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LOE Santa's Toy Drive



View more Santa's Toy Drive pictures on page 5

On Friday, December 16th, Santa certainly did arrive in Lakes on Eldridge by fire truck. And in an effort to provide a positive presence in our community, spread good will, and help children who otherwise would not have gotten a Christmas gift, LOE conducted the first annual "LOE Santa's Toy Drive" which was a booming success.

When the fire truck arrived, the sirens announced Santa's arrival. The children anxiously awaited Santa's arrival. Some 100 or more people showed up to see Santa and have their picture

taken with him. There was hot cocoa, apple cider and Christmas cookies that everyone enjoyed. And there was wine and beer available for the adults. The children also enjoyed some Christmas coloring and decorating the tree inside.

We doubled our donations from last year and brought 5 large plastic bags of toys and food items that was presented to Cy-Fair volunteer fire department. Who will deliver the items to needy families in the area.

Just a great day for all.

**THANK YOU ALL THAT ATTENDED AND
CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SUCCESSFUL, GREAT,
REWARDING DAY!!!**

Special thanks to those who contributed to make this event a tremendous success: Deborah, Jerry, Nikki, Wendy, Georgia (and awesome husband).

Thank You and Merry Christmas,
Michelle Perez

Maintenance Fees

2006 Maintenance Fees are due and are late after February 28, 2006. Your Maintenance Fees fund the operation of the community such as landscaping, pool maintenance and repairs, insurance and reserving for the future major repairs or replacements. For more information contact AMI or mail your payments with your property address to:

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Social Committee Volunteers needed

Do you enjoy the events we have here in Lakes on Eldridge? Do you think there could more events for the neighborhood? Do you have some great ideas and would like to share them? We are always looking for volunteers in the community. If you would like to be on the social committee, please attend our first meeting of the year on **Saturday, January 28, 12pm** at the clubhouse to plan 2006 events. If you cannot make it and would like to be included on our notes/minutes, please contact Michelle at mperez51@houston.rr.com or 832-731-0943.

Happy New Year

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- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

Quick Reminders

- Have you removed your holiday decorations? All holiday decorations must be removed within 30 days after a holiday.
- Pet Owners – Please be courteous to your neighbors, clean up after your pets and walk your pets on a leash at all times.
- Please remember to place trash out on TRASH DAYS ONLY, and return cans to your storage location on the same day. Trash and trash containers should be visible on trash days only, and should not be set where they block the sidewalk. Trash should not be put out for extended periods of time.
- 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.

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.

• Please notify us of any unsafe conditions that need repair or maintenance via email.

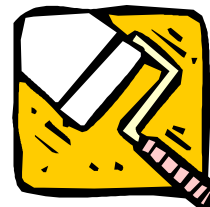
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The Lakes on Eldridge Communities have been a big part of my success over the past nine years and I sincerely value your business. As we start the new year, I hope you will take a moment to relax and enjoy this time... and will call me with any of your real estate questions.

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Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are: 6 PM (5 PM starting in January, 2006) on Saturday evenings, a casual service of song and sacrament, and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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PLEASE NOTE

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Crime Awareness Committee: Advice for Parents

Guns have a certain fascination for young boys. Maybe they want to be hunters like their dads or uncles, or maybe it's a result of all the "shoot-'em-up" movies and videos they see on TV. But parents should know that it takes a lot of maturity to handle a gun safely and responsibly. Pellet guns, BB-guns and paintball guns are popular items that can be a lot of fun when used properly and under adult supervision. However, they can be dangerous weapons when used carelessly or at the wrong time or place.

If you choose to allow your pre-teen or teenager to have a pellet or paintball gun, please make sure that he uses it in a safe manner and in the proper setting. The Lakes on Eldridge community is NOT a proper place for the discharging of these weapons. The parks and greenbelt areas are for the enjoyment of everyone and are not appropriate places for firing bb-guns or

paintball guns. Parents and legal guardians are civilly responsible for the actions of their under-17 children. Children 10 years old and older can be arrested for their actions. Persons 17 years and older are considered adults under the laws of Texas.

It is a violation of the law for children (or adults) to handle pellet guns or paintball guns in an unsafe or threatening manner, or to use them to create fear in another person. They must never be used in any manner to create mischief, such as shooting at lights or fountains or at the waterfowl in our lakes. If you should observe such behavior, call the Sheriff's Department at once (713-221-6000). Let's make Lakes on Eldridge the best community it can be!

Parents, give your kids the guidance they need; they deserve nothing less.

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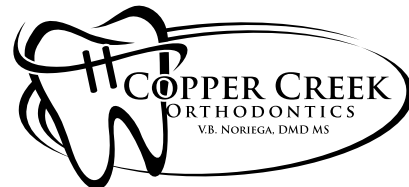
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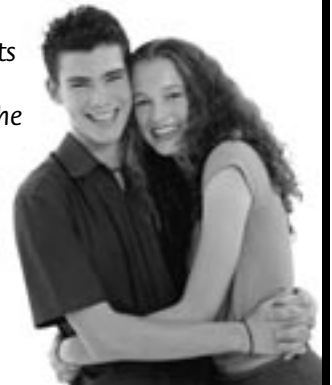
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We will be featuring a wide selection of fruit, citrus and nut trees, which are well adapted for growing in the Houston area. There will be symposium from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon where there will be pruning and grafting demonstrations by George McAfee, Master Grafters; Dr. Ethan Natelson; David Parish and Bill Adams. There will be a pecan scion exchange and question and answer sessions where you will be able to get all the information you will need to start and succeed at planting your Fruit, Citrus and Nut Trees.

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All residents of LOE pay a maintenance fee, a large part of which is spent on electricity to light our streets. The fee is billed to us whether the light is working or not. If you see a light(s) burned out, please help us by getting an address, or intersection, and the number on the pole. You should fill out the form available at www.centerpointenergy.com/outage.

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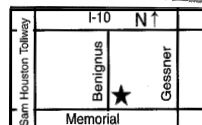
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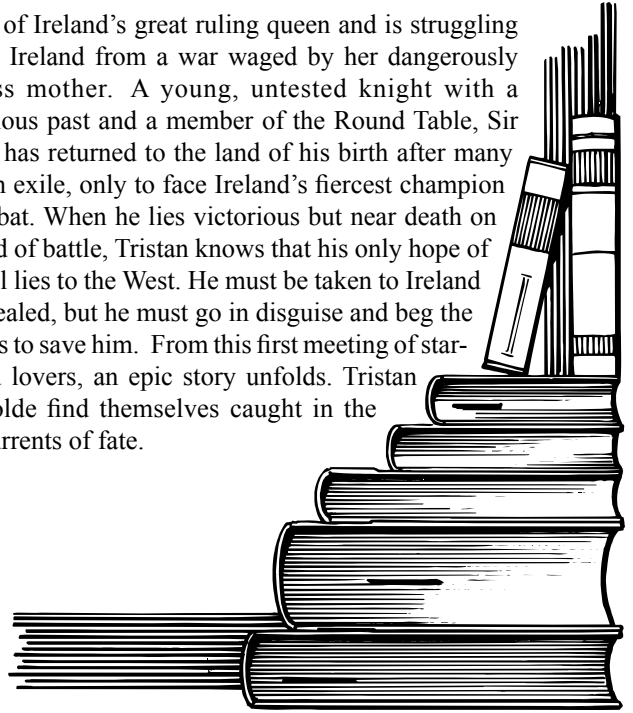
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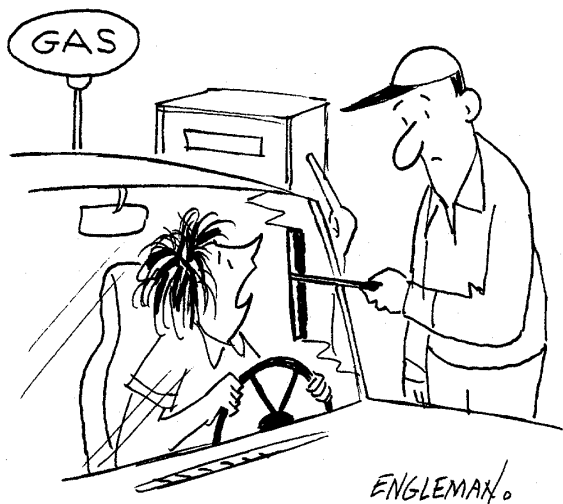


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If you need help typing up a sign, you can contact Michelle at 832-731-0943. If you would like to donate some clips or poster board, drop off at the guardhouse. (clips should be the black magnetic kind)

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- Pick up and straighten
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- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
- Vacuum stairs
- Vacuum under beds
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