
Houston Laker

July 2019



**Arts Circle Children's Workshop - Learning to Weave
June 8**

July Community Calendar Events

July 2nd - Tuesday Trash Day

July 4th - Houston Lake 22nd Annual 4th of July Picnic

July 8th - City of Houston Lake Council Meeting, 7:30pm City Hall

July 17th - Venetian Gardens Homes Association meeting, 7pm City Hall

July 23rd - Recycle Day

July 31st - Houston Lake Arts Circle, All entry forms must be in.

Aug. 4th - Houston Lake Arts Circle, Deadline for final delivery of your Artwork.
2pm – 4pm, City Hall

Aug. 10th - Art, Life & Folks; Houston Lake Arts Circle, presents our
Fifth Annual Art Show, 1pm – 4pm, City Hall



Fireworks

Section 210.680 of the Houston Lake Municipal Code states:

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or discharge any “bottle rockets”.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ignite or discharge any fireworks within the public right of way of any public street.

Fireworks may only be used, ignited or discharged at the following times and dates:

1. From 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. each day during the period of June twenty-sixth (26) until July second (2nd) and on July fifth (5th); and

2. From 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (midnight) each day on July third (3rd) and July fourth (4th).

No person shall have in his/her possession Division 1.3 (formerly class “B”) fireworks.

Division 1.4 (formerly class “C”) fireworks may be possessed during periods herein provided.

DISCHARGING AIR GUN, ETC.

Any person within the limits of this City who shall discharge any BB gun, spring gun, paint gun or air gun or shall shoot any pebble, bullet, slug, arrow or other hard substance by means of a sling, crossbow, rubber band or bow or any other means shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation; provided however, that this Section shall not apply to any person or organization authorized by the City of Houston Lake to possess and discharge such devices for the purpose of waterfowl pest control. (Ord. No. 303, 9-12-05) (Section 210.285)

Beach Area

Great Plains Analytical Laboratory tested a water sample extracted from the Houston Lake swim dock at the beach area on Thursday, June 20, 2019 by Sharron DeLaFuente. The water sample was analyzed for both Fecal Coliforms and E. coli. Results conclude that Houston Lake is safe for swimming.

Fecal Coliforms (water) = 11* E. Coli (water) = 23*

*If the geometric mean of the water quality sample results does not exceed the equivalent of 190 E. coli colonies or fecal colonies per 100 milliliters of water (190 mpn/100 ml), conditions are safe for swimming.
Children under 14 years of age require Adult supervision when using the beach area.

This is a State Law.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

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.



4th of July at the Lake!

Please join us at city hall for some 4th of July fun with the family!

Schedule of Events:

10:00am Pet Show at the Mayors Park, show off your best dressed pet.

10:30am Bike Parade at the Beach, across the dam – decorate your bike.

12:00pm Pot Luck lunch at City Hall – Smoked meat will be provided, please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

2:00pm Garage Sale Bingo at City Hall

Bring along a donation to the prize table.

Please bring your family, picnic blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the celebration with your neighbors!



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WEB OF LIFE: **Threads Interlacing**

ART SHOW
1pm - 4pm Aug 10

Presented by
ART, LIFE AND FOLKS - HOUSTON LAKE ARTS CIRCLE

Houston Lake City Hall
5417 NW Adrian



Web of Life; Threads Interlacing

Art, Life, and Folks; Houston Lake Arts Circle
presents our
Fifth Annual Art Show

We enthusiastically invite you to participate! The talent of the local artists in our wonderful community is what makes this event a success every year.

Consider this our Call To Artists on the Lake—and that means young and old! We are asking for entries of artwork by our residents that can be displayed in City Hall for a limited, rotating exhibition.

The Grand Opening will be **August 10th, from 1pm to 4pm**, and all entries will be exhibited that day. After that, the accepted pieces will be displayed on a rotating basis, giving each artist some time to grace City Hall, and show off to our community what talented people we have and what inspires them to create.

What you enter can be any artistic expression that is inspired by the words “**Web of Life; Threads Interlacing**”. Any artistic expression includes, but is not limited to, drawing, painting, photography, fiber arts, sculpture, film, video, music, poetry, storytelling and dance. A review committee will determine appropriate artistic expression, exhibit scheduling and display criteria. Specific guidelines and details for submissions are on the entry form on the other side.

Still have questions? Come to Art, Life, and Folks’ regular meeting to hear more, or call Linda Kramer, President at 816-225-4110.

Sponsored by Art, Life, and Folks; Houston Lake Arts Circle
“Web of Life; Threads Interlacing”

Entry Form and Guidelines:

- ◆ All Artwork must be original, created by the registered artist or artists. No more than two entries per artist or a group of artists, but more than one artist may submit from a single Houston Lake family.
- ◆ The Call to Artists is open and submissions will be accepted at any regular meeting of the Arts Circle. Extra entry forms are available then as well. All entry forms must be in by **July 31, 2019**. Entry forms may be mailed to the Houston Lake Arts Circle, c/o City Hall, 5417 N Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo 64151. They may also be dropped off at City Hall, or given to an Arts Circle board member, or delivered during the regular quarterly meeting of the Arts Circle (see current Laker for date and time).
- ◆ Deadline for final delivery of entered pieces is **Sunday, August 4 between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm**, or by special arrangement via appointment with an Arts Circle board member.
- ◆ Visual art in two dimensions cannot exceed 30” x 36”. All two dimensional art will need to be museum wrapped canvas, or framed, and ready to hang with wire.
- ◆ Three-dimensional art, such as sculptures for indoor display cannot exceed 3’ x 3’, are to weight less than 50 pounds and must be freestanding. Sculptures for outdoor display cannot exceed 3’w x 6’h, must be freestanding and weatherproof.
- ◆ Other art forms that need to be filmed or recorded cannot exceed ten minutes of performance time, and must be in a standard format. Permission will be asked to display these pieces on social media sites, as well as, at a City Hall Screening for the exhibit opening.
- ◆ All accepted entries will be displayed during the opening of **“Web of Life; Threads Interlacing”**. The review committee will determine the schedule that each piece will be on display following the August opening and will notify the artist(s) accordingly. All pieces must remain up during their scheduled time. All pieces will remain property of the artist. The artist is responsible for collecting their work when the exhibition ends. Any work not reclaimed after 4 weeks past the end date becomes property of the Arts Circle.

PLEASE READ

1. **Both Form A and Form B need to be complete for each piece entered in the Art Show.**
2. **Submit Form A to the Arts Circle by July 31, 2019 to register your entry (artwork does not have to be submitted at this time).**
3. **Attached Form B to your artwork when you deliver it to the Arts Circle on for before August 4th.**

Web of Life; Threads Interlacing
Entry Form A

Submit this form to the Arts Circle by July 31, 2019 to register your entry

(please print)
 Artist Name _____

Mobile Phone _____ Hm Phone/Landline _____

Email _____

Address: _____

If a child, Age: _____ Parent’s signature _____

Circle Form of ART entering: Dance Performance Painting Sculpture
 Poetry Photography Fiber Art Film Drawing Other

If other, describe: _____

Title of piece: _____

Physical description of piece:
 Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ Time _____ Media _____

Do you grant permission to have your submission on the Arts Circle’s Facebook page?
YES NO

The Arts Circle will do our best to care for your entry. However, we will not be responsible for any damage that it may incur.

Signature: _____

Date _____

Web of Life; Threads Interlacing
Entry Form B

Attach this form to your artwork when you deliver to the Arts Circle on or before August 4, 2019

(please print)
 Artist Name _____

Mobile Phone _____ Hm Phone/Landline _____

Email _____

Address: _____

If a child, Age: _____ Parent’s signature _____

Circle Form of ART entering: Dance Performance Painting Sculpture
 Poetry Photography Fiber Art Film Drawing Other

If other, describe: _____

Title of piece: _____

Physical description of piece:
 Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ Time _____ Media _____

The Arts Circle will do our best to care for your entry. However, we will not be responsible for any damage that it may incur.

Signature: _____

Date _____

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Special Meeting
Minutes
June 19, 2019

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

Roll Call: Mary Head

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

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurers report:

Susan Hodges provided the members current financial statements and an overview of income and expenses for the year.

Meeting:

Kerry opened the meeting discussion by stating that there is no new business and that the upcoming lake project is proceeding on schedule. The Board discussed the moving of the benches and the removal of the memorial on the peninsula. Jeff said he would take care of this. He also said that several of the property owners that have property in the dredging area requested something in writing stating the HOA will repair any damage done to their property. Jeff said that the step ladder on the dock in the swim area is broken. He removed the ladder because it was not safe and is seeing what needs to be done to repair it. Two of the five aerators are working. Jeff and Chuck Stone are going to see what needs to be done to fix the ones that are not working. Kerry said she is open to ideas on using a rake to remove vegetation. She suggested getting a group together and using pontoons to do the project. Several members said that they had removed vegetation in this manner and once the vegetation is removed and dried it turns to dust. Using hydro-raking equipment was also discussed. A member asked about the property by the silt pond that is for sale. The member is concerned that the HOA would not have access to the silt pond when the lots sold. The Board will contact the owner for further investigation. A member expressed concerns about the dredge project. The Board responded to the questions. Jeff commented on the project at 56th and Northwood. The Board is contacting an attorney to get a game plan to see what we can do. Jeff is planning a community volunteer date of July 13, 2019 to move a fence to get ready for the dredge project. Teresa commented on how nice the public dock looks. Jessica Brothers and Brendan Brousseau spent several hours working on it. The Board expresses a huge thank you for their efforts.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Hodges, Secretary

Venetian Gardens Homes Association

Don't Forget Your Missouri Fishing License and a Houston Lake "2019 Wristband"!!



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.

ATTENTION Your Lake Dues must be paid to use the lake facilities for swimming, fishing, boating or other recreational purposes even if you have lake front property. Non-paying members may not picnic on Homes Association property (for example, the beach, Mayor's park or the peninsula) you must have your 2019 Lake wristband with you when using the lake facilities.

If you need to get your 2019 Lake wristband call Secretary/Treasurer Susan Hodges @ 816.786.2377.

Boaters: Maximum Horsepower permissible on the lake will be 7 ½ HP. It is recommended that 3 ½ or 5 HP be used. The maximum speed permissible on the lake by outboards will be FIVE (5) miles per HOUR. NO WAKE.

Homes Association Rules and Regulations

1. Lake tags will be issued to lot owners who have paid the current years Homes Association fee. Lot owners will be responsible for all wristbands issued to their property.
2. Lake Wristband must be worn by Residents, Lot Owners or Guests. Wristband should be visible.
3. Private property. No trespassing. Residents, lot owners and guests only.
4. Property owners are responsible for the conduct and actions of their guest at all times.
5. No DIVING from the Swimming Docks because of shallow water.
6. No. swimming after 9:00p.m.
7. Alcohol will not be allowed in the beach area.
8. Animals will not be allowed in the beach area.
9. Fishing will not be allowed in the swimming area.
10. No disorderly conduct.
11. All Rules and Regulations of the Missouri State Conservation Commission will apply.
12. No trot lines, jug lines or unattended fishing lines are permitted.
13. All Terrain Vehicles, motor bikes, motor cycles and motor scooters are prohibited from operating on Homes Association property.



PLEASE NOTE: Houston Lake is dedicated to preventing the spreading of Zebra Mussels. If you want to launch your boat into our lake, you must call no less than 12 hrs. ahead so that your boat maybe inspected. You must also have a lake wristband, watercraft safety equipment (life vests) and adhere to lake rules.

This applies to NEW boaters. However, safety equipment applies to ALL boaters.

City Council Meeting
May 13, 2019
City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO 64151

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on April 08, 2019 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, Mayor Pam Freese

Alderman Burrup was absent due to illness.

Opening Session: Mayor Freese called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

Public Discussion –

Mary Head – 5328 NW Houston Lake Dr – Board Member for HOA - Does the Homes Association need a permit to do the dredging of the lake, which was approved at the HOA meeting. Is an erosion permit needed?

Board responded that a permit must be filled out with details provided for the record, but the permit fee and deposit will be waived.

Alderman Otte motioned that we approve a permit provided that the Homes Association provide the information prior to the next meeting. Alderman Stone second

Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone

No: None

Absent: Burrup

Gwyneth Jones 5452 NW Venetian Dr. – New to the neighborhood – Is going to be fixing foundation problems and moving dirt. Is a permit required?

City responded yes – a permit will be required. Please obtain from the website and contact the Mayor when completed.

Minutes 04.08.2019

Motion to approve the minutes from 04.08.2019

Motion to approve minutes 04.08.2019 made by Alderman Jackalone, Second by Alderman Stone.

Yes: Jackalone, Otte, Stone

No: None

Absent: Burrup

Motion carries.

Building /Burning Permits –

1 –TO 5347 NW Edgewood Cir– Application for Burn Permit –

Motion to approve the burn permit pending inspection made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Otte.

Yes: Jackalone, Otte, Stone

No: None

Abstain:None

Application is approved

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2 – SC 5416 NW Venetian Dr – Application for Burn Permit

Motion to approve the burn permit pending inspection made by Alderman Otte, second by Alderman Stone.

Yes: Jackalone, Otte, Stone

No: None

Abstain: None

Application is approved

3 – JS- 5404 NW Houston Lake Dr – Application for Burn Permit

Motion to approve the burn permit pending inspection made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Otte.

Yes: Jackalone, Otte, Stone

No: None

Abstain: None

Application is approved

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.

Treasures Report

Motion to approve treasures report for May 13, 2019 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Jackalone.

Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone

No: None

Motion carries

Alderman Sherry Burrup has submitted her resignation, effective May 2019. Alderman Chuck Stone will be added to the bank accounts to replace Sherry Burrup, who will be removed. This change will be made June 2019.

CD 15368 is to be cashed in then reinvested as Mill and Overlay CD for 15 months at the rate of 2.25%

Collectors Report

City Collectors report is included with the official packet

Paybills – Resolution 05.13.2019

Motion to approve Resolution 05.13.2019 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Otte

Yes: Otte, Jackalone, Stone

Motion carries

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Emergency Management

Fire Department – Jeff Taylor – 4 calls in Houston Lake – report is included with the official packet.

City Officials are working on NIMS training – we will need a city ordinance to adopt NIMS in the future.

Police Department –No report available – Verbal report - one call in the city last month. Light traffic in the area. Sheriff's office has implemented some measures to make sure there are more contacts in the city. Contacts meaning traffic stop, pedestrian check, parking issues, follow up.

Codes Report – Codes officer gave a presentation report is included in the official packet.

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report–They were able to relocate items in the garage into the attic of the garage.

Mud is coming in from the Park Hill project. Platte County commissioners are managing the road piece. The city is documenting and working on reimbursement.

Old Business

Culvert Project – Mayor Freese – Spoke with the residents about the property issues. Would like permission to purchase one tree and two lilac bushes and some grass seed.

Motion from Alderman Otte to spend up to \$400 on landscaping for damage done during the culvert project. Alderman Stone second.

Yes: Stone, Otte, Jackalone

No: None

Motion Passes

Bridge Update – Alderman Burrup –No Update

New Business

Grinder Pump Install 3420 NW Edgewater Trail – Resident needs a grinder pump and would like to do the install himself up to where it connects, at which point H&H will do the connection. Discussion on steps, permits needed.

Diseased pine tree removed at the cost of \$200 – homeowner on the property is going to replant.

There is a large boulder on Edgewood Trail that is threatening to fall into the culvert on the city property. Al Horrinc will look into it.

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Alderman Reports

Alderman Jackalone –Thank you to Al Horraine for his work on the potholes and removal of trees.

Alderman Burrup –Absent

Alderman Otte – No Report

Alderman Stone –Thank you to the HOA Board members for their work on the lake projects and the improvements. Informed new residents of burn permits needed recently.

Mayors Report

Received resignation letter from Alderman Burrup, they have put their house on the market. A new alderman from the South side of the lake will be needed.

Requirements: That they be a US citizen, over the age of 18 and lived on the lake for at least a year.

Chuck Stone will be added as the new signer on the checking account.

We put in 17 bags of gravel to fill in a large hole in the road, will continue to monitor the situation.

KH –5510 NW Adrian Rd - Has completed his project and requested his deposit back. An erosion control permit was never obtained – upon review the amount of dirt that was moved would have been a larger fee than the amount of his deposit.

Alderman Stone makes a motion to give a full deposit refund back to owner of 5510 NW Adrian Dr.

Alderman Otte seconds.

Yes: Otte, Stone, Jackalone

No: None

A check will be cut and mailed to the owner

Adjournment -

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

Yes: Jackalone, Stone, Otte. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday June 10, 2019 at 7:30pm

Houston Lake 55 page History Book for sale

This would make a wonderful gift to someone special.

3 books for \$10.00, 2 books for \$8.00 or 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.



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

Does anyone remember when Houston Lake didn't have city water ?

Most of the houses had a well or cistern as a water supply. Houston Lake had a community spring fed well house where resident that didn't have a well were able to get water. Home owners would then have to haul the water back to their homes as they needed it.

Build a Road over Jumping Branch Creek

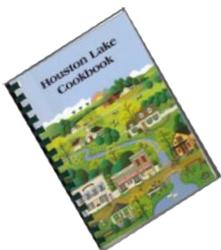
In 1966 it was decided by the community to build a road over Jumping branch Creek in front of where City Hall is now. One major problem confronted the Homes Association: How could they afford a culvert big enough to handle the flow of water that came down the water way in a big rain storm. Raymond Burwell was President of the Venetian Gardens Homes Association at that time. He also worked for the Burlington Northern Rail Road. Raymond and his family lived where Sara James now lives. Ray went down and talked to the Kansas City Tank Car Company who repaired tank cars for Burlington.

After Ray told them of Houston Lake's problem they offered to donate a 10,000 gallon tank car to use as a culvert. They also took the wheels off of the tanker and cut out both ends at no cost to the residents of Houston Lake. The tank car was brought in on a flat bed truck and the truck driver pulled as close as he could to the edge of the road where a huge ditch had been dug out and the tank car was literally pushed off of the truck. Concrete was poured on top of the tanker to make a bridge. Today the bridge and culvert are still in place and being used daily. 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 old timers that use to live on the Lake were Fantastic Horse Traders that got things done to improve the community.

2nd Edition Cookbooks on sale.

3 = books for \$10.00 2 = books for \$8.00 1 = book for \$5.00

Call Mary Head to purchase a cookbook @ 816.741.5639





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*Best wishes!
Marlene*