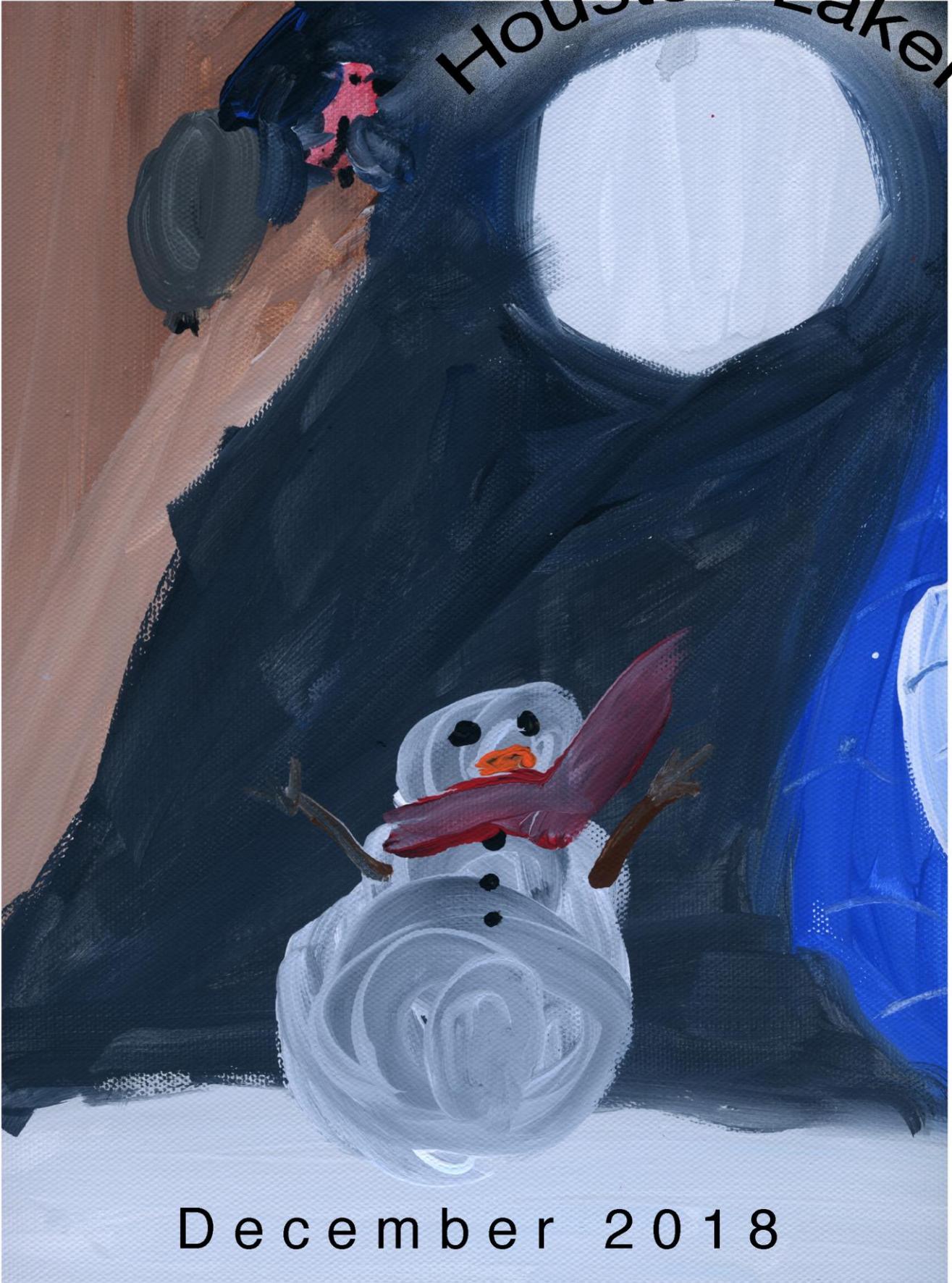


Houston Laker



December 2018

Snowy Winter

By Victoria Verkamp



*Merry Christmas and
Best Wishes for the New Year
From all of us to all of you!!!*

*City of Houston Lake
Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Houston Lake Arts Circle
Houston Lake Community News*



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December 2018

Community Calendar Event News

Dec. 10th - City Council Meeting, 7:30pm
City Hall

Dec. 11th - Candidate Filing opens for the
April 2, 2019 General Municipal Election.
Please contact City Clerk, 816.663.0894

Dec. 11th - Recycling Day

Dec. 14th - Carols, Cookies & Cocoa with
Santa, 7pm City Hall

Dec. 25th - Merry Christmas



Dec. 26th - Trash Pick-up

Jan. 1st, 2019 - 

Jan. 2nd, 2019 - Trash Pick-up

2018 Holiday Trash Pick-up Day

Christmas (Tuesday 12-25-18)

Trash Pickup day Wednesday 12-26-18

New Years (Tuesday 1-1-19)

Trash Pickup day Wednesday 1-2-19

2018 Recycle Schedule:

December 11, 2018

Homes Association Dues:

The Homes Association dues statements will be mailed Jan. 30, 2019. Annual dues are \$400.00, and they will become delinquent March 1, 2019. 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 on the front porch of city hall.

If you have any questions call
Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges
816.786.2377 or email her at

hodges.susan@outlook.com, Thank you

There will be **NO** Venetian Gardens Homes Association meeting in December. The HOA Board members wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

THANK YOU!!!

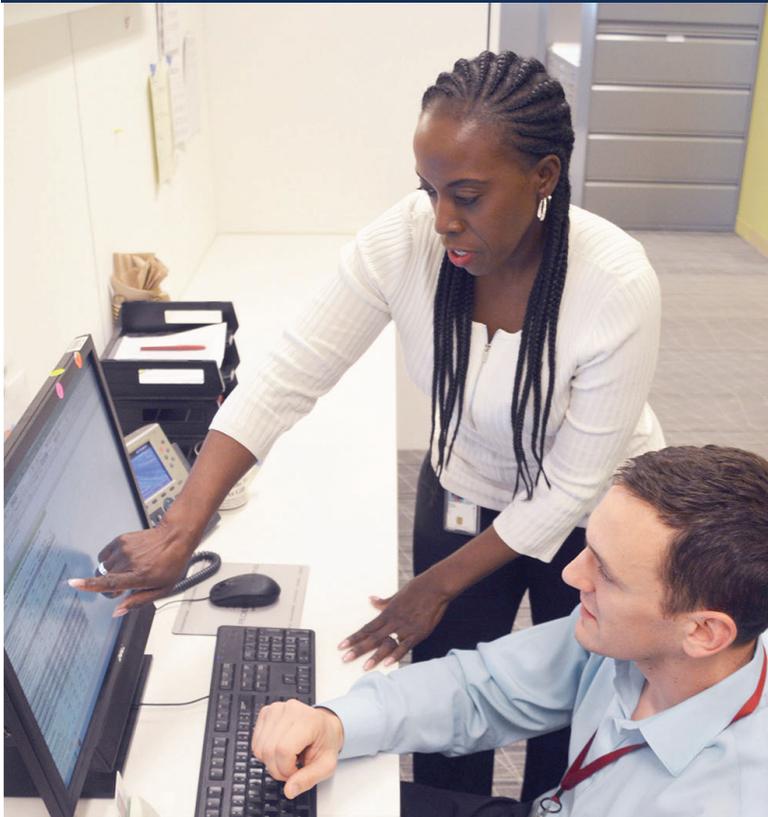
Houston Lake use tax will continue to be collected.

Our Houston Lake voters liked the idea of continuing a use tax.

The use tax deals with collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer.

The ballot question, with somewhat odd wording, asked if voters wanted to discontinue the tax. There were 83 voting no to 36 voting yes. The no vote means the tax will continue to be collected.

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The City of Houston Lake invites you to ~

Carols, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa

Please bring your children and grandchildren and join us at City Hall on Friday December 14th at 7pm for a fun family celebration with *Christmas Carols, Cookies and Cocoa* featuring our **very own Santa**. Followed by a holiday story by Mayor Pam Freese.

Pictures from last year Christmas Carols, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa
"Santa poses for pictures with young guests"
Mayor Freese reads "T'was the night before Christmas"



"Santa leads the singing of Christmas Carols"



Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Minutes
November 14, 2018

Call to order: Kerry Hallowell

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Roll Call: Mary Head

Present

Kerry Hallowell, President
Susan Hodges, Secretary/Treasurer
Mary Head, Board Member
Teresa Olson, Board Member

Excused

Jeff Lister, Vice President

Minutes:

The minutes from the meeting on October 10, 2018 were distributed to the Board. The President asked if there were any corrections. None were noted. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers report:

Susan Hodges presented the Treasurer's report and provided the members with the financial statements for October 2018.

Old Business/New Business:

The discussion on the lake clean up continued and there was also a discussion of other construction potentially adding to the siltation to the lake. A member voiced concerns about considering dredging the lake prior to fixing the horseshoe. Another member recommended that the Board contact the Army Corps of Engineers. A comment was made on the fact that the sink holes had been fixed and those involved were thanked. Sue Hodges asked for a volunteer to install a new HOA mailbox as the lock on the old one no longer worked. Al Horine volunteered to help. Sue also discussed the cost estimate that the attorney provided to revise the articles of agreement. She advised the Board that due to the antiquated nature of the statutes under which the HOA was formed, that it would be a cumbersome process and the legal fees were estimated to be \$1,500. The greatest benefit from taking this action would be in collecting unpaid dues. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting when all board members are present.

It was decided that no meeting would be held in December.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Hodges, Secretary

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NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING

**The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election,
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 to elect the following offices:**

Mayor for Two (2) year Term

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 11, 2018, and no later than 5p.m.
Tuesday January 15, 2019. The filing forms will be made available by contacting
City Clerk at 816.663.0894**

City Council Meeting

October 8, 2018

City Hall-5417 NW Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo. 64151

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on October 8, 2018 at 7:30pm at City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Ave Houston Lake, MO 64151.

The following members were present: Alderman Nick Jackalone, Alderman Phil Otte, Alderman Chuck Stone, Alderman Sherry Burrup, Mayor Pam Freese

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

Public Discussion –

Jan Jackalone – 5279 NW Edgewood Trail – Grant Administrator – 2019 Grant Program from Platte County Parks and Rec. Asks permission from the council to pursue adult exercise stations around the lake – council is going to pend this issue until the November meeting allowing for review of the budget.

Minutes 09.10.2018 and tonight's agenda: Motion to approve the minutes from 09-10-2018 and tonight's agenda. Motion to approve made by Alderman Otte, Second by Alderman Burrup. Yes: Otte, Stone, Jackalone, Burrup
Motion carries.

Building /Burning Permits – Pumpkin festival to be held October 17, 2018 at City Hall – would like to operate a fire pit, borrowed from a resident, on the concrete to allow for Marshmallow Toasting. Motion to allow a Pumpkin festival fire pit to be operated, provided that someone is watching at all times, made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Burrup. Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone, Burrup. Motion carries.

Treasures Report: Motion to approve treasures report for October 8, 2018 made by Alderman Burrup ,second by Alderman Otte, Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone, Burrup, Motion carries

Collectors Report: Report is included with the official packet

Paybills – Resolution 10.08.18: Motion to approve Resolution 10.08.2018 made by Alderman Otte, second by Alderman Burrup, Yes:Jackalone, Burrup, Otte, Stone, Motion carries

Emergency Management:

Fire Department – Presentation by Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Taylor

- 1 – Signed Letter of Appointment of Jeff Taylor as Emergency Management Director effective 7-1-2018
- 2 – Thank you to Houston Lake for support of Flu Vaccination clinic in Riverside
- 3 – No incidents to report

Police Department – No Report

Codes Report – Official report is included with the packet.

Nobody will receive a citation for brush as we prepare for city cleanup.

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report: Annual meeting this Wednesday 10-10-2018.

Saturday October 13th Lake Cleanup day

Old Business: Culvert Project – Signed paperwork on Friday 10/5/2018, construction should start next week.

Bridge Update – Alderman Burrup - Submitted for grant through MoDot, we did not get the grant. Is working with MoDot to try to find funding through other grant options. Alderman Burrup asks for any information regarding the bridge to be sent to her directly.

Brush Cleanup –Alderman Stone – October 22nd& 23rd – 2 day brush cleanup. No restriction on size or length of the brush. Tags will be distributed 21st

Motion to approve Al Horriner renting a cherry picker to cut down low hanging limbs over the roadway. This will protect the city should there be an ice storm this winter. Cost is \$200/day. Estimate work to be done in 1-2 days. Motion made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Otte. **Yes:** Stone, Jackalone, Burrup, Otte Motion Approved

New Business : City Clerk was approved to obtain her Notary Public license – expense to be reimbursed.

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Jackalone – None

Alderman Burrup –None

Alderman Otte – Noticed good Samaritans around the city taking care of property, thank yous to be sent.

Alderman Stone – Training through MML, has been working with Cathy this past month

Mayors Report: MML – attended MML training in Branson – will present next month. Looking into streamlining our systems here, adding protections to secure the city's information.

Adjournment - Alderman Stone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Otte second. Yes: Stone, Burrup, Jackalone, Otte. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday November 12th2018 at 7:30pm

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