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LOE's Santa's Toy Drive

Friday, December 10th

Santa will arrive in LOE by Fire Truck on Friday, December 10th at 6pm. The truck will circle the lake a couple of times and then stop

at the clubhouse. Santa has made his list and checked it twice and knows that the LOE children have all been nice!!! So

bring your little ones over to take a picture with Santa and his fire truck. There will be hot chocolate, apple cider and Christmas cookies to share as well as other holiday activities.

We also want to help Santa share the magic of the holiday with needy children. So bring a new, unwrapped

toy or nonperishable food item and get your picture with Santa for free or make a donation to this worthty cause.

If you would like to help with this event or want more details, please contact Michelle at 832-731-0943 or mperez51@houston.rr.com.

Clubhouse Update

The clubhouse is in need of some serious updating. Because this is a one time expense and to keep the assessment fees down, we are asking for volunteer donations of any amount for the clubhouse update. You may add this to your assessment fee or you may send a separate check to

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Your one-time donation will go a long way in helping improve our community and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

December Monthly Meetings of Interest

2, 9, 16 and 30 - LOE Stitchers meet every Thursday at 9:30 am in clubhouse

10 – LOE Santa's Toy Drive at clubhouse 6:30 pm

20-Board of Directors meetings are held on the $3^{\rm rd}$ Monday of each month at $6{:}30pm$ at the clubhouse

Coming in January

11 – Ladies Bible study

17 – Board of Directors meeting

27 – LOE Book Club

28 – LOE Coffee Club

Maintenance Fees

2005 Maintenance Fees are due January 1, 2005. Watch your mail for your statement. The assessment is \$1045, which is 1.56% increase from 2004. Your assessment funds the operation of the community such as landscaping, pool maintenance and repairs, insurance and reserving for the future major repairs or replacements. You may prepay your fees, or any portion of your fees, any time prior to January 1, 2005 due date. For more information contact AMI or mail your payments with your property address to:

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Airport Noise

LOE is now in the flight pattern for both Intercontinental and Hobby Airports, which means air traffic has significantly increased. If you are concerned over the noise make a call to one or all of the numbers below. It is the number of calls and the people taking time to make them that make the most effective appeal for change for this situation.

- Houston Airport Noise Complaints Hotline: 281 233-3900
- Air Traffic Approach Number: 281 230-8441
- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

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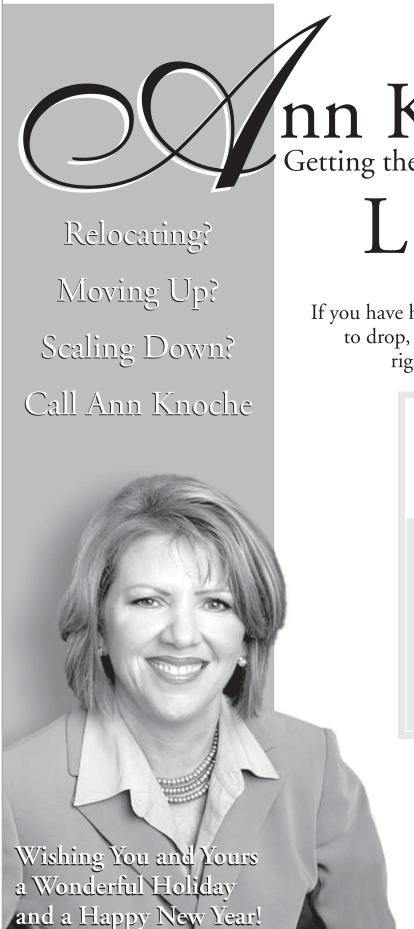
- · Fireworks are NOT allowed in Lakes on Eldridge
- LOE amenities are for the exclusive use of LOE Residents. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
- Association facility keys may be purchased at the AMI office during office hours with ownership identification.
- Parks and playgrounds are open facilities for LOE residents and their guests to enjoy. LOE residents must accompany their guests.
- Please notify us of any unsafe conditions that need repair or maintenance via email.
- Please do not park in the Beach Club turn around area as this is a fire lane and must be clear at all time for emergency vehicles.
- Do NOT leave valuables in your vehicle and remember to lock your doors.
- Please try to avoid parking in the street. Not only is this a great inconvenience, it can be a potential safety hazard for your neighbors.
- Please keep your garage door closed. An open door may invite a thief to enter your property.



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If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Lakes On Eldridge Newsletter, you may do so by sending the information in Word Format, Courier New, size 10, to mperez51@houston.rr.com. This information should include your name. All information should be received no later than the 12th of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as space limitations.



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Kirk Boundaries

CFISD Boundaries Committee held a meeting on November 17th. Concerned parties over the new boundaries of CFISD to accomadate the new school have Kirk elementary concerned. A position statement was sent out to generate support of the community. The position statement is below. If you would like to support this statement, send an email to blanca.cooper@cfisd.net and in the subject line type, I support this statement. Copy the statement and put in email. You can obtain this statement from the LOE website at www.lakesoneldridge.net and go to member section.

KIRK COMMUNITY POSITION STATEMENT

We the undersigned concerned members of the Kirk Elementary School community submit this Position Statement to the CFISD Administrative Boundary Committee:

We desire a strong, community supported, integrated school which maintains the current balance of socioeconomic levels.

In 2004, for the first time since Kirk Elementary School opened in 2000, Kirk earned Recognized status in the Texas Accountability rating system. This accomplishment was made through the efforts of the students, teachers, administrators and the many parent volunteers of the Kirk community.

The Kirk volunteer base supports the school through monetary donations and countless hours of volunteer time. During the first

three months of the 2004-2005 school year, the Kirk volunteers committed over 5000 hours. This notwithstanding the fact that over 80% of the regular Kirk PTO volunteer base comes from approximately 30% of the Kirk school community.

The current level of children considered "at risk" at Kirk Elementary is 49.6%. That is already the 5th highest ratio in the district.

IF the boundary changes significantly erode the current volunteer base or significantly increases the level of "at risk" children, THEN Kirk's ability to maintain Recognized status is severely at risk.

If Kirk fails to maintain Recognized status and digresses to Acceptable status, THEN local neighborhoods will no longer have confidence in Kirk's ability to educate their children.

IF parents no longer have confidence in the local public elementary school to educate their children, THEN the community base and property values will erode.

IF property values erode, THEN less tax dollars will be available for the district.

We respectfully request the Administrative Committees and Board of Trustees at CFISD to set boundary lines consistent with this Position Statement and give Kirk Elementary every chance to succeed.





Prepare Your Child For The Holidays

As the holiday season approaches, the kids are excited about vacations, gifts, and playing with friends- things children should concern themselves about. As parents, grandparents, guardians, and caring friends, we should know there are other things to prepare for.

We make sure that are children are dressed for the weather, wear their helmets and knee pads, and eat a healthy diet- but we also have to prepare our children for other realities.

Does your child know what to do if a stranger asks them for help? Does your child know how to reach you in the event of an emergency? Does your child know your full name? Do you have a recent color photo of your child? Do you know all the medications they may be taking? Do you know your child's friends?

We live in a time where these are just the basics. We can prepare ourselves and our children for the dangers that can be just outside our doors. With just a few basic rules, for both you and your children can better prepare you for an emergency situation.

- 1. Teach your children that the police are their friends and that they can rely on them if they are in trouble.
- 2. Set-up a password. A secret word only between you and your child. In the event someone else has to pick them up-your child knows only to go with them if they have the password.
- 3. Teach your children that strangers should not ask a child for assistance. Adults should ask adults for help.
- 4. Always accompany your child on door-to-door activities.
- 5. Know you neighbors and neighborhood. Regularly check for registered offenders in your area.
- 6. Rethink the signs on your lawns and vehicles that give strangers too much information. (Their name, team name, team number, sport, school, address, and vehicle information all in a glance.)
- 7. You should not put your child's name on their clothes where it is visible. Children feel more comfortable around others that already know their name.
- 8. Teach your children that no one should ever touch any part of their body that a bathing suit would cover.
- 9. Never leave your child alone in a public place, stroller, or car for even a minute.
- 10. Always accompany your child to the restroom in public places. These are just a few of the basics. Too often we hear terrible stories that break our hearts. We need to start preparing our children for some of the realities that are just outside our doors. We also need to prepare them from some invaders in our homes, namely the Internet. Know where your children are going. Put a computer in a place that you as an adult can easily see where they are and what information they are giving out. Use the tools that are out there that filter out the garbage you don't want your children to see.

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You can call this information into CenterPoint at 713-923-3213, but the electronic form is much faster as you won't be put on "hold". You can also report dim lights, leaning poles, etc. on the form as well.

Please also copy the email to the AMI office at ami@amitx.com so they can keep a list of the lights reported.

Thanks for your help!!!

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Volunteers Needed

We are always looking for volunteers in the community. You drive the policies and procedures. But without your involvement, this is left up to a handful of people. So if you are interested in helping the community, please visit the website, register as a member and list your interests to volunteer and we will contact you.

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LOE Swim Team News

The Swim team Board has been working very hard to find a new coach for the 2005 season. Coach Jenny got married and would like to spend more time with her new family. Coach Sabrina Holub will be our new head Coach. She is very excited about coaching LOEST and is looking forward to meeting all the swimmers. She is a current member of the Fleet (Cy-fair swim club) Coaching Staff. Sabrina coaches currently at a satellite pool for Cy-Fair Swim Club at Watkins Elementary (located off Keith Harrow across from Glen Carin Swimming pool). She coaches Monday and Wednesday through Friday 5:45 till 7:00pm. Her primary focus is on stroke technique and she stays current on the latest swimming trends by attending conferences and clinics. She was a competitive swimmer herself and has been an assistant coach for a summer league swim team. If you would like more information you can go watch her or check the Fleet website at www.fleetswimming.com. The Fleet phone # is 281 376-2372.

No decision has been made about an assistant coach (Jackie is being considered).

Ladies Bible Study

The Lakes On Eldridge Ladies' Bible study group continues to grow. This inter-denominational study is comprised of ladies from around the world and right next door.

Some of the ladies are studying the Bible for the very first time, others have been in the Word for many years. All are finding new, meaningful ideas they can apply to everyday living, even in the toughest of circumstances. "Becoming a Woman of Freedom" has been a great source of encouragement. It will conclude on December 7 with a salad luncheon at the Beach Club.

A new Bible Study will begin after the holdidays on Tuesday, January 11, 2005. The new session will feature another study by Cynthia Heald titled "Becoming a Woman of Prayer" offering "An Invitation to Intimacy with God", "Praying in Faith", "God's Help in Prayer", "Delighting in God", "God's Answers", "When God is Silent", "The Lord's Pattern of Prayer", "Intercessory Prayer", "Persevering in Prayer", "Accepting God's Invitation", and "Sweet Hour of Prayer". If you are interested in participating in this new study, please contact Stephanie Leggett at SABLegget@aol.com or call 713-937-1721 so a study guide can be ordered for you. The cost of the study guide is \$10.00.

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- Vandalism is taken very seriously at Lakes on Eldridge. Anyone found vandalizing or causing damage to LOE property, including parks, playgrounds, nature areas, signs, lakes, etc., have and will continue to be prosecuted.
- Have you removed your holiday decorations? All holiday decorations must be removed within 30 days after a holiday.
- As a reminder to all residents, any exterior modification, alteration, change or addition must be submitted and approved by the Architectural Committee prior to the start of construction. Forms and guidelines are available on the website www.lakesoneldridge.net or at AMI. If you are considering any of the following, please contact the committee or submit application: playhouse or swing set, outbuildings, permanent or portable basketball goals, gazebos, front yard accessories, outdoor lighting, application for sealants, stains, or paint on fences, front yard school or youth affiliated sport signs.



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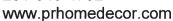
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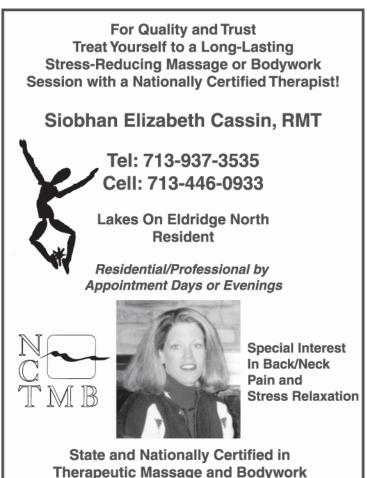
The first meeting was held on Thursday, November 18th at the clubhouse starting at 9:30. The plans are to meet each week on Thursdays at the clubhouse at 9:30. It isn't about what kind of stitching you like to do. It's about getting together and sharing the passion for sewing and this opportunity is open to anyone who wants to make friends with others and join in the fun of saying "I made it mvself!"

So, if you are interested in joining this group, please call Catherine Spelling at (713) 896-1652 or 713-628-7083 or email catherinespelling@msn.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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So here is a somewhat better solution. There will be black magnetic clips, and small poster board donated at the guardhouse. Type up your sign as usual, drop by the guardhouse, tape your sign to the poster board, and pick up 4 clips for each sign that needs to be posted. Use the clips at each corner of your sign and magnetically adhere to the gates. It's less messy, looks prettier and gives us a uniform style of posting information. When you are finished, please return all clips to the guardhouse.

If you need help typing up a sign, you can contact Michelle at 832-731-0943. If you would like to donate some clips or poster board, drop off at the guardhouse. (clips should be the black magnetic kind)

Also, get your information to the Webmaster to post your information on our website. See article about website for information.

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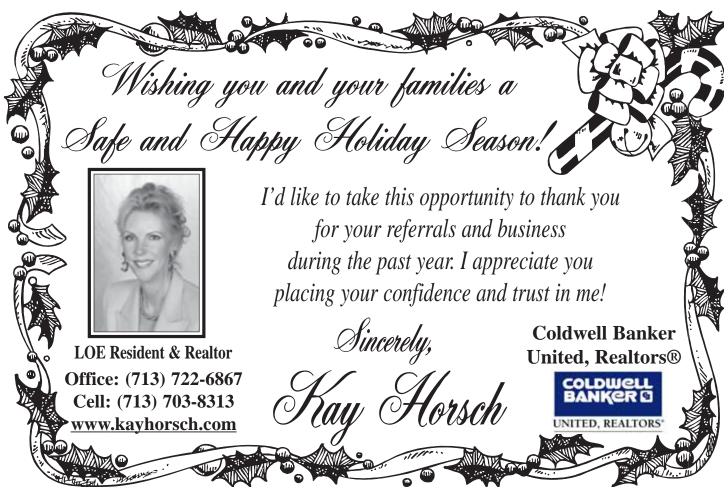
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The Mission of Yahweh has empowered homeless and abused women and their children for over 43 years. Located in the Carverdale neighborhood of northwest Houston, our doors are always open for women in crisis. We are a truly unique refuge that not only gives food, clothing and shelter, but is also committed to rehabilitating women to become self-sufficient, productive members of society. At The Mission of Yahweh, we shelter, clothe and feed over 700 women and children per year. We also support over 4000 neighborhood residents with donations of food, clothing and other necessities. Through our series of programs, we address the physical, educational, psychological, and spiritual needs of each resident.

Mission Location

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The Mission of Yahweh is located at 10247 Algiers, 1 block west of North Gessner in Northwest Houston. Our 9-building facility currently accommodates up to 85 women and children in donated residential buildings. Our Learning Center building is used for all of the programs, classes, meetings, and holiday activities at the Mission. Adjacent to the immediate property, the Mission of Yahweh has one additional house for a long-term family resident.

Visit their website for more information http://www.missionofyahweh.org/

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Northwest Harris County Aggie Mothers' Club

December 14, 2004 - Second Tuesday of the month

With Christmas right around the corner, you will definitely need an evening of fun, laughter, and relaxation. Please join the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mothers' Club for their annual 'Ornament Exchange' party. Please bring an "Aggie-ized" ornament (if you can write anything 'Aggie' on it or if it's Maroon then it's "aggie-ized"!)

Our meetings begin with a brief social at 7:00p.m. at the Foundry Methodist Church, in the Fellowship Hall, 8350 Jones Road, Jersey Village (one block North of Hwy 290).

For more information or carpool possibilities please call: Mary Vargo at: 281-433-3042 E-mail – mkvargo1@juno.com

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Cy-Fair College Perspective

Check out the holiday events at the Center for the Arts

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L.I.F.E. Gets You Ready for the Holidays and More

Cy-Fair College's Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship, and Enrichment programs are held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) December programs will include hints for eBay **Dec.** 1, beaded bracelets **Dec. 8** and Hors d'Oeuvres **Dec. 15**. There will be no programs Dec. 22 or Dec. 29 due to the holiday break. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at cy-faircollege.com/library.

Join a book club at the Cy-Fair College Branch Library

The Voices of the Americas Book Club meets monthly at 11:30 a.m. in the Cyber Café. This bilingual book club will discuss "Inquieta Compania" by Carlos Fuentes Friday, Dec. 17. The Go Time Travelin' Book Club meets at its new time of 6:30 p.m. in the library meeting room 131 Monday, Dec. 6 to discuss "Birth of the Chess Queen" by Marilyn Yalom. Women of the World Book Club meets Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. in room 131 to discuss "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother" by James McBride. Elise Sheppard, teen librarian, also hosts book clubs for middle school, high school, home school and ESL students. Visit the library web site at cyfaircollege.com/library for other book clubs and teen activities.



Cold Christmas Punch

- 1 can concentrated white grape juice
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Hot Christmas Punch

- 1 Cup brown sugar
- 3 Cups water
- 1 Tall can pineapple juice
- 1 large jar cranberry juice
- 6 sticks cinnamon, broken
- 3 T whole cloves
- 3/4 tsp. salt

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