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Great Turn-out for LOE Social Mixer/ Mardi Gras Party

We had a great turn-out on Friday, February 17th, for our first 2006 Social Mixer Party at the Beach Club. Approximately 125 to 150 people showed up to have some fun and visit with their LOE neighbors. The theme for the party was Mardi Gras. The decorations, drinks and nibbles were great and everyone really seemed to be enjoying themselves. We received a lot of positive feedback and an



enthusiastic response to committee sign-up sheets.

A special thank you to our hostesses Martha McGraw, Shelina Nagji and Deborah Dunaway! Thank you too to Katherine Spelling and Georgia Shotwell who helped with decorating as well as donating various items for the party. Don McGraw and Farid Nagji who were especially helpful with bartending and clean-up! Also, thanks to Nikki Favero for jumping up early Saturday morning to help with clean-up. Our heartfelt appreciation to Mike Dye of VCI Group for very generously donating the great party announcement signs for the gates!! Thanks to Jerry Dunaway and Georgia Shotwell for printing our flyers and to Georgia, Kay Horsch, and Steve Hardcastle for getting the flyers distributed.



LOE Saint Patrick's Day Party In March

The LOE Social Committee will be hosting another "Happy Hour" party on the 3rd Friday of March. The Committee is working on putting together our social calendar for 2006. The committee plans to make each and every party a special event that everyone will enjoy. Some ideas we are working on are door prizes, raffle prizes, and a luau potluck party. The Social Committee would appreciate any of your ideas for future parties. Just let your ideas be known to any member of the Committee or email: mperez@houston.rr.com or dsd1951@mac. com. Suggestion forms will be available at all parties. We would also appreciate any loans of party theme decorations. We really want these parties to be fun for everyone that attends and more importantly, we really want more residents to attend and make the parties even more fun. Be sure you come and bring your neighbors.

Our next party will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Beach Club. Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be provided. Supplies for the party are being donated and your generous contributions are gratefully welcome!

We hope everyone will try to wear something green. There might be some pinching going on! Hope to see you there!

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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
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Swim Team Registration Opens for 2006 Season

The award-winning Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team is pleased to announce the registration dates for the upcoming 2006 swim season. Our team strives to develop a love of swimming for all participants while encouraging swimmers to improve their strokes and times in a competitive environment.

The team is open to swimmers from ages 4 to 18. Practices for the 2006 season commence on April 25, 2006 and the season continues through the Divisional swim meet on June 24, 2006.

Registration will be held at the Lakes on Eldridge (South) Clubhouse, located at 12750 Lake Center Run, Houston, TX 77041-6618, on the following dates:

Sunday, March 25: 4 pm to 6 pm (Returning Swimmers Only) Wednesday, March 28: 6 pm to 8 pm (All Swimmers)

Sunday, April 2: 4 pm to 6 pm (All Swimmers)

Those families unable to attend one of these registrations dates may get further information by emailing: loedolphins @ yahoo.com .

The LOE Swim Team is an all-volunteer organization. If you are interested in helping organize and conduct the team, please contact Kent Vinall, Team Representative, at: loedolphins @ yahoo.com. In addition, we help support the team by soliciting donations from parents and local businesses. If you have a contact or suggestion for a business that might support our team, please contact Rosa Clay, Director of Fund Raising at that same email address.

Our website is www. Loedolphins.org. You can check there for further data regarding the team, as well as information on pre-season swimming programs available in our area.



Reminder About Multi-Colored Awnings And Covers

As reported last July, only earth-tone colors are allowed for awnings or other fabric outdoor covers (i.e.; tan, brown or green). The coverings that we are speaking of are at the top of the play-structures and visible to the community. All rainbow or multi-colored awnings or other fabric outdoor covers must be changed to earth-tone colors by the end of this year. If you have a multi-colored awning or cover, please plan to change it to earth-tone by that time.

SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Here are some garden tips to help you get the most enjoyment out of your outdoor living space!

- Prepare beds for planting flowers.
- When purchasing perennials, try to buy them while not in bloom.
- Fertilize newly planted perennials with a slow-release product in spring or fall.
- Newly planted perennials should receive one inch of water a week during the growth season, either from rain of through irrigation.
- Mulch garden beds 2 to 3 inches deep with an organic mulch.
- Mulch around trees to reduce mower injury and conserve moisture, but be sure to keep mulch pulled back from the base of the tree.
- Newly planted trees and shrubs will need a total of one inch of water a week during the growing season. During periods of drought, water trees deeply every 10 days.

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School Art Gallery Featuring Houston Area Artists

The Branch School is featuring local professional artists and jewelry artisans in a gallery format called "Art and Soul." The gallery opening fundraiser will take place on Saturday, April 1st from 5-9 p.m. and will continue on Sunday, April 2nd from 11:30-3:30 p.m. Branch School Art teacher Brandee Delaney says, "We feel this is a wonderful opportunity to feature local professional artists in a manner that both supports the arts and benefits the school." Houston artists will be selling works in a variety of mediums including traditional and abstract oils, watercolor, surreal imagery, pottery, and one-of-a-kind designer jewelry. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Branch School, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. The school is located north of I-10, on 1424 Sherwood Forest, 77043, between Wilcrest and Kirkwood. For information contact Martha Baker at 713-465-0288.

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Students at Cypress Christian collect "Pennies for Patients"

K-5th grade students at Cypress Community Christian School recently collected donations for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They raised a total of \$3,396.58! All of the monies donated will be utilized right here in Houston. Hopefully, there will soon be a cure for these diseases: leukemia, lymphoma, melanoma, & Hodgkin's disease. A special thank you to everyone for their contribution!

The mission of Cypress Community Christian School is to "academically prepare students from Christian homes with a biblical worldview to take their place in the world as servants for Jesus Christ." Service projects like "Pennies for Patients" and other community projects help to encourage students to make a difference in the lives of others both now and throughout their lifetime.

If you have a service project in which our students could get involved, please email Lynnette Anderson at landerson@cccs-hou. org. Cypress Community Christian School is located at 11123 Cypress N. Houston Rd. at Jones Road and serves families of K-12 students in northwest Houston. For more information, call 281-469-8829 or www.cccs-hou.org.

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- Echo boomers (early to mid 20s) have increased first time buyer trends by 10 years. First time buyers used to be in their 30s; now they're in their 20s and 30s.
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LOE Stitch & Chat

Stitch & Chat has started the "New Year" of 2006 off with a BANG! One new grandchild was born in January for Stitcher Anita. A first grandchild is due in June for Sandy. How busy will we be knitting, crocheting and quilting "Baby Things". For those of us with lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren, we are still trying to catch up with afghans in the colors of schools and colleges, etc. They are also in need of caps, gloves and scarves. Please join us on any Thursday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the LOE Clubhouse for all the latest information on neighborhood news, health, travels, ups and downs and lots of laughter. For more information contact Catherine Spellings at <u>CTSpellings@aol.com</u> or 713-628-7083 or 713-896-1652.



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Vehicle Decal

We cherish our life behind our gated community. It's quiet, pleasant, and private and it limits the amount of people who can come in. Therefore, all resident vehicles must display the proper LOE decal to enter the community. This is in effort to reduce the amount of unauthorized traffic in the community.

Vehicles that do not have a proper vehicle decal displayed will be asked to show identification to enter the community. If you need a decal, you can contact AMI at 713.932.1122.

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March 23^{rd} – <u>My Antonia</u> by Willa Cather. Widely recognized as Willa Cather's greatest novel, *My Ántonia* is a soulful and rich portrait of a pioneer woman's simple yet heroic life. The spirited daughter of Bohemian immigrants, Ántonia must adapt to a hard existence on the desolate prairies of the Midwest. Enduring childhood poverty, teenage seduction, and family tragedy, she eventually becomes a wife and mother on a Nebraska farm. A fictional record of how women helped forge the communities that formed a nation, *My Ántonia* is also a hauntingly eloquent celebration of the strength, courage, and spirit of America's early pioneers.

April $27^{\text{th}} - \underline{\text{A Million Little Pieces}}$ by James Frey. Oprah has talked about it. You've heard about it. Now, read it and form your own opinions.

Filled with graphic scenes of epic substance abuse and the torments

of withdrawal, *A Million Little Pieces* was widely heralded upon its publication as a harrowing, self-lacerating, and courageously confessional autobiography. It received many admiring critical reviews and carried cover endorsements from noted literati. Subsequent revelations about discrepancies between the story and the author's real life touched off a national debate about the line between fact and fiction.



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- 1. Visit <u>www.lakesoneldridge.net</u> (Please bookmark this page for your future visits)
- 2. You can register (by clicking on 'Member Section'). While registering, you will be asked the community password. Type in the community password you obtain from your webmaster.
- 3. After completing the registration process, you may browse the website.

If you require any assistance with the community website, please contact your webmaster 713-984-7252.

Motorcycles, Go-Carts & 4-Wheelers

In the past, young residents of Lakes on Eldridge have been involved in accidents and have suffered significant injuries because of the illegal use of dirt bikes, go-carts and 4-wheelers on our streets or common areas.

This brings up an important issue that all of us need to be reminded of. Go-carts, dirt bikes and 4-wheelers (ATV's) are <u>not</u> permitted on the streets or common areas of Lakes on Eldridge. Only licensed drivers in licensed vehicles are permitted on our streets and, obviously, <u>no</u> vehicular traffic is permitted in our greenbelts, lake perimeters or other grassy areas of our community.

There have been recent occasions when youngsters on go-carts, dirt bikes or ATV's have been seen damaging turf areas and even doing "donuts" in the volleyball pit! The resulting repairs are unnecessary expenditures of your assessment dollars.

Your Board of Directors reminds Lakes on Eldridge that parents are responsible for the actions of their children and that parents of children who violate our community's rules or cause damage will be held financially accountable. Please help keep our neighborhood safe!







Flexible Benefits

We take part in aerobic activity to improve our cardiovascular endurance and burn fat. We weight-train to maintain lean muscle tissue and build strength. Those are the two most important elements of a fitness program, right?

Actually, there are three important elements. Often neglected is flexibility training. That neglect is regrettable, because flexibility training:

- · Allows greater freedom of movement and improved posture
- $\cdot \,$ Increases physical and mental relaxation
- · Releases muscle tension and soreness
- · Reduces risk of injury

Some people are naturally more flexible. Flexibility is primarily due to one's genetics, gender, age and level of physical activity. As we grow older, we tend to lose flexibility, usually as a result of inactivity rather than the aging process itself.

The less active we are, the less flexible we are likely to be. As with cardiovascular endurance and muscle strength, flexibility will improve with regular training.

Stretch for success

Before stretching, take a few minutes to warm up as stretching cold muscles can cause injury. Begin with a simple, low-intensity warm-up, such as easy walking while swinging the arms in a wide circle. Spend at least 5 to 10 minutes warming up prior to stretching.

When performing any stretch:

 $\cdot\,$ Start each stretch slowly, exhaling as you gently stretch the muscle.

• Try to hold each stretch for at least 10 to 30 seconds.

Avoid these stretching mistakes:

 $\cdot\,$ Don't bounce a stretch. Holding a stretch is more effective and there is less risk of injury.

- · Don't stretch a muscle that is not warmed up.
- · Don't strain or push a muscle too far. If a stretch hurts, ease up.
- · Don't hold your breath.

Fitting stretching into a compressed schedule

Time constraints keep many people from stretching. Some

complain they just don't have time to stretch; others hurry out of their fitness classes before the cool-down exercises are completed. Ideally, at least 30 minutes, three times per week, should be spent on flexibility training. But even a mere five minutes of stretching at the end of an exercise session is better than nothing. And all aerobic activity should be followed by at least a few minutes of stretching. Here are some tips for fitting stretching into an overstuffed schedule:

1. If you don't have time to sufficiently warm up before stretching, try doing a few stretches immediately after a shower or while soaking in a hot tub. The hot water elevates muscle temperature enough to make them more pliable and receptive to stretching.

2. Try a few simple stretches before getting out of bed in the morning. Wake yourself up with a few full-body stretches by pointing the toes and reaching the arms above your head. This can clear your mind and help jump-start your morning.

3. Take a stretching class such as yoga or tai chi. Scheduling a class will help you to stick with a regular stretching program.





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Board Notes

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The board of directors of Lakes on Eldridge Community Association met on January 17, 2006. The following is a summary of what was discussed.

The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month ended December 31, 2005. The Association had cash balances of \$176,761 in the Operating Fund and \$117,975 in the Replacement Fund. . For the year 2005 the Association had Total Income of \$869,374, Total Expenses of \$818,915 and an Operating Surplus in the amount of \$50,459. The financial statements were accepted. The Board agreed to defer purchase of a third CD for the replacement fund pending the results of the reserve study commissioned at the November Board Meeting.

The managing agent reported as follows:

- A hole left by Centerpoint energy had been filled by Landscape Images at a cost of \$117.00 and the managing agent was attempting to obtain reimbursement from Centerpoint.
- The managing agent had called SBC regarding removal of markers and paint on the walls along Tanner Road.
- The replacement of wrought iron fencing that had been removed during Tanner Road construction was to be replaced and is part of the County's punch list prior to acceptance. The managing agent was to obtain an estimate of timing.

- The drainage culverts along Tanner had been reported to the County and via Benchmark engineering to the road contactor as not draining properly. The drainage ditches were also subject to correction as part of the County's punch list and the managing agent was to obtain and estimate of when this was to be done.
- The managing agent had reported an accumulation of trash along North Eldridge Parkway to the County.
- Benchmark Engineering had been contacted regarding replacement of the cattle gate at the southern end of Turkey Creek that had apparently been removed by contractors working for M.U.D. 341.
- The managing agent was to notify Lake Pro to not drive on the common areas to avoid rutting.
- The managing agent reported that Fencecrete had obtained brick for the broken bollard at the Beach club and that the brick was being delivered January 19, 2005. Work was to be completed promptly thereafter.
- The managing agent had requested a meeting to follow up on reimbursement of irrigation repairs necessitated by Tanner Road construction.
- The managing agent reported that AAA Plumbing had originally *(Continued on page 13)*



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been scheduled to replace the Beach Club kitchen sink on December 9 but had not due to unclear reasons and that the managing agent was following up.

The Board had previously agreed to relocate the Ginger Ponds gate depending on cost. The managing agent reported that Fencecrete had advised that it was not economically feasible to relocated the freestanding brick columns at the Ginger Ponds gate and that a quote to build new columns had been requested and was due shortly. Houston Gate's earlier estimate of \$20,000 for relocating the gate itself could not be finalized until specific location of the new columns was determined. Further discussion was deferred till the February meeting.

The managing agent reported there were 192 active service requests at January 3, 2006. 83 had been closed during the month of December 2005 and 16 new letters were sent.

Board meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the Beach Club. It is recommended that homeowners who wish to attend confirm the dates with AMI since they change occasionally. In addition, homeowners are welcome to bring business before the Board but are required to inform AMI of their intension to do so in order to be placed on the agenda.

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LOE Homeowners, Did You Know?

As an LOE homeowner, you are entitled to rent the Clubhouse for your private parties. The process is very simple. Reserve the clubhouse through AMI and pay a small rental fee of \$75. Rental of clubhouse is available only to residents of Lakes on Eldridge and the resident must be present at the private party. We want residents to enjoy the use of their Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse. All We Ask: "Treat it as though it were your own home".

In addition to the rental fee, you pay a fully refundable deposit of \$500. This deposit will be promptly refunded after your party, "**IF**", you leave the clubhouse in exactly the same condition after your party as it was before your party. When you rent the facility, you are solely responsible for the cleanup including no stains on the carpet, removal of your party decorations, removal of all trash from the premises, returning tables & chairs to storage, locking all doors & windows and returning the key at the agreed upon time.

LOE has no employees to take care of these tasks at the clubhouse and must pay outside service companies to do these things. Therefore, when a renter fails to clean up after their event, reasonable charges for these services must be withheld from the deposit. **No cleanup or janitorial fees are included in the rental fee.**

It goes without saying: If there are any damages to the facility, furnishings or premises; the renter is responsible. In the event that

any damages or services required exceed the deposit, the renter will be 100% responsible for the charges.

If alcohol is to be served at a private party, an off duty deputy sheriff in uniform is required to be present.

The LOE Board of Directors has recently updated Clubhouse Rental Policies, Agreements and Checklists to clearly communicate the rules and responsibilities of a resident choosing to rent the clubhouse for a private party. All documents regarding clubhouse rental can be viewed and downloaded from the LOE website, www.lakesoneldridge. net. You may also contact Alex Taylor or Jennifer Littlefield with AMI at 713-932-1122 to have documents mailed to you.

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Texas Events - March

1-12-HOUSTON: An Infinite Ache Taking its title from a Pablo Neruda poem, this play chronicles a love that spans 60 years. www. stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123

1-19-HOUSTON: Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Combines world-class livestock and horse shows with action-packed rodeo and star-studded entertainment. Kicks off with the rodeo parade. All 20 championship rodeo competitions are concluded with entertainment by music superstars. Reliant Park. www.rodeohouston.com 832/667-1000 or 713/629-3700

1-26—HOUSTON: Cowboy, Craft of the American West Exhibition at the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. www.crafthouston. org 713/529-4848

1-Apr. 23-HOUSTON: Eva Hesse Drawing The exhibition features about 100 of the artist's finished drawings, as well as examples of her early drawings, major examples of Hesse's reliefs of 1965, a group of sculptural works and several "test pieces." The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

1-May 7-CLEAR LAKE AREA: Robots & Us Meet the lifelike, intelligent machines known as robots - passionately created to maintain and extend human capabilities. Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Road. www.spacecenter.org 281/244-2100

1-May 21-CORPUS CHRISTI: Sacred Landscapes: Collins/ Woodson/Dixon Exhibit of works by these Texas-based artists addresses humankind's relationship with place and the spiritual, psychological nature of landscape. South Texas Institute for the Arts.

2-GALVESTON: Broadway Jr. Combining entertainment and education in one production, this performance introduces Volume One of Music Theatre International's condensed versions of genuine Broadway classics. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894

3-5-HOUSTON: Swan Lake Presents a spectacular new version of this ballet. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

4-GALVESTON: Horton Foote's The Trip to Bountiful Carrie Watts revisits her hometown in the low farmland of the Texas coast where she makes some discoveries. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

4—HOUSTON: Go Wild Enrichment Day Enjoy a rare opportunity to see a variety of environmental enrichment and training activities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

4-SURFSIDE BEACH: Irish Costume Contest Begins at 6 p.m. Stahlman Park. 979/233-2200

10-12-HOUSTON: River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail Features four private homes and gardens, as well as Bayou Bend, Rienzi and the River Oaks Garden Club Forum of Civics Building and Gardens. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. www.riveroaksgardenclub.org 713/523-2483

10-Apr. 23-HOUSTON: FotoFest 2006 Includes photography exhibitions, art installations, film and video, portfolio reviews for artists, fine print auction, workshops and forums. E-mail: info@fotofest.org • www.fotofest.org 713/223-5522 ext. 19

10-May 7-HOUSTON: David Levinthal: Blackface Taking hundreds

of photographs of objects, Levinthal has explored the many facades and characteristics of black memorabilia, creating a useful tool for researching, composing and rethinking the image of blacks in America. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

11-SURFSIDE BEACH: St. Patrick's Day Parade Begins at 1 p.m. Surfside Beach City Hall. 979/233-2200

12-CORPUS CHRISTI: Mame Broadway musical comes to Selena Auditorium, Bayfront Plaza Convention Center. 361/980-1949

12—HOUSTON: Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Begins at 2 p.m. Jones Hall. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA

14-26-HOUSTON: Disney's Beauty & the Beast Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

17—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Gulf Greyhound Park — Irish Stakes Race The best "Irish" greyhounds in Texas race during a daylong St. Patrick's celebration. www.gulfgreyhound.com 800/275-2946

17—GALVESTON: Tim Conway & Harvey Korman — Together Again Best know for their crazy skits from the Carol Burnett show, Conway and Korman share a rare comedic rapport. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

18-GALVESTON: Die Fledermaus - Helikon Opera Light-hearted story of revenge taken for a practical joke played years before. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

18-GALVESTON: St. Patrick's Day Bike Parade With parent's help, kids, age 12 and younger, decorate the bikes then parade through the campgrounds. Begins at 10 p.m. Galveston Island State Park. 409/737-1222

18-19—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes arts & crafts vendors from around Texas, specialty displays, live bands and more. On Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/779-6989

18-19—HOUSTON: 17th Annual Auto Swap Meet Features more than 800 dealers with more than 1 million car parts and accessories, plus all types of classic and antique cars and trucks on display. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

24-26—HOUSTON: Bayou City Art Festival This juried fine art event transforms Memorial Park into a magical gallery of 300 acclaimed artists from around the world. Enjoy music, entertainment and a variety of artistic media. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Park. E-mail: bayoucityartfest@aol.com • www.bayoucityartfestival.com 713/521-0133

25-CORPUS CHRISTI: Corpus Christi MS Walk www. nationalmssociety.org/txh/home 800/344-4867

25-26—GALVESTON: Thoroughly Modern Millie The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

25-26—HOUSTON: Woodland Heights Home Tour Woodland Heights is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Houston, and it celebrates its 99th birthday in March 2006. The home tour focuses on the original bungalow-type homes and remodeling efforts. 832/814-9808

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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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