

Houston Laker



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Community Calendar Events

2019!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- Jan. 1st -
- Jan. 2nd - Wednesday Trash Pickup
- Jan. 8th - Recycling Day
- Jan. 9th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association meeting,
7:00pm City Hall
- Jan. 14th - City Council Meeting,
7:30pm City Hall
- Jan. 15th - Closing date for Candidate filing.
Please contact City Clerk @
816.663.0894
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Call to Artists

The Arts Circle is looking for volunteer artists to create original covers or pictures for the 2019 Laker issues. If you are interested, please email arts.circle@houstonlake.net, or Mary Head @ editor@houstonlake.net.

If you have any questions please call Mary @ 816.741.5639. Don't miss this opportunity to publish your artwork or picture! Volunteer today!

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 @

hodges.susan@outlook.com, Thank you



"Houston Lake Ice"

Is not thick enough to skate on. Please do not get out on the ice.

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Houston Lake History Books & 2nd Edition Cookbooks on sale.

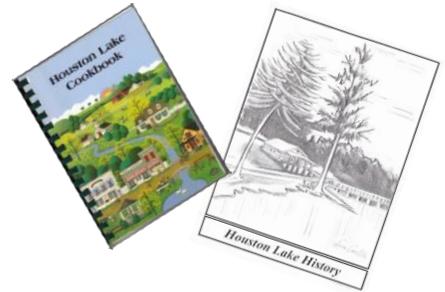
This would make a wonderful gift to someone special.



3 = books for \$10.00

2 = books for \$8.00

1 = book for \$5.00



**All the proceeds will go to the
Houston Lake Arts Circle.**

To purchase your books please call President of the Houston Lake Arts Circle Linda Kramer – 816.225.4110 or Mary Head - 816.741.5639.

Thank You

HOUSTON LAKE COMMUNITY BOOK EXCHANGE

Houston Lake has a Community Book Exchange available for everyone's use. If you want a book, come get one. If you want to donate books, just leave them. And thanks! We'll take puzzles and magazines too. The top shelf is for the adults, the bottom shelf is reachable for kids. Located at 5417 N.W. Adrian (City Hall front porch).

Advertising at a price you can afford!!!



If you want to advertise a product or service, try the Houston Laker. The price is the same for Small Businesses, Individuals or Corporations.

FULL PAGE \$20.00/mo. or \$200.00/year

HALF PAGE \$10.00/mo. or \$100.00/year

LAST PAGE OF HOUSTON LAKER – Sorry, already sold!

Have your ad to me by the 24th for next month issue.

For more information call Editor Mary Head (816)741-5639.



This is the most affordable form of advertising in the Kansas City area.
And you support your home town paper.



Carols, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa on December 14, 2018

A BIG THANK YOU to Riverside for bringing Santa to Houston Lake on Dec. 15, 2018



CITY OFFICIALS
CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE

Mayor = Pam Freese 816-726-4455
(mayor@houstonlake.net)

City Clerk = Megan Micek 816-741-0644
(cityclerk@houstonlake.net)

Sewer Grinder Pumps
Megan Micek 816-663-0894

City Collector = Jean Anderson
(taxcollector@houstonlake.net)

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Sherry Burrup 208-251-8201
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(nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Alderman (Ward 1 No.)
Chuck Stone 816-305-3196
(nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Codes Enforcement Officer
Cathy Grove 913-701-7142
(codesenforcement@houstonlake.net)

Platte County Circuit Court Clerk
Kim Johnson = 816-858-2232

Platte County Sheriff
Non emergency 816-858-2424
For emergencies please call 911
Fire Dept. Dispatcher = 816-741-1191
Fire Dept. Admin. = 816-372-9024

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

VENETIAN GARDENS
HOMES ASSOCIATION (HOA)

President = Kerry Hallowell
816-695-4100

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573-645-7393 (lister.jeffrey@kc.sysco.com)

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Grow Native Officer = Jan Jackalone
816-587-0028

Dam/Watershed Officer

Projects Park & Maintenance Officer

Aerator Maintenance

Grant Funding Officer

Community Garden

For more City and Homes Association Info
go to www.houstonlake.net

USER INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT/ONE GRINDER PUMP

Our sewage grinder pumps are aging. We are seeing a few more pump failures than we did when our systems were new. We now know there are a few things that can be done to help prevent premature failures. It is recommended that you use a liquid detergent for laundering.

CARE AND USE OF YOUR GRINDER PUMP

The Environment/One grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping a wide range of materials. Regulatory agencies advise the following items should not, however, be introduced into any sewer, either directly or through a kitchen waste disposal unit: Glass, diapers, socks, rags or cloth, metal, plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.), seafood shells, sanitary napkins or tampons.

In addition, you must NEVER introduce into any sewer: Explosives, Strong Chemicals, Flammable Material, Gasoline, and Lubricating Oil/Grease

Do not use caustic solutions for drain cleaning. If you must use a drain cleaner, use an enzyme cleaner.

PERIODS OF DISUSE

We have found that in very cold weather, a pump can potentially freeze-up if there is no water usage in the house. If you are going to be gone during the cold weather, we would recommend that you have a friend, neighbor or relative run some hot water down the sink every day or two. This seems to keep the pump from freezing

CAUTION: DO NOT DISCONNECT POWER TO THE UNIT

POWER FAILURES

Your grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, keep water usage to a **MINIMUM**, please!

The Environment/One Grinder Pump is installed with a warning device. The yellow light should be removed and tested periodically. If you see a yellow pump light on, or the horn blowing on the Southside of the Lake, or if you have any questions about your sewer system, PLEASE call City Clerk @ 816.663.0894.

One last recommendation – DO NOT run your gutter down spouts or sump pumps into your sewer system. Thank You, City Clerk

BAKED PUMPKIN PARMESAN CHICKEN

Yield: 4 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 45 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 medium boneless chicken breasts (or two large... about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 3/4 cup LIBBY'S® 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 1/4 cups shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon parsley
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- freshly ground black pepper



Prepared by Wendy Thompson

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Spray a medium casserole dish with nonstick spray.
2. Place the chicken breasts in the prepared casserole dish. In a medium bowl, stir together the pumpkin, 3/4 cup Parmesan, mayonnaise, garlic and onion powder, parsley, salt and a generous sprinkle of freshly ground black pepper. Divide the mixture evenly over the chicken breasts, patting to cover the tops.
3. Bake 30 minutes, uncovered. Sprinkle the remaining Parmesan on top of the chicken. Bake an additional 15 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and the cheese is melted. Serve immediately.

Pumpkin Potluck Feast Recipes 10-17-18

Pumpkin Mac and Cheese

★★★★★

Prep
25 MIN

Total
50 MIN

Servings
6



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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 Potluck Feast Recipes 10-17-18

CREAM CHEESE CORN

- 1 STICK OF BUTTER
- 2 BOXES CREAM CHEESE
- 3 BAGS FROZEN CORN
- Salt & Pepper -

COOK SLOW IN CROCKPOT FOR A couple hours!!!

Zucchini Bread

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups grated zucchini with peel
- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350°.

cream sugar and eggs together.

Put all dry ingredients together and sift.

Alternate mixing oil, zucchini and flour mixture together with creamed sugar and eggs.



Important Notice

Trash Pick-up Day



Blue Lid Trash Cart

Your recycling day will also be on a Tuesday once a month.

Trash carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. Items must be inside the cart (Not on the ground, not on top – INSIDE). If you need an extra cart, please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. City Hall: 816-741-0644.

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

The holidays that Republic Services Trash Company observes are New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. When any of these holidays fall on Monday or Tuesday, your trash pickup will be on Wednesday of that week.

2019 Holiday Schedule

New Years (Tuesday 1-1-19)
Memorial Day (Monday 5-27-19)
Independence Day (Thursday 7-4-19)
Labor Day (Monday 9-2-19)
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-28-19)
Christmas (Wednesday 12-25-19)
New Years (Wednesday 1-1-20)

Pick-up Day

Wednesday 1-2-19
Wednesday 5-29-19
Tuesday 7-2-19
Wednesday 9-4-19
Tuesday 11-26-19
Tuesday 12-24-19
Tuesday 12-31-19

Trash and Recycle Bin Retrieval!

If you have extra Trash or Recycle bins that you are NOT using, the city would like them back! The trash bins are blue with wheels and the recycle bins are blue with yellow lids and wheels. Please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number and we will arrange a time to pick up the extra bins. City Hall: 816-741-0644

Thank You!

2019 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid
Recycling Cart**

January 8
February 5
March 5
April 2
April 30
May 29
June 25
July 23
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 12
December 10
January 7, 2020



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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**

**The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on
November 12, 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 – None

Minutes 10.08.2018 and tonight's agenda

Motion to approve the minutes from 10-08-2018 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 –

Burn Permit – KH – Motion to approve burn permit made by Alderman Jackalone, Second by Alderman Burrup

Yes: Stone, Jackalone, Burrup, Otte

Motion carries

Treasures Repot

Motion to approve treasures report for October 8, 2018 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Burrup

Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone, Burrup

Motion carries

Collectors Report: Report is included with the official packet

Paybills – Resolution 11.12.18

Motion to approve Resolution 11.12.2018 made by Alderman Otte, second by Alderman Stone

Yes: Stone, Burrup, Jackalone, Otte

Motion carries

Emergency Management

Fire Department – No incidents to report, no representative present

Police Department – No report available, no representative present

Codes Report – No report available, Codes Officer not present

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report - Meeting scheduled Wednesday 11/14/2018 at 7pm

Old Business

Culvert Project – Will be following up with Blue Nile on concerns of dirt settling. Project is nearly complete

Bridge Update – Alderman Burrup –Continuing to work on the funding.

Brush Cleanup –Alderman Stone – Had mechanical problems with the lift, but were able to get through most of the area.

New Business

Census 2020 – Will be gearing up in 2019, the City needs to establish a Complete Count Committee – volunteers to provide support to the residents to participate in the Census. We need volunteers for this committee from within the community. Please reach out to Mayor Freese with any questions or interest.

Elections 2018 –Candidate filing opens December 11th 2018 through January 15th 2018 by appointment. The Mayors position, (1) Southward Alderman, (1) Northward Alderman

Alderman Reports

Alderman Jackalone – Thank you to Al for tree limb work

Alderman Burrup –Appreciated the tree removal company

Alderman Otte – Thank you to Al and Chuck for the tree limb work, remarks on budget for the year.

Alderman Stone –No Report

Mayors Report

Election Results 2018 – The Vehicle Sales Tax measure on the ballot failed, which means the tax money will remain in place.

Adjournment - Alderman Otte motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Stone second.

Yes: Stone, Burrup, Jackalone, Otte. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday December 10th 2018 at 7:30pm.

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Complete Count Committees

2020 Census: How to Get Involved : The 2020 Census provides an opportunity for everyone to be counted. Tribal, state, and local governments; community based organizations; faith-based groups; schools; businesses; the media; and others play a key role in developing partners to educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

When community members are informed, they are more likely to respond to the census. Through collaborative partnerships, the U.S. Census Bureau and community leaders can reach the shared goal of counting EVERYONE in 2020.

The Complete Count Committees (CCC) program is key to creating awareness in communities all across the country.

- CCCs utilize local knowledge, influence, and resources to educate communities and promote the census through locally based, targeted outreach efforts.
- CCCs provide a vehicle for coordinating and nurturing cooperative efforts between tribal, state, and local governments; communities; and the Census Bureau.
- CCCs help the Census Bureau get a complete count in 2020 through partnerships with local governments and community organizations.

WHO? Tribal, state, and local governments work together with partners to form CCCs to promote and encourage response to the 2020 Census in their communities. Community-based organizations also establish CCCs that reach out to their constituents.

WHAT? A CCC is comprised of a broad spectrum of government and community leaders from education, business, healthcare, and other community organizations. These trusted voices develop and implement a 2020 Census awareness campaign based upon their knowledge of the local community to encourage a response.

WHEN? The formation of CCCs is happening NOW! Leaders are identifying budget resources and establishing local work plans. In 2020, they will implement the plans and lead their communities to a successful census count.

HOW? It's up to all of us! CCCs know the best way to reach the community and raise awareness. Some activities could include:

- Holding CCC kickoff meetings with media briefings.
- Participating in Census rallies or parades.
- Coordinating Census unity youth forums.
- Hosting Interfaith breakfasts and weekend events.
- Encouraging the use of Statistics in Schools classroom resources.
- Incorporating census information in newsletters, social media posts, podcasts, mailings, and websites.
- Helping recruit census workers when jobs become available.

WHY? The primary goal of the 2020 Census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place. Community influencers create localized messaging that resonates with the population in their area. They are trusted voices and are best suited to mobilize community resources in an efficient manner.

Resources Download materials with detailed information about Complete Count Committees:

[2020 Census Complete Count Committee](#) [2.6 MB]

[State Complete Count Commissions Brochure](#) [<1.0 MB]

[Complete Count Committee Pamphlet](#) [<1.0 MB]

2020 Census Timeline

2018

- Tribal leader, governor, or highest elected local official or community leader determines Complete Count Committees (CCCs) structure.
- CCCs receive 2020 Census training.

2019

- Continue establishing CCCs.
- Open Area Census Offices.
- CCCs develop strategy and work plan.

2020

- CCCs begin community organization mobilization.
- 2020 Census advertising campaign begins in early 2020.
- CCCs support the 2020 Census.
- CCCs encourage self-response.

April 1, 2020 – CENSUS DAY

- CCCs urge households who do not respond to cooperate with census takers.
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Join the 2020 Census Management Team



The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking qualified, experienced managers within the local area.

Apply for the 2020 Census Team, if you are skilled in—

- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Managing
- ✓ Handling fast-paced operations
- ✓ Paying attention to detail

Are you up for the challenge?

Area Census Office Manager

Responsible for ensuring that 2020 Census field and office operations are completed within budget, on schedule, and meet quality standards. Manage staff conducting recruiting activities in the office and field, supervise personnel and payroll functions, and direct office and field technology operations. Oversee managers who supervise and manage hundreds of field staff.

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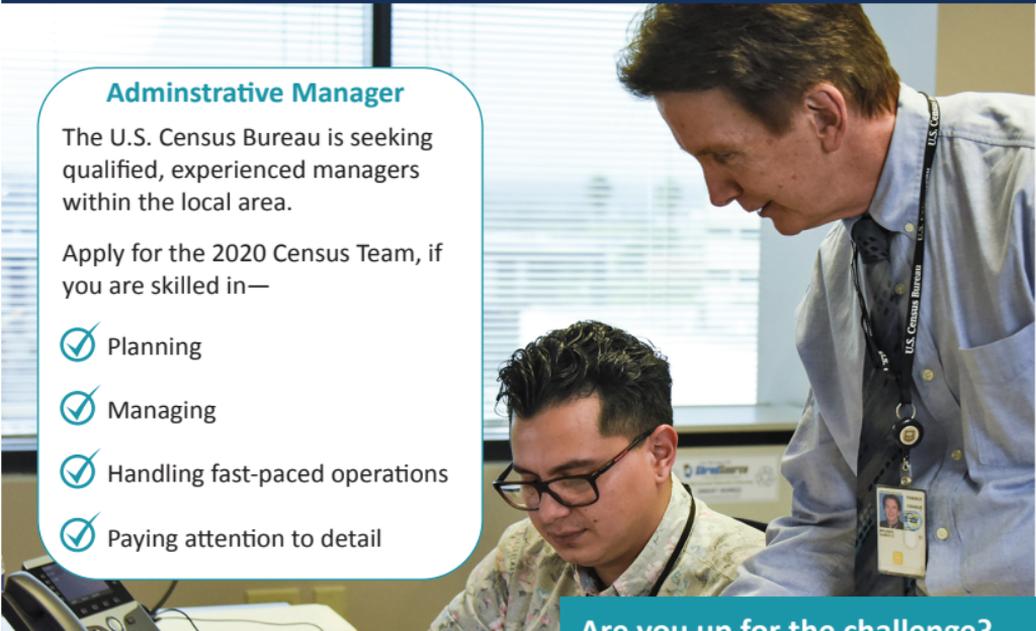
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Administrative Manager

Responsible for office administrative activities; including, processing job applications for thousands of applicants, managing applicant selection (telephone interviews and job offers), processing personnel actions for several hundred or more hires, and processing payroll for several hundred or more employees a week.

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Lead Census Field Manager

Oversees the activities of field data collection and directly supervises an assigned team of Census Field Supervisors and office support clerks. Directly supervises approximately 10-15 Census Field Supervisors and approximately 3-5 clerks. Provides group and individual training, monitors daily assignments and provides advice and guidance to subordinate staff.

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March 2018



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2019



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Marlene*