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One of Our Swan Cygnets Shot

Recently, one of our four cygnets was shot with a high-powered pellet gun. This was discovered after relocating the cygnet and realizing that it could not walk. The avian vet found the pellet next to the spine, which caused nerve damage. Betty Burkett is currently nursing the cygnet. We do not yet know if it will survive.

This irresponsible and cruel act has caused an innocent creature to suffer, and has created an expense for the community and those who care for the swans. Perhaps of greater consequence to the person responsible is that this is an illegal action that could result in a felony record.

This incident has been reported to the police. The police have seen the pellet and have informed us of what brands of pellet guns could have been used. One of our residents is personally offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the discovery of the person or persons responsible. If you have any information, please contact AMI.

Pellet and BB guns should not be fired in LOE. Parents, this may be an ideal opportunity to discuss BB/pellet gun safety and respect for our wildlife with your children.



Grace Craven comforts the injured cygnet.

The Reason for Banners Around the Lakes

When relocating the cygnets every year, we put up banners at the end of a lake before releasing the youngsters. These flags frighten the swans and keep them from that area. After a week, they have adjusted and acclimated to their new situations, come readily for food, and are content. When we erected the banners recently, several residents complained to AMI. This is an appropriate course of action as AMI could explain the reason for the banners and mention their temporary status. Unfortunately, one of our residents took it upon him or her self to remove the banners at Crescent Bay Lake. This did not give the three cygnets transferred to the lake time to adjust and they crossed the street right where the banners had been and are now in the big lake. We can catch them and put them back on the same lake but they will not stay. This is the year I had hoped every lake in our subdivision would have swans but now that dream has come to an end.

Please be patient with the banners. These swans add value to our community. Many people on Crescent Bay Lake are very disappointed that there will be no swans until next year, that is, if the banners are allowed to stay up.

Welcome Fall!

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Airport Noise

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
<http://www.fly2houston.com/ReportAircraftNoise>
- Air Traffic Approach Number: 281 230-8441
- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

For Information Only.

National Night Out in Texas Is Tuesday, October 7, 2008

All LOE residents are invited to come celebrate National Night Out in Texas on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the clubhouse. In addition to gathering to fight crime, we will be honoring our many neighborhood volunteers. So, please come meet and support these hardworking volunteers, meet your neighbors while enjoying light snacks and drinks. Our LOE resident realtors along with the LOE Social Committee will host this year's LOE National Night Out. There will be light snacks, drinks, beer and wine, a fire truck for the kids to climb on and a deputy sheriff to answer questions about crime prevention.

For those of you not familiar with National Night Out, it is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the Harris County Sheriff's Department. The whole community is encouraged to meet and get to know their neighbors so we can all watch out for each other.

It's America's Night Out Against Crime! Last year over 34 million people participated in NNO, including Lakes on Eldridge.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that our LOE neighborhood is organized and fighting back.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation and LOE. Plus, the benefits you and your neighbors will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night.

We now have many new residents in our community and there is no better time than now to meet our new neighbors and become involved in the safety of our community. We strongly urge you to join our celebration to give criminals a going away party! Together, as neighbors, we can stamp out crime. We have the power to keep our neighborhoods safe for everyone. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 7th!



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AUTUMN BEGINS

Monday, September 22nd: First Day of Fall

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October 10th - 12th

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October 2nd - 5th

Greek Festival: Location 3511 Yoakum Call 713-526-5377

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October 18th & 19th

Pet Fest: Pet fashion shows, photography, service groups, contests, micro-chipping, and rescue groups.

Location: Old Town Spring. Call 281-528-7070.

October 11th & 12th

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Common Sense In Short Supply


Several recent incidents within LOE have been very problematic. Please review these basic guidelines to ensure all residents can continue to enjoy our beautiful community.

- 1. NO FIREARMS SHOULD BE DISCHARGED WITHIN LOE.** Recently one adolescent swan was critically wounded due to being shot multiple times with a pellet gun. No shooting of wildlife or target practice is allowed in LOE. Also one duck has been killed and one wounded. No one should play with, harass, or disturb the wildlife in LOE. Other residents have also reported having their window's shot out by pellet guns. This could be a simple mistake by someone target practicing in their back yard or intentional vandalism. Either way, since you cannot control where the pellet will end up, we ask that residents take these guns outside the subdivision for target practice
- 2. NO GUESTS OR CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE TANNER GATES. ALL GUESTS MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE MAIN GATE ON ELDRIDGE – NO EXCEPTIONS.** There have been several incidents of people found waiting to enter the Tanner gates. When approached by residents asking them to enter the front gate, the people say a resident told them to wait there and
- 3. OUR POSTED SPEED IS 25 MILES PER HOUR. THIS SPEED SHOULD NOT BE EXCEEDED ESPECIALLY AROUND CHILDREN.** We love our kids, but several residents have been seen speeding well above 40 miles per hour even in areas where children are present. Please slow down and come to a complete stop at each stop sign – you'll still get where you're going and you and your neighbors will be safer and happier.

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Welcome To Our Newest Neighbors!

We have 9 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.

Crescent Bay welcomes the families of **Hesketh Streeter** and **Robert & Angela Thomas**.

Eagle’s Cove welcomes **Richard & Joy Sorbo**.

Pelican Point welcomes the family of **Tammy Chauvin**.

Bristol Waters welcomes the family of **Robin Clowes**.

Eden Springs welcomes **Michael & Elizabeth McCurdy**.

Baymeadows welcomes **Andrew & Dina Watt**.

Pebbleway welcomes **Patrick & Kathryn Johnson**.

Eagle’s Bend welcomes the family of **Eugene Giles**.

Lakes on Eldridge Annual Homeowners Meeting

Lakes on Eldridge will hold its annual; meeting of homeowners at 7:00 p.m. on October 22, 2008 at Kirk Elementary. As the meeting will be in the cafeteria, please park and enter at the rear of the school.

Two positions are expiring this year so the notice of the meeting will include a self-nomination form if you are interesting in running for and serving on the Board of Directors.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the accomplishments during 2008, the plans for 2009, to present the financial status of the community and review the budget for 2009.

Your Board will also be seeking homeowner input on issues such as finding ways to control speeding within the neighborhood. The current discussion includes speed bumps, rumble strips, more stop signs. Your comments and questions will be helpful in the Board making a decision on this subject. We will also continue the discussion on security issues and how to be prevent unauthorized entry into LOE.

Please plan to attend and get involved in your community. In addition to the Board there are several committees that provide the input and recommendations for Board decisions.

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— Benjamin Franklin

SAINT ARNOLD



Oktoberfest is next month. Round up your friends and neighbors and head to the Beach Club for Oktoberfest. Saint Arnold Brewing Company is treating Lakes on Eldridge homeowners to a beer tasting on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 7:30. Saint Arnold tasting glasses will be for sale for \$2 a person and the Saint Arnold crew will bring their 5 regular beers as well a seasonal offering for sampling.

Not familiar with Saint Arnold Brewery? From their website: "Saint Arnold Brewing Company, located in Houston, is Texas' Oldest Craft Brewery. Our goal is to brew world-class beers and deliver them to our customers as fresh as possible making them the best beers in Texas. Our customers are beer lovers - people that appreciate great, full-flavored beers.

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We are looking forward to seeing you there. If is a great chance to get our and meet your neighbors and support a local business. For more details or to RSVP please contact Melissa at 281-639-9287 or melissa@melissahunzeker.com.



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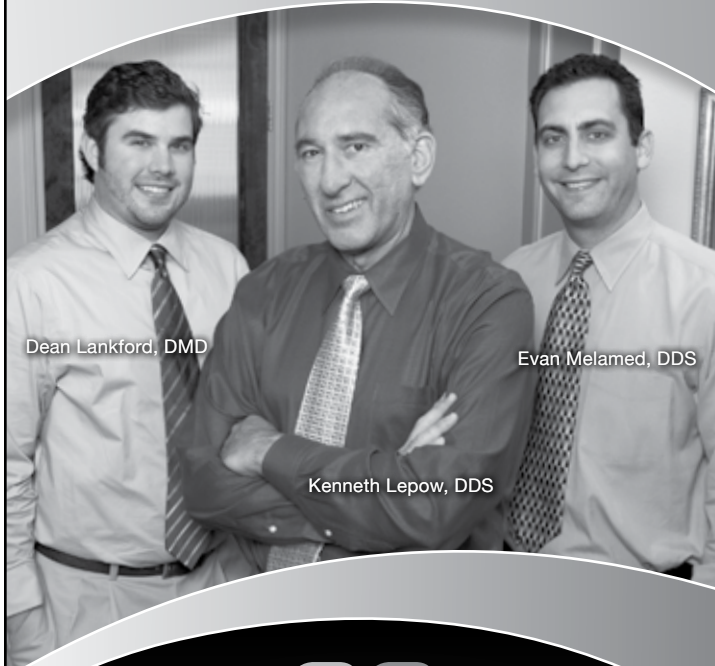
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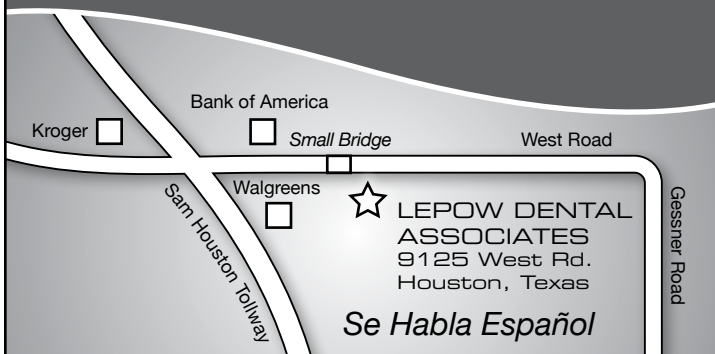
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Notes from the July Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of Lakes on Eldridge Community Association met on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. The following is a summary of what was discussed.

HOMEOWNER/GUEST FORUM

A homeowner suggested contacting solar water heating companies to see if the community could obtain group purchase discounts for interested homeowners. He was to submit additional information to support the consideration.

Three residents suggested installation of speed bumps or similar structures to reduce speeding along Lake Center run and Lake Shore Ridge. They requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting for a vote by the Members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statements: The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month ended June 30, 2008. The Association had cash balances of \$339,770 in the Operating Fund and \$378,961 in the Replacement Fund. Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2008 was \$509,364, Operating Expenses were \$629,811 and the Deficit was \$120,447. The Operating Deficit was the result of the \$80,000 contribution to Reserves plus the transfer of over \$100,000 in sales tax refunds from 2007 to the Reserves. 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. \$13,945 of delinquent accounts was collected during June 2008. Total Accounts Receivable

at June 30, 2008 was \$33,366 as opposed to over \$55,000 a year earlier.

The Board reviewed the legal status report and all delinquent accounts and instructed the managing agent accordingly.

Hearing: The Board agreed to hold a hearing for a delinquent owner at 5:30 p.m. on August 19, 2008.

2009 Budget: The managing agent distributed copies of the first draft of the 2009 budget for review by the Board. This preliminary draft was also to be submitted to MUD 241 for use in its 2008/2009 budget. Any changes in the Lakes on Eldridge budget between now and time of formal approval were to be resolved with MUD 341 at yearend

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Access Control: The committee chairman reported that he was called out by ISSC personnel to witness an incident in late June involving solicitation in our neighborhood by a company attempting to sell alarm systems door to door. The Sheriff's Department was summoned and the young representative of the company, after much argument, was told to leave and not return. Gate attendants are advising contractors not to solicit when they enter the property.

At a meeting with ISSC on Monday July 14th the following items were discussed:

1. An updated map showing all street names. This has been further delayed because of formatting problems, and efforts will be continued to have these maps completed as soon as possible.
2. The toilet area in the gatehouse needs

cleaning. The managing agent was to determine if the person who cleans the Beach club would also clean the gatehouse with each visit.

3. The chair needs replacing – it is soiling or tearing shirtsleeves. ISSC was directed to replace the chair and include the cost in its regular invoice.
4. A resident directory would be most helpful. The managing agent had emailed an updated directory for use by the gate attendants.
5. Gate attendants have no training to reset the gates when a breaker trips.
6. Cell phones with caller ID for the gate attendants have been requested. The board denied a cell phone but instructed ISSC to purchase a phone with both a landline and a wireless handset.
7. A fan for outside the guardhouse would be appreciated on these hot days.
8. The board asked the managing agent to check on a remote button for the gate attendants, solar screening for the front window and to confirm whether the circuit breakers for the entry gate had been installed.

Parks & Pool: The committee chairman reported that the LOE Swim Team ended the season with a 2nd Place Finish at the Divisional Meet. Numerous swimmers qualified for post-season competitions. The team is now preparing for the Fall Swim Season.

The Board agreed to request charges from LOEN and Twin Lakes to help pay for the increased cleaning requirements of a 200+ swim team.

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The pool bathrooms now smell fresh and the new circulation fan is really quiet.

The new vents are installed on the pool equipment room doors but the new chlorinators have not been installed. Also the pool gate needs to be fixed, as the spring does not close it properly.

GHPM also needs to be reminded to obtain the piece needed to repair the broken umbrella.

The Board also asked the managing agent to instruct a contractor to proceed with painting of the arbors in the parks.

Landscape: The committee chairman reported that a meeting was held between Landscape Images, AMI and LOE. It was agreed to work toward water conservation, improving turf areas and reducing general maintenance requirements. A resident in LOE with extensive irrigation and landscaping experience, has been and will be very helpful in making this transition. The following action items were resolved during the meeting:

1. LIOT to change controllers to water overnight instead of during the day.
2. Convert to "Cycle & Soak" process wherever possible to reduce water requirements
3. Check / Replace rain sensors as needed
4. Change mowing pattern to avoid compacting turf
5. Use existing pine straw to "mulch" hollies rather than dispose of material.

6. Check drainage in built up beds to avoid standing water
7. LIOT to submit proposal for installation of perennials at next color change out.
8. LIOT to investigate and submit estimate for use of Liquid Compost Extract instead of granular fertilizer.
9. A committee member will meet with LIOT after 8/15 to review and propose additional irrigation changes to save water and enhance turf.
10. LIOT and LOE will work together to determine additional budget items as necessary.

Website: The committee chairman advised that there was nothing new to report and suggested that the Website Committee be re-combined with the Newsletter Committee as a Communications Committee. He would continue to work with the website as part of the Communications Committee. The board agreed to combine the Committees.

Social/Events: The committee chairman reported that 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 1st Wednesday of the month at 12:00. Attendance was up slightly but no new members attended.

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This month's committee meeting discussed the following events:

1. July 4th Parade – discussed volunteer duties.
2. Discussed the successful Quiz Night in June. Everyone on the social committee heard positive feedback from those in attendance.
3. 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. A member will approach a contact at Rudi Lechner's to discuss them catering the event at a lower cost or donating some food.
4. 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.
5. Christmas Toy Drive: We began discussing dates for the Christmas Party and Toy Drive. December 12 is one possibility.

The 4th of July Parade and Family Festival was a success. About 20 – 25 kids entered the bike-decorating contest and at least 40 kids participated in the parade. About 50 to 70 people attended the Family Festival. A water safety course was conducted by GHPM. Afterward the Swim team and GHPM put on water games and volunteers served hotdogs.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Action Items: The Board reviewed the list of action items and instructed the managing agent accordingly. After reviewing costly proposals to install either polished concrete or wooden flooring, the Board decided to look to re-carpeting the Beach Club using a dark color to help hide stains.

The managing agent reported that emergency repairs were being made to the pedestrian bridge across Turkey Creek.

Deed Restrictions: The Board reviewed the deed restrictions at July 22, 2008 and instructed the managing agent accordingly.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 19, 2008.

The Board also scheduled the Annual Meeting of Members for October 22, 2008 if Kirk Elementary is available.

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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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, cfritztx@comcast.net for additional information.

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.

October 27 – The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield. Sometimes, when you open the door to the past, what you confront is your destiny. Reclusive author Vida Winter, famous for her collection of twelve enchanting stories, has spent the past six decades penning a series of alternate lives for herself. Now old and ailing, she is ready to reveal the truth about her extraordinary existence and the violent and tragic past she has kept secret for so long. Calling on Margaret Lea, a young biographer troubled by her own painful history, Vida disinters the life she meant to bury for good. Margaret is mesmerized by the author's tale of gothic strangeness -- featuring the beautiful and willful Isabelle, the feral twins Adeline and Emmeline, a ghost, a governess, a topiary garden and a devastating fire. Together, Margaret and Vida confront the ghosts that have haunted them while becoming, finally, transformed by the truth themselves.

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Adventures in Mothering at BridgePoint Bible

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MotherWise Group Begins New Program

The Lakes on Eldridge MotherWise group will introduce its study of Dr. Kevin Leman's new video series titled "Value-packed parenting – Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World" with an evening social on Monday, September 8, 2008, beginning at 7:00 pm, at the LOE Beach Club. A light dinner will be served.

Dr. Leman is an internationally-known family psychologist, author, and speaker. As a contributor to CNN's American Morning with Paula Zahn, the "relationship doctor" has also made appearances on Oprah, The View, Live with Regis and Kelly, and Today. Dr. Leman has also served as a consulting family psychologist for Good Morning America. His personal experiences as a parent provide a practical approach to parenting.

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 for mothers. 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 Christian mother's 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 7:00 pm. The meetings begin with prayer and the presentation of the study segment, followed by small group prayer time for those who wish to participate, and concludes 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 eight meetings this fall on the following dates: September 8th (kick off social), September 22nd, October 6th, October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th, December 1st, and December 15th.

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!

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LOE Bible Study

The Lakes On Eldridge Bible Study resumed 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 am on Tuesdays 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!

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.

Social Committee

Brown Bag Lunch

All interested residents are invited to join us at 12 pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse to discuss upcoming social events. Just bring your lunch, drink of your choice and meet some of your fun loving neighbors. For more information contact Deborah Dunaway at 713-983-9651 or dsd1951@mac.com.

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.



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Place: Fairfield Athletic Center, 16055 Mason Road

Race packet pickup: 7 to 8 p.m. Friday evening at the Fairfield Athletic Club; 7:00 a.m. race day

Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male & Female overall; Boy under 12 & Girl under 12 (5K)

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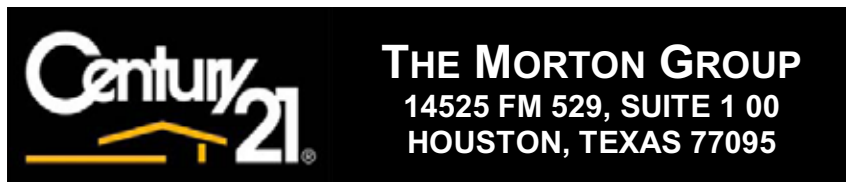
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Cypress Christian School Students receive honors at TAPPS State Art Competition

Cypress Christian School students recently received awards at the TAPPS State Art Contest at Concordia University. CCS students entered eight pieces of work in the competition and received six ribbons.

Recognition was given to the following students:

- Cat Crozier-Honorable Mention in on-site drawing
- Payton Lambert-4th place in on-site photography
- Sarah Longridge-Honorable mention in on-site drawing
- Courtney Middleton-Honorable mention in kitchen floor plan
- Michelle Van Rieg-6th place in bedroom floor plan and model
- Nick Yalamanchili-Honorable mention in on-site photography

Other students who participated included Kate Bennett, Tony Lozoda, Charis Medendorp, Jenifer Nguyen, and Rachel Reed.



The Pearl Fincher Museum Upcoming Fall Volunteer Recruiting Coffee, Exhibits, and Daytrips

Volunteers are very important to the success of your new museum. The Fall Volunteer Coffee will be Friday, September 19 at 10 a.m. Volunteering can mean anything from greeting and helping out in the gift shop to helping with the student art projects on Family Days (Saturdays). If you are interested in volunteering, contact vickiereynolds5@yahoo.com or call the museum for more info about the location of the coffee this year.

The Pearl Fincher Museum currently presenting *African Gold from the Glassell Collection: Selections from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston* now on display in the Main Gallery and *Metal Worked* featuring the Houston Area Blacksmiths Association and the Houston Metal Arts Guild in the Rebecca Cole Gallery. The exhibitions will be on display through November 2, 2008.

Family Day will be September 13, 2008. From 10:00am-5:00pm, the museum will grant free admission to visitors. From 10:00am-4:00pm, the Houston Area Blacksmiths Association will demonstrate in the museum parking lot. At 11:00am, Kuumba House African Dance Troupe will present an African dance workshop in the museum lobby. At 1:00pm, Kuumba House African Dance Troupe will perform in the museum lobby. Throughout the day, Docents will be available for drop-in tours of the current exhibitions, African Gold from the Glassell Collection and Metal Worked and kids can participate in an art workshop in the Northgate Forest Conference Room.

The **Day Trip** sponsored by the museum takes place once a month. The bus fills fast, so call early to reserve your seat. A minimum donation of \$5 by check to CCFAA (Cypress Creek Fine Arts Assn) will reserve your seat on the bus. Bus riders must be age 50 or older. If you are interested in participating in these trips or helping put the trips together, contact Pat Wisnewski at 4pmw@comcast.net or 281-583-1515.

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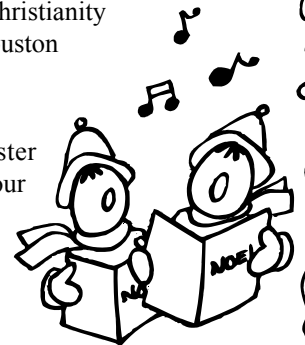
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- TAKS scores increased in all five subject areas (Reading/English/Language Arts, Math, Writing, Social Studies and Science) and all subgroups (African American, Hispanic, White and Economically Disadvantaged) compared to 2007;
- CFISD employed numerous successful preparation strategies, including the analyzing of benchmark results each six weeks to guide re-teaching efforts; math and science camps; content-area professional development geared to district assessment results; specially designed materials for Saturday Schools and matching struggling students with strong teachers; and
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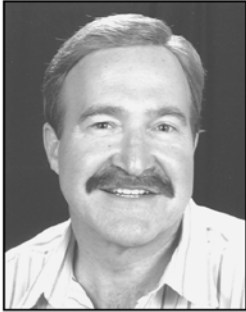
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