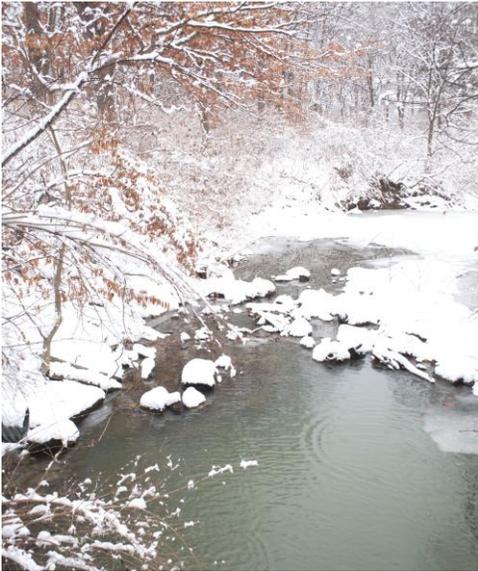


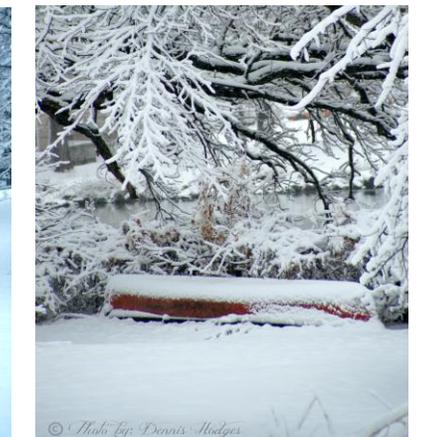
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Winter Time at Houston Lake

January 12, 2019



March 2019 Issue

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March 2019 Community Calendar Events

March 5th - Recycling Day

March 10th - Who is ready to “Spring” forward? Daylight savings time begins at 2:00am. Remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour.



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

March 13th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
Paid Members can pick up 2019 wristband at City Hall just before the meeting.

March 17th - Happy St. Patrick's Day! The logo features a leprechaun, a shamrock, and the text "Happy St. Patrick's Day!" in a green, bubbly font.

March 20th - Spring is here! The logo features two colorful butterflies and the text "Spring is here!" in a pink, cursive font.

April 2nd - General Municipal Election Day

April 2nd - Recycling Day



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2019 Lake Wristband

If you would like your 2019 Lake Wristband please call Homes Association Treasurer Susan Hodges @ 816.786.2377. Wristbands are required to be worn on Homes Association property, such as the Beach, use of Shelters, Boating and Fishing.

Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake “2019 Wristband” when fishing.

The City of Houston Lake is looking for volunteers within the community to help us reach our goal of having every citizen counted! The committee will be responsible for distribution of information about the Census and serving as a point of contact between the Census Program and our community.

If you have any questions please call Mayor Pam Freese @ 816.726.4455.

Thank You

NO PARKING ANY TIME



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**)

Fishing: 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. (**Section 210.690 Municipal Code**)

Trash carts: must be curbside by 7:00 am (Tuesday) the day of pick up.

Please 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.



Attention Cat and Dog Owners, Proof of Vaccinations Due May 1, 2019

The owner or keeper of any dog or cat in the City of Houston Lake is hereby required to have such animals vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and to procure a certificate of such vaccination from the veterinarian and to present such certificate to the City Clerk on or before May first (1st) of each year; and the City Clerk shall register such certificate, which registration shall remain in force until the April thirtieth (30th) next following said registration. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit such animal to remain in the City of Houston Lake unless vaccinated as above provided. (**Section 205.020: Vaccination**)



Ever dream about your art being on the cover?

Now is your chance! The Arts Circle is looking for volunteer Artists to create original covers or pictures for the 2019 Laker issues. If interested, please email your art to arts.circle@houstonlake.net or Mary Head at editor@houstonlake.net. We welcome submissions from any resident of Houston Lake – young or old! If you have any questions please call Mary at 816.741.5639. Don't miss this opportunity to publish your artwork or picture!

Volunteer today!

Thank You!

City Council Meeting
January 14, 2019
City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO 64151

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on January 14, 2019 at 7:30pm at City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Ave Houston Lake, MO 64151.

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

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

Public Discussion – None

Minutes 12.10.2018 and tonight's agenda

Mayor Freese amended tonights agenda to strike the closed session from the agenda.

Motion to approve the minutes from 12-10-2018 and tonight's amended agenda

Motion to approve made by Alderman Stone, Second by AldermanBurrup

Yes: Otte, Burrup, Jackalone, Stone

Motion carries.

Building /Burning Permits – None

Treasures Report

Motion to approve treasures report for January 14, 2019made by Alderman Otte, second by Alderman Burrup

Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone, Burrup

Motion carries

CD #6441 was opened 5-9-12 in the amount of \$5000 as a Mill and Overlay CD. When it was moved at maturity to the new accounts at Bank of the West, it was labeled accidentally as a Sewer CD, this CD is #15368 purchased 6-1-17 to mature 6-1-19, is currently \$15733.56, should be purchased as a Mill and Overlay CD.

Motion to change the title of the CD by Alderman Otte, Second by Alderman Burrup.

Yes: Jackalone, Stone, Burrup, Otte

Motion Passes

Collectors Report

Report is included with the official packet– Grant Deposit was made was to the General Fund

Paybills – Resolution 01.14.2019: Motion to approve Resolution 01.14.19 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Otte Yes: Burrup, Stone, Jackalone, Otte, Motion carries

Emergency Management

Fire Department – Jeff Taylor – Portions of the training for the alderman on Emergency Management are done due to the government shutdown. This training will be tabled until March 2019. No calls in December 2018

Police Department – Deputy Drew from Platte County Sheriffs Department was in attendance. Report is included with the official packet.

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Codes Report – No report available, codes officer was present

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report–No Report, Meeting is February 20, 2019. Dues will be sent out end of the month. Getting bids on dredging.

Old Business

Culvert Project – Mayor Freese – Pile of dirt sitting next to the silt pond. It has been placed by Blue Nile, waiting on the ground to thaw and dry out to fill in the sink hole at he location. Residents are advised to not disturb the dirt

Bridge Update – Alderman Burrup –Researching funding through Stormwater Management, MoDot – which is a viable option.

Census 2020 – In need of volunteers for the complete count committee, please reach out to the City Clerk to volunteer.

Elections 2018 – Candidate filing opens December 11th 2018 at 8am through January 15th 2018 by appointment. The Mayors position, (1) Southward Alderman, (1) Northward Alderman

New Business : None

Alderman Reports

Alderman Jackalone – Al had surgery on his leg, is recovering.

Alderman Burrup –Welcome back to Cathy Grove, Codes Officer

Alderman Otte – Welcome back to Cathy, thank you to Al and Chuck for the limbs

Alderman Stone –Road problem caused by utility company – will contact home owner about it and revise.

Mayors Report

Got rough estimates for gravel at Johnson Trail, will get it measured as initial estimates came in at \$5,000. Will delay until pricing is complete.

Would like to work on a 1 year, 5 year and 10 year plan for the city to establish a vision for the city and set goals. Work toward establishing an emergency fund of 20% of our operating budget to be held in a savings account. Residents are encouraged to participate in the committee, more information will be given at a later date.

Adjournment -

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday February 4th 2019 at 7:30pm, note that this is a week earlier than usual

Official Ballot

General Municipal Election
Platte County, Missouri
April 2, 2019

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YES

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Platte County Health Department

Parkville Benefit Assessment Special Road District

For Commissioner

Vote For One

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WRITE IN _____

For Commissioner (Unexpired 1 year term)

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Archie Adkison, Jr.

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City of Houston Lake

For Mayor

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Pamela Freese

WRITE IN _____

For Alderman South Ward 1

Vote For One

Nicholas Jackalone

WRITE IN _____

Platte County Health Department

For Trustee

Vote For Three

Robert Stephens

Cathy Hill

Paula J. Willmarth

Kathy Wright

WRITE IN _____

WRITE IN _____

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Park Hill School District

For School Board Member

Vote For Two

Susan Newburger

Todd Fane

Julie Stutterheim

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If you live on
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NW Venetian Circle,
NW Adrian or
NW 56th Street
You vote from this page.

To apply for absentee ballot: print this application form, complete and mail to Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079 or FAX to 816-858-3387

REQUEST FOR PLATTE COUNTY ABSENTEE BALLOT

I, _____, do hereby request an absentee ballot for the _____ Election.

For Identification purposes, the last four digits of my social security number are _____.
If the election is a primary election, please print the name of the political party ballot you wish to receive _____. If you registered by mail and this is your first time voting you must provide a copy of current valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address.

Reason for requesting an absentee ballot:

- _____ (1) Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which registered to voter;
- _____ (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
- _____ (3) Religious belief or practice
- _____ (4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than your polling place;
- _____ (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained
- _____ (6) certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections [589.660](#) to [589.681](#) because of safety concerns.

Current Residential Address:

Address where ballot is to be mailed, if different than above:

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Signature of Voter

Date

Mail completed Absentee Ballot Application to **Platte County Board of Elections, PO Box 560, Platte City, MO 64079, or FAX to 816-858-3387**. All requests must be received by the Board of Election's office no later than 5:00 p.m., the Wednesday prior to election day.

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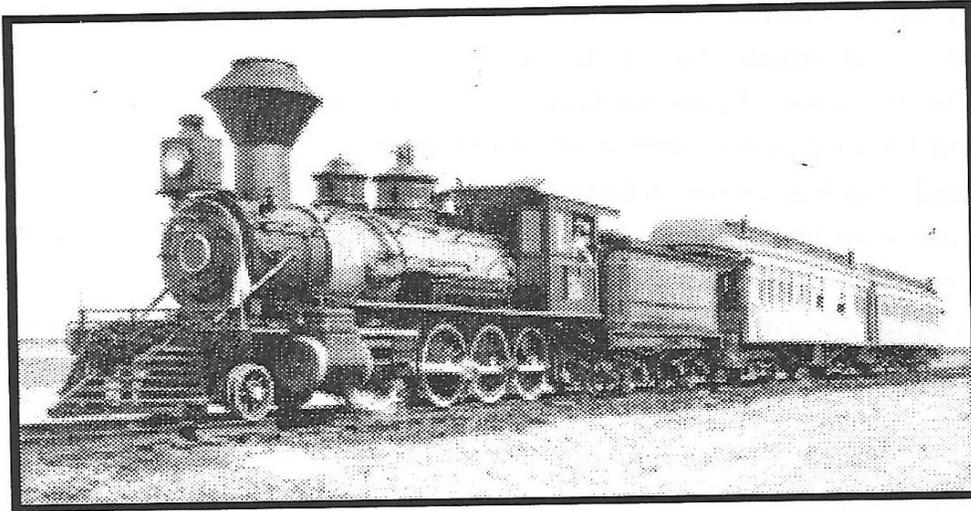
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All the proceeds will go to the Houston Lake Arts Circle.

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



This article was taken from the book. If anyone has any information or stories that we could put in the History Book please call Mary Head @ 816.741.5639 or email her @ maryjewel40@gmail.com . Thank You



As remembered by:

Ted Barnes, Raymond Burwell, Laura Cansler and Linda Charles

Compiled by Dennis Hodges April, 2001

Lake Venetia, which is now Houston Lake was built and improved upon over the years by some very creative and inventive homeowners. Where Houston Lake City Hall now stands was once a dry creek bed . The creek coming down from Orville Babcock's and the Jumping Branch Creek coming down from N.W. 56th Street split about where the catch basin is today. One side of the creek went down where City Hall now stands and one side went down behind Jim and Kitty Hammond's house.

Members of the Homes Association were told by the fire department, before they could be eligible for fire protection the Lake would need more than one road coming into Houston Lake. At that time the only way to get in or out of Houston Lake was on Houston Lake Drive coming over the dam to get on the West side of the Lake. There was no road across Jumping Branch Creek.

Before Houston Lake had a City Hall, Court Sessions and City Meetings were held at Ted Barnes' home. Ted was both Mayor and Judge for the City at that time. Voting on election days was held at various home owner's houses. Richard and Betty Connell had people voting in their home for a number of years. Mr. Barnes also opened up his house to the residents of Houston Lake so they would have a place to vote.

With Kansas City, Missouri moving in around the Lake it was decided to incorporate

and become a city which it did in January of 1960. One of the stipulations was the fact we had to have names for all of our streets. Before that time the mailing address was Houston Lake, Rural Route #5, Parkville, Missouri. Again our Mayor, Ted Barnes with the help of Floyd Ramey, Ross Harris, Loman and Laura Cansler named all of the streets on the East side of the Lake and put Drive on the tail end. Such as *Houston Lake Drive*. All of the streets on the West side of the Lake had a name ending with trail. Such as *N.W. Wagon Trail*. This committee didn't want any duplication of street names from any other cities in the area. Suggestions for names were asked for several times in the Houston Hi-Lites before the streets were named. Naming the streets at Houston Lake was a community endeavor. Houston Hi-Lites is now called Houston Laker Community News.

In 1966 it was decided by the community to build a road over Jumping Branch Creek in front of where City Hall is now. But, one major problem confronted the Homes Association, how could they afford a culvert big enough to handle the flow of water that came down the water way in a big rain storm.

Time To Be Creative

Raymond Burwell was President of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association, he also worked for the Burlington Northern Rail Road. Raymond and his family lived where Herb and Margaret Sams now live, so he knew just from looking out his back door what was happening to the Lake. Taking all of this into consideration Ray went down and talked to the Kansas City Tank Car Company, who repaired tank cars for the rail road.

After Ray told them of Houston Lake's situation they offered to donate a 10,000 gallon tank car to use as a culvert. They also took the wheels off the car and cut out both ends at no cost to Houston Lake Residents.

Ray contracted a local man to bring the tank car out to Houston Lake on a flat bed truck. The day the tank was brought out the driver pulled as close as he could to the edge of the road and the tank car was literally pushed off of the truck. That was thirty five years ago, today the bridge and culvert are still in place and being used daily. About half of the Lake's residents were on hand to help and watch this major event not knowing it would become a part of Houston Lake's history!

Ray hired Damon (Smiley) Purcell to bring in a drag line to do all of the dirt work. Ray said if he remembered right the cost of the drag line and operator were \$10.00 an hour. The water in the Lake came up to an even line with the back of Brad Boyd's and Daryl Robert's houses at that time.

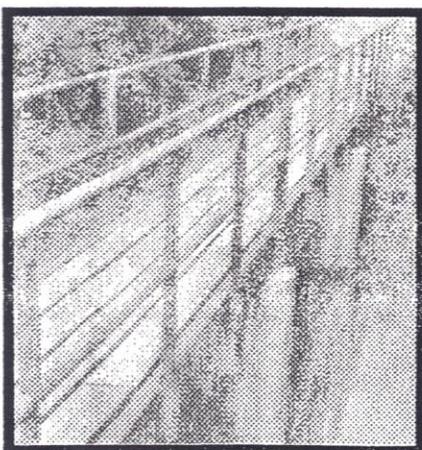
The flow of the creeks water had to be diverted because the new road now had become a dam. Ray and Mr. Purcell dug a new creek bed from the back of Robert's house

up to the back of Hammond's house then made an S curve behind Ted Barne's property which connected the Lake to the bridge with the tank car under it.

The S curve as everyone called it, slowed the water down considerably before entering the lake. By slowing the water down let some of the silt settle out of it before coming into the Lake. Ray said that he wanted to put another holding area beside of Ted's house but they ran out of money before it was done.

The peninsula was a wide, dry spot between the creek beds so all of the dirt that was dug out of the new channel was piled on top of it. The peninsula belongs to the Venetian Gardens Homes Association. All of this work took about one and a half years to complete.

After the bridge and road were completed Mr. Burwell became the Construction Supervisor for Houston Lake's City Hall. Laura Cansler built a basil wood model of the new City Hall to scale, with landscaping to show to the Homes Association. Laura said City Hall was built but the landscaping was never completed. Eighty-five percent of the labor on Houston Lake's City Hall was volunteered and some of the building material was donated by local residents.



Houston Lake Walking Bridge

City Hall • Houston Lake, Missouri • Erected 1968

Below are the titles and names of people that were in office at that time:

Const. Supt. - Raymond (Shorty) Burwell

Marshall - Dennis Tharp

Collector - Alberta Barnes

City Clerk - Mary Alice Swafford

Treasurer - Betty Connell

Fire Director - Phil Carter

Health Director - George H. Diemer

Alderman - Ralph Boring

Alderman - Louie Brunson

Alderman - Ross Harris

Alderman - Floyd Ramey

Then the sewer line came to Houston Lake. You had to be here to know what it was like. At first, the sewer line was designed to come across part of the S curve behind Ted Barnes' property. Many residents were worried that some kids might get hurt on this pipe so Ted negotiated with Kansas City, MO and got them to put the *Walking Bridge* over the top of the sewer line. The *Walking Bridge* to this day belongs to Kansas City, MO and they are responsible for its maintenance and upkeep as needed.

Houston Lake is, and always has been, a community of talented, hard working, caring, helpful people, and most of it's residents know each other by name. This is the common thread that holds it together!!!



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