

Houston Laker



"Under the Sea" by Shelly Broll

April 2019

April 2019 Community Calendar Events

April 2nd - Cast Your Official Ballot of the **“General Municipal Election”** at the Wexford Place. From I-29: west on Hwy 45 (64th St.) to N. Cosby Ave. Turn right on N. Cosby Ave., then left into the entrance to Wexford Place. The poll site will be set up in the Stafford Room, just past the reception desk. Time 6:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. **Any Questions please call: Platte County Board of Election (816) 858-4400.**(The sample ballot is posted on the houstonlake.net web in the 2019 March issue)

April 2nd - Recycling Day

April 8th - City Council Meeting, 7:30pm - City Hall

April 17th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association Semi-Annual Meeting, 7:00pm - City Hall
Paid Members can pick up 2019 wristband from 6:30pm to 7:00pm at City Hall just before the meeting. The Board of Directors Welcome and encourage Members to attend.

April 21st - 

April 27th - Houston Lake Clean Up Day, 9:00am – City Hall

April 30th - Recycling Day

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)

Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License

and a Houston Lake “2019 Wristband” when fishing!!

Lake Residents from the age of 16 through 64 need a Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake 2019 Wristband in order to fish in Houston Lake. Residents 65 and over need only a 2019 Wristband. No Fishing in the Beach Area.

To get your 2019 Wristbands call Homes Association Treasurer, Susan Hodges @ 816.786.2377. The Wristbands are FREE if your Homes Association dues are paid.

Guests of Residents must have that Residents 2019 Wristband with them when they are on or around the lake and on Homes Association property.



“To All Residents of Houston Lake”

If any resident needs a **trash container** or a **recycling container**, call City Hall 816.741.0644 and leave your name, address, phone number and the containers will be delivered to your home.



These items go in your curbside recycling bin!



Aluminum Cans



Steel (tin) Cans



Aerosol Cans
(empty only, make no "hiss" sound)



Aluminum Foil & Pans



Cardboard



Paperboard



Junk Mail



Office Paper



Magazines & Catalogs



Phone Books



Newspaper



Paper Cartons



Plastic Bottles & Containers (have #1 - #7 inside arrow symbol on container)

- Keep items loose, do not put in bags or boxes.
- Rinse all containers (plastic, metal, etc.).
- Collect metal caps and lids in steel (tin) can and squeeze shut.
- Put caps and lids back on plastic bottles and containers.
- Break down or flatten boxes.
- No liquid.
- No plastic bags or film.
- No food.



These items do NOT go in your curbside recycling bin!



Plastic Bags & Film*



Clothing*



Plastic Tubes



Food



Liquids



Scrap Metal*



Electronics*



Glass*



Frozen Food Containers



**Fast Food & Takeout
Cups & Containers**



Tissue



**Paper Tableware
(including coffee cups)**



Styrofoam™*



**"Tanglers"
(long, stringy items)**



Shredded Paper*



Medical & Personal Hygiene



Yard Waste*



Medications & Vials/Bottles*



**Pizza Boxes
(recycle clean side only)**



Household Hazardous Waste*
(do not recycle empty hazardous waste containers, except empty aerosol cans)

*Other recycling options available, visit RecycleSpot.org



Arts Circle

Art, Life & Folks: Houston Lake Arts Circle

Annual Exhibit

This year's art theme is

Web of Life; Threads Interlacing

Exhibit opening August 10, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Let's start creating!

Children's Workshop

June 8, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Weaving with natural and man made materials children will build several pieces that will be part of the annual art exhibit.

Children will also bring home a piece of their own creation.

ARTICLE II. PERMITS

SECTION 500.100:

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

All persons desiring to construct, erect, alter or add to any building, boat dock, fences, road or drive or any structure in the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, must first obtain a building permit for such construction, alteration or addition from the Board of Aldermen of said City. (Ord. No. 282 §2, 10-14-02)

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All persons desiring to obtain such a permit shall submit an application with the complete plans and specifications and plot plan for such construction showing sizes, estimated cost and details of such proposed construction and the location of such construction upon the plot of land. No new dwelling construction or property line fence construction will be permitted until after certified surveys have been filed with the Board of Aldermen. Certified surveys will be required on all additions to old dwellings where the new construction will be closer to the property line than the old dwelling. (Ord. No. 282 §3, 10-14-02) Applications for a building permit may be obtained by leaving a message at City Hall 816-741-0644 or contacting your Alderman.

Ordinance 334, Section 230.025

Open Burning for Recreational Purposes

All residents of Houston Lake wishing to apply for an open burning permit can do so by downloading the application on our website Houstonlake.net or you may call city hall and leave your name and phone number. After you have filled out the form, please slip it through the mail slot on the door at City Hall for review and approval by the City Council.

Note: Please submit all applications for burn permit or building permit to City Hall 10 days prior to the meeting for consideration. Those applications not received 10 days prior to a meeting will not be considered until the following months City Council Meeting.

Applications can be deposited in the mail box at the front of the building. Thank you for your consideration.

Fire Danger

Over the years, Kansas City has issued several Red Flag Warnings to alert residents against starting fires. Please pay attention to the local news and refrain from starting any fires.

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION



The **SPRING LAKE CLEAN UP** day is scheduled on **April 27, 2019 at 9am**, with everyone meeting at City Hall. Suggested projects included beach cleanup, staining the shelter buildings and trash removal.

Notice



If you see any geese nesting please call or email the location to one of the following Homes Association Board members:



President Kerry Hallowell 816.695.4100

Vice-President Jeffrey Lister 573.645.7393

(hoacommunications@houstonlake.net)

Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges 816.786.2377 (hodges.susan@outlook.com)

Board Member Mary Head 816-741-5639 (maryjewel40@gmail.com)

April 17th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Semi-Annual Meeting, 7:00pm - City Hall.

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DO NOT FEED THE GEESE



Feeding The Geese

- Feeding attracts more than the area can support naturally.
- Human food is not good for the geese! Bread is awful for geese. They fill up on the wrong nutrients and don't consume the proper food they need to grow flying feathers, making it more difficult for the geese to migrate when they are supposed to!
- Someone who starts feeding just two geese can quickly turn those numbers into 50 geese!
- Geese in high concentrations are more likely to get diseases and parasites.
- Geese droppings harbor parasites that can cause human health problems.
- Goose droppings increase algae growth that, in turn, results in fish kills.
- Goose droppings are unsanitary, unsightly, and contain parasites irritating to humans.
- Geese eat plants needed for ground cover and erosion control.
- Goose-management costs taxpayers money.

Did You Know?

About **20** or so years ago, there was no management of the geese and so by some well-intentioned hand feeders, they were fed and multiplied as well as those who came by way of migration and decided to stay. Before we knew it, you couldn't walk to the mailbox without side-stepping goose droppings. The MO Dept. of Conservation was called in and they allowed us to start a program to control the population. At that time, there were some 120 plus geese on and around the lake. Today, **thanks to volunteers**, the population remains under control. Please help and not feed the geese.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Minutes
March 20, 2019

Call to order: Kerry Hallowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mary Head

Present

Kerry Hallowell, President
Jeff Lister, Vice President
Susan Hodges, Secretary/Treasurer
Mary Head, Board Member

Absent (excused)

Teresa Olson, Board Member

Treasurers report:

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

Old Business/New Business:

It was suggested that the spring lake clean up day be scheduled on April 27, 2019 at 9am, with everyone meeting at City Hall. Suggested projects included beach cleanup, staining the shelter buildings and trash removal. The Board asked Mary Head to get bids to remove the dead trees at the beach and to remove the brush and trees in the rocks around the peninsula. Teresa Olson had previously volunteered to remove the fallen tree limbs at the beach.

Kerry advised the Board that she had reached out to an individual with the Missouri Department of Conservation regarding the Canada geese population control. It needs to be determined if the permit we have is still intact or if a new one is needed. She explained that only authorized individuals are allowed to shake the eggs and it must be done at the right time. Then the process must be documented, and reports submitted to the state.

The dredging of the lake was discussed. Prior to the meeting the Board met with Scott Critchfield, who made suggestions for removal of the silt from the lake. He suggested that the Board contact the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Natural Resources to see if it is possible to bowl out the peninsula at take that dirt to the back side of the dam. because not following the rules can result in substantial penalties. He suggested that we get a signed letter from them showing that they are okay with moving the dirt. Once we have the letter, he will give us an estimate.

The maintenance of the aerators was also discussed. Periodically the filters must be changed. Chuck Stone and Jeff Lister volunteered to do the maintenance. Chuck also recommended that the Board order an extra set of pump veins.

The meeting was then open for member comments. Various topics were discussed, including the boat launch dock, the community garden, cleaning up the garage and moving the butterfly garden prior to dredging.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Hodges, Secretary

City Council Meeting
February 4, 2019
City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO 64151

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on February 04, 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 7:31p.m.

Public Discussion –

Jan Jackalone – thank you to the city for getting the streets cleared during the last snow event

Minutes 02.04.2019 and tonight's agenda

Mayor Freese amended tonight's agenda to strike the closed session from the agenda

Motion to approve the minutes from 02-04-2019 and tonight's amended agenda

Motion to approve made by Alderman Otte, Second by Alderman Burrup

Yes: Jackalone, Burrup, Otte, Stone

Motion carries.

Building /Burning Permits – None

Treasures Report

Motion to approve treasures report for February 4, 2019 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Jackalone Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone, Burrup

Motion carries

Collectors Report

Report is included with the official packet

Paybills – Resolution 02.04.2019

Motion to approve Resolution 02.04.2019 made by Alderman Jackalone, second by Alderman Otte

Yes: Burrup, Jackalone, Otte, Stone

Motion carries

Emergency Management

Fire Department – Jeff Taylor – No report available

Police Department – No Report available

Codes Report – Report is included in the official packet

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report–Meeting February 20th at 7pm

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Old Business

Culvert Project – Mayor Freese – We continue to wait on the ground to thaw and dry out to fill in the sink hole at the location. Residents are advised to not disturb the dirt pile by the silt pond

Bridge Update – Alderman Burrup –Continued working on funding through MoDot, applications are due in April. Looking into Historical Preservation.

Complete Count Committee – Still needing volunteers for the committee

Spectrum Install – Phone will be installed Friday and ATT will be cancelled as soon as possible.

New Business

Law Enforcement Memorial Garden – Constructed on N Shoal, for the fallen police officers,

Motion to support the Law Enforcement Memorial Garden made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Otte.

Yes: Burrup, Jackalone, Stone, Otte

Motion Passes

Alderman Reports

Alderman Jackalone – Al Horraine is still recovering

Alderman Burrup –TAP

Alderman Otte – City Garage needs cleaned and sorted, possibly locks changed. City needs an air compressor for tires on the lawn mower. City needs a new truck for utility use

Alderman Stone –

Mayors Report

Would like to propose we get bids to have our potholes repaired using the road fund money. Received a letter from the fire chief regarding our trees, width of the road and adding shoulders.

Will wait a year to pursue a grant

Mayor would like to ask the board for a raise for the position of Mayor. Is working with the accountant to determine a number that would be appropriate. Section 115.060 allows for Salaries of Officers and Employees to be determined by the board. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

Adjournment -

Alderman Stonemotioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Burrupsecond.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday March 11th2019 at 7:30pm

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. Or City Clerk Megan Micek @ 816.663.0894 Thank You

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*Best wishes,
Marlene*