

February 2020 Edition

HOUSTON LAKER



Neighborhood Scene taken February 2019

By Debbie Schneider

February 2020 Community Calendar Events

Feb. 2nd - Arts Exchange at City Hall 2pm - 4pm, 5417 NW Adrian

Feb. 4th - Recycling Day

Feb. 10th - City Council meeting, 7:30pm City Hall

Feb. 14th - ♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

March 3rd - Recycling Day

March 10th - Presidential Preference Primary Election at Wexford Place

Homes Association Dues: *statements will be mailed Jan. 31, 2020. Annual dues are \$425.00, and they will become delinquent March 2, 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, Thank you*

*There will be **NO** Venetian Gardens Homes Association meeting in February. Our next Homes Association meeting will be in March and the HOA Bracelets will be handed out to the paid members.*

Call to All Artists!!! 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 photos for the 2020 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 photo! Volunteer today!



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

“Please do not get out on the ice”

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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

All Residents--

House Numbers

The City is working with the Riverside Fire Department to make it easier to travel through Houston Lake to get to any calls that are made. This is a really good time to make sure you have house numbers on your home or a plaque in front. Having it on the mailbox does not do any good as the mailboxes are not always in front of your home.

There is a very good reason for this...If you need help Emergency Services need to be able to find your home. Without the house number it slows their response time.

City Ordinance Reads---Section 235.070 C Exterior Structure

Premise Identification. Buildings shall have address numbers assigned by the City placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four (4) inches high with a minimum stroke width of one-half (0.5) inch.

While the ordinance only requires a minimum of 4 inch numbers, please make sure the numbers are large enough to be seen from the street.

Please help the rescue teams get to you quickly if you need them!!

Code Enforcement will start sending letters out to homeowners that do not have the proper identification in the next few weeks.



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)

Attention Cat and Dog Owners, Proof of Vaccinations Due May 1, 2020

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**)

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

City Council Meeting
December 09, 2019
City Hall – 5417 NW Adrian Houston Lake, MO 64151

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on December 9, 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 Jackalone, Alderman Sarah Farsace, Alderman Phil Otte, Alderman Chuck Stone, Mayor Pam Freese

Public Discussion – None

Minutes 11.11.2019

Motion to approve minutes to 11.11.2019 and approve tonight's agenda made by Alderman Farsace, Second by Alderman Otte.

Yes: Otte, Stone, Jackalone, Farsace

No: None

Motion carries.

Burning Permits – None

Building/Burn Permit –

GJ – 5452 NW Venetian Dr #120919GJ

Motion to approve building permit for a fence for her yard made by Alderman Otte, Second by Alderman Stone

Yes: Stone, Jackalone, Otte, Farsace

No: None

Motion Carries, permit 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 month's City Council Meeting. Applications can be deposited in the mailbox at the front of the building.

Treasures Report : Motion to accept treasures report for November 11, 2019 made by Alderman Otte, second by Alderman Farsace. Yes: Otte, Jackalone, Farsace, Stone

No: None

Motion carries

Collectors Report: City Collectors report is included with the official packet

Spire is being auto deposited into the bank account, city clerk is going to go back into the records to have those recorded

County Collectors report is included with the official packet

Paybills – Resolution 12.09.19

Motion to approve Resolution 12.09.19 made by Alderman Stone, second by Alderman Otte
Yes: Jackalone, Otte, Stone, Farsace Motion carries

Emergency Management

Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Taylor –Not present, report not available

Sherriffs Department – Deputy was present, provided report

Codes Report – Report is included with the packet, 7 violations reported.

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report –No meeting upcoming

Old Business

Replace City Hall Computer –

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

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

Feral Cat Program – Linda Farris is the contact for the Feral Cat program. If you see a cat with a clipped ear, let it run. She will coordinate trapping the cat and neutering/spaying the cat. She will test them for FIV and Leukemia at the rate of \$25. Our budget is \$500 for this program.

Residents should contact the city – Linda will be contacted –report the address of where the cat was seen and who to contact to check it.

New Business

Printer –Discussion regarding a smaller printer for City Hall.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Jackalone – No Report

Alderman Farsace – Enjoyed the Cookies and Carols with Santa, was a lot of fun. Santa is coming through on December 14th

Alderman Otte – When we turn the A/C on in the spring, we will need to remember to flip the insert in the in the outside box.

Note to The Laker Staff to put the Laker securely inside or tucked into the door so it isn't blown away.

Considering replacing the front door and would like to see an electric lock with a combination.

Happy Holiday Season!

Alderman Stone –Can't restrict parking on both sides of the street, only on the one side due to the width. Doesn't feel that the parking signs will be a solution to the problem, citing cost. Asks residents to please consider safety when parking along the street on Houston Lake Dr. Will reach out to the landlord for direct contact.

If parking on the street is impeding the flow of traffic, residents can contact the non-emergency line for Platte County Sheriff's office.

Mayors Report

Grateful to have served another year as your major. Thank you to each of our staff and board members for all that you do.

Looking forward to 2020 – Looking to address the road issues. Looking to piggy-back with Platte County on their set rate for materials if possible.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday January 13, 2020 at 7:30pm

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)**

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) **SECTION 500.110: 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.



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 10th, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election is Feb. 12th, 2020. The last day to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter is March 4th, 2020.

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

UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR 2020

March 10th 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election at Wexford Place

April 7th 2020 General Municipal Election Day at Wexford Place

Aug. 4th 2020 Primary Election at Wexford Place

Nov. 3rd 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

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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.

Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Primary
Platte County, Missouri
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Green

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Judges' Initials

1

Instructions

Completely fill in the target next to the response of your choice like this:

NOTE: The ballot reading device in use is designed to only record votes cast as a filled in target. There can be no erasures, stray marks, check marks, or cross outs on the ballot. If you make an error marking the ballot, see an Election Judge to receive a replacement ballot.

For United States President

Vote For One

Howie Hawkins	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dario Hunter	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Rolde	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNCOMMITTED	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAMPLE



Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Primary
Platte County, Missouri
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Constitution

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Judges' Initials

2

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For United States President

Vote For One

Don J. Grundmann	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don Blankenship	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNCOMMITTED	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAMPLE



Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Primary
Platte County, Missouri
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Libertarian

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Judges' Initials

3

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For United States President

Vote For One

Jacob Hornberger	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNCOMMITTED	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAMPLE



Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Primary
Platte County, Missouri
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Democratic

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Judges' Initials

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For United States President

Vote For One

Amy Klobuchar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Steyer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tulsi Gabbard	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leonard J. Steinman II	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cory Booker	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph R. Biden	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Warren	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete Buttigieg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bernie Sanders	<input type="checkbox"/>
Velma Steinman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry Hewes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Yang	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roque De La Fuente	<input type="checkbox"/>
John K. Delaney	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julian Castro	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deval Patrick	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marianne Williamson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Bennet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael R. Bloomberg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Burke	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robby Wells	<input type="checkbox"/>
William C. (Bill) Haas	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNCOMMITTED	<input type="checkbox"/>



Official Ballot

Presidential Preference Primary

Platte County, Missouri

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Republican

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Judges' Initials

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Instructions

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For United States President

Vote For One

Donald J Trump	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Ely	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Weld	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Walsh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matthew John Matern	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNCOMMITTED	<input type="checkbox"/>

SAMPLE



Houston Lake Holistic Life

*Happy New Decade
Let's have a 2020 clear
view for the future!
Short, medium and long
range achievable goals.
I am pleased to assist you
in your wellness plans.
Whether it's diet, strength,
flexibility or balance.
Call for a free consultation.*

Breathe Easier

*Here are a few highly
recommended contractors to help
you with projects on your property*

Integrity Electric LLC

*Chases Geran @ 816-651-0836
Master Electrician, licensed and
insured.*

integrityelectricck@gmail.com

Landscaping and Outdoor

Living. *Features Retaining walls
& Professional Touch.*

Tim Helmers @ 816-213-8967

PTLawns@yahoo.com

Mr. Rogers Tree Service LLC.

Brian Rogers @ 816-739-6577

mrrogerstreeservice.com

Spicy Peanut Sauce

*1 cup smooth peanut butter
3 limes, juiced
1/3 cup tamari or soy sauce
2 Tablespoons sriracha sauce
1 Tablespoon peeled, chopped fresh
ginger
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
Optional 1-2 teaspoons sesame oil
1 cup coconut water
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro*

*Combine first 7 ingredients in high
speed blender. Blitz on low,
drizzling enough coconut water
until the sauce starts to blend and
becomes pourable. Add cilantro
and blend until just incorporated.
I sometimes add a couple of
Tablespoons of honey if using as a
veggie dip.*

*Great over grilled or roasted
vegetables.*



*Gwyneth Jones. HHP
913-424-0609*



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by appointment only

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*Convenient Hours
To Fit Your Needs*

Over 35 Years of Experience!



*Best wishes,
Marlene*