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LE 4th Of July Party & Parade



Patriotic red, white and blue everywhere as the parade begins!



Neighbors comingle under tents before the family festival gets underway.

On the 4th of July the LOE Swim Team and Greater Houston Pool Association organized our 4th of July celebration at the Beach Club. We had twenty entrants for the Bicycle Decorating Contest lined up under the portico at the clubhouse. We had bicycles, tricycles, strollers, electric kiddie cars, and motorcycles all covered with red, white & blue! There were stars, stripes, streamers, glitter, and banners! The kids were all darling and many residents lined Lake Center Run and Lakeshore Ridge to cheer the parade. As the revelers paraded around, more than 20 more kids joined in on their decorated bikes and joined in on the fun. Traffic cones were placed along the parade route along with American flags placed by the curb. The July Fourth Spirit is alive and strong in LOE.

The winners of the decorating contest were Zack Maloy, Alison Joyce and Ella Spry. Congratulations!

After the parade, we continued with the planned festivities of games and more fun in the pool. About 70 residents were treated to barbecued sausages, hot dogs, chips, queso, cookies, popsicles and soft drinks.

We would like to express our thanks for our sponsors who helped make this year's celebration a success, LOE Swim Team and Greater Houston Pool Company. A big thanks to our swim

team volunteers Ambreen Tanzeem, Sahar Tanzeem, J.D. & Robyn Joyce, Gene & Nettie Giles, Shay Christopherson, Magda Felsbourg, Susan McDaniel. A big thanks goes to Lindsay Buchanan, Angela Hammond and Melissa Hunzeker for judging the Decorating Contest. A huge thanks goes to Rosa Clay and Bronson Clay for hosting the family festival. A big thanks to our grill masters Bronson Clay, Gus Lester and J. D. Joyce. Thank you to our traffic monitors, Randy & Ellen McFarland, Dan Prusak, B.J. Schmidt and Deepak Lumba. A big thanks to Social Committee members Elizabeth Tobin, Rosa Clay, Melissa Hunzeker, Georgia Shotwell-Lester, Cecilia Freeman and Angela Hammond for decorating the clubhouse and grounds for this event. Thank you to Georgia Shotwell-Lester for removing all the traffic cones. A big thank you to Lindsay Buchanan and Randy Freeman for being the event photographers. A thank you to Jylan & Joel Maloy for leading the parade on their big motorcycles. Lastly, a genuine thank you to all of the above that helped set up and stayed for cleanup duty.

We look forward to continuing this tradition next year and hope to have more volunteers to help out to make this event fun and safe for all the residents at LOE. Stay tuned to the LOE News Letter for more volunteer opportunities if you missed this celebration.

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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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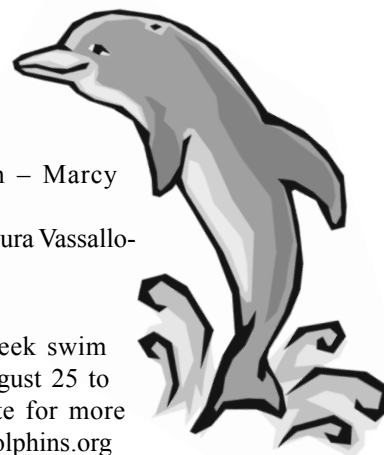
LAKES ON ELDRIDGE DOLPHINS

It is hard to believe 2008 swim season is over! What a great season! We took 2nd place at Divisionals, had 44 swimmers attend RW&B and 11 attend Ponderosa Invitaionals. Visit our website www.loedolphins.org for RW&B and Ponderosa results - very impressive results. You should see several of our swimmers at the top. CONGRATULATIONS! We are so proud of each swimmer on the team and hope to see you next year. Start looking at the LOEST website in January for details for the 2009 swim season.

We Thank the 2008 LOEST Board and Welcome the 2009 Board Members. We also thank ALL the Chair position Volunteers and ALL the parents that volunteer this season. This program is successful because of you!!! THANK YOU!!!

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Upcoming events:

FALL PROGRAM --- A 10 week swim program that will run from August 25 to October 31 - check the website for more detailed information - www.loedolphins.org

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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6 Months in Review 2008

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# of Sales	15	8	3
Avg. List Price	\$307,200	\$480,225	\$807,266
Avg. Sales Price	\$298,693	\$442,485	\$801,299
Avg. Sq Footage	3031	4458	4905
Avg. \$/Sq Ft	\$98.55	\$99.26	\$163.36
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Quiz Night

A fun and lively evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Lakes on Eldridge Quiz Night held on June 7th at the Beach Club. The evening began with some social time and guests were invited to enjoy a delicious buffet of food and a glass of champagne punch.

The participants divided into four teams and each chose a name for their team. The team names were the Victors, the Game Knights, the Losers, and the Good Looking Ones. Led by the quizmaster, Alan Lomax, the teams competed through ten categories of trivial pursuit questions. In the end, the Victors were indeed victorious! Group prizes were awarded to both the winning team and the losing team.

Many thanks to Shelina Nagji and her daughter for preparing the questions in a power point presentation. Thanks to Matt Tobin for preparing the questions for the music category. Thanks to Eleanor Liney for organizing the tasting portion of the food category. Thanks to Anita Manning and her grandson, Nathan, Melissa Hunzeker, Elizabeth Tobin, Bridgid and Alan Lomax, and Eleanor Liney for setting up the clubhouse for the evening. Thanks to Brigid Lomax and Eleanor Liney for organizing the food. Last but not least thank you to Alan Lomax our entertaining and eloquent quizmaster for the evening!

July Social Committee Notes

July's social committee met at 6:30 on July 2, 2008 for "social hour" and started the meeting at 7:00. The meeting was an evening meeting to try and gain more attendance from the normal meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00. Attendance was up slightly but no new members attended.

This month's committee meeting discussed the following events:
July 4th Parade – Set up details were finalized.

Discussed the successful Quiz Night in June. Attendance was about 40 people and everyone on the social committee heard positive feedback from those in attendance. The "Quiz Master" from the event, Alan Lomax, is relocating back to the UK so we will need a new volunteer for our next event.

Oktoberfest: decided that we would not have the Dairy Maids cater due to cost. The social committee will provide food & snacks. We are going to also suggest attendees bring light snacks as well. Angela will contact a local restaurant to discuss them catering the event at a lower cost or donating some food.

National Night out: Date has been confirmed for 10/7/08. There will be one event at the Beach Club versus smaller events in each village. The sheriff department and fire department will be present to demonstrate their vehicles to the neighborhood kids.

Christmas Toy Drive: We began discussing dates for the Christmas party and toy drive. December 12 is one possibility.

If you are interested in joining the committee or if you have a great idea for a community event, please let us know, we'd love to have you join. The Social Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the Beach Club for a Brown Bag Luncheon.



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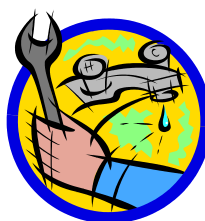
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Notes from the June Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of Lakes on Eldridge Community Association met on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. The following is a summary of what was discussed.

HOMEOWNER/GUEST FORUM

A resident reported that she had several concerns regarding pool conditions and that the level of cleanliness was her chief concern. She was advised that the Board was meeting with the pool management contractor regarding the same concerns.

A resident made an appearance to appeal the denial of her application to the ACC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statements: The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month ended May 31, 2008. The Association had cash balances of \$401,245 in the Operating Fund and \$378,531 in the Replacement Fund. Operating income for the five months ended May 31, 2008 was \$429,139, Operating Expenses were \$546,652 and the Deficit was \$117,513. The Operating Deficit was the result of the \$80,000 contribution to Reserves plus the transfer of all sales tax refunds to the Reserves. Several line items were to be investigated for reclassification. The financial statements were accepted.

Collections: The Board reviewed current delinquent accounts and the legal status report from the community's legal counsel and instructed the managing agent accordingly. \$7,268 of delinquent accounts was collected during May 2008 and a further \$8,373 was collected during the month of June 2008. Total Accounts Receivable at May 31, 2008 were \$47,311 as opposed to the \$83,602 that was past due at May 31, 2007.

The Board reviewed the legal status report and all delinquent accounts and instructed the managing agent accordingly including authorizing the filing of a lawsuit to collect a delinquent account.

Collections Agent: The Board approved the engagement of collection agency as the Association's collection agency and executed the engagement agreement on behalf of the Association.

Signature Cards: The Board signed new signature cards for the Association's accounts at Amegy Bank of Texas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Control: It was reported that the gate attendants have expressed again their need for a comprehensive map, and this will be prepared and printed by the end of June.

A recent incident highlighted the need to update the gate directory, and also indicated that phone quality to and from the gate phone is poor. This will be investigated further during the next week. The Board further agreed that the callbox was no longer necessary and instructed the managing agent to have it removed, replacing it with a corded/cordless telephone at the gatehouse.

Complaints continue that not all of the attendants at the main gate provide the level of courtesy and attentiveness that our residents expect, and that this community needs to display. The managing agent reported he had also received complaints and that ISSC was responding to the matter.

All vendors are now advised upon arrival that soliciting is not tolerated within the community.

Parks & Pool: It was reported that the LOE

Swim Team Season is almost over. The last home meet was completed last weekend. Now only Divisionals and Red, White, And Blue or Ponderosa swim meets are remaining. The Board and the managing agent have been working closely with GHPM with spotty results. Cleaning up and putting trash at the curb have been inconsistent. The sand in the pool is so bad that the life guards have to vacuum each week.

This month there were problems with one of the recirculation pumps and electrical shorts on the pump starters. A supervisor was working on the chlorinator and it malfunctioned sending straight chlorine to all the jets of the pool and making a cloud that made everyone evacuate the pool. The LOE Swim Team and residents were using the pool during this mishap and one small child was standing in the baby pool and caught a full jet of chlorine causing coughing, burns, and vomiting. The child was taken to the hospital, treated, released and is at home without permanent injury. The Board is meeting with the pool contractor to discuss this matter and plans to enhance safety at the pool.

The bathrooms continue to be a problem and are still stinky and need ventilation. AMI is working to get a quote for a fan to come on when the lights are activated in the bathrooms.

Regarding the old issue of revamping the showers, it was noticed at a neighboring swim meet that shower heads were installed on the outside wall of the bathroom building to allow residents to rinse off pool water and sand before entering the pool. This

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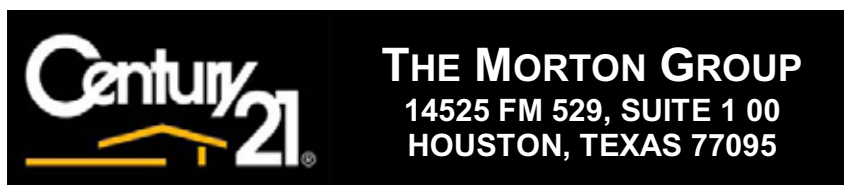
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Notes from June Board Meeting- (Continued from page 6)

would be easily modified at LOE and solve the "aesthetics" issue of constructing showers by the steps.

Landscape: It was reported that the application of Ant Bait in all areas with heavier concentration along walkways and trails had been completed. Weekly spot treatment on active mounds as they are detected will continue.

The landscaper continued tree pruning and trimming with special attention given to the river birch in and around all the lake areas.

Pruning of the oaks and Bradford pears at the main entrance was completed to keep the clearance needed for school buses and emergency vehicles.

The landscaper has used an additional crew for 7 days throughout the month of May to pull and remove weeds in planting beds.

With the hot weather and lack of rain, water times and frequency has increased in an attempt to keep grass and plants alive and green.

The irrigation crew has had to repair dozens of line brakes including the 6 inch main line brake at the main pump. As repairs are made we are finding many problems with the way the pipe was originally installed and these problems will continue to surface given the aging irrigation system. The landscaper is making 2-3 service trips weekly to make a variety of repairs to keep the system operational especially on the zones where we have a mix of spray heads and rotors.

The landscaper will be replacing the plants and shrubs at Ginger

Pond entrance that were damaged by the large truck running over the beds. The utility work on Tanner has also caused damage and breaks to the irrigation system that must be repaired before replacement of the plant material.

During the next several weeks the landscaper will concentrate on keeping the irrigation system operational and continuing to prune and trim the smaller trees.

Lakes & Wildlife: It was reported that there are four healthy cygnets but that Randy has a treble hook embedded in his tongue as a result of some resident casting lures too close to the swans. One child was knocked off his tricycle by Randy at the last swim meet. To my knowledge nothing has been reported to the managing agent. The managing agent confirmed.

Social Committee: National Night Out in Texas is set for October 7th - The board wants to recognize volunteers in the community on this night. The Social Committee will work on getting the Fire Truck as well as the Sheriff's department to come to the Beach Club. The date has been confirmed as October 7th. Volunteers in each village will be encouraging their neighbors to attend. One suggestion is that a volunteer in each village get their residents together to create a village phone book/list to distribute after National Night Out.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Action Items: The Board reviewed the list of action items and instructed the managing agent accordingly. The board approved the following:

- Replacement of a waterfall pump in the amount of \$7,950.
- Painting of the arbors by in the amount of \$890 each.

The managing agent provided a quote for an LED message board in the amount of \$12,588 for general consideration.

Deed Restrictions: The Board reviewed the deed restrictions at June 12, 2008 and instructed the managing agent accordingly including referring two owners to the attorney for not having removed rainbow tarps from play structures.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. on July 22, 2008.

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Anglers, Does This Belong To You?



The lure that was embedded in Randy's face.

On Memorial Day there were a lot of families and guests having a great time. Three adults were fishing on the small lake by the tennis courts where Randy, Dominic, and their four cygnets live. Despite all of the CAUTION and DANGER signs surrounding the lake, a lady was sitting on the bulkhead with her legs hanging in the water and two men were standing on the bulkhead casting with their rods even though Randy was swimming back and forth five feet from them. All of the anglers were casting with lures. As you can see in the picture, this lure has only one three pronged or "treble" hook on it but it should have three. Several boys were fishing off the rocks in

the same lake later that day and were also fishing with lures. What is wrong with the picture? It's missing two treble hooks that are embedded in Randy's tongue and the black skin around his eye. Each hook has a barb on it, which makes it more difficult to remove the hook from a fish or a swan's tongue. Randy was caught by a group of us and we worked with needle nosed pliers and other instruments used to remove hooks from fish. Because the hooks are embedded in the thickest part of Randy's tongue, they didn't go through the bottom of the tongue, which might have allowed us to clip off the ends of the hooks and pull them all the way through the tongue. Randy was in pain as we worked on him trying to pry his mouth open, trying to hold him down, and trying to help him. In order to get the hooks out of the tongue, he will have to undergo surgery, stay out of the water for two weeks leaving his "family", and have injections of tetracycline every other day for the two weeks. **Please, those of you who insist on fishing, be more careful.** I have found so much filament in the lakes and around the bulkheads that you have just left behind instead of disposing of it. The ducks and swans become entangled in this fish line and it can cut off their breathing if it gets around their necks. One lead weight picked up off the bottom of the lake by a swan will kill it so please do not use lead. Thank you Deborah and Robert for coming to the rescue. I felt so alone when I saw the lure hanging from Randy's beak.

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LOE OKTOBERFEST

"From man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world." - Saint Arnold, Patron Saint of Brewers

The Lakes on Eldridge Social Committee is excited to bring Houston's own Saint Arnold Brewery to Lakes on Eldridge for a beer tasting this fall. "Oktoberfest" will be held at the Beach Club, Friday, October 17th. Mark your calendars and tell your neighbors, you won't want to miss this event. Admission will be \$2, which will get you a souvenir Saint Arnold tasting glass from which you will be able to sample 6 beers. A representative from the brewery will discuss what we will be tasting and tell you more about their company. Non-alcoholic refreshments and snacks will also be available.

Not familiar with Saint Arnold?

"Saint Arnold was born to a prominent Austrian family in 580 in the Chateau of Lay-Saint-Christophe in the old French diocese of Toul, north of Nancy. He married Doda with whom he had many sons, two of whom were to become famous: Clodulphe, later called Saint Cloud, and Ansegis who married Begga, daughter of Pépin de Landen. Ansegis and Begga are the great-great-grandparents of Charlemagne, and as such, Saint Arnold is the oldest known ancestor of the Carolingian dynasty.

Saint Arnold was acclaimed bishop of Metz, France, in 612 and spent his holy life warning peasants about the dangers of drinking water. Beer was safe, and "from man's sweat and God's love, beer came into

SAINT ARNOLD



the world." The people revered Arnold. In 627, Saint Arnold retired to a monastery near Remiremont, France, where he died on August 16, 640.

In 641, the citizens of Metz requested that Saint Arnold's body be exhumed and ceremoniously carried to Metz for reburial in their Church of the Holy Apostles. During this voyage a miracle came to pass in the town of Champignuelles. The tired porters and followers stopped for a rest and walked into a tavern for a drink of their favorite beverage. Regretfully, there was only one mug of beer to be shared, but that mug never ran dry and all of the thirsty pilgrims were satisfied.

Saint Arnold is recognized by the Catholic Church as the Patron Saint of Brewers.

The local brewery brews ten different beers. Five are made year round and five are seasonal. They are available in bars, restaurants, grocery stores, liquor stores and warehouse stores in Houston, Austin, Dallas, Ft. Worth and San Antonio.

Their first keg of beer was shipped on June 9, 1994. Founded by Brock Wagner and Kevin Bartol, they chose Houston because, other than living here, this was the largest city in the country that did not have a microbrewery. Brock was a longtime homebrewer and had considered opening a brewery as far back as college, although that was quickly dismissed as a silly idea. Seven years after graduating, Brock revisited the idea, enlisted Kevin's help and the brewery was off and running." reprinted from www.saintarnold.com

So get prepared and sample a few beers before LOE's own Oktoberfest. You'll be supporting a local business and getting ready for this great event! For more details on Saint Arnold Brewery visit their website: www.saintarnold.com

We are looking forward to seeing you there. It is a great chance to have some fun, and get out and meet your neighbors. For more details or to RSVP please contact Melissa at 281-639-9287 or melissa@melissahunzeker.com.

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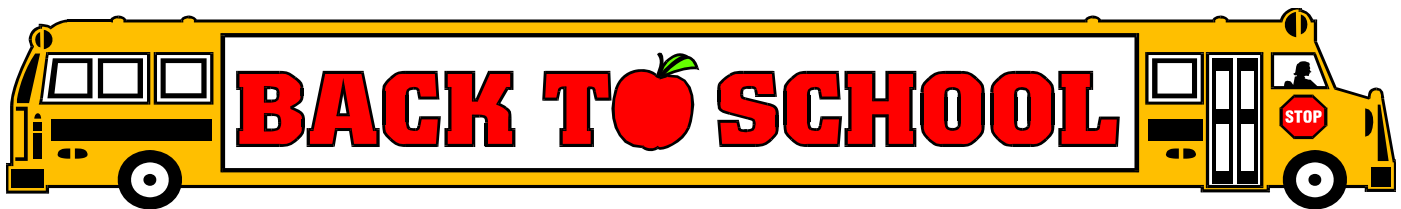
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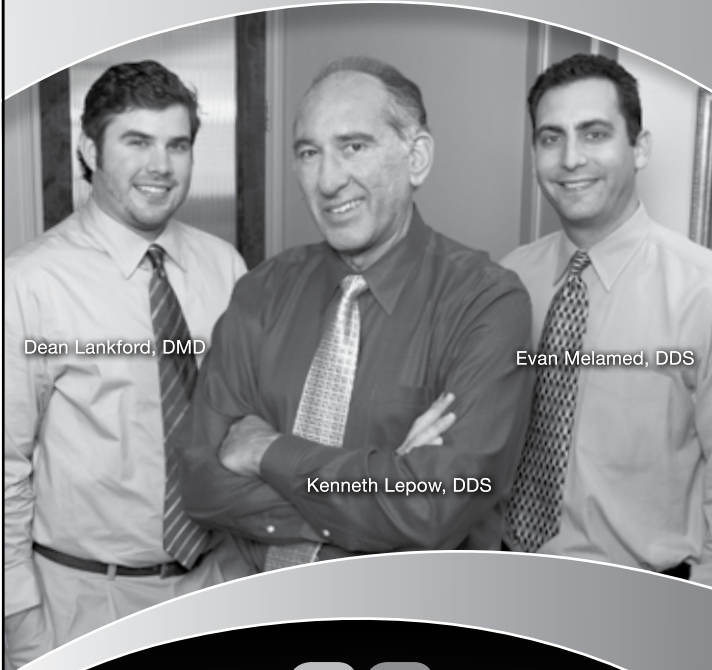
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Sept. 1st... Student Holiday
Oct. 13th...Professional Day
Nov. 4th...Professional Day
Nov. 26-28...Student Holiday
Dec. 19th...End of 1st Semester
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Congratulations to the winners of July Yard of the Month!



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Welcome To Our Newest Neighbors!

We have 5 new families who have moved into Lakes on Eldridge in the last month. If you have not already, please welcomed our newest neighbors – go over and knock on their door to say “Hi” or extend your hand when you see them outside. Everyone likes to feel welcome.

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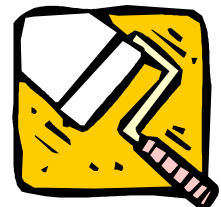
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For more information contact Catherine Spellings at 713-896-1652 (home) or 713-628-7083 (cell) or CTSpellings@aol.com or Tina Wang at 713-574-1654 or Yangingwang20022003@yahoo.com

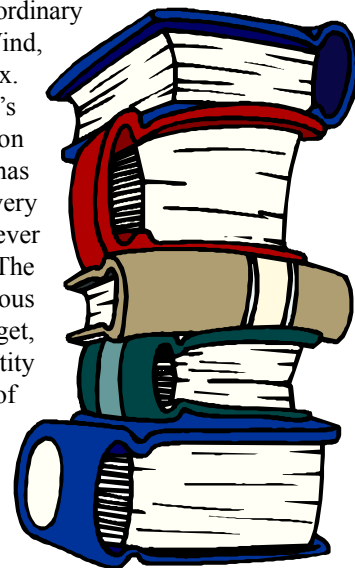
LOE BOOK CLUB

Book club usually meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Join us for a little wine or coffee, some snacks, and stimulating discussion. We will again be meeting in various members' homes, so call or e-mail Celeste Fritz, 713-896-6942, cfritzt@comcast.net for additional information.

July 28 – *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. In *The Namesake*, Lahiri enriches the themes that made her first literary collection an international bestseller: the immigrant experience, the clash of cultures, the conflicts of assimilation, and, most poignantly, the tangled ties between generations. Here again Lahiri displays her deft touch for the perfect detail -- the fleeting moment, the turn of phrase -- that opens whole worlds of emotion. *The Namesake* takes the Ganguli family from their tradition-bound life in Calcutta through their fraught transformation into Americans.

August 25 – *The Diplomat's Wife* by Pam Jenoff. Love was not a luxury Marta Nedermann could afford during the war. But with the Nazis defeated, her life takes a surprising turn when she meets Paul, a handsome American soldier. Their whirlwind romance is cut short when his troop is deployed, but promises of marriage and a rendezvous in London bolster Marta's spirits. Then, tragically, a plane crash claims Paul's life, and Marta is left alone to discover—to her delight and dismay—that she is pregnant. Now, two years later, Marta has picked up the pieces and moved on. She has started over in London with her husband, a British diplomat, with whom she shares a companionable, if passionless, marriage. Simon asks her no questions, and Marta is happy to keep close her memories of Paul and let her deeds of the past remain unspoken. But Marta's new life is anything but simple. A new war has been brought home to her doorstep: Communist loyalists have infiltrated British intelligence, and the one person who holds the key to exposing the leak is connected to Marta's past. There is a traitor amongst them who needs to prevent Marta's involvement, and no one—not her former friends or current lover—can be trusted.

September 29th - *The Shadow of the Wind* - by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Barcelona, 1945-A great world city lies shrouded in secrets after the war, and a boy mourning the loss of his mother finds solace in his love for an extraordinary book called *The Shadow of the Wind*, by an author named Julian Carax. When the boy searches for Carax's other books, it begins to dawn on him, to his horror, that someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book the man has ever written. Soon the boy realizes that *The Shadow of the Wind* is as dangerous to own as it is impossible to forget, for the mystery of its author's identity holds the key to an epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love that someone will go to any lengths to keep secret.



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Social Committee Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesday, September 3rd 12 p.m. at the clubhouse.

All interested residents are invited to join us to discuss upcoming social events. Just bring your lunch, drink of your choice and meet some of your fun loving neighbors.

LOE BIBLE STUDY

The Lakes On Eldridge Bible Study will resume meeting on September 9 at 9:15 AM at the Beach Club at Lakes On Eldridge (at the pool). This Fall's study focuses on the Book of Acts as presented by the Life Change Series by NAVPress. From a small group of twelve men that Jesus entrusted with spreading the good news of salvation grew a community of believers that spread throughout the Roman Empire and beyond. The Book of Acts chronicles the explosion of Christianity as well as the persecutions that came with it.

The Bible study group gathers at 9:15 for coffee and fellowship. The discussion lesson begins around 9:30 and ends at 11:30. On the first Tuesday of each month we go out to lunch. Send your name address and telephone number to sableggett@sbcglobal.net to register. If you don't use email, call Stephanie at 713-560-0042. Hope to see you there!

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Motherwise will be introducing our Fall 2008 study by Dr. Kevin Leman. A light dinner will be served

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Please RSVP by September 5th
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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.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.

Back to School

Kirk Elementary Hosts “Meet Your Teacher Night”

All new and returning Kirk Tigers are encouraged to bring their families to school on Thursday, August 21, 2008 to meet your new teacher and see your new classroom. This is also a great opportunity to meet fellow students and parents that we will work closely with throughout the coming school year. Additionally, there will be opportunities to find out about Kirk's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and how you can get involved with your child's school. The Kirk Spirit Cart will also be open and you can purchase items that show your Tiger pride! Come on out and get ready to go back to school. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 pm - PreK and Kindergarten

6:00 pm - 2nd and 3rd Grades

6:30 pm - 1st Grade

7:00 pm - 4th and 5th Grades

Calling All Kirk Elementary Kindergarten Fall 2008 Tigers!

We are hosting our final summer activity before back to school is official. Please join us at the LOEN kids pool on Saturday, August 16 at 10:00 am for swimming and socializing. It's going to be great for these Kindergarten Mighty Tigers to have new friends on the bus and in the classroom this fall.

For more info, contact Linda Jordan at ljordan1219@comcast.net.

Cypress Christian School Athletic Accomplishments

Shanay Briscoe, a junior at Cypress Christian School, competed in the U. S. Olympic Trials in track and field in Eugene, Oregon on June 30. She qualified for the Olympic Trials after clearing 6' 1 1/4" in the Southwest Track and Field Meet in New Mexico recently.

Eighth-grade students Allie Aimone, Lizzie Hilton, and Jacob Hicks received the middle-school Sword and Shield Award for exemplifying excellence in Athletics, Leadership, Determination, Sportsmanship, Christian Character, Academic Achievement, and Integrity.

Seniors Allie Borkovich, Holt Van Pelt, and Michelle Van Rieg received the Valiant Warrior award for exemplifying excellence in Athletics, Leadership, Determination, Sportsmanship, Christian Character, Academic Achievement, and Integrity.

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.

Personal Classifieds

PIANO TEACHER NEEDED: Adult piano beginner is searching for a piano teacher in Lakes on Eldridge (or within a 5-10 minute drive) for evening/weekend lessons. If you are a teacher or if you know of one, please contact Fatima at 713-937-3753 or email fatimzz@yahoo.com.

STRING PLAYERS NEEDED: LOE resident, who plays violin and viola, is looking for other string players to play quartet music, on a recreational level. Email: echavlik@earthlink.net or call Ellen at (281)741-1781.

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August Landscaping

Submitted by Ron Kerwin

August is a great month to stay inside and make your plans for this fall's plantings. Browse the catalogs for ideas and bulbs to order now to plant in November and December for next spring's display. If you are going to work in the lawn or garden, plan it around the early morning or evening in the cooler hours. Drink plenty of water to keep from dehydrating.

The July heat may have already taken its toll on your annuals. If they are beyond help, pull them out and replace them with more heat tolerant varieties. If they are okay but overgrown, you can trim back your annuals and perennials by 1/3 to 1/2 to get better flowering in the fall. You can also trim off the dead or damaged canes and the errant chutes from your roses to enhance the fall blooms. Fertilize your roses right after you prune, as this application is very important. Do NOT trim flowering shrubs, like Indian Hawthorns, after July or you will probably trim off the buds (look like berries) that would provide the flowers next year. Rework your beds to prepare them for fall plantings of flowers or vegetables. Bury in the compost materials and add the mulch on top. They will be ready for planting when it is time. You can fertilize your lawns this month with a 3-1-2 ratio 50% slow release nitrogen fertilizer. This is a good fertilizer for your shrubs and flowerbeds too.

The heat stresses all our lawns, shrubs etc. We will probably not get much rain so we will have to water with irrigation systems or drag around sprinklers to keep everything from burning up. 1 inch of water per week should be enough. Do not water in mid-day, as most of it will simply evaporate prior to getting into the ground. Irrigate in the early morning if possible. Water deeply, not frequently. Watering in the evening can lead to plant diseases. Maintain the water in the soil of your beds more effectively by having a good thick layer of mulch. Most every month I comment on the benefits of thick mulch but it is a topic worth repeating, as its benefits are many.

If your property is in need of new sod, it can be put in now with no problems as long as you water it properly. With new sod, you do not have to suffer with mud in the fall and winter.

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The Green Corner

Submitted by Sheri Hicks

Green Up Your Everyday Cleaning

When I began going green, I started with the chemicals under my sink. I had already deduced by the chemical components, the ingredient list and the disposal warnings - they couldn't be good for the planet. What I didn't know is that despite heavy marketing claims that these products were not only safe but necessary to keep my home beautiful and healthy, they were actually causing far more harm than good.

I was shocked to find, during my research, that the EPA estimates indoor air pollution is up to five times greater than outdoor air pollution in part due to common household cleaners, aerosols, air fresheners, disinfectants, and even dry-cleaned clothing (solvent emissions). Recent studies also show a link between common household cleaners and asthma, the number one childhood chronic illness. The reason for this is that the chemical compounds in these products, when used and even while stored, emit harmful gasses that can cause eye, nose and throat irritation and respiratory issues. They are also linked to headaches, loss of coordination, nausea and liver, kidney and central nervous system damage. In some cases, they have been known to cause cancer in laboratory animals and humans and are suspected in links to neurological issues including ADHD and Parkinson's disease.

You don't have to compromise between the health and safety of your family and a clean environment. Below are my top five green cleaning solutions. Not only are they non-toxic and as effective as commercial cleaners but all of them are significantly less expensive than their commercial counterpart, something I appreciate in the midst of today's rapidly rising gas and grocery prices.

1. Baking soda is a very low cost yet extremely versatile foundation to green cleaning. Among other things, it can be used as a deodorizer, a stain remover, and a mild abrasive that can be used on porcelain bath and sink fixtures and stovetops. I once removed permanent marker from my coffee table by scrubbing with baking soda and a damp cloth.
2. Vinegar acts as a mild disinfectant and often boosts the power of baking soda. Nothing, not even Mr. Clean's Magic Eraser, can compete with the combined power of vinegar and baking soda on baked on food. Use to clean toilets, floors, windows and stove tops. Sprinkle baking soda into a slow drain and follow with vinegar, the reaction will help loosen clogs and open drains.
3. Pure Essential Oils are good substitutes for synthetic fragrances. Sprinkle your favorite essential oil (my favorites are lavender, peppermint and lemon) in a bowl of water to sit on the counter, sprinkle in closets, vacuum bags or vehicle

carpets for a safe air freshener. Be careful, essential oils are toxic to cats if applied directly to their fur.

4. Grain alcohol with high alcohol content is an effective disinfectant or even window cleaner to replace the harsher ammonia-based window cleaners or petroleum-based disinfectants. It can also be used in the occasional after cleaning cocktail! As with all alcohol products, keep out of reach of children.
5. Lemon juice is a natural stain remover and laundry brightener; a safe alternative to bleach. I recently removed a black grease stain from a pair of white pants with the power of pure lemon juice. It can also be mixed with vinegar to make a powerful disinfectant that can be used in the kitchen, in the bathroom, on floors and anywhere else germs may be lurking.

If you shy away from making your own cleaning products, there are now many safe non-toxic alternatives available on market shelves. My favorite for non-toxic dish soap (both liquid and automatic dishwasher soap), laundry soaps and softeners are made by Seventh Generation but there are other good products such as Mrs. Meyers and Planet. For an even bigger boost to the environment, use cloth rags that can be washed with the laundry instead of disposable products such as wipes or paper towels.



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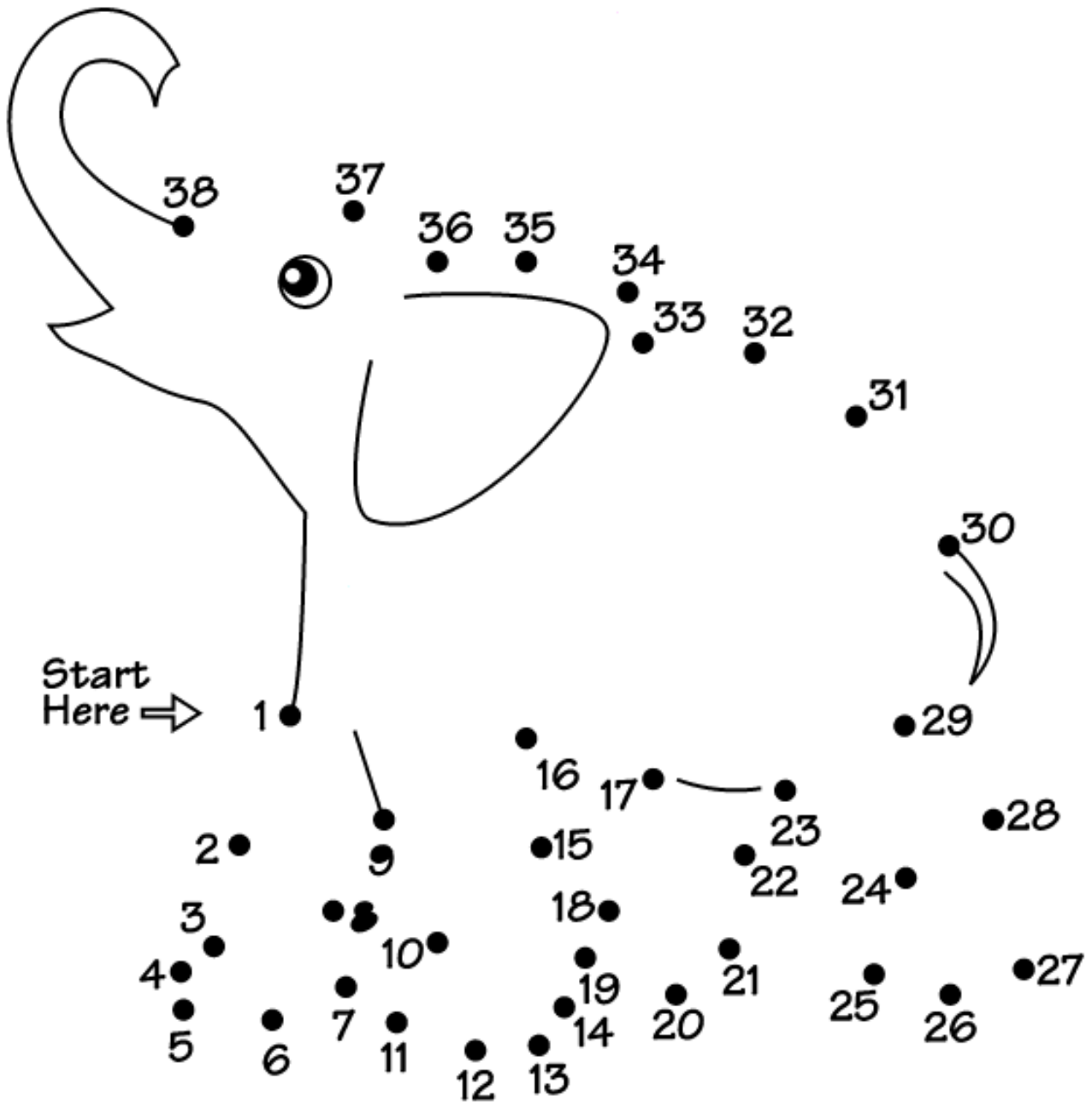
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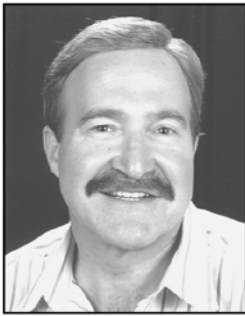
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