

# *HOUSTON LAKER*



*HOLIDAY  
STORY  
BY  
MAYOR PAM  
AND  
ANDREW  
FREESE*



*CAROLS,  
COOKIES & COCOA  
WITH SANTA  
ON  
DECEMBER 5, 2019*



*JANUARY 2020 EDITION*

# Houston Laker

## January 2020 Community Calendar Events

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>



Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Recycling Day

Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting,  
7:30pm City Hall

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Closing date for Candidate filing.  
Please Contact City Clerk @  
816.741.0644

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Arts Exchange 2pm – 4pm  
City Hall 5417 NW Adrian

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**Feral Cat - If you see a Feral Cat on the Lake that you are concerned is not Spayed or Neutered, please contact City Hall 816.741.0644 to be put in contact with our local vet. We will coordinate to set a trap for capture.**

**Please note that this program is NOT for domestic cats.**

**Any other animal concerns should go through the Platte County non-emergency line 816-858-3521**



**“Houston Lake Ice”,**  
**is not**  
**thick enough to**  
**skate on.**

**Please do not get out on the ice**

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### **Homes Association Dues:**

The Homes Association dues statements will be mailed Jan. 31, 2020. Annual dues are \$425.00, and they will become delinquent March 1, 2020. 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](mailto:hodges.susan@outlook.com), Thank you

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There will be **NO** Venetian Gardens Homes Association meeting in January & February. The HOA Board members wishes everyone a Happy New Year 2020.

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### **Call to Artists**

The Arts Circle is looking for Volunteer artists to create original covers or photos for the 2020 Laker issues. If you are interested, please email [arts.circle@houstonlake.net](mailto:arts.circle@houstonlake.net) or Mary Head @ [editor@houstonlake.net](mailto:editor@houstonlake.net). If you have any questions please call Mary @ 816-741-5639. Don't miss this opportunity to publish your artwork or photo! Volunteer today!

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# WEB OF LIFE: Threads Interlacing

**ART EXCHANGE**  
**2pm - 4pm Feb 2**  
Please stop by and exchange your art work  
Houston Lake City Hall  
5417 NW Adrian

**CITY OFFICIALS**  
**CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE**

Mayor = Pam Freese 816-726-4455  
([mayor@houstonlake.net](mailto:mayor@houstonlake.net))

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

Sewer Grinder Pumps  
Megan Micek 816-663-0894

City Collector = Jean Anderson  
([taxcollector@houstonlake.net](mailto:taxcollector@houstonlake.net))

Alderman (Ward 1 No.), Mayor Pro-Tem  
Chuck Stone 816-305-3196  
([nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net](mailto:nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net))

Alderman (Ward 1 No.)  
Phil Otte 816-741-5477  
([nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net](mailto:nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net))

Alderwoman (Ward 2 So.)  
Sarah Farcase  
([sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net](mailto:sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net))

Alderman (Ward 2 So.)  
Nick Jackalone 816-587-0028  
([sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net](mailto:sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net))

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

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

Platte County Sheriff  
Non emergency 816-858-3521  
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

Vice President = Jeffrey Lister  
573-645-7393

Public Relations Officer = Jeffrey Lister  
([hoacommunications@houstonlake.net](mailto:hoacommunications@houstonlake.net))

Secretary /Treasurer/ Lake Tags = Susan Hodges  
816-786-2377 ([hodges.susan@outlook.com](mailto:hodges.susan@outlook.com))

Board Member = Mary Head  
816-741-5639 ([maryjewel40@gmail.com](mailto:maryjewel40@gmail.com))

Board Member = Teresa Olson  
([teresaaolson@hotmail.com](mailto:teresaaolson@hotmail.com))

Registrar/Editor - Houston Laker = Mary Head  
816-741-5639 ([editor@houstonlake.net](mailto:editor@houstonlake.net))

Water Quality Officer = Sharron DeLaFuentes

Dam/Watershed Officer

Aerator Maintenance

For more City and Homes Association Info  
go to [www.houstonlake.net](http://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



# 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.

### 2020 Holiday Schedule

New Years (Wednesday 1-1-20)  
Memorial Day (Monday 5-25-20)  
Independence Day (Saturday 7-4-20)  
Labor Day (Monday 9-7-20)  
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-26-20)  
Christmas (Friday 12-25-20)  
New Years (Friday 1-1-21)

### Pick-up Day

Tuesday 12-31-19  
Wednesday 5-27-20  
Tuesday 7-7-20  
Wednesday 9-9-20  
Tuesday 11-24-20  
Tuesday 12-22-20  
Tuesday 12-29-20

## 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!

# 2020 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid  
Recycling Cart**

January 7  
February 4  
March 3  
March 31  
April 28  
May 27  
June 23  
July 21  
August 18  
September 15  
October 13  
November 10  
December 8  
January 5, 2021



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

## 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](http://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.

City Council Meeting  
November 11, 2019  
City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO 64151

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on November 11, 2019 at 7:30pm at City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Ave Houston Lake, MO 64151.

**Opening Session: Mayor Freese called the meeting to order at 7:30pm**

The following members were present: Alderman Sarah Farsace Alderman Phil Otte, Alderman Chuck Stone, Mayor Pam Freese  
Alderman Nick Jackalone is out sick

**Public Discussion –**

**GJ 5452 NW Venetian Dr** – Trouble with dogs from the neighborhood next to us still.  
- Please contact 311 each time you see them and report the address of the owners. Especially if they are aggressive.

**Minutes 10.14.2019**

Motion to approve minutes to 10.14.2019 and approve tonight's agenda made by Alderman Otte, Second by Alderman Farsace. Yes: Otte, Stone, Farsace No: None Motion carries.

**Burning Permits –**

**GJ – 5452 NW Venetian Dr**

Motion to approve building permit made by Alderman Stone, Second by Alderman Otte  
Yes: Stone, Otte, Farsace No: None Motion Carries, permit is approved

**TO – 5347 NW Edgewood Cir**

Motion to approve building permit made by Alderman Otte, Second by Alderman Stone  
Yes: Stone, Otte, Farsace No: None Motion carries, permit is approved

**Building/Burn Permit –**

**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 mailbox at the front of the building.**

**Treasures Report**

Motion to accept treasures report for October 14, 2019 made by Alderman Farsace, second by Alderman Stone. Yes: Otte, Farsace, Stone No: None Motion carries

**Collectors Report**

City Collectors report is included with the official packet  
County Collectors report is included with the official packet

**Paybills – Resolution 11.11.19**

Motion to approve Resolution 11.11.19 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Farsace  
Yes: Otte, Stone, Farsace Motion carries

City Council Meeting  
November 11, 2019  
City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO 64151

**Emergency Management**

**Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Taylor** –Report is included with the packet– one call in October, faulty smoke detector, replaced for the resident. As part of community outreach, when responding to calls – they will ask to check smoke detectors. If they are faulty, the fire department will replace the battery or the unit at no cost to the resident.

**Police Department – No report, no representative present**

**Codes Report** – Report is included with the packet, no violations reported.

**Venetian Garden Homes Association Report** –No meeting upcoming

**Old Business**

**Feral Cat Program** – Resident local to the lake is a vet, willing to trap then spay or neuter, then release the cats at no cost to the city. Asking for \$25 per cat to test for FIV and leukemia prior to re-release.

Motion to allow up to \$500 for animal control to go to our Feral Cat program, to be led by Linda Ferris made by Alderman Farsace, Second by Alderman Stone Yes: Stone, Otte, Farsace No: None Motion passes

**Cookie, Carols and Cocoa with Santa – December 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 7pm** – please come and bring your family.

**New Business**

**Replace City Hall Computer** – would like to explore cost of replacing the computer to update our very old one in the office. Would allow for smoother, faster work for the staff that use the computer (City Clerk, Codes Enforcement, The Laker)

Motion to purchase a new computer for City Hall, not to exceed \$400, to look at a refurbished computer for City Hall made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Farsace. Yes: Stone, Otte, Farsace No: None Motion carries

**Roads** - Meeting with Barclay to get estimate to fix damage from the weather detour from last year to repair Wagon Trail and Adrian.

**Elections 2020**- Candidate filing opens December 17 through January 21, 2020. Please contact the city clerk to obtain filing paperwork during that time frame.

**Alderman Reports**

**Alderman Jackalone** – Absent

**Alderman Farsace** – Thank you to Alderman Stone, saw him working on the bridge.

**Alderman Otte** – Didn't see the city meeting listed in The Laker this past month, but legally it just has to be posted at City Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Mailbox needs to be fixed.

City Council Meeting  
November 11, 2019  
City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO 64151

**Alderman Stone** – Residents are looking for more enforcement on street parking. Hard to enforce without ‘No Parking’ signs. If street is wider than 20’ – you can only put no parking signs on one side of the street, per ordinances. Would like to open discussion in putting ‘No Parking’ signs along Houston Lake Drive as it is becoming a problem.

Has bridge debris to get rid of. Can Republic do a special pick up for us for this? Will contact Republic. Also possibly can take to Parcels in Riverside – will contact.

Noted residents burning leaves, which is against code. Residents are encouraged to mulch leaves, or contact Republic services to see what our options are.

**Mayors Report**

Trunk or Treat Riverside was a lot of fun!

Cookie, Carols coming up, please attend. December 5<sup>th</sup>

Mayors Meeting moving from first Wednesday monthly to another time, hoping to still be able to attend.

Earth Day 2020 – Looking for ideas for April 22, 2020 to join the movement

**Adjournment -**

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

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm by Mayor Freese.**

**Next Meeting will be held Monday December 9, 2019 at 7:30pm**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING**

**The City of Houston Lake, Missouri will hold an election,  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to elect the following offices:**

**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 17, 2019, and no later than 5p.m.  
Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The filing forms will be made available by contacting  
City Clerk at 816.741.0644**

**A note from EDITOR:** The November 11<sup>th</sup>, City Council meeting notice was posted on page one under the November 2019 Community Calendar Event.



## VOTER REGISTRATION SITES PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

**Are You Registered to Vote?** All residents of Houston Lake whether you are Owner or Renter can register and VOTE. You must be 18 years old or older to register. You can register at any of the sites below.

**Houston Lake City Hall**, 5417 NW Adrian, (816)741-0644 or  
Registrar Mary Head (816)741-5639, call for an appointment.

### **Mid-Continent Public Libraries:**

**Boardwalk**, 8600 N. Executive Hills Blvd, Kansas City: (816) 741-9011

**Parkville**, 8815 NW Hwy 45, Parkville: (816) 741-4721

**Riverside**, 2700 NW Vivion Rd, Riverside: (816) 741-6288

**NOTE:** In addition, Missouri Voter Registration Application postcards can be completed at any license bureau.

**LAST DAY to Register to VOTE for the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election is Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter is March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**LAST DAY to Register to VOTE for the April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 General Municipal Election is March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.**

### **UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR 2020**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020** Presidential Preference Primary Election at Wexford Place

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020** General Municipal Election Day at Wexford Place

**Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020** Primary Election at Wexford Place

**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** General Election at Wexford Place

Any questions call

Platte County Board of Elections  
2600 NW Prairie View Road  
P.O. Box 560  
Platte City, Missouri 64079



Board of Election Phone number (816) 858-4400  
or Mary Head (816) 741-5639

## **What should I do about my registration if I move, or change my name?**

In order to change your name in the voter registration lists, you need to contact the election authority before the election or an election judge at your polling place and notify them of the change. The election authority will enter the change on the record and issue new voter identification cards. Voters are allowed to vote at one election under the old name without changing their voter registration after notifying the election judges of the name change.

In order to find out how you can update your registration to vote because of change of name or change of address, visit our [register to vote page](#).

If you have moved to a different address within the same county, you are permitted to change your registration address on Election Day at your new polling place or the central polling location. It is recommended that you contact your local election official with any address changes prior to Election Day in order to determine your assigned polling place.

In order to change your address if you move outside the boundaries of the election jurisdiction in which you were previously registered, you will need to fill out a [new voter registration application](#).

If you moved before the deadline to register for an election, you must complete your new registration prior to the registration deadline in order to be eligible to vote a full ballot in your new jurisdiction. If you moved after the registration deadline, you will be entitled to vote a limited ballot, containing only federal and statewide candidates and issues once you submit a completed voter registration application in person with the local election authority. People moving from one election jurisdiction to another prior to the registration deadline who fail to register to vote by the registration deadline will not be able to vote in that particular election.

If you moved to Missouri after the deadline to register for a presidential election, you are entitled to register and vote only a presidential and vice presidential ballot in your new jurisdiction.

## **If I registered to vote by mail, how do I know my registration has been received and processed?**

If you have not received a verification notice within seven to ten days, you should contact your [local election authority](#) to verify that your mail-in registration was received and processed.

## **I lost my voter identification card. How do I obtain a new one?**

You may contact your [local election authority](#) to request a new one. Presenting a voter identification card is not required on election day. Voters must present a [form of valid id](#).  You may look up your polling place at the [Voter Information Lookup](#).

## **How do I find out if I'm registered to vote or if I am on the voter rolls in the county where I live?**

You may look up whether or not you are currently registered to vote at the [Voter Information Lookup](#) online. You may also contact your [local election authority](#).

# MISSOURI VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

## Use this application to:

1. Register to vote in any election in Missouri.
2. Register to vote when you move from one jurisdiction (St. Louis City, Kansas City, or any county) to another jurisdiction (St. Louis City, Kansas City, or any county) within Missouri.
3. Change the address on a current voter registration when you move within a jurisdiction.
4. Change the name on a current voter registration.

## Other information:

1. You must be 18 years of age by the day of a particular election to be eligible to vote in that election.
2. If mailed, this form must be postmarked by the 4th Wednesday preceding an election to be eligible to vote in that election. If delivered in person, it must be received in the office of the election authority by the 4th Wednesday preceding an election. (See reverse for election calendar.)
3. Submitting this application to an individual other than the election authority does not insure timely voter registration.
4. After the election authority receives your voter registration application, you will be sent confirmation within 7 business days. If you do not receive confirmation, contact the election authority.
5. If you wish to serve as an election judge on election day please contact your local election authority and mark the box at the bottom of this form.
6. Optional—If registering by mail for the first time, please submit a copy of one of the following forms of identification: current or valid photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address, birth certificate, Native American tribal document or other proof of United States citizenship. (You will be required to present identification when you vote.)

## Completing this form (All information is required unless indicated as optional):

### Boxes 1 and 2 -- Citizen and Age Requirements

Federal Law requires voter registration applicants to answer these two questions.

### Box 3 -- Type of Application

Check appropriate box if this is a new registration or if you are changing a name or address on your current voter registration.

### Box 4 -- Name

Put in this box your full name (Last, First, Middle). DO NOT use nicknames or initials. For name changes, Box 12 should contain your old name.

### Box 5 -- Home Address

List your home address. DO NOT put your mailing address if it differs from your home address.

### Box 6 -- Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address other than your home address in Box 5, put that address here in this box.

### Box 7 -- Driver's License Number

Required for registration unless you do not have a Driver's License. (§115.158, RSMo.) If you do not have a Driver's License, leave blank.

### Box 8 -- Last Four Digits of Social Security Number

Required for registration unless you do not have a Social Security Number. (§115.155, RSMo, §115.158, RSMo.) If you do not have a Social Security Number, leave blank.

### Box 9 -- Date of Birth

Place your date of birth in this box (Month, Day, Year). DO NOT USE TODAY'S DATE!

### Box 10 -- Place of Birth (Optional)

List your place of birth (city/county/state).

### Box 11 -- Daytime Phone Number (Optional)

Please list a number at which the election authority may contact you for clarification of information.

### Box 12 -- Last Voter Registration Information

If you are currently registered, please list the name and address of your last registration including county and state.

### Box 13 -- Signature

Review the information. If you meet the requirements and all is correct, sign your full name or make your mark and print today's date.

### Box 14 -- Rural Voters

If you live in a rural area without a street address, please supply information which may help in placing you in the proper voting district.

**YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONFIRMED BY MAIL WITHIN SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS OF ITS RECEIPT BY THE ELECTION AUTHORITY. PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTION AUTHORITY IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE NOTIFICATION.**

(DETACH HERE - KEEP TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS) This card is not proof of registration.



# MISSOURI VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

USE PEN - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

1 ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		2 WILL YOU BE 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>If you checked no in response to either of the above questions, do not complete this form.</b>			
3 <input type="checkbox"/> NEW REGISTRATION <input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/> NAME CHANGE		FOR OFFICE USE ONLY REGISTRATION NO.	
4 LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX (JR, II, ETC.) <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
5 ADDRESS WHERE YOU LIVE (HOUSE NO., STREET, APT. NO. OR RURAL ROUTE AND BOX - NO PO BOXES)		CITY	COUNTY ZIP CODE
6 ADDRESS WHERE YOU GET YOUR MAIL (REQUIRED IF DIFFERENT FROM #5 ABOVE)		CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
7 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE, PLEASE LEAVE BLANK.		8 LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER* IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PLEASE LEAVE BLANK.	
9 DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	10 PLACE OF BIRTH (OPTIONAL)	11 DAYTIME PHONE NO. (OPTIONAL)	
12 NAME AND ADDRESS ON LAST VOTER REGISTRATION NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ If currently registered in another state or county please complete this box.		13 I hereby certify that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Missouri. I am at least seventeen and one half years of age. I have not been adjudged incapacitated by any court of law. If I have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I swear under penalty of perjury that all statements made on this card are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I register to vote knowing that I am not legally entitled to register, I am committing a class one election offense and may be punished by imprisonment of not more than five years or by a fine of between two thousand five hundred dollars and ten thousand dollars or by both such imprisonment and fine.  Date _____ Signature _____	
14 RURAL VOTERS: COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF ANY CITY. I live _____ miles _____ (N S E or W) of _____ (landmark or junction). Section, Township and range _____. My neighbors are _____.			

Check here if you are interested in working as an Election Judge

Warning: Conviction for making a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to five years and/or a fine up to \$10,000.

Place  
Postage  
Here

FOLD HERE

**Mailing Instructions**

1. Sign the form.
2. Fold this sheet with address showing.
3. Fold and insert completed voter application.
4. Tape edges.
5. Apply postage.
6. Mail.

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Have you signed the form?

T A P E

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.

# Houston Lake Holistic Life

## Happy New Year

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## Breath Easier

If your chest feels tight try this Lie on your back diagonally on your bed with your head supported by the corner of the mattress. Let your arms gently hang over the edges of the mattress with your palms up.

Take a deep breath. Raise your arms pointing fingers to ceiling. Slow lower straight arms to the initial position with palms up. Take a deep breath again, relax in this position and breathe Repeat several times for 5 minutes or more.

## Feeling Chilled?

Warm up with Qi Gong  
"Shaking the 9 Gates"  
Stand with knees slightly bent.  
Gently bounce your heels  
Allow all your joints to relax  
Jaw, neck, shoulders, elbows,  
wrists, fingers, hips, knees.  
As you bounce, all joints will  
shake a little. Like an artificial  
shiver. Micro movements of  
all your muscles, increasing  
blood flow and warming you up!

## Vegan Mac Sauce

1 cup raw cashews  
2 cups peeled chopped butternut squash  
8-10 cloves peeled garlic  
2 Tablespoons rice vinegar  
2 cups unsweetened soy milk  
3 Tablespoons nutritional yeast  
2 Tablespoons white miso  
2 teaspoons sea salt  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon smoked paprika  
1/2 teaspoon white pepper  
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Soak cashews overnight. Drain. Combine the cashews, squash, garlic and vinegar adding 4-5 cups filtered water, bring to a simmer over medium heat for 10-15 minutes until super soft. Drain. Pour solids into blender. Blend slow and low speed increase speed and gradually add the Soy milk. When very smooth add the dry ingredients blend until creamy smooth. Refrigerate up to 1 week.

Great with noodles, veggies or jazz up with hatch chili's, or nacho seasonings.



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