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FAST TIMES IN LOE!!



A guest in LOE lost control of his vehicle hitting a lightpole on Lakeshore Ridge near the entrance gate.



A resident lost control of her vehicle hitting 2 trees and a fire hydrant.

In the recent past there have been several articles in this newsletter asking residents to drive more carefully. For the most part, LOE residents do drive the speed limit (25mph), stop at the stop signs and obey basic traffic laws on our streets. For a very small percentage of residents, none of this pleading seems to have made one bit of difference. If you find yourself not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign or driving in excess of the posted speed limit of 25mph, you are driving recklessly. If you have children, and you truly love them, look at the kind of example you are setting for your children. Children learn by example.

Within a two-week period in June, there were 2 single car accidents around the main front lake.

In the second week of June, a guest in our neighborhood left a resident's home in the early morning hours, lost control of his vehicle and collided with a light pole on Lakeshore Ridge near the entrance to Pelican Point. From the long skid marks, excessive speed was definitely a major issue in this incident.

On the third week of June, a resident lost control of her vehicle, crossing the oncoming lane of traffic then sideswiping two oak trees before running over a fire hydrant on Lake

Center Run. She narrowly missed a lady walking two dogs and a resident on a bicycle. This lady admitted that speeding and talking on the cell phone were just two of the many issues in this incident. Two villages were without water for about 6 hours while an emergency crew from the water company came out and replaced the hydrant and valves that connect to the main water line.

Again, please drive carefully and encourage your neighbors to do the same. You can also help by reporting dangerous driving to AML. If it is a contractor or delivery service, we can contact the company owners and prohibit them from coming back into LOE.

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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.

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BEACH CLUB RENOVATION

The Beach Club is really starting to shape up! We hired a local interior decorator that put together a remodeling recommendation, which included adding much needed color to the walls and ceilings. All the painting inside has been completed and the new colors look super. Originally we were only planning to paint the main room and kitchen at this time. But after looking at the new colors in the main room, the small meeting room and bathrooms really showed their age. The board authorized the painter to go ahead and texture the walls then paint the bathrooms in a two color faux - slightly different for the men's and women's bathroom. The small conference room is painted the lighter color of the main room ceiling paint to make it slightly different. The bathroom light fixtures were also updated to go with the new look. The entry door is now painted a dark grey to make it stand out and hide some of the dirt and little fingerprints. Solar tinting will be installed on the windows shortly before the furniture is delivered in late July. The furniture will consist of a large sofa, four arm chairs, coffee tables, entry area desk/lamp, and large console on the back wall along with some tasteful wall decorations. Window dressings and replacement flooring will be added later as the budget allows. The LOE HOA Board would like to thank the many generous residents that previously donated to this project. Thank you! It ended up taking a lot longer than originally planned but we hope that everyone will agree that it has been worth the wait.



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Your Board has always been, and continues to be, willing to work with any homeowner who has difficulty paying his dues and who genuinely wants to work out a solution. The solution must address payment of the total amount owing. Besides the conventional method of sending a check in full payment before the end of February, credit card payments ((American Express, Visa and Discover) are accepted, but are subject to a 3.5% convenience charge since that is the amount our bank charges LOE for this service. Other payment plans can also be arranged, but these are subject to interest charges if the account is not settled in full by the end of February. One homeowner has opted to send monthly payments in advance throughout the year to avoid having to write the large check in February.

While credit card payments and other payment plans can involve a small interest charge, that charge pales in comparison with the charges a homeowner has to pay if their account is sent to the collection agency or to the attorneys. The collection agency adds a 35% collection fee on top of the amount LOE asks them to collect on their behalf. Attorney fees increase as the case progresses – one recent case had over \$2,500 added to the account in attorney fees by the time the case was settled in court (almost doubling the original amount due). As the judge on one occasion stated – homeowners' associations are not banks; every homeowner has to pay his fair share.

The Board will continue pursuing all overdue accounts using all the methods now in its power, including legal action and the use of a collection agency.

Please do not let your payments get out of control – if you need time to pay, do call AMI to work out a plan.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out

Mark your calendars! On Tuesday, August 7, 2007, Lakes on Eldridge residents and other neighborhoods throughout the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police for National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual nation-wide event designed to promote neighborhood safety. This will be the 24th National Night Out and the purpose is to (1) heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) generate support for crime prevention; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relations; and, (4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

Shortly you will be receiving an invitation on your door to National Night Out. Please join your neighbors for the activities planned in your village. Lakes on Eldridge will be having 15 different NNO festivities going on all at the same time, one in each village.

We now have many new residents in our neighborhood and there is no better time than now to meet our new neighbors and become involved in the safety of our community. Let's all band together to join LOE's celebration to give criminals a going away party, "National Night Out". For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deborah Dunaway at dsd1951@mac.com or 713-983-9651.



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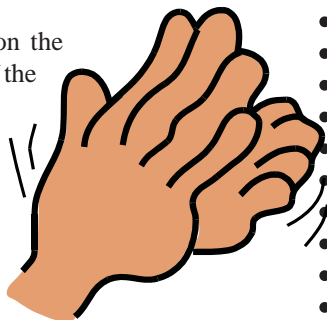
WOW!! We have some real winners in Lakes on Eldridge!

LOE resident, Janet Hill won the Ronnie Truitt Award for 2006-2007! The Ronnie Truitt Award recognizes students for academic and athletic achievements in seventh and eighth grades. It has gone to the top scholar-athlete at the Ronnie Truitt Middle School each year for the past 16 years.

Janet was the starting point guard on the eighth-grade girls basketball team, setter on the volleyball team, did long jump, triple jump, hurdles and ran on two relay teams in track and field, all while maintaining mostly A's and a few B's. She also dabbles in art and band. She is in the top five percent of her class academically.

Janet's brother, Andy Hill won the Ronnie Truitt Award at the end of the 2004-2005.

Chuck and Pat Hill are the proud parents of this brother-sister duo who live in Eagle Bend.



LOE Waterfowl Update

Some of you already know that the cygnets have been sick. They were penned in Lee Mueller's yard for a couple of weeks and went through a full cycle of antibiotic treatments every other day. The mother swan, Beautiful and her 5 cygnets are now back on the lake in Pelican Point for all of us to enjoy. Thank you, Lee for your loving, tender care.

Lee Mueller also built a beautiful box with three nesting compartments for the Wood ducks several years ago and placed it in the reeds on Pelican Pointe. He finally has a female Wood duck nesting in one of the little "apartments".

You'll remember Charlie and Sweetheart were sold to Devon, the owner of Wabash. Lee and Betty Burkett were both disappointed that Charlie was getting too aggressive and that the swans showed no interest during mating season to nest and lay. Well, Devon called a couple of weeks ago with the news that Charlie and Sweetheart have finally put a nest together and have laid eggs! Way to go Charlie (you mean thing) and Sweetheart!

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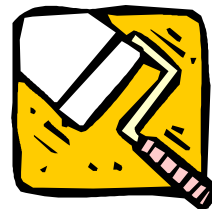
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Article Submissions

*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 to dsd1951@mac.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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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.com. 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.

LOE BOOK CLUB

Book club has meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. We try to read a wide variety of material, so if this month's selection doesn't appeal to you, maybe next month's will. Do join us when we tackle a book on which you have comments or opinions. We will again be meeting in various members' homes, so call or e-mail Celeste Fritz, 713-896-6942, cfritztx@houston.rr.com for additional information.

July 23 – *To the Tower Born* by Robin Maxwell. In 1483, Edward and Richard of York—Edward, by law, already King of England—were placed, for their protection before Edward's coronation, in the Tower of London by their uncle Richard. Within months the boys disappeared without a trace, and for the next five hundred years the despised Richard III was suspected of their heartless murders.

In *To the Tower Born*, Robin Maxwell ingeniously imagines what might have happened to the missing princes. The great and terrible events that shaped a kingdom are viewed through the eyes of quick-witted Nell Caxton, only daughter of the first English printer, and her dearest friend, "Bessie," sister to the lost boys and ultimate founder of the Tudor dynasty. It is a thrilling story brimming with mystery, color, and historical lore. With great bravery and heart, two friends navigate a dark and treacherous medieval landscape rendered more perilous by the era's scheming, ambitious, even murderous men and women who will stop at nothing to possess the throne.

August 27th – *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. Gossip columnist Jeanette Walls dishes the dirt on her own troubled youth in this remarkable story of survival against overwhelming odds. The child of charismatic vagabonds who left their offspring to raise themselves, Walls spent decades hiding an excruciating childhood filled with poverty and shocking neglect. But this is no pity party. What shines through on every page of this beautifully written family memoir is Walls's love for her deeply flawed parents and her recollection of occasionally wonderful times.



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Lakeshore Estates welcomes the family of Norman Plotkin.

Crescent Banks welcomes the family of Phillip Schaefer and the Sarah Murrell family.

Eden Springs welcomes the family of Ralph Depauw and the Christian Gibson family.

Pelican Point welcomes Nicholas and Charolette Howell.

Crescent Cove welcomes Sang and Soon Lee

Eagle Bend welcomes Edgar and Margie Starcke

PLEASE SCOOP YOUR DOG'S POOP!

There are a few dog owners in our neighborhood that do not pick up after their dogs. PLEASE!! We have a beautiful community and it is such a shame to walk in the park and be confronted with some inconsiderate neighbor's dog's mess much less step in it. Everyone has an extra plastic bag in their home, just grab one before you leave the house for your walk. PLEASE SCOOP YOUR DOG'S POOP!



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Cypress Christian School Seniors Receive Special Honors/Help Needed

Special Honors

Sunday, May 27, 2007 was a day to remember when Cypress Christian School celebrated the graduation of its tenth senior class. As all 47 students entered the auditorium, the audience stood and the cameras started flashing. Proud parents, family members and friends filled the pews prepared to experience that all important moment when their loved one crossed the stage to receive his/her diploma! From the beginning to the end, the ceremony was filled with special awards.

Congratulations to Kristan Hinn, Valedictorian, for achieving this special honor as well as the Faculty Scholarship for Academic Excellence and a Fine Arts Scholarship. Kristan plans to attend Baylor University to study medicine and business. In addition, congratulations go to Salutatorian, Evan Wepler, for receiving three different scholarships, the Christian Character Scholarship, a Fine Arts Scholarship, and the Spirit of Paul Scholarship. Evan also plans to attend Baylor University.

CCS seniors (all 47 students) will be attending over 32 different colleges in the United States with many of them using scholarship funds from various colleges, universities and institutions. All together, the Class of '07 was offered over \$1 Million in scholarship funds.

Missions

Before graduation, members of the senior class traveled to Costa Rica for their annual senior trip which includes an opportunity to perform missions work among the needy in that country. Classmates worked alongside each other and their chaperones to help with a special project at a local church and also presented a very special and fun program to children in the area. CCS seniors recommend that everyone set aside time to help the needy either in the local community, in another state or abroad. It brings a special appreciation to your life and a desire to continue serving those in need.



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Recipe of the Month:



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