. We are turning back to our full name, Houston Lake Arts Circle; Art, Life and Folks - in 2018, we hope to have a more relaxed approach creating opportunities to "art" together and to enjoy one another.

We will have a children's art workshop and continue to have an annual art show featuring all fine artists of our community. For other organized events, HLAC; Art, Life and Folks will work with any committee from the City Council or the Homes Association to provide an art feature or experience.

Please join us at our next meeting on January 18 as we set a date for an excursion to the Nelson as well as our first arting-outing!



Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant

In May of 2017, Jan Jackalone met with Wendy Sangster, Community Forester with MO Dept. of Conservation about a Grant that maybe helpful to the City regarding submitting an application for consideration of cost-shared funding. We discussed the application process and the benefits to the City. Miss Sangster recommended several companies who dealt with Grant requirements before and Midwest Geo Info was contacted to submit a proposal to the City.

Jan Jackalone met with Mrs. Molly Gosnell owner of Geo Info and we toured the City. A proposal was submitted:

Tree Inventory for Public Land in Houston Lake MO ~

- Record species identified by an ISA Certified Arborist,
- Record tree diameter 3 inches or more in diameter at breast height,
- Record tree condition (good, fair, poor, dead/dying) and
- Record tree maintenance recommendations (none, routine, immediate, critical).

There are other reports that are submitted to MO Dept. of Conservation. The cost-sharing is 60%. The City pays \$1596 and the MDOC pays \$2394.

This is the first step in a process of being pro-active especially since the tree condition and maintenance recommendation is spelled out.

The tree inventory is going to be done in December, 2017, date is yet to be determined and weather permitting. Geo Info and Arborist will be wearing safety-reflective vests and using hand-held computers. They don't anticipate being on any property owners sites.

Any questions, please call Jan Jackalone, Grant Administrator @ [816-587-0028](tel:816-587-0028).

Venetian Garden's HOA

City of Houston Lake

Minutes

Title:	HOA Monthly Public Meeting												
Date:	15-Nov-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 from 8:00 – 8:30 PM following any 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>Keith Carey, Vice President</td></tr><tr><td>x</td><td>Susan Hodges, Treasurer</td></tr><tr><td>N/A</td><td>Secretary, *OPEN* TBD</td></tr><tr><td>Absent</td><td>Kerry Hallowell, Board Member I</td></tr><tr><td>x</td><td>Gary Halterman, Board Member II</td></tr></table>	x	Joe Chepren, President	x	Keith Carey, Vice President	x	Susan Hodges, Treasurer	N/A	Secretary, *OPEN* TBD	Absent	Kerry Hallowell, Board Member I	x	Gary Halterman, Board Member II
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2017 Sub-Committees:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Audit Committee – *OPEN* 2018 TBD2. Grant Funding Officer – Jan Jackalone (appointed during 18Oct2017 meeting)3. Dam / Watershed Officer / Projects - Joe Chepren4. Parks & Maintenance Officer - *OPEN* TBD5. Aerator System Officer - Gary Halterman6. Wildlife Control Officer - Janette Boehm7. Grow Native Officer - Jan Jackalone8. Communications / Public Relations Officer - Shelly Broll9. Special Events Officer – *OPEN* TBD10. Water Quality Officer – *OPEN* TBD												
Announcements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Updates - Please notify your HOA if you would like to be on the upcoming Agendas to share updates regarding Sub-committees, Community Projects and/or Volunteer Projects via email at hoacommunications@houstonlake.net to be added to the Agenda.• 2017-2018 Volunteer projects - Access the HOA website > Volunteer Projects List and Volunteer Waiver to sign up: http://www.venetiangardens.houstonlake.net/projects.html.												

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Discussion Items

Time:	Topic(s):	Discussion Leader								
7:00 PM	Opening Session (Keith Carey)	Vice President								
7:05 PM	Roll Call (Shelly Broll, Communications Officer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President, Joe Chepren provided an overview of each sub-committee and introduced each officer. Jan Jackalone requested, and was granted appointment to the Grant Funding sub-committee Officer position. 	Secretary; N/A								
7:10 PM	Approval of Previous Minutes (Shelly Broll, Communications Officer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Approved – Shelly Broll noted that the results of the voting on annual HOA dues were excluded from the 18Oct2017 minutes. The minutes have been updated and will be posted to the Venetian Gardens HOA website: http://www.venetianguardens.houstonlake.net/laker.html <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 HOA Dues Results: \$295.00, 35 votes vs. \$325.00, 13 Votes 	Secretary; N/A								
7:15 PM	Collector's Report (Susan Hodges) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$85 collected in Oct2017 - The Collector's Report was unanimously approved. HOA Dues statements will be sent to homeowners in Dec2017. All dues to be paid no later than 31Jan2018. Penalties may result from late payments. Monthly financial statements will be available going forward. Treasurer's Report (Susan Hodges) <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Business Checking:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$22915.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Money Market:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$52,054.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CACU – CD:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$75,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total of Combined Accounts:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">149,970.17\$</td> </tr> </table>	Business Checking:	\$22915.50	Money Market:	\$52,054.67	CACU – CD:	\$75,000.00	Total of Combined Accounts:	149,970.17\$	Treasure
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7:20 PM	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Carey reported that the fence repair by the beach park is now complete. 	President; ALL								
7:25 PM	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Chepren will initiate work on a Business Plan Summary for the HOA, to be finalized and shared with the community Q1-2018. 	President; ALL								
7:30 PM	Water Quality Management - Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Bonzani with Solitude Lake Management presented a proposal to address Houston Lake's unique landscape and specific vegetation issues. Shelly Broll documented questions from the community and will provide documented responses at the next HOA on 20Dec2017. 	Jennifer Bonzani, Solitude Lake Management								
8:00 PM	Adjourn The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20th, 2017.	All								

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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	Q1-2018		Ongoing	K. Carey	HOA	Review / Rewrite By-Laws as Needed
20Sep2017	18Oct2017	18Oct2017	Closed	J. Chepren	HOA	Present proposal for water treatment program to commence in Spring 2018
20Sep2017	Q1-2018		Ongoing	J. Chepren	HOA	Review and request necessary revisions to the HL Insurance Policy
20Sep2017	15Nov2017	15Nov2017	Closed	K. Carey	HOA	Repair fence by beach area/park
18Oct2017	Q1-2018		NEW	J. Chepren	HOA	Develop Business Plan Summary
18Oct2017	20Dec2017		NEW	S. Broll	Communications	Provide responses to community questions from the Solitude Lake Management presentation.

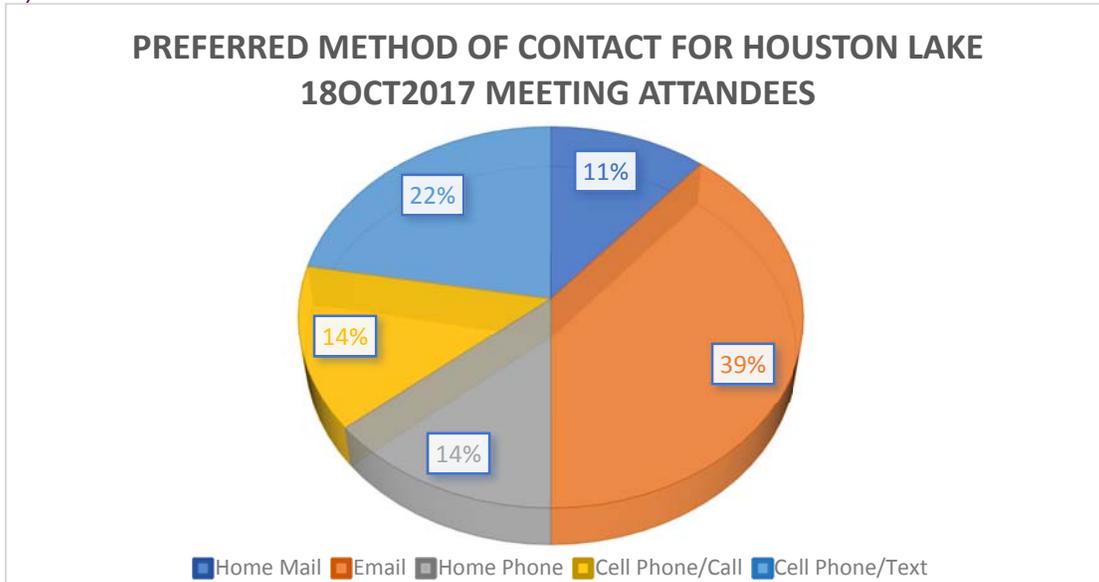
Community Feedback to the HOA Board

Time:	Topic(s):	Discussion Leader
8:00 PM	TBD (No requests at this time)	
8:30 PM	Adjourn Community Feedback	

VENETIAN GARDEN'S HOA SPOTLIGHT: NEWS AND INFORMATION

1. 15Nov2017 HOA Attendees Count: 21 attendees representing 16 households
While this is a strong turnout for our community, I would like to request that each of us make an effort to welcome our neighbors, both new and old, and encourage as many new faces to feel welcome and participate in our monthly meetings.
2. Results of the Survey (sign-in sheet) - "Preferred Method of Contact"
Results of the survey indicate that while a majority of the community has access to, and prefers to be contacted via email, over half of the community prefers to be contacted via other methods. What this information tells us is that no one solution will meet the needs of the entire community. Now that we know how to get important information out, we can work to bridge the gap to involve all residents.

Please attend the next HOA on 20Dec2017 to complete a survey regarding, "Preferred Communication": Houston Laker New Paper (monthly), HOA Website (monthly) or HOA Facebook Page (instant).



3. Please see below Questions from the Solitude Lake Management presentation. If you have additional questions, please submit to hoacommunications@houstonlake.net by Friday, 08Dec2017.

	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the main cause of our high phosphorus count?	Run-off (water coming in), fertilizers, dying vegetation
2	Why would we want to kill off our primrose?	invasive (spreading) species interrupting water flow
3	Are the treatments chemicals?	
4	Are the treatments herbicides?	
5	What are the names of all the herbicides?	
6	What is in the herbicides?	
7	Is aluminum sulfate synthetic?	
8	Will the treatments affect swimming/water activity for a period after application? (e.g., 24 hours, 48 hours or N/A)	
9	Is there a single treatment/application that can address multiple plant vegetation?	
10	How many acres is our lake?	26
11	What results can we expect?	60-70% reduction in vegetation is typical
12	Will you provide references of lakes within a 50-mi. radius?	
13	How often does the company utilize grass carp in services?	About 30% in combination with other solutions
14	Please provide a cost proposal for grass carp stocking.	Grass Carp – 1,300 carp; costs unknown – follow up proposal – not invasive; don't reproduce
15	Does the company offer assistance in working with the government or county to monitor and slow water run off?	Yes. Please provide additional information including Apex engineering experience and cost sharing.

Help Wanted

City Clerk position available - the **Clerk** often serves as the official keeper of the **municipal** records, and as such, is sometimes described as the "historian" of the community. Houston Lake City Clerk duties include but are not limited to:

- Record and edit the minutes of meetings, then distribute them to appropriate officials and staff members.
 - Issue public notification of all official activities and meetings
 - Maintain and update documents such as municipal codes and city charters
 - Prepare meeting agendas and information packets
 - Answering messages and directing calls to the appropriate resource(s)
 - Prepare ordinances, resolutions, and proclamations so that they can be executed, recorded, archived, and distributed.
 - Respond to requests for information from the public, other municipalities, state officials, and state and federal legislative offices.
 - Perform general office duties such as typing and proofreading, distributing and filing official forms and scheduling appointments.
 - Research information in the municipal archives upon request of public officials and private citizens
 - Filing all election paperwork
 - Participate in the administration of municipal elections, including preparation and distribution of ballots, appointment and training of election officers, and tabulation and certification of results.
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City Administrator position available - duties include but are not limited to:

- Managing the City's business and carries out the Board's plans and directions by coordinating the work of all the City's departments and employees.
- Expending funds as authorized by the City's annual budget, which is approved by the Board.
- Making recommendations to the Board of Aldermen on legislation, budget, financial planning, the capital improvement program, city policies, employee compensation, and service levels.
- Hiring city department heads and approving employee appointments and dismissal.
- Negotiating and administering contracts and agreements.
- Keeping the Council informed of the City's business and financial condition.
- Representing the City at conferences, area meetings, and various committees as requested.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING

The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election,
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 to elect the following offices:

One Alderman from Ward 1 (North) for two (2) year term.

One Alderman from Ward 2 (South) for two (2) year term.

To be a candidate for one of these offices you must file with the City Clerk,
no earlier than Tuesday December 19, 2017, and no later than 5p.m.
Tuesday January 16, 2018. The filing forms will be made available by contacting
City Clerk at 816.741.0644

City of Houston Lake Official Minutes of the Council Meeting October 9, 2017

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 9, 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 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Freese.
- Mayor Freese asked for a motion to approve Chuck Stone as Alderman for Ward 1.
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Jackalone seconded the motion.
Roll call- Aye: Jackalone, Kullman, Otte Opposed: None
Motion passed
*Alderman Jackalone was dismissed at 7:36pm
- Alderman Chuck Stone was sworn in by City Clerk, Amber L. Moore

2. Public Discussion

- Resident would be interested in address the street signs

3. Minutes September 18, 2017

- Mayor asked for an approval of the September 18, 2017 minutes and tonight's agenda. Alderman Kullman asked for amendment to minutes under old business- verbiage to change to Alderman Kullman updating permit form and give to Jean Anderson to add to website. No vote taken to approve minutes, tabled for next meeting. Mayor asked for an approval of tonight's agenda,
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Otte seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Stone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motioned passed

4. Building/Burn Permit

- No permits requests at this time.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Mayor asked for motion to approve the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$240,645.45
Alderman Kullman and Jean Anderson are discussing court revenue and considering optional deposit procedures moving forward
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Stone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Stone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion passed

6. Collector's Report

- No concerns with report. Report included with meeting packet

7. Resolution 10.09.17 (Paybills)

- Mayor asked for a motion to approve Paybills 10.09.17- with amendment to Road Fund Account in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Barkley
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Stone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Stone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion for Resolution 10.09.17 passed.

8. Emergency Management-Fire Department

- No report at this time.

9. Police Report

- Police report attached to packet. Officer explained that there is a conflict in the report when a traffic stop is made. Dogs at large issue may need to be address

10. Codes' Enforcement Report

- Cathy Grove, Code Enforcement Report presented the codes report September 2017. Report included with meeting packet Brush cleanup on October 31st no brush pile violations until after cleanup

11. City Administrator Report

- Joe received emails about the success of the road repair
- Wanted to thank Jewel for the comments about the positive road repair
- Emails about concerns of the Wagon Trail repair and he is has put a bid proposal together for wagon trail. Proposal attached to council packet. Project would take about 2 days weather permitted
- Mayor asked for a motioned to approve the bid proposal for Wagon Trail road repair not to exceed \$23,494.00 to Barkely
Alderman Stone motioned, Alderman Otte seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Stone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
Motion passed.

12. Venetian Gardens' Homes Association Report

- Meeting Annual October 18 New website is up and running.

13. Old Business

14. New Business

- No reports at this time

15. Reports from Alderman

Alderman Kullman-no reports

Alderman Otte- Ordered 2 road closed signs for the bridge \$35 a sign including post -placement to be determined

Alderman Stone- Thank Mayor and Alderman for appointed him and hopes to meet the needs of the city as Alderman

16. Mayors report

- Donated to the Art club Mayor presented the check to the art club and wants to encourage them to continue doing a good job (Jean Anderson)
- Evadene Judge sent a letter thanking them and apologizes for not completing her term as Alderman
- Grant applications for storm water repair is due in March 2017, Mayor asked for suggestions in grant writing process hiring
- Animal control contract with Platte County. Animals at large and roaming. Amount budgeted and contract signed. Phone numbers for animal control and conversation on city website

17. Adjournment

- Mayor Freese asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Alderman Kullman motioned, Alderman Stone seconded the motion.
Roll call-Aye: Stone, Kullman, Otte, Opposed: None
The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Next Council Meeting

November 13, 2017 at 7:30pm.

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