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\$1,000 REWARD



WANTED FOR GATE VANDALISM

Early Saturday morning, August 4, 2007, the Ginger Ponds gate was vandalized and the exit side gate and controller were broken beyond repair. The LOE Board is offering a reward of \$1,000 to anyone who provides information that leads to the successful arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for committing this act.

Please call 713-932-1122 and ask for the Director of Single Family Communities. You will be given a unique code. On successful conviction, this code will allow you to claim the reward anonymously at the LOE designated bank.

If more than one person provides information critical to solving this case then the LOE Board will decide how the reward should be divided.

Social Committee Needs You!

*Do you enjoy the events
we have had here in
Lakes on Eldridge?*

Do you think there could be more events for the neighborhood? Do you have some great ideas and would like to share them? Do you want to have some fun? We are always looking for volunteers in the community. If you would like to be on the Social Committee, please attend our meeting on Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. at the clubhouse to plan upcoming adult and children events. If you cannot make it and would like to be included on our notes/minutes, please contact Deborah at dsd1951@mac.com or 713-983-9651.



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AMI.....	713-932-1122
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Waterfowl, Betty Burkett	713-302-9929
Sheriff - (non-emergency).....	713-221-6000
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Lindsay Buchanan.....	Secretary
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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
- Air Traffic Approach Number: 281 230-8441
- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

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Good Shepherd UMC - Fairfield

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:00 – 4:00

This is your chance to get ahead of the holiday shopping rush. There will be indoor and outdoor vendors. Items range from jewelry, candles, purses, baby items, wooden arts, yard art, holiday decorations, etc. A sample of the vendors are:

Inspirational Arts	Two Sisters and a Friend
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Creative Memories	Ideal Jewelry
Acrylic & oil paintings	Holiday metal & yard sculptures
& mural service	Wiltex Houston Wind Spinners

There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale sponsored by Women of the Word, and food sold by Boy Scout Troop 533.

Also, the United Methodist Men will be sponsoring our annual Pumpkin Patch. So bring the kiddos to check out the pumpkins and capture that "Kodak" moment!

Admission to the Craft Show is \$1 for adults and kids are free. All proceeds go to support local and international missions.

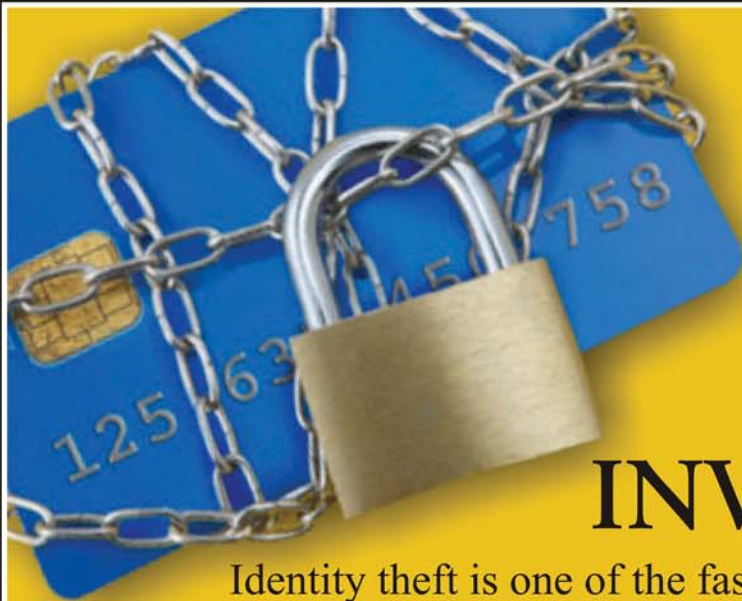
Good Shepherd Church is located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive in the Fairfield Subdivision, off Mason Road and Highway 290 in Cypress.

Contact Leslie Doyle at 281-373-9579 or leslie.mark.doyle@sbcglobal.net for more information.

PLEASE NOTE

Landscapers and housekeepers should not have a remote to the community. Their names should be on file with the gate attendants and they should enter via the front entrance gate only. Please help control the access to our community by following these rules.

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MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of Lakes on Eldridge Community Association met on Tuesday, August 21, 2007. The following is a summary of what was discussed.

Homeowner/Guest Forum: Lee Mueller gave his report on the M.U.D meeting he attended on August 30, 2007 on behalf of LOE. Full details of this meeting are contained in the MUD minutes.

A manager from ISSC was also in attendance. The Board had requested he come to the meeting to discuss the gate attendant situation. The Board expressed its dissatisfaction with the overall service, the lack of adherence to Lakes on Eldridge rules and regulations and cited numerous problems. ISSC explained the steps they are already taking to address these problems, citing as a major reason for the delay in implementation difficulty in finding good applicants for this type of work in the current labor market. An extended and helpful discussion ensued about security within LOE and the Board then asked ISSC to provide detailed quotes for some of the possibilities that had been discussed. In response to a question from the Board, ISSC suggested some minor improvements that should be considered for the gatehouse and the Board asked AMI to develop quotes for these.

Financial Report The Board reviewed the financial statements for the period ended July 31, 2007. The Association had cash balances of \$406,680 in the Operating Fund. The total Replacement Reserve

amount was \$88,945 for the same time period. Operating income year to date is \$558,546, with total expenses of \$535,269 showing a Surplus of \$23,276 that is mainly from the Sales Tax Refund. These will be transferred to the reserve fund in August.

Collections: The managing agent reported that \$11,915 in assessments was collected during July 2007. \$55,409 remains to be collected in delinquent assessments and fees. The Board again expressed major concern about AMI's reporting of and attention to this very important problem.

Architectural Control: It was reported that all was quiet this past month and no report was available to be given

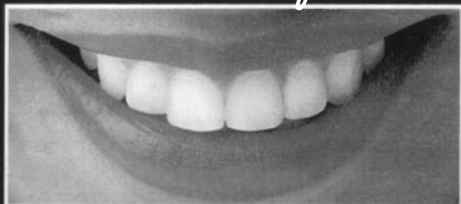
Access Control: The managing agent is to contact the Access Control Committee Chairman to obtain his report for this past month. The Board discussed the Ginger Ponds gate vandalism and authorized a \$1,000 reward.

Parks & Pool: It was reported to the Board that there was no report to be given at this time.

Landscape: It was reported that the maintenance company has had to struggle to keep the property mowed despite all the rain we have had. The intermittent very wet and scorching heat has been stressful on our landscaping. The first to show signs of this environmental stress are the ornamental pear trees. So far, we have been lucky and

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seen relatively few problems. In July and August two pear trees had to be removed. In several areas around the property, pear trees along homeowner's properties are sickly or dead. Issues as to the ownership of pear trees and/or Cleyera bushes that run along sides of properties have arisen in the past. These trees are expressly the responsibility of the homeowners. The homeowners should avoid further delay in removing the trees.

* In the last week, the pine trees along Tanner have begun to show signs of stress. They have dropped some needles, however, are putting on new growth.

* An oak tree located along Lake Center Run that was damaged by an automobile last month appears to be stable. Aside from the large gash in the trunk, it appears to be doing well and will not need to be removed.

* There has been an on going issue with water and mud washing from the landscape bed across the sidewalk in between Bristol Banks and Crystal Falls. The landscaping company visited the homeowner and located the irrigation related malfunction. The homeowner has arranged for LIOT to make the necessary repairs and bill the homeowner directly.

* Several extremely long and large rut marks that look as though a large truck lost control and went down into the ditch along the grass frontage of Eldridge have been repaired.

* After numerous delays, the boulders for the Tanner entrances will be installed tomorrow (note that the Board has also authorized some appropriate landscaping for these boulders).

* Flowers were replaced in several areas around the property that were not doing well.

* Iris and Purple fountain grass were replaced in the landscape bed at Indigo Falls.

* Mulch has been added to the center beds just inside the main entry, the front beds at the Clubhouse and the landscape bed that runs along the school fence.

* We are looking into adding a special blend of Nature's Way compost that is rich in organic matter and bioinoculants to support plant health in areas where hollies were recently planted.

* The area near the tennis courts where concrete tables were installed last year needs some attention. The weed barrier is coming up and poses a tripping hazard and additional pea gravel is needed. LIOT has been asked to clean up the area and give us a proposal to add some additional gravel (note that the Board has already requested AMI to obtain quotes to replace the gravel with concrete).

Website: It was reported by the Website Committee Chairman that the snap shot of the new website was received and he is awaiting the updates from the managing agent.

2nd Draft of 2008 Budget: The draft was reviewed briefly and the Board voted to discuss it at length at a separate Budget meeting

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on August 27, 2007.

To do List: The Board expressed major concern about AMI's updating of this important tool and insisted that ALL items arising from Board meetings, resident calls, or other communications MUST be added to this list. This list is intended as a helpful tool for all parties and, when used properly, will ensure that no action item is overlooked, as has been a serious problem in the past.

Deed Restrictions: The Board reviewed the deed restrictions listing from August showing 193 open work orders with 374 having been closed and 104 new letters being sent out. The Board asked AMI to follow up on several individual deed restriction problems that did not appear to be receiving their proper attention.

Lakes on Eldridge North: The Board requested the managing agent to contact Lakes on Eldridge North to confirm that LOE is interested in discussing items of common interest with them.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Beach Club.

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Lakes On Eldridge Swim Team Is Coordinating A Family Photo Event!

The Photo event is sponsored by Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team and will be Saturday November 3rd starting 9 am at Lakes on Eldridge Beach Club. Pictures will be taken outside weather permitting. Each family will be photographed by appointment only. Once your session is over you will be able to view your pictures in the club house.

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If you see someone running a stop sign in Lakes on Eldridge, please write down the date, time and license number and report all of this information to AMI at 713-932-1122. These people will be contacted about the incident.

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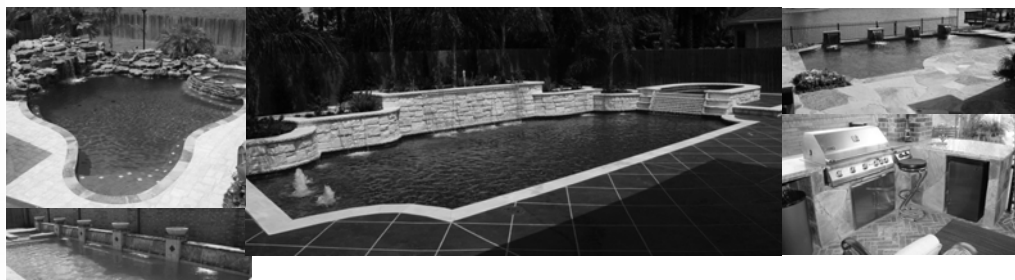
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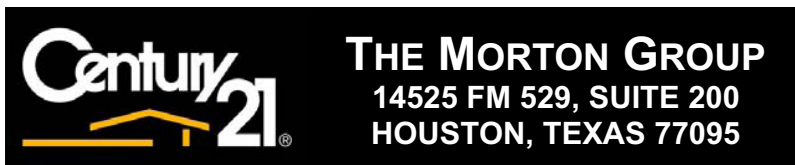
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October 29 – *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. When Jacob Jankowski, recently orphaned and suddenly adrift, jumps onto a passing train, he enters a world of freaks, grifters, and misfits, a second-rate circus struggling to survive during the Great Depression, making one-night stands in town after endless town. A veterinary student who almost earned his degree, Jacob is put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie. It is there that he meets Marlena, the beautiful young star of the equestrian act, who is married to August, the charismatic but twisted animal trainer. He also meets Rosie, an elephant who seems untrainable until he discovers a way to reach her. Beautifully written, *Water for Elephants* is illuminated by a wonderful sense of time and place. It tells a story of a love between two people that overcomes incredible odds in a world in which even love is a luxury that few can afford.

November 26 – *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. It's just a small story really, about among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter, and quite a lot of thievery . . . Set during World War II in Germany, Markus Zusak's groundbreaking new novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is marched to Dachau. This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul.



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A note to parents: Recently, a report was published stating that children who participate in service projects are more likely to volunteer as adults, because they have conquered their fear of the unknown and found joy in serving others. We hope you will encourage your son or daughter to become involved in such worthy endeavors, so that the tradition of service to others will be carried forward to the next generation.

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Board Seeking Volunteer for Website Committee

The Board is always on the lookout for volunteers to serve on the various committees that have been formed to make our community a nicer place to live. We are currently especially interested in finding someone with website development experience to join the newly formed website committee. The committee will be preparing recommendations for an updated web site, will implement the recommendations, and will be responsible for maintenance and administration of the site. If you are familiar with the technical aspects of website design and operation, we'd love to hear from you! Graphical design experience would be a plus, but is not necessary. Please contact AMI at 713-932-1122 if you are interested.

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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MotherWise Group

The Lakes on Eldridge MotherWise group kicked off its fall study of Jen Hatmaker's book entitled "The Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study" with a light breakfast on Monday, September 10, 2007, at the LOE Beach Club. Jen Hatmaker is a pastor's wife, mother of three, and a popular Bible teacher at Lake Hills Church in Austin, TX.

For those who may be new to our neighborhood, the Motherwise group bases its meetings upon the format established in Denise Glenn's Motherwise bible study programs. Denise Glenn is an author and speaker from Houston who founded MotherWise Ministries in 1980 to provide biblical and practical instruction for mothers of all ages. MotherWise is a non-denominational bible study group and all are welcome and invited to attend the meetings.

The MotherWise group will meet every other Monday at the Beach Club beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meetings begin with prayer and move to the discussion of the study segment, followed by small group prayer time, and conclude with social time and refreshments. The MotherWise meetings are a wonderful way to meet other mothers in our neighborhood, gain some spiritual enrichment, and support one another in prayer.

The MotherWise group will hold seven meetings this fall on the following dates: September 10th (kick off breakfast), September 24th, October 1st, October 15th, October 29th, November 12th, and November 26th.

The leaders of the MotherWise group are Kathy Prusak (713-937-7707) and Elizabeth Tobin (832-467-1369). Please feel free to contact us for further information about MotherWise. We hope to see you at the Beach Club in September!

The Date is Set!

Saturday morning, October 27th, 2007 is the date for the 6th Annual Fairfield 5K for Life Fun Run/Walk.

Plan on joining us at the Fairfield Athletic Club on Mason Road right off of 290 early Saturday morning for a jaunt through Fairfield's beautiful hike and bike trails.

Look for entry forms at the Fairfield Athletic Club or you may register at Active.com. For sponsorship information or if you have any questions, call Jane Lakatos at 281-373-9767. This event benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society helping to cure all blood-related cancers.

Cub Scout Recruiting

Cub Scout Pack 1005 is recruiting new Cub Scouts and adults to become involved with activities. Pack 1005 will conduct its Recruiting Rally Night at Kirk Elementary on September 25th & October 23rd. The event is for recruiting new Cub Scouts and adults to become involved with Scouting activities. The event starts at 7 p.m. at Kirk Elementary Cafeteria. The recruiting effort targets boys in first through fifth grades

For information, call Michael Viator (713) 466-5517



The Foundry Church Craft Show and Tea Room

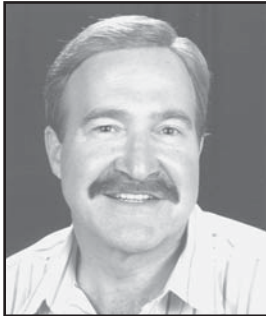
A Shopper's Heaven on Earth! The Foundry United Methodist Church will host over 100 vendors at its annual Judy Dierker Craft Classic on Saturday, October 20, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will find terrific values on a wide array of goods from vendors offering handcrafted items, fall & Christmas specialties, gourmet baked goods, children, toys, clothing, jewelry and more in a fun and friendly marketplace. You can also shop The Foundry General Store where every cent you spend benefits local and foreign missions. And, when you are hungry, be sure to stop by our Texas Tea Room, open 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts, and coffees. Admission to the craft show is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the show for \$10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1-1/2 blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see www.foundryfamily.org.

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you know of a LOE resident who has had any outstanding awards, milestones or accomplishments, please contact Deborah Dunaway at 713-983-9651 or dsd1951@mac.com so they may be recognized in the newsletter.



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