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A Houston Lake Use Tax Question Appears On the November 3, 2026 Ballot.

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Preparing for the November 3, 2026 Ballot Use Tax Question

Shall the City of Houston Lake, Missouri impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?

You will be asked to approve or oppose this question.

History of this Question Appearing on the Ballot

In recent months/years, the Houston Lake City Council has been concerned about the impact on the city's roads due to the increase in traffic from heavy delivery vehicles. Especially regarding how to fund the upkeep of the pavements.

In consulting other same-sized cities, and seeking legal advice, it was determined that a **Use Tax** would be a good revenue source - way to obtain additional funding to support the maintenance of Houston Lake's roadways.

It was further explained to Council, before placing a Use Tax question on the ballot for residents to consider - a **Sales Tax** would need to be established. On April 7, 2026, the residents of Houston Lake approved a 1% Sales Tax for Houston Lake. This approval has paved the way for a Use Tax vote on November 3, 2026.

Both a Houston Lake Sales Tax, and a Use Tax, benefit our community directly.

This is a simplified history of this Question appearing for residents' consideration on the ballot in November. There have been many months of consideration accomplished by the City Council prior to these Questions being placed on the ballots in April and coming up in November. The City Council welcomes your specific questions, should you have any, ahead of November 3. Please email the Houston Lake City Council at **city-council@houstonlake.gov**

BILL NO. 070826 ORDINANCE NO._____

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A LOCAL USE TAX ON IN-STATE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS AND OUT-OF-STATE PURCHASES, AT A RATE EQUAL TO THE RATE OF LOCAL SALES TAXES IN EFFECT IN THE CITY, FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY FOR APPROVAL AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, with voter approval, currently levies local sales taxes, pursuant to R.S.Mo. 94.500 to 94.550, at the rate of One Percent (1%); and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under R.S.Mo. 144.757 to 144.761, to levy a local use tax at a rate equal to the rate of the local sales taxes in effect in the City; and

WHEREAS, a local use tax requires the same tax rate to be charged on purchases made from businesses located outside the City of Houston Lake, and outside Missouri as charged by businesses located in Houston Lake, eliminating an inequity between local businesses and non-local businesses that provides a competitive advantage for non-local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed local use tax requires a majority approval by the qualified voters voting thereon in favor of the proposal at an election.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE, PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the authority granted by R.S.Mo. 144.757 to 144.761, a use tax for general revenue purposes is imposed for storing, using, or consuming within Houston Lake, Missouri, any article of tangible personal property. This tax does not apply with respect to the storage, use, or consumption of any article of tangible personal property purchased, produced, or manufactured outside Houston Lake, Missouri and outside the state of Missouri, until the transportation of the article has finally come to rest within the City or until the article has become commingled with the general mass of the property of the City.

SECTION 2: The rate of the tax shall be one percent (1%). If any local sales tax of Houston Lake, Missouri is repealed or the rate thereof is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate of Houston Lake, Missouri shall also be deemed to be repealed, reduced, or raised by the same action repealing, reducing, or raising the local sales tax.

SECTION 3: This tax shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Houston Lake, Missouri, as required by R.S.Mo. 144.757 to 144.761, at the election hereby called and to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The ballot of submission shall contain substantially the following language:

Shall the City of Houston Lake, Missouri impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?

- o Yes
- o No

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the circle opposite "YES".
If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the circle opposite "NO".

SECTION 4: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice to the Platte County, Missouri Board of Elections of the calling of the election no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2026. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to perform such other tasks as may be necessary and required by law to place this proposal on the ballot at the election to be held on November 3, 2026.

SECTION 5: If a majority of the votes cast on the proposal of the qualified voters voting thereof are in favor of the proposal, then the local use tax shall become effective on the first day of the calendar quarter which begins at least forty-five (45) days after the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri receives notice of adoption of the local use tax.

SECTION 6: Within ten (10) days following approval by the qualified voters of Houston Lake, Missouri, of the local use tax proposal, the City Clerk shall forward to the Director of Revenue of the State of Missouri, by registered mail, a certified copy of this Ordinance together with certifications of the election returns, accompanied by a map of the Houston Lake, Missouri, clearly showing the boundaries thereof.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and approval subject to the provisions herein contained which provide for voter approval.

PASSED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Sarah Schofield, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa A. Shepard, City Clerk

APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Sarah Schofield, Mayor

General Election

Platte County, Missouri

November 3, 2026

In-Person Voting Location for Houston Lake Residents

Hills of Walden Clubhouse

5858 N. Polk Drive

Kansas City, Missouri 64151

Open between 6am to 7pm on Election Day

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Final Vote on October 24, 2026

Three Board of Directors voted in:

Pam Freese - 36
Monica Beshears - 41
Mary Head - 41

President:

Pam Freese - 28
Don Miller - 8
Monica Beshears - 4
Mary Head - 0
Josh Williams - 3

Vice President:

Pam Freese - 3
Don Miller - 17
Monica Beshears - 11
Mary Head - 9
Josh Williams - 1

Dues:

$50.00
$450.00 - 23
$800.00 - 20

Budget:

YES - 37
NO – 4

Abstain - 2

VGHA Working Meeting Minutes

September 03, 2026

Present: Pam Freese, Don Miller, Monica Beshears and Mary Head

Absent: Josh Williams

The meeting began at: 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- The board **approved the August 17 public meeting minutes** with corrections to the engineering proposal status and payment approvals.

Property & Maintenance Approvals

- Pamela requested and received approval to move dirt from the Barnes property to fill an abandoned pool on her adjacent Kansas City lot.
- A tree removal was approved.

Spillway Repair & MoDOT Coordination

- Don reported on **MoDOT's limited work plan** alongside the board's concerns regarding surveys, easements, and coordination.
- The board voted to **hire Snyder and Associates for up to $34,800** to design the spillway repair and coordinate with the city and MoDOT.
- The group discussed the critical need for professional engineering, potential funding challenges, and the importance of thorough documentation.

Lake & Community Operations

- The board discussed ongoing duckweed problems and broader lake management strategies.
- Property sales updates were shared.

The meeting adjourned at: 6:24 p.m

NO Venetian Gardens Homes Association Meeting on Monday November 16, 2026.

Venetian Gardens Homeowners Association
Public Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026

1. Call to Order & Administrative Items

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Pam Freese.
- Cell Phone Reminder: Members were reminded to silence all cell phones during the meeting.
- **Roll Call & Attendance:**
    - **Board Members Present:** Pam Freese (President), Don Miller, Mary Head, Monica Beshears
    - **Board Members Absent:** Josh Williams

2. Community Open Forum

- **Lake Management & Duckweed Control:**
    - Linda Charles inquired about the cost of the bio pods and whether manual removal of the duckweed would be a more cost-effective alternative. Pam Freese clarified that the bio pods were only changed once this season, which contributed to the excess duckweed growth along with other factors. Linda suggested reallocating bio pod funds to the dredging fund. Don Miller explained that the HOA is establishing a dedicated fund specifically for dredging, lake maintenance, and lake emergencies.
    - Jewel Head suggested introducing grass carp to the lake, noting success in previous years. Don Miller and Jennifer Heese discussed adding tilapia; however, it was noted that while tilapia consume duckweed, they cannot survive the winter environment of the lake.
- **Goose and E. Coli Management:** Don Miller recommended reconvening with the Department of Conservation to address the duckweed issue and discuss options for removing resident geese (excluding migratory geese) to help reduce E. coli levels. Egg addling was emphasized as a mandatory step to decrease the local goose population.
- **Chicken Restrictions Amendment:** Jess Beshears inquired if the Board would consider an amendment to allow residents to keep chickens. Pam Freese stated that this would require updating the restriction agreement, which needs clarification and reworking. The matter must be brought before the oversight committee, with a potential vote targeted for the semi-annual meeting.

3. Committee & Property Updates

- **Spillway Repairs Update:**
- MODOT requested to begin repair work next week and provided a written plan summary; however, the submission lacked mapping and technical specifics. Don Miller responded to MODOT stating the current information is unacceptable and requested detailed engineering drawings.

    - The HOA intends to require MODOT to coordinate with the association's engineering firm to ensure the work is performed properly and prevents further damage to the spillway. Due to ongoing bridge projects, MODOT has pushed the estimated start date to early or mid-October.
    - The HOA's engineering firm will conduct their initial site inspection during the first week of October. Don Miller is working to secure a formal written agreement from MODOT before any work begins. The Board noted that legal counsel should be considered if MODOT fails to comply with providing documentation.

- **Lakeshore Brush Removal:** Pam Freese reached out to the responsible homeowner but has not yet received a response. Shawn agreed to handle the lakeside edge and brush cutting this fall and will review the target areas alongside Pam and Don.
- **Beach Electrical Infrastructure:** The wiring to the beach electrical outlet is aged and will require updating in the future. Locked weather box covers have been installed to prevent unauthorized tampering or unplugging. Jewel Head volunteered to inspect the outlet box and report back to the Board.

4. Budget & Financial Planning

- **Draft 2026–2027 Budget:** The Board reviewed the preliminary budget draft for the upcoming fiscal year.
- **Proposed Dues Restructuring:** The Board discussed a proposed annual dues increase to $1,000.00 to sufficiently cover critical dredging expenses and essential lake infrastructure maintenance. Attendees and Board members discussed amounts, past costs, upcoming costs and current costs and needs for repair. Members input on formatting the messaging so all residents fully understand the physical needs of the lake community.
- **Public Information Meetings:** Pam Freese and Don Miller proposed hosting dedicated Public Information Meetings (across multiple weekdays and weekends) prior to the official vote. This will allow residents to ask questions and review data regarding the necessity of the dues increase.
- **Community Outreach:** Mary Head will write an article for the September issue of the *Houston Laker* newsletter to highlight the upcoming financial decisions and encourage maximum resident attendance at the October meeting.

5. Financial Report

Presented by Don Miller:

- **Cash Assets:** Just under $133,980.00 held in an interest-bearing account
- **Accounts Receivable:** $30,988.00
- **Accounts Payable:** $2,727.00
- **Delinquency Breakdown (2026 Unpaid Accounts):**

- 16 properties remain entirely unpaid for annual dues (Totaling $7,200.00).
- 20 properties hold outstanding late fees (Totaling $3,136.85).
- 4 properties carry severely delinquent combined balances (Totaling $18,167.00).
- Suggestions on collection strategies and or legal enforcement for these delinquent accounts was discussed.

- **Approval of Invoices:** The Board reviewed and approved the following invoices:
  - Cyclone: $115.00
  - *The Houston Laker* (Delivery Services): $100.00
  - HOA Property & Liability Insurance: $3,933.00
  - Missouri Department of Revenue (Use Taxes for 2024 & 2025): $1,262.06
  - **Motion:** Moved by Pam Freese, seconded by Mary Head, to approve payment for all listed invoices. **Motion approved.**

6. Adjournment & Upcoming Schedule

- **Next Working Meeting:** September 24, 2026, at 5:30 PM.
- **Next Annual Meeting (Dues Vote):** October 24, 2026, at 1:00 PM.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:11 PM.
- *Minutes by Monica Beshears, Secretary.*



HOA Working Meeting September 24, 2026

Meeting began at 5:31

Members Present: Pam Freese, Don Miller, Monica Beshears and Mary Head.
Absent Members: Josh Williams

Key Outcomes:

The board reached consensus on a three-option dues vote structure of **$50 / $450 / $800**, moving away from the previously considered $1,000 top option. The restricted fund strategy was affirmed: dues above the $300 general fund allocation flow into a dedicated dredging/emergency fund, with spillway repair as the first priority. Two community informational meetings were scheduled ahead of the annual vote.

Decisions Made

- **Dues vote options set at $50, $450, and $800**
- **Spillway repair cost removed as a line item** from the budget presentation; the restricted fund ($177,500 at $800 dues) will cover it if grants/MoDOT recovery fall short.
- **Special assessment acknowledged as a likely backstop** — board will not formally announce it in the letter but will communicate it verbally as a possibility.
- **Budget and dues letter to be distributed via both mail and the community paper** to give residents time to review before the meeting.
- **Lien filing fee amendment needed** — current $50 fee no longer covers the 26/lien filing cost. Don to locate the governing document.

Financial

- At **$800/year** (105 paying households estimated): **$177,500** projected restricted fund balance for dredging and spillway.
- At **$1,000/year**: **$198,500** restricted fund balance.
- Current spillway repair estimates from two firms: **$150,000 - 250,000**; Snyder Engineering field visit scheduled for **first week of October** — no formal estimate yet.
- Existing spillway reserve: **$99,000** — likely insufficient based on contractor guidance.
- Borrowing is **prohibited under current bylaws**; board noted this restriction may warrant future review.

Risks & Open Questions

- **MoDOT cost recovery** — board is pursuing accountability from MoDOT and grant funding but has no confirmed amounts.
- **Spillway scope unknown** — repair may require demolishing and rebuilding from roughly one-third down; capping (done 10 years ago for $35,000) appears intact but unverified.
- **Past-due accounts** — 16–20 households delinquent at current dues; board flagged this as a separate urgent topic requiring lien action by October.
- **Dredging on hold** — no dredging occurred this year due to spillway emergency; 10-year plan targets dredging in 2027–2028 if spillway costs are recovered.

- **Meeting Ended at 6**:30pm

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Balance Sheet - As of September 30, 2026

ASSETS	
Bank Accounts	
CACU Membership Savings	$ 1.00
CACU Online bank account	512.18
CACU Operating account	10,960.38
CACU Premier Money Mkt	121,014.63
Total Bank Accounts	**$ 132,488.19**
Undeposited funds	**$ -**
Membership Accounts Receivable	**$ 30,988.56**
Total Assets	**$ 163,476.75**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	1,952.64
Accrued Liabilities	$ -
Total Liabilities	**$ 1,952.64**
Equity	
Retained Earnings	$ 141,690.97
Current Profit & Loss	19,833.14
Total Equity	**$ 161,524.11**
Total Liabilities and Equity	**$ 163,476.75**

2026 unpaid accounts		
Annual dues	$ 7,200.00	16 properties
Late fees	3,136.85	20 properties
	$10,336.85	

Venetian Gardens Homes Association
Profit & Loss - Oct 2025 through August 2026

Income	**Actual**	**Full-Year Budget**		**Collected 2026 Revenue**	**Collected 2026 Variance**
Member Dues	$ 55,350.00	50,850.00		$48,150.00	$(2,700.00)
Late Charges	4,469.85	-		1,333.00	1,333.00
Interest Income	3,533.90	3,000.00		3,533.90	533.90
Total Income	**$ 63,353.75**	**$ 53,850.00**		**$53,016.90**	**$ (833.10)**
Operating Expenses			**Remaining Budget**		
Lake Grounds & Dock Maintenance	$ 7,145.18	14,200.00	7,054.82		
Mowing	5,100.00	4,800.00	(300.00)	One extra mowing week	
Utilities	2,249.18	1,920.00	(329.18)	Increased biopod electrical usage	
Insurance	3,741.00	3,900.00	159.00		
Income taxes	918.65	900.00	(18.65)	Higher taxable interest income	
Accounting Software	947.95	900.00	(47.95)	Monthly rate raisedfrom $75 to $85	
Computer & Internet Expense	-	35.00	35.00		
Bank Service Charges	35.00	35.00	-		
Community Relations	-	500.00	500.00		
Houston Laker Delivery	600.00	600.00	-		
Copier expense	1,470.16	1,422.00	(48.16)	Prior-year invoices from City	
Office supplies	292.07	200.00	(92.07)	Prior-year invoices from City	
Postage	267.10	312.00	44.90		
Legal Costs	144.00	2,000.00	1,856.00		
Emergency	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Total Operating Expenses	**$ 22,910.29**	**$ 32,724.00**	**$ 9,813.71**		
Annual Surplus	**$ 40,443.46**	**$ 21,126.00**	**$ 19,317.46**		
Major Expenditures					
Spillway repair	-	99,000.00	99,000.00	Carried-over to dedicated fund	
Add native plants to lake inlets	615.32	1,000.00	384.68		
Rigero Bio-Pod installation	$ 19,995.00	20,000.00	5.00		
Net Profit & Loss	**$ 19,833.14**	**$(98,874.00)**	**$ 118,707.14**		

These are pictures of Houston Lake's broken spillway – October 2026

We don't believe the dam inspection report will identify significant problems with the dam. However, the dam becomes compromised if we don't get the spillway repaired soon.











The City and VGHA will NOT be hosting a Halloween party this year.

In lieu of traditional trick-or-treating, the City of Houston Lake and the Venetian Gardens Homes Association invite residents to use the City Hall parking lot for a "Trunk or Treat" location. Residents are also welcome to pass out candy from the front porch of City Hall or from their own home.

Halloween is on Saturday, October 31, 2026. Stay safe!

“FREE Boards from the old Bridge”

Hello Everyone,

The City of Houston Lake has free old boards available from the bridge. You can pick them up across the street from the beach and at Mayor’s Park.

Please feel free to come by and help yourself.











SAVE THE DATE

11/7

Saturday, November 7 · 2:00 PM

Holiday Market Artist & Volunteer Informational Meeting

Find out how to get involved in this year's Holiday Market. Hear about opportunities for artists and volunteers, and get your questions answered.

WHERE

City Hall

5417 NW Adrian Ave

CONTACT

Pam Freese

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pamelafreese@gmail.com

Letter from the Mayor

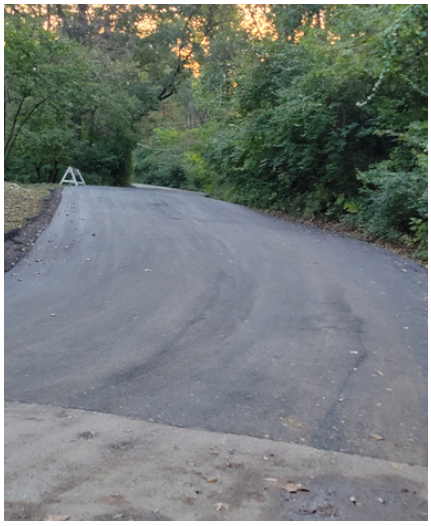
Infrastructure First

I am pleased to share the progress the City Council is making to maintain and improve our community. The Council recently approved a request for funding from the Special Road District so important road repairs could be completed before winter. This work included repaving the section of Edgewater Trail left unfinished after utility work several years ago, repairing potholes on the Venetian bridge near Houston Drive and on Edgewater near Jeffery, and addressing road cuts at Edgewood and Wagon Trail. The repair associated with a resident's grinder-pump installation on Wagon Trail was paid for by the resident, with no city funds used.

These projects reflect the Council's commitment to putting infrastructure first. We are not only responding to immediate concerns but also planning carefully for the long-term needs of Houston Lake. Our roads, bridges, utilities, environment, and public spaces form the essential network that keeps our community safe, reliable, and welcoming. The Council will continue evaluating priorities, pursuing available funding, and coordinating improvements on behalf of all residents.

Your involvement is an important part of this work. If you notice something that needs attention, please report it. If you are willing to volunteer with an appropriate community repair or improvement effort, let us know. We also welcome your ideas for new projects that could benefit Houston Lake. Please contact the City Council at city-council@houstonlake.gov.

By working together, we can protect our shared infrastructure, make thoughtful investments, and continue building a stronger community for everyone.



Edgewater Trail



Edgewood @ Wagon Trail



Edgewater Trail



Venetian Bridge

Houston Lake City Officials

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mayor@houstonlake.gov

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City Bookkeeper – Kay Honeycutt
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Custodian of Records –
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Board of Aldermen

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As most of the City Officials and VGHA Officers have full-time jobs, phone calls may not be answered/returned as quickly as a text or email.

City Hall is open during meetings, events, and by appointment.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Officers

President – Pam Freese – (816) 726-4455
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In case of a Police, Fire, or Medical Emergency – Call 911

Police Non-Emergency & Animal Control Platte County Sheriff (816) 858-3521

Fire Non-Emergency Riverside Fire Department (816) 372-9024

Grinder Pump Haynes Equipment Services (913) 782-5013

2026 TRASH & RECYCLING

City Trash and Recycling Service are handled by **Republic Services**. For questions regarding large item pickup contact Republic's customer service at **816-254-1470** or **republicservices.com**. For assistance with your receptacles and/or issues with pick-up, contact city-council@houstonlake.gov

One Trash bin and **one** Recycling bin are picked up every Thursday. (**If you require more than one trash bin and/or more than one recycling bin, you need to contact Republic Services directly at 816-254-1470 to set up any additional service you require for your residence.)**

Bins need to be at the cub/edge of street by 6am. Place carts 1 foot from the curb/edge of the street. Leave room for the arm of the truck to pick up and return the receptacles without causing damage to vehicles, fences, etc.

Place the bin at least 5 feet from any object – like a car, tree, pole, fire hydrant, mailbox, electrical box, or cable box – so the automated arm can reach your cart.

Trash & Recycling pickup is every Thursday.

Please maintain this same distance of 5 feet between recycling and waste carts.

Remember only one of each bin is allowed.

A $10.00 charge per bin, per month, if you need additional bins.

2026 Holidays:

November 26 Thanksgiving Day - Pick up changed to Friday November 27.

December 25 Christmas Day No Change pickup will be on Thursday December 24.

January 1, 2027 New Years Day – No Change pickup will be on Thursday December 31, 2026.

Lake Life November 2026 Events

Thursdays - Trash/Recycle

1 - Sunday at 2:00am. Daylight Savings Time Ends. Move your clocks back one hour.

3 - Tuesday General Election Houston Lake Residents vote at Hills of Walden Clubhouse, 5858 North Polk Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64151. Open between 6am and 7pm. on Election Day.

7 – Saturday Holiday Market Artist & Volunteer info. 2pm, City Hall.

11 - Wednesday City of Houston Lake meeting City Hall 6:30pm.

11 – Wednesday Veterans Day

16 – Monday VGHA - NO MEETING

16 - **Monday** Fall Brush pickup

24 - **Tuesday** Houston Laker articles/pictures deadline

26 – Thursday



Looking for News and information about Houston Lake and/or the Venetian Gardens Homes Association (VGHA)?

Check out the City's newly updated website**:** **www.houstonlake.gov**

Follow the City on Facebook: **Houston Lake, Mo**

Contact the Mayor and City Council members at: **city-council@houstonlake.gov**

Current and past issues of the Houston Laker:

www.houstonlake.gov then select **Houston Laker**

Check out the VGHA's newly updated website: **www.vgha.community**

Follow the VGHA on Facebook: **Venetian Gardens Homes Association**

Contact the VGHA at: **pamelafreese@gmail.com**

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2026

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NOV 14, 2026

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2:00 PM

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SUPPORT LOCAL
Support Local Small Businesses

THE YOUTH GROUP WILL DRINKS AND FOOD
Delicious Treats While You Shop!

♥ SUPPORT LOCAL • SHOP SMALL • SHARE THE LOVE ♥

We can't wait to see you!

FOR MORE INFO: JUDY KEVER | 816-838-5839

Fall

BRUSH PICK-UP

The City of Houston Lake has scheduled a Fall Brush Pick-Up with Crawford Climbers. This will take place in

Monday, November 16th

Residents can start clearing and cutting now, as long as the brush/trees/limbs are kept in a neat and tidy pile near the street, with the following guidelines:

Limbs & logs less than 10 inches in diameter to fit through the chipper. Do not tie them together and keep the lengths short enough so that they do not reach into the streets. Any shifting or movement of the brush/ limbs/ logs needs to be maintained by the resident. **PLEASE** keep the streets clear. Leaves placed in biodegradable bags will be collected again. Keep these in an area that will stay dry until the pick-up date so that the bags do not break open when they are picked up or moved.

Additionally, prior to pickup, the City be clearing overhanging limbs from the streets. . If you have trees on your property that require attention, we recommend contacting a professional soon for the most affordable pricing and to get on their schedule.

The City cannot recommend or endorse any company. Ask your neighbors who they recommend. The following have done work for residents:

Crawford Climbers - Gary Crawford 816-935-0186
Whitley Wood & Tree Service - Luke Whitley 816-468-8733
Tree & Home Services - Jason Lindsey 816-291-2130 or 816-835-5486