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### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

### Partying For Crime Prevention!

WOW! Lakes on Eldridge's National Night Out on August 1st was a tremendous success! There were 19 different parties going on in the 15 villages in Lakes on Eldridge.

Several volunteers living in each village determined the type of event staged in each village. The volunteers coordinated the location and type of event. The major purpose of each event was for residents to get out and meet their neighbors for crime prevention and at the same time, have some fun. Some of the various village events were: Pelican Pointe residents met for soft drinks, beer and wine: Crescent Banks residents had soft drinks, appetizers and dessert; Crescent Cove residents grilled burgers and hot dogs at one location, while a second location had a pizza party; Pebble Way and Crystal Falls residents joined together for a barbeque brisket event; Auburn Shores had a big crowd for soft drinks, beer and appetizers; Baymeadows residents turned out for soft drinks and snacks; Eagle Bend residents' two events were a "Cookies & Neighbors Party" and a "Dessert Block Party"; Eagle Cove residents socialized with lemonade and cookies; Crescent Bay residents chose to have an "After Dinner Dessert Social"; Bristol Banks had a "Cocktails & Appetizers Party" at a resident's home; Bristol Waters staged a "Hot Dog Bar Party"; Eden Springs neighbors met for appetizers and soft drinks; Lake Shore Estates residents also chose to have appetizers and soft drinks; residents of Indigo Falls went all out with a "Treasure Hunt" for the kids and a "Meet & Greet" party for the adults.

A number of the parties planned games and activities to keep the children busy while the parents visited with new and old friends. More than half of the villages collected names and contact numbers for village directories. Most of the villages reported their neighbors said this was a great idea and are looking forward to next year's

National Night Out. Several villages are already planning other block parties in the near future.

Deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's Department dropped by the various gatherings to discuss crime awareness and prevention as well as pass out information on Skateboarding and In-line Skating Safety, 911 Coloring Books, Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, Car Seat Safety and Recent Traffic Law Changes. They spoke with the children about weapons safety and obeying the law. The children had a chance to sit in the police car and hear the loud sirens. A very special thank you to Carolyn Mohr of Baymeadows as she coordinated with the fire department to bring a fire truck to their party. Kids had a blast! The Baymeadows residents were kind enough to suggest the firemen visit several other surrounding villages.

There are several telephone numbers the deputies wanted LOE residents to have quick access to in their homes. The number to call for an emergency is 911. The non-emergency number for the Sheriff's department is 713-221-6000. The number for alarm assistance is 713-221-6000, and this is the same number that should be given to your alarm company for alarm calls. The deputies also mentioned that you could call the Sheriff's Department, Crime Prevention Dept. at 713-225-3273 for a home inspection. A Deputy Sheriff will come out to inspect your window and door locks, which entitles you to a 5% discount on your homeowner's insurance. There is no fee, this service is free.

A very warm thanks to Deputy Esquivel, Deputy Strange, Deputy Wilson, Deputy Felchak, and Deputy Conner for visiting with all of us. Another very warm thanks goes to the firemen of Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department, Station #6 for coming out with the fire truck

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- Air Traffic Approach Number: 281 230-8441
- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

#### **National Night Out**- (Continued from page 1)

A "Big Thank You" goes to the many, many dedicated volunteers for all of their hard work on behalf of their neighbors and Lakes on Eldridge subdivision as a whole. They are the ones that organized and made each of our events possible. It is people like these individuals that are willing to extend their hand to make the place we live be a real neighborhood. These wonderful neighbors are:

- \* In Auburn Shores, Phylene Jakobsen, Celeste Fritz, Dianna Jernigan, Kim Jones, Linda Thompson, Fred and Sue Ramsey, Susan Windmeyer, and Marie Costello.
- \* In Baymeadows, Rosa and Bronson Clay, Carolyn Mohr, and Susan McDaniel.
- \* In Bristol Waters, Nancy Mekelburg and her many generous helpers.
- \* In Bristol Banks, Martha McGraw, Kim Knobles, Deborah Dunaway and Nicole White.
- \* In Crescent Banks, Georgia Shotwell, Kathie Streeter, Dana Work, Heather Mize, Jan Hassler and Kathy Prusak.
- \* In Crescent Bay, Betty Burkett, Wendy Craven, Robyn Joyce, Debbie Durkee, and Joanne Ziifle.
- \* In Crescent Cove, Steve Hardcastle, Pam Boubel, Sharon Sealy, Mary Granato, Johnny and Elaine Pickle and Joe and Jylan Maloy.
- \* In Crystal Falls, Nikki Favero.
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- \* In Pebble Way, Jamie and Ann Powers, Linda Padovani, Katherine Aubin, Ann Criswell, Stephanie Leggett and Sharon McAleese.
- \* In Pelican Pointe, Vikki & Bruce Barbre, Clive & Nancy Gardner, Richard & Toni Sinclair, Lee & Ann Mueller, Sue Roberts, and Michelle Perez.

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – PARTYING FOR CRIME PREVENTION!



40 Pelican Pointe residents got together for soft drinks, beer & wine.



A Harris County Sheriff's Deputy talks to the 50 to 55 residents at the Auburn Shores NNO Block Party.



The Baymeadows kids are having a blast with the fireman's hose.



A big pizza party was held in Crescent Cove.



80 residents turned out for Indigo Falls' treasure hunt for the kids and Meet & Greet party for the adults at 2 different locations.



The Morning Breeze event in Lake Shore Estates drew 5 new families together.



Deputy Strange greets some of the children in Crescent Banks.



Lake Shore Estates residents from Cardinal Bay and Silver Park joined together for some light socializing.



Approximately 40 to 50 residents attended Crescent Bay's dessert social.



Eden Springs had a great turnout for their NNO Block Party.



Lots of neighbors turned out for the hot dog bar in Bristol Waters.

# SCHOOL INFORMATION 101



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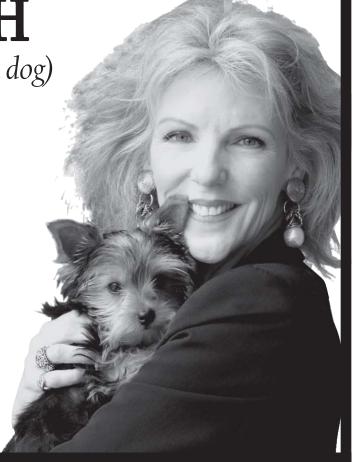
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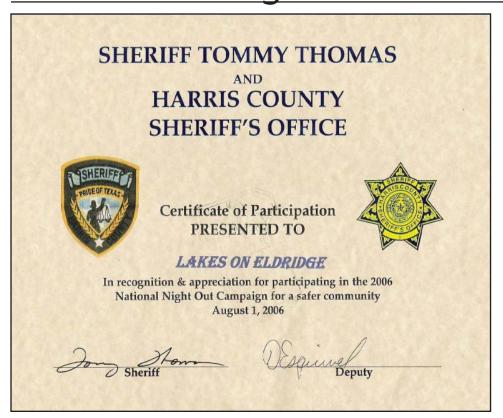
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### **SUGGESTION** BOX

Have you ever wanted to make a suggestion to the LOE Board of Directors but don't know how to go about it? Well, they have now made it very easy and convenient for you. The Board has placed a SUGGESTION BOX in the Member Section of the LOE website, www.lakesoneldridge. Please type in any suggestions for the Board to review and discuss. This Suggestion Box goes directly to the Board members and after such discussion; one of the members will be in contact with you. Please note that you may be called upon to be a part of the solution to the suggestion you make.

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- Clean counters
- Hand wash floor
- Load dishwasher

- · Clean sinks, counters; change towels
- Clean, disinfect toilets, tubs, showers
- · Hand wash, disinfect floors

#### **All Rooms**

- Pick up and straighten
- Dust sills, ledges, wall hangings
- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
- Vacuum stairs
- Vacuum under beds
- Change linens, make beds
- Empty trash

#### Windows

- Clean entry window & one set of patio door windows
- Clean window over kitchen sink



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# **Suggestion Box Ideas Implemented**

Since the inception of the Suggestion Box we have received some very good suggestions.

One suggestion was "a Community Spray Day". West Nile Virus is a threat added to the usual nuisance of mosquitoes. The suggestion was to give residents the opportunity to treat their yards at the same time as the subdivision is sprayed. If homeowners would like to treat their yards to maximize effectiveness, Lakes on Eldridge is sprayed for mosquitoes on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. There is no exact time but the truck seems to come about 9 to 10 pm.

Another resident e-mailed "I would like to suggest the lights be removed from the soft drink machine located at the rear of the clubhouse. In the evening the garishly lit machine detracts from the view of the clubhouse across the lake. I'm sure the machine was installed for the convenience of the residents using the pool, however I see no reason why it must be brilliantly lighted during the evening hours. The view of the clubhouse upon entering the development was much better without the commercial lights of the soft drink machine." The Board felt this was a very reasonable request and recently had the light fixture in the machine disconnected.

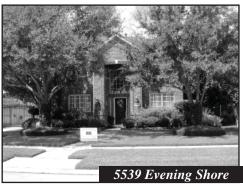
Another resident e-mailed us "Re: sidewalk on the east side of Lake Center Run between Lake Shore Ridge and Bristol Bank. Because it cannot drain, water and mud are almost always standing at two places on the sidewalk. Suggest drainage pipes to the gutter be considered to clean up this problem and make the sidewalk useful." The Landscape Committee and the subdivision's irrigation specialist reviewed this particular site. The problem appears to be coming from a homeowner's property that backs up to the area. The resident has been notified of problem their over watering is causing and said they would cut back. This area will continue to be monitored.

If you have made a suggestion and did not get an immediate response, please be advised your request is being taken into consideration.

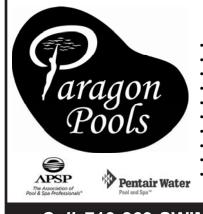
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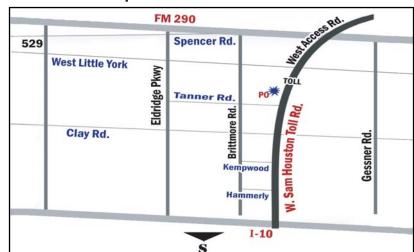


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The curfew includes all areas located in unincorporated Harris County. Juveniles under the age of 17 are subject to the Harris County Juvenile Curfew order.

The Juvenile Curfew is enforced seven days a week. The hour of enforcement is from 12 midnight to 6 a.m. in the morning. The exceptions to the curfew are:

- Accompanied by parent, guardian or custodian
- Engaged in lawful employment or traveling to or from employment
- Participating or traveling to or from schoolsponsored or church-affiliated activities, recreational activities supervised by adults and sponsored by a government entity, civic, non-profit organization or similar entity that takes responsibility for the juveniles.

- On sidewalk of Juvenile's residence or sidewalk of next door neighbor, if neighbor does not complain
- Involved in an emergency
- In vehicle or aircraft involved in interstate travel with the consent of a parent, guardian, or custodian
- Married or previously married; or had disabilities of minority removed by a court of competent jurisdiction

Law enforcement officers will carefully assess each situation regarding a possible infraction of the juvenile curfew. If the juvenile is taken into custody, the juvenile may be transported to a processing center.

While at the processing center, the juvenile's parent, guardian or custodian will be contacted and asked to pick up the juvenile. If a parent, guardian or custodian cannot be located or does not pick up the juvenile, the juvenile will be transported to Chimney Rock Center operated by Children's Protective Services.

The juvenile can receive a citation, which is a Class C Misdemeanor up to \$500.00. In addition, the parent, guardian or custodian may also be issued a citation if they knowingly allow juvenile to violate curfew. Owner, operator and other person in control of a public place may be issued a citation if they knowingly permit juvenile to remain on premises during curfew hours.

If you live in one of the many corporate boundaries of a municipality, town and village located within Harris County, be sure and check with the Law Enforcement agency in your area for details of their juvenile curfew laws.

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### Stitch & Chat



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Please feel free to join us on any Thursday at the "Beach Club" Clubhouse from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon. If you are new to LOE just drop by for a cup of coffee and meet your neighbors.

We are making "Healing Shawls for Cancer Patents who are taking treatments at area hospitals.

For more information contact Catherine CTSpellings@aol.com or 713-896-1652 or 713-628-7083















### Attention All Crafty Women

The LOEN Ladies Club is hosting a vendors boutique on October 28th at the Recreation Center Club House. If you have a craft that you'd like to sell, or other merchandise that would work well in a booth-type of market, please consider joining us for our "Market by the Lakes". All proceeds will benefit "Goodfellows", the Houston Chronicle Christmas charity.

Some details for you to consider:

- Booth rental fee is \$50 (earmarked for "Goodfellows") and all booth display materials and equipment must be provided by the vendor
- LOEN Ladies Club will sponsor all pre-event advertising, targeting shoppers within and outside of our neighborhoods
- Festive, pre-Christmas environment with food and fun for our shoppers
- Booth space is limited, so please reserve early by contacting Jude Ann Yehl at jyehl@houston.rr.com





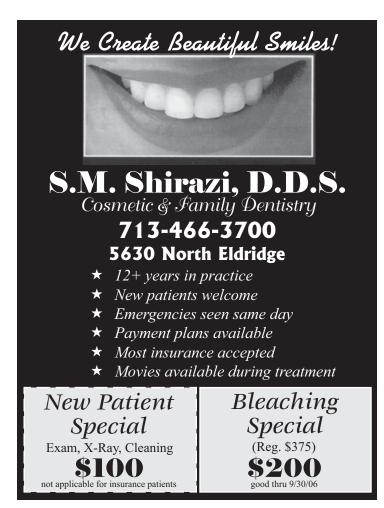














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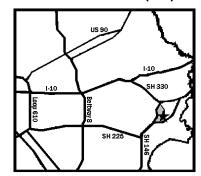
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- Make sure containers are properly sealed and labeled correctly
- If the container leaks, pack in larger container and use absorbent, such as cat litter, to soak up leaks
- If you do not know what it is, mark it "unknown"
- If possible, place materials in cardboard boxes—boxes with dividers make for good packaging
- Place materials in areas away from drivers and passengers

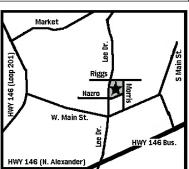
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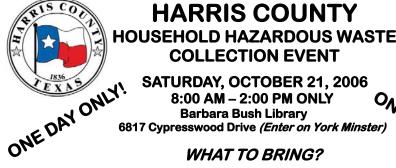
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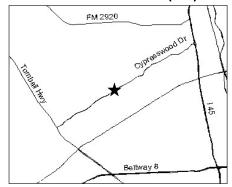
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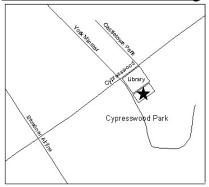
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So here is a somewhat better solution. There will be black magnetic clips, and small poster board donated at the guardhouse. Type up your sign as usual, drop by the guardhouse, tape your sign to the poster board, and pick up 4 clips for each sign that 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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### Sudoku

The goal is to fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Each digit may appear only once in each row, each column, and each 3x3 box.

| 8 |   | 7 |   |   | 2 |   | 4 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   | 3 |   |   | 7 | 1 |   |
|   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   | 1 |   | 2 |   |   |
|   |   |   | 5 |   | 7 |   |   |   |
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### Genetic Clues To Cardiomyopathy's Origins Revealed In Mice

Baylor College of Medicine

HOUSTON – (Aug. 17, 2006) – A genetic discovery sheds new light on the cause of cardiomyopathy and sudden death in young adults, which originates in the previously overlooked right ventricle of the heart, said a researcher at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and Texas Children's Hospital (TCH) in Houston.

In a report that appears online today in the journal Circulation Research, Dr. Jeffrey Towbin, professor of pediatrics at BCM and chief of pediatric cardiology at TCH, reports that a study in mice identifies conclusively for the first time genetic origins of cardiomyopathy, one of the leading causes of sudden cardiac death in young adults.

"We are getting to the underlying cause of this disease," said Towbin, principal investigator of the study. "For the first time, we have taken a human disease gene and put it into an animal model so that we can study its mechanisms in greater detail."

Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy (ARVC) is a rare, progressive condition that causes diseased heart muscle and impairs cardiac function. In many cases, ARVC leads to fatigue, irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia), and, potentially, heart failure and sudden cardiac death.

In a previous study, Towbin and colleagues first identified mutations in the desmoplakin gene, which encodes a protein in the connecting junction between heart cells. In this study, funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the authors implanted a mutant human desmoplakin gene into mice, which resulted in the mice's cardiac integrity being compromised, leading to dilation of the right ventricle, buildup of scar and fatty tissue, and arrhythmia.

Towbin calls ARVC "underrecognized" in the United States primarily because of its relative newness and difficulty evaluating the right ventricle technically, which can lead to misdiagnosis and improper treatment. Statistics of its prevalence in the United States have yet to be determined, but in Italy the disease is known to be the leading cause of sudden cardiac death in otherwise healthy young adults.

"ARVC is underrecognized here in the United States because of the novelty of the disorder and the lack of advances in technology that assess the right ventricle," said Towbin. "But I predict that in the next several years this will be shown to be a key player in sudden cardiac death."

The new findings will help pediatric and adult cardiology experts better understand the root cause of ARVC and advance the care of patients with this specific abnormality, Towbin said.

"We now have the genetic ability – that is, making a diagnosis off of a blood test of the gene – to evaluate these patients from the perspective of the disease's origin," said Towbin. "Hopefully we will be able to engineer new targeted therapies on the basis of these findings."

Towbin's coauthors include first author Dr. Zhao Yang, of BCM, as well as contributors from Johns Hopkins University, University of Arizona, Harvard Medical School, and the University of Padua in Italy.





#### **Article Submissions**

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 <u>dsd1951@mac.com</u>. This information should include your name. All information should be received no later than the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as space limitations.

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