

Volume 8, Issue 5 May 2009 Official Newsletter www.lakesoneldridge.net

### LOE Annual Egg Hunt

The young children of Lakes on Eldridge, and their families, enjoyed a fun morning at the annual Easter Egg Hunt held in front of the clubhouse on Saturday, March 28, 2009. The children collected plastic candy filled eggs, enjoyed refreshments and had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Parents may log onto www. lakesoneldridge.net/easterphotos and download their child's picture with the Easter Bunny.

Thank you to the many volunteers that made this event possible for our LOE families with young children. The hunt would not be possible without your help. Many of you have volunteered for several years and your willingness to continue to help with the egg hunt is most sincerely appreciated.

Thank you to Georgia Shotwell and the LOE Social Committee for hosting this event. Thank you to Georgia Shotwell for organizing this event, taking her time to purchase all the refreshments, and putting up the signs. Thank you to Georgia Shotwell and Toby Ellis of Keller Williams Realty Memorial for donating 900 extra (Continued on Page 6)





Our resident directory is an important record that allows our gate attendants to contact homeowners to allow visitors to enter the community. Please make sure your home phone number is on file with the main gate by calling 713-937-8825.

As part of our ongoing effort to provide effective access control, procedures will soon be implemented so that if no phone number is on file, and if the visitor cannot provide it, access cannot be granted. Thanks for your cooperation!

### Go Green Go Paperless

Sign up to receive The Lakes on Eldridge Newsletter in your inbox. Visit PEELinc.com for details.

Copyright © 2009 Peel, Inc.

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

AMI
Gate Attendant
Waterfowl, Betty Burkett713-302-9929
Sheriff - (non-emergency)713-221-6000
Cy-Fair Fire Department - (emergency)
(non-emergency)
Poison Control1-800-764-7661
Texas DPS
Waste Management
(trash collection Mondays & Thursdays)
Aqua Source
(Service or emergencies 24hrs)713-983-3604
Harris County Tax Office713-224-1919
Reliant Energy 713-207-7777
(give pole # of street which is out)
Entex (gas)
Time Warner Cable713-462-9000
Houston Chronicle
Metro Transit Info713-635-4000
Kirk Elementary 713-849-8250
Truitt Middle School
Cy-Falls High School
Cy-Ridge High School
Newsletter Publisher
Peel, Incadvertising@PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444

#### **LOE Board Of Directors**

To contact a member of the Board of Directors, call Alex Taylor with AMI at 713-932-1122. Leave the number where you can be reached. Mr. Taylor will then forward your message to one of the following board members:

Bronson Clay	President
Carlon Thorpe	Vice President
Clive Gardner	Secretary
Cory Hammond	
Heather Von Sternberg	

#### Visit the Association Website: www.lakesoneldridge.net



#### **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 news@lakesoneldridge.net. This information should include your name. All information should be received no later than the 10th of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as space limitations.

### 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.net. 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.



Did You Know...

ONE OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS MAY BENEFIT FROM THE \$8,000 TAX BENEFIT ON THE PURCHASE OF A HOME IN 2009?

> CALL OR EMAIL ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.

### ANN KNOCHE, ASP. CRB 281.582.3911

annpk@heritagetexas.com

- TOP PRODUCER MEMORIAL OFFICE
- Company Wide Top 10 Producer
- TOP LISTING AGENT FOR THE LAKES ON ELDRIDGE COMMUNITIES

LISTENING, VISUALIZING, INSPIRING AND EDUCATING BUYERS AND SELLERS SINCE 1992.



LUXURY PORT/OLIO"

仓

14340 Memorial Drive • Houston, Texas 77079

heritagetexas.com



The new swim season is finally underway for our 220 enthusiastic swimmers age 4 to 18! A very successful Swim Clinic was held the week of April 20 and practices started on 27 April. Start marking your May calendars for the Time Trials on May 2nd, pictures on the 4th, and first pep-rally on the 15th followed by the first meet on the 16th at our home pool in Lakes on Eldridge. Below is a complete calendar of future events, to cut out and tape to your fridge for easy reference! As always you can visit our very informative website www. loedolphins.org for up to date information.

#### <u>MAY</u>

2	Time Trials – Concord Bridge – Loe	1
	Pool (Finish By 3)	1
4	Pictures – No Swim Practice	1
15	Pep-rally (7-9)	2
16	Home Meet – Fairfield (Finish By 3	2

- 16 Home Meet Fairfield (Finish By 3 Pm) Pep-rally (7-9)
- 23 Away Meet Deerfield
- 25 No Swim Practice Memorial Day
- 29 Pep-rally (7-9)
- 30 Away Meet Norchester

#### JUNE

- 5 Pep-rally (7-9)
- 6 Home Meet Concord Bridge (Finish By 3 Pm)

- 2 Pep-rally (7-9)
- 3 Away Meet Jersey Village
- 9 Last Day Of Swim Practice
- 20 Divisionals Fairfield
- D Divisionals Fairfield
- 22 Banquet Cy Ridge High School 23-25 Swim Practice For Swimmers Qualifying For Rw&b And Ponderosa
- 26-28 Rw& B Cy-springs
- 27,28 Ponderosa Klein High School

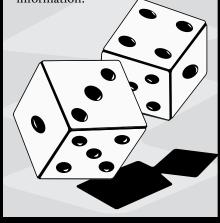
(The Board Position for Secretary/ Hospitality is open. If you are interested in that position, please contact Rosa Clay at rosaclay@sbcglobal.net.)

#### ATTENTION! BUNCO JUNKIES!

This year we are playing "Bunco" from 12 noon until 2 pm once a month on the 1st Thursday of each month at the LOE Beach Clubhouse.

We need twelve players each month to have these tables. The first 12 people to sign up will make up our core group. We will need substitutes for those people who will not be able to play each month.

Contact Catherine Spellings at 713-896-1652 or 713-628-7083 or CTSpellings@aol.com for more information.





Country Lising

Have you been dreaming about owning a country home with acreage, that is horse friendly, and still close to the city? How about a one-story 1995 home that offers over 2,800 square feet on three beautiful treed acres in North Katy? Then your dreams can come true! Call me today to see this fabulous property.



DEDICATION
INTEGRITY
ENERGY &
RESOURCEFUL



KAY HORSCH Lakes on Eldridge Resident & Realtor

713.703.8313 kay@kayhorsch.com heritagetexas.com



11689 Westheimer, Suite C Houston, Texas 77077

COMPANIES of THE WORLD"



#### LOE Annual Egg Hunt- (Continued from Cover Page)

Easter eggs. A big thank you to Gus Lester who stood in for the Easter Bunny. The great bunny costume was donated by Bob Wright of Party Boy, 1515 Studemont, Houston, Texas (713) 861-9080.

A big thanks to Cory Hammond who served as our event photographer, again, and to Angela Hammond who made those beautiful, home made Easter cupcakes. Thank you to Betty Burkett for putting up the flags to keep the swans at bay and for standing swan watch the entire hunt.

Thank you to our egg collectors, Holly Blausen, Wendy Craven, Jamie Medina, Georgia Shotwell, Deborah Dunaway, Elizabeth Tobin, and Julie Applegate. Not only did they allow their homes to be drop off sites but they delivered the eggs early Saturday morning.

Thank you to Sandy Deloney, Ellen Havlik, Maria Marget, Julie Medina, Holly Blausen, Sheryl Henke, Wendy Craven, Deborah Dunaway, Georgia Shotwell, Julie Applegate, Elizabeth Tobin, and Cecilia Freedman for distributing the individual flyers throughout the neighborhood.

Thank you to our egg hiders who arrived several hours early to set up and hide well over a thousand eggs. These ladies are Rosa Clay, Jackie Clay, Elizabeth Tobin, Olivia Tobin, Amelia Tobin, Angela Hammond, Toby Ellis, Wendy Craven, and Georgia Shotwell.

Thank you to Rosa Clay, Jackie Clay, Bronson Clay, Cory Hammond, Angela Hammond, Toby Ellis, Wendy Craven, Deborah Dunaway, Georgia Shotwell, Toby Ellis, and Clive Gardner for cleaning up after the party.

If you are one of these families that enjoyed the hunt, please extend your hand of thanks in person when you see any of these volunteers in the neighborhood. Your thanks and appreciation makes their time and effort worthwhile.





I'm Texas Energy Analyst Alan Lammey. Maybe you've heard me on the radio talking about the market forces that drive energy prices. I'm here to tell you that you're not stuck paying those high prices to big electric companies anymore! **Stop it.** 

#### Why pay more than you have to? Those days are over!

Why would you want to go with an electric provider that charges you more, when you can go to www.sparkpowerbank.com and pay far less for the same electricity?

#### Make sense?

Please choose "Newsletter Ad" as your referral on the SparkPowerBank.com website.

### - Architectural Control Committee Corner -

#### Door Care and Maintenance

Have you checked the condition of your front door lately? The finish on your wood door requires periodic maintenance to keep it looking its best and to provide protection from the elements. The maintenance schedule varies with exposure to moisture and direct sunlight, but it is recommended that inspection and cleaning should be performed at least once a year. If your door has dark streaks, a dry dull look, raised grain, cracking, or a whitish cast to the finish, it probably needs more than cleaning: it is time for a refinishing.

Follow your door manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and maintenance. Failing to do so may void the finish warranty. In general, cleaning may be performed with commercially available wood cleaners. Mold and mildew can be killed with a mixture of one part household bleach to three parts water.

To restore a rubbed oil finish, clean and buff with fine density steel wool. After removing dust apply a coat of wood oil with a brush. Finish by thoroughly wiping the door with a clean cotton rag. Apply several coats if necessary to bring back the rich color in the wood.

A polyurethane finish may be lightly sanded. To remove the dust, wipe with a clean cloth slightly dampened with mineral spirits. Apply a coat of oil-based exterior polyurethane, sand lightly, and wipe the dust off. Apply a second coat. If the existing finish is heavily worn, you may need to repeat the process and install a third coat.

Advertise

Your Business Here

888-687-6444



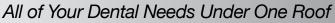
Ken Malinowski, D.V.M.

- Dental Grading at no charge! Dental Estimates!
- Ask about our Shelter Adoption Package at no charge!
- Come by anytime for a tour and meet Dr. Malinowski!



<u>Only The Best</u> For Your Best Friend

- √ Ultrasound √ Telemedicine
  - Surgery
- Radilogy (x-rays)
- ✓ Tonopen (glaucoma)
   ✓ Dental Cleanings
- ✓ Vaccinations
- Office Hours Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm Saturdays 8am - 1pm 713/937-4484





•

•

## LOE Quiz Night Saturday, June 20th, 2008

LOE Quiz Night, Saturday, June 20th, 2008

After the success of last year's LOE quiz night, we're doing it again! Lakes on Eldridge residents and their friends are invited to meet at the Beach Club, Lakes on Eldridge on Saturday June 20th for an evening of fascinating and fun-filled friendly factfinding and frivolity.

Either come on your own, or with a partner, or bring a group of up to 10 people and we will organize you into teams. Teams of 6-10 people will compete for an attractive team prize, by answering a series of questions in various categories, to include Local Knowledge, Food and Drink, Music and more.

Arrive at 7:30 pm, for seating of teams at 8 o'clock, and commencement of the Quiz questions shortly thereafter. The final scores should be available around 10 pm and the winners will then be announced.

Complimentary drinks on arrival and nibbles

will be provided; please feel free to bring a plateful of interesting finger-food to add to the party mood. Additional liquid refreshment is BYO. This is primarily an adult event, but teenagers would be welcome to join their parents.

Please register if possible by end May. If you require more details, and to register, contact:

Eleanor Liney: 713-937-6424 e-mail: eleanor. liney@sbcglobal.net. Later registrations may be accepted if there is still space available.

This popular event gets neighbors and newcomers quickly engaged in earnest discussion over the correct answers; but remember the Quiz Master is always right; no arguing with the referee! And no electronic cheat-machines! Pit your wits and amaze yourself with your knowledge; or if that doesn't quite work out, enjoy the losers' booby prize!





# Water Softeners, Conditioners & Drinking Water Purification Systems

Save money buying direct. Get Quality and value from a trusted name.

Also providing maintenance service & repairs on other systems.



Top 5 U.S. GE Pro Elite Dealer recognized for "Outstanding customer support, sales & service". Licensed and Insured WT0003842 •

•

•

•

•



# Tim Ziifle

BROKER ASSOCIATE, CRS (*held by only 4% of ALL Realtors*), ASR, SRES, ABR, ALHS, AHSS, MIRM, RCC, CSP, CNHS, RECS, E-PRO & RELOCATION SPECIALIST

**KNOWLEDGE + EXPERIENCE (27+ YRS.) = RESULTS!** N. Eldridge Specialist & Lakes On Eldridge Homeowner

#### If you are seeking a proven, real estate EXPERT to...

♦ FIND A <u>QUALIFIED BUYER</u> FOR YOUR HOME WITHIN YOUR REQUIRED TIME FRAME

- ♦ PROVIDE A DETAILED <u>ACCURATE ASSESSMENT</u> OF YOUR HOME'S CURRENT MARKET VALUE
- ♦ HELP YOU TO <u>STAGE YOUR HOME</u> TO ENSURE MAXIMUM APPEAL AND <u>OBTAIN TOP DOLLAR</u>
- ♦ PROVIDE YOU WITH <u>EXPERT ADVICE</u> AND GUIDANCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS
- **WHO WILL <u>WORK DIRECTLY WITH YOU</u> AND NOT THROUGH TRAINEES OR ASSISTANTS**

♦ AND WHO WILL <u>\$AVE YOU A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DOLLAR</u>\$

#### And Whose Previous Clients Say This About My Service...

"I am writing to thank you for all your help in successfully marketing & selling our US home as part of my transfer from Houston to Stavanger, Norway. Your professional, no-nonsense approach and sound pre-sale preparatory advice was much appreciated. Your knowledge and ability to navigate the intricate processes of international oil company sale procedures was also very helpful. Your experience and understanding of the north-west Houston market proved valuable in pitching our house appropriately."

lan W.

"So let me just say that if you want the hardest working, most straightforward, most thorough, friendliest real estate agent you could ever hope for, call Tim."

Dave & Elaine R.

"We really appreciated the direct one-on-one contact you were able to provide to us, along with your outstanding knowledge of the market, how to present the home and your negotiating skills"

Paul & Alinta S.

"It was very important to my wife and I that our agent was available when needed. Tim proved readily available when contacted via telephone and email. Tim also followed up with every agent that showed the house to obtain feedback on a potential sale as well as to obtain advice on how to improve showings."

Christopher & Jenny H.

"I have bought and sold two other homes and Tim is the best realtor I ever had. He is smart and knowledgeable, professional and friendly, and helpful, looks after your interests, is always on time and available by phone or email."

Karl B.

### Please consider giving me a call at: (832) 457-1989

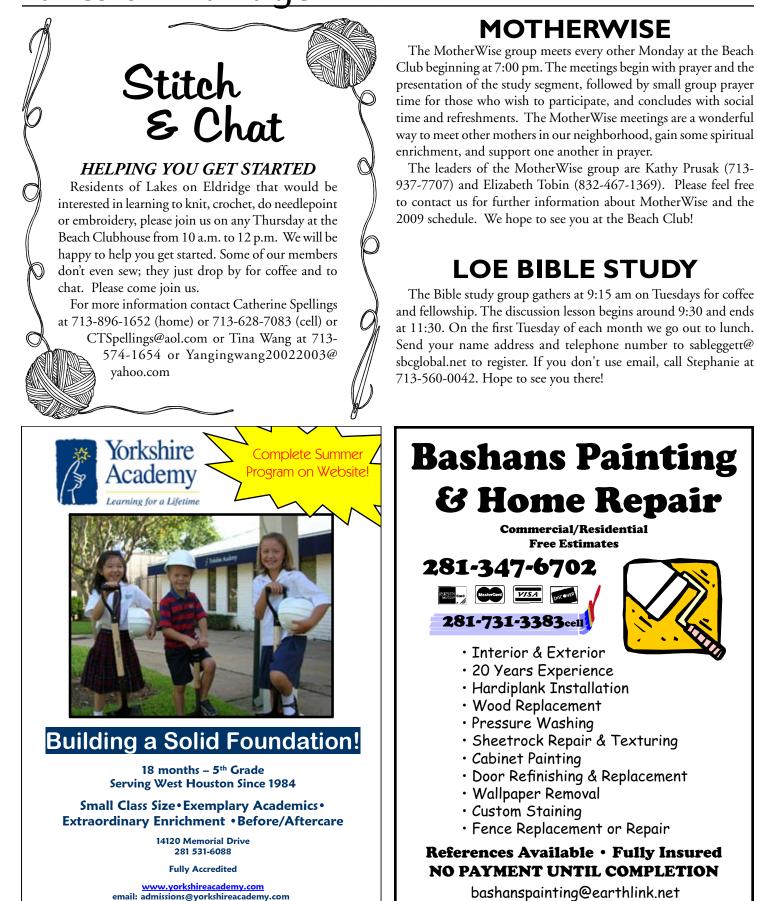


THE MORTON GROUP 14525 FM 529, SUITE 1 00 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77095

www.har.com/timziifle

E-mail: tcziifle@msn.com





### **SWANS CAN BE DANGEROUS**

It's springtime again, and you can expect to see some new arrivals of cygnets on our lakes. Mother Nature provides our LOE swans with some common sense. At this time of year they feel the need to protect their territory against predators including humans, dogs, and waterfowl. Our cob (male) will become aggressive and territorial in trying to protect his pen (female) and nest. This is usually temporary until mating season is over. If you are walking past a lake and a swan swims to your side and follows you, BEWARE! If you see a swan with his neck back and feathers up, like in this photograph, please stay away, do not attempt to feed him, and walk on the other side of the street as he is in his ATTACK position. Please warn your nannies and sitters not to stroll babies around the swans. We must try to remember that the swans are merely protecting their territory and readying the area for their young. We need to be as cautious of them as they are of us. Thank you for your cooperation.



# Advertise YOUR business to YOUR neighbors for less than 10¢ per home.

Effective Advertising, Done Right.

Call today to Reserve your space.



1-888-687-6444 www.PEELinc.com

L

Located at FM 1960 & Hwy 290 (next to 1960 Family Practice) · 20320 Northwest Freeway # 550, Houston, TX 77065

### Come Visit Us This Month for Our Rejuvenating Spa Experiences!

COSMETIC & WELLNESS CENTER

May 5th 12:00pm "Look Younger Immediately" May 7th 5:30pm "Look Younger Immediately" May 12th 12:00pm "Erase Sun Damage" May 14th 5:30pm "Erase Sun Damage" May 19th 12:00pm "Rejuvenate your Skin" May 21st 5:30pm "Rejuvenate your Skin" May 26th 12:00pm "Make-up Application Tips" May 28th 5:30pm "Make-up Application Tips"

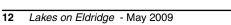


H. Le, MD Board Certified Physician Medical Director

Call to schedule your appointment TODAY! (281) 453-7085

Grand Opening Special

25% off all Package Services & Free Microderm with every package purchace



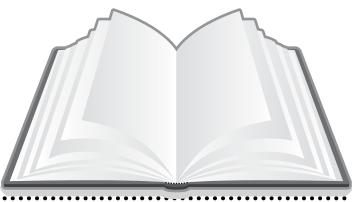
### LOE BOOK CLUB

Book club usually meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.; however we have moved some of our upcoming dates around to fit our calendars. Join us for a little wine or coffee, some snacks, and stimulating discussion. We will again be meeting in various member's homes, so call or email Celeste Fritz, 713-896-6942, celeste.fritz@gmail.com for location and additional information.

May 18 - The Stone Angel by Margaret Laurence. First published in 1964 this is perhaps the best-known of Margaret Laurence's series of novels set in the fictitious town of Manawaka, Manitoba. In parallel narratives set in the past and the present-day (early 1960s), The Stone Angel tells the story of Hagar Currie Shipley. In the present-day narrative, 90-year old Hagar is struggling against being put in a nursing home, which she sees as a symbol of death. The present-day narrative alternates with Hagar's looking back at her life.

June 15 - Front of the Class by Brad Cohen and Lisa Wysocky. Time for another non-fiction selection. As a child with Tourette's, Brad was ridiculed, beaten, mocked, and shunned. This story of unwavering determination proves anyone can make their dreams come true.

July 27 - Dreams from My Father by Barack Obama. Years before becoming the 44th President-elect of the United States, Barack Obama published this lyrical, unsentimental, and powerfully affecting memoir, which became a #1 New York Times bestseller when it was re-issued in 2004. Dreams from My Father tells the story of Obama's struggle to understand the forces that shaped him as the son of a black African father and white American mother-a struggle that takes him from the American heartland to the ancestral home of his great-aunt in the tiny African village of Alego.



### PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you know of a LOE resident who has had any outstanding awards, milestones or accomplishments, please let us know at <u>news@lakesoneldridge.net</u> so they may be recognized in the newsletter.

### DEED RESTRICTIONS THE 15 GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMANDMENTS

- 1. Thou shalt keep thy property free of debris, high grass and junk cars.
- 2. Thou shalt know the names and phone numbers of at least two neighbors on the block or street.
- 3. Thou shalt not offend thy neighbors by playing music too loud (or too late).
- 4. Though shalt not speed on residential streets.
- 5. Though shalt not block thy neighbor's driveway.
- 6. Thou shalt not leave thy trash and recycle bins out before or after trash pick up day.
- 7. Thou shalt remove all holiday décor when the holiday season ends.
- 8. Thou shalt call the police when witnessing any suspicious activity in the neighborhood.
- 9. Thou shalt supervise thy children while they are playing in the neighborhood.
- 10. Thou shalt not hold a grudge against thy neighbor for more than a week.
- 11. Thou shalt help thy neighbor when thou hast the opportunity.
- 12. Thou shalt keep thy dog quiet during the night, no matter how thou wisheth to remain in thy comfortable bed.
- 13. Thou shalt keep thy dog (and vicious cats) on a leash at all times.
- 14. Thou shalt not park thy boats, RV's, trailers and other toys on thy driveway,
- 15. Thou shalt maintain thy house, including painting, repairs, mowing, edging and weeding.

#### THOU SHALT BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

\* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

\* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

\* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

# Feral Feathers



You may have noticed an emerald green flash go by on a walk around Lakes on Eldridge. If you remove your iPod, you may also hear an unusual call, instantly noticeable and unusual among the familiar calls of Blue Jays and Mockingbirds. You have just seen or heard a Monk Parakeet, Myiopsitta monachus. The Monk Parakeet, also called Quaker Parrot, is not a native to this area or the United States. Wild birds were imported to the U.S. in the late sixties from Argentina, Brazil, and South America as pets. As the birds inevitably were released or escaped, they thrived in their new environment and have formed large colonies in the Southern and Southeastern U.S. These hardy birds have even established colonies as far north as Chicago and Connecticut.

The Monk Parakeet is green with pale grey on the forehead, cheeks, throat and chest.

Some blue can be found in the tail and wing feathers. There are several color mutations including blue, albino, and cinnamon, although only the common greens have been spotted in our neighborhood. Monk Parakeets are unusual in that they are the only Parrot that builds a stick nest either in trees or on manmade structures. Other Parrots nest predominantly in hollows in trees. Also unusual is that they often build large nests for multiple pairs with separate entrances for each pair. Nests have been reported as large as small automobiles.

At least one colony has established itself near the main lake by the clubhouse here at Lakes on Eldridge. The birds are often seen near the clubhouse, sometimes carrying small branches that they cut with their beaks from the birch trees along the lake. Monk Parakeets have also been seen at Pecan's Grill on Tanner. The birds are not reported to have a very large range and the sightings at Pecan's beg the question of whether there is more than one colony in the neighborhood. In pet stores, Monk Parakeets cost between \$50 and \$200 for handfed babies while the rarer blue varieties may cost up to \$400. Although they are cherished as pets and most people enjoy the novelty of seeing them wild in their neighborhood, they are considered a pest to agriculture by many of their native countries. Although it is disputed, they are also considered an agricultural pest in some areas of the U.S. and eradication programs have been implemented in some of these areas.

Keep a look out for these colorful invaders or put out a feeder with sunflower seeds and you may be treated with a visit from one of our colorful and vocal tropical immigrants.

# Want to know what is happening on the market around your home?

I have been receiving daily calls regarding the market in Lakes On Eldridge communities...

Receive a Free monthly interactive email page, that will show all market activity within a 5 miles radius around your home! Sold! Active! Analysis... Courtesy of Danielle Gebara.

#### NO NEED TO MEET WITH ME NO COST TO YOU...

Just an item of value at your request! Call 832 788 6002 to request to be set up Or just email me a request at Danielle@dgebara.com Your information will be handled confidentially and never shared, sold, or distributed to any other organization, company or entity.

> Direct: 832-788-6002 Off: 281-664-8300 Ext. 3153 danielle@dgebara.com



Because every move matters!

### Lakes on Eldridge CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

The 12th annual city-wide Kiwanis Kids Triathlon Series begins May 30 at Langham Creek YMCA. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors the first Triathlon of the series. Girls and boys from ages 7 through 12 are invited to participate The Triathlon combines three activities that children enjoy –swimming, cycling, and running. Age groups for the events are 7-8 year olds; 9 year olds; 10 year olds; and 11-12 year olds. Boys and girls compete separately in each event. Trophies, prizes, and mementos are awarded. The net proceeds from this event will be used to benefit Kiwanis charitable and service activities; such as sponsoring Key Clubs, Boy and Girl Scout troops, Salvation Army missions, and needy families and individuals in the Cy-Fair area. Entry forms are available at Ault and Keith Elementary Schools or at www.kiwanishoustonsunrise.org. For further information call Peggy or Bob Presnell at 281-304-7127.

The recent Golf Tournament was a big success. We appreciate the contributions of those who played, those who sponsored players, and those who sponsored holes for the benefit of the organization. Some of the proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for Key Club seniors for their use in college next year. Announcement of the winners of the scholarships will be available next month.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets three times a month at the Hearthstone Country Club in Hearthstone from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. for lunch, and programs including guest speakers on subjects of concern to the community and individuals. We invite you to a complimentary lunch, fellowship with our members, an informative program, and an opportunity to learn more about our organization. Reservations are not required. The Club will meet on February 3, 10, and 17.

Membership in Kiwanis is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the service programs it promotes, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowl at 832-467-1998; or Robert Presnell at 281-304-7127.

CHILDREN ... PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, an affiliate of the International Kiwanis organization, focuses its services, programs and activities on this theme.





Yorkshire Academy is sending 11 students in 13 contests to the State PSIA Academic Competition held at TCU in Ft. Worth on May 2nd

#### Personal Classifieds

**TWO TV'S FOR SALE.** 32" Sony and 25" Magnavox tube TV's, with remote control. Both have great picture and work well with cable or dish, so digital conversion not an issue. \$350 or best offer buys both TV's! Call or e-mail James: 832-467-9891 or jfsauto50@ sbcglobal.net

#### 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.

# Peel, Inc. Printing & Publishing

Publishing Community Newsletters Since 1991

We currently publish newsletters for the following subdivisions in Houston:

Blackhorse Ranch Bridgeland Coles Crossing Cypress Mill Enchanted Valley Fairfield Harvest Bend The Village Lakes of Fairhaven Lakes on Eldridge Lakes on Eldridge North Lakewood Grove Legends Ranch Longwood Pine Brook Riata Ranch Shadow Creek Ranch Steeplechase Stone Gate Summerwood Village Creek Willowbridge Willowbridge Willowlake Willow Pointe Winchester Country Winchester Trails Windermere Lakes Wortham Villages



#### 1-888-687-6444 www.PEELinc.com

Kelly Peel, Sales Manager kelly@PEELinc.com

#### Kirk Elementary's Spotlight Teacher is Music to our Ears!

We are pleased to announce that our Spotlight Teacher for 2009 is Mrs. Charlsie Gomez! She is our amazing music teacher and one who exemplifies the traits of an exceptional teacher as defined by the Cy-Fair District as instructional strategist, creates student-centered environment, positive role model, lifelong learner and team player.

Cy-Fair ISD's Spotlight program, now in its 24th year is the district's way of recognizing our classroom teachers who demonstrate these qualities day-in and day-out, making a difference in the lives of our students. Though each campus has a full cast and crew of star-quality performers, the Spotlight program allows each principal to select one teacher to take center stage so that we may honor that individual's performance.

Just some of the areas of music studied by our students are creative expression, performance, historical and cultural heritage, music history and music vocations. Our students perform in various grade level programs and the Kirk Choir can be seen and heard at various local venues throughout the year. Mrs. Gomez also takes music memory teams to district competition at year's end.

According to a Kirk parent, Mrs. Gomez is one of those instructors with the ability to breathe life into the curriculum stimulating excitement and interest among her students. She can boast that her students are walking around with their music lessons of famous composers on their iPods!



#### Attention Rising Kirk Kindergarteners!

Do you have a child who will be a new kindergartener at Kirk Elementary for Fall 2009? If so, please let us know! We will be planning a couple of fun family activities for new Kirk kindergarten families this summer to help ease their transition to a new class, new school, and new friends. To be placed on the distribution list, please send your name and email address to Michol Ecklund (mom to rising kindergarteners Evan & Elliott) at michol@alumni.rice.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

#### Kirk Elementary Hosts Spring Festival

The Spring Festival on May 1st will cap off another fantastic year for the students and staff of Kirk Elementary. The festivals are always a favorite of our students and families. The evening is filled with games, food, inflatables, cake walks, raffles and auctions. There is always something for everyone. This event is a large undertaking by the school PTO and is a testament to the many volunteers that make this and so many events throughout the year a success. These events orchestrated by the dedicated volunteer team truly enhance the educational experience of our Kirk student body.



# **J.D. Joyce** is one of the top U.S. Financial Advisors. Just ask Barron's.

### J.D. has been named by Barron's as one of the Top 1000 Financial Advisors in the U.S.

This ranking recognizes him as one of the industry's most exceptional Financial Advisors—each of whom represents the highest levels of ethical standards, professionalism and talent in the business. That's what the relationship between 'You & Us' is all about.



#### J.D. Joyce

Senior Vice President–Investments Advisory & Brokerage Services Wealth Advisor 4400 Post Oak Parkway, 17th Floor, Houston, TX 77027 713-940-2858 john.joyce@ubs.com

www.ubs.com/financialservicesinc

Wealth Management You & Us

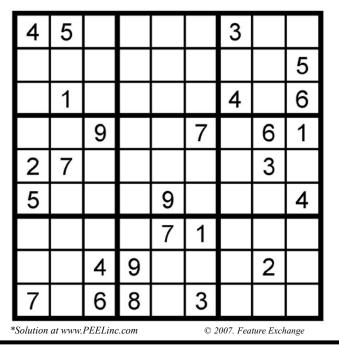
🕉 UBS

Barron's article dated February 9, 2009. UBS Financial Services Inc. is a subsidiary of UBS AG. ©2009 UBS Financial Services Inc. All rights reserved. Wealth management services in the U.S. are provided by UBS Financial Services Inc., a registered broker-dealer offering securities, trading, brokerage, and related products and services. Member SIPC. Member FINRA. 124\_Ad\_7.5x10\_P10408\_JoyJ

# Lakes on Eldridge

### SUDOKU

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.



### **Advertising Information**

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Lakes on Eldridge Newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Lakes on Eldridge residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales Office at 512-263-9181; <u>advertising@PEELinc.com</u>. The advertising deadline is the 10th of each month for the following month's newsletter.

#### 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 he confronted with some law inconsiderate

be confronted with some lazy, inconsiderate neighbor's dog's mess much less step in it. Everyone has an extra plastic bag in their homet; just grab one before you leave the house for your walk. PLEASE SCOOP YOUR DOG'S POOP!





### Harris County HazMobile

### Neighborhood Collection Event Saturday, May 30, 2009

#### Paul D. Rushing Park 9114 Katy Hockley Road, Katy TX 77493 9 AM to 12 PM only



This event is open to all Harris County residents

Items accepted include:

The HazMobile is a mobile collection system that can accommodate Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from approximately 125 households. HHW will be collected on a first come, first served basis until the unit reaches full capacity. The containers must be 5 gallon or less in size.



Pesticides & Fertilizers Paint related materials Household Cleaners

Fuels & Antifreeze Pool Chemicals Glues & Solvents

Used Oil & Filters Batteries Thermometers



#### Use lawn chemicals sparingly—Bring us your extras for proper disposal!

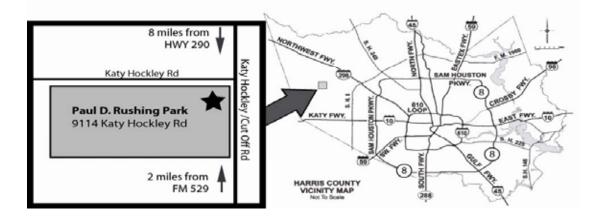
#### Tips on transporting HHW materials:

- Containers should be sealed and in their original packing
- Pack leaking containers in a larger non-leaking container
- Place containers upright in a box or plastic bin and pack newspaper around the containers to prevent breakage
- Place materials in your trunk where you will not breathe the fumes during transport

#### Electronics and Tires will NOT be accepted at Mobile Collection events!

Other items not accepted include: Business, Medical or Radioactive Waste, Dioxins, Ammunition, Explosives, Compressed Gas Cylinders, Smoke Detectors, Appliances or Household Trash

For more information, please call (713) 290-3000 or visit <u>www.CleanWaterways.org</u>



This HHW Collection Event funded by Harris County and is sponsored by Precinct 3.

# 1960 Family Practice

837 FM 1960 West Ste 105 Houston, Texas 77090 (Right behind Starbucks @ Red Oak) (281) 586-3888

Board Certified Physicians in Fa and Pediatrics dedicated

#### office hours

Mon-Tues 8am-8pm Wed,Thurs,Fri 8am-5pm Saturday 8am-1pm Sunday Noon-3pm

290 LOCATION: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm Saturday 9am-12pm

#### meet our team

Huong T Le, MD Quoc Le, MD Alex Nguyen, MD Blandina Sison, MD Marian Allan, MD Anthony Yee-Young, MD Diana Malone, MD Shital Patel, MD Heidi Nashed-Guirgis, MD Luz Marquez, MD Jennifer Dong, MD Haley Nguyen, MD Tami Berckenhoff, PA-C Brandi Valenzuela, PA-C Sydney Payne, PA-C providing quality care for the entire family

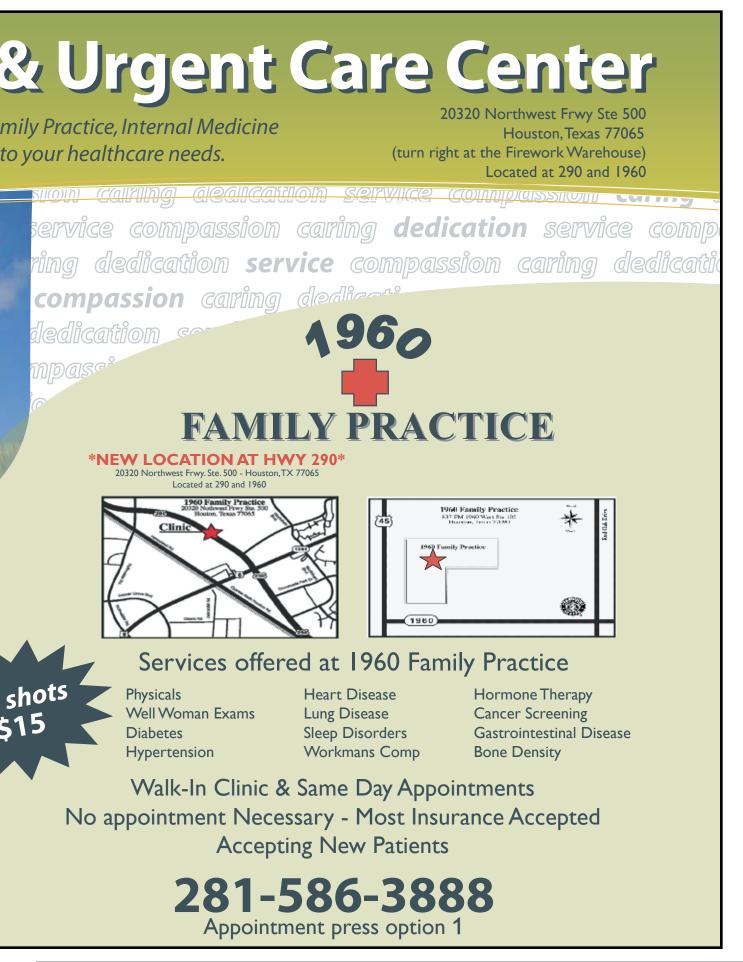
Our physicians at 1960 Family Practice are using the latest and most advanced technology to diagnose and treat your medical conditions. We perform routine physicals, well woman exams including pap, pilot/flight physicals and well child exams.

Our doctors are board certified in Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. We have experience of 20+ years in the medical field. We look forward to providing our patents with excellent services at our new location as well as maintaining our current care in the 1960 area. For those patients living in the 290 area, we encourage you to schedule appointments at our second location.

Because sickness doesn't revolve around a Monday-Friday 8-5 schedule, we are offer Urgent Care for your convenience. Our 1960 location has extended hours with evenings and weekends available. The 290 location offers Saturday hours from 9am-12pm.

Call today to schedule your appointment. 281-586-3888

Flu



#### 55+ Fun Day at iT'Z on May 27, 2009 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

FREE Vendor Expo, Health Checks and Texercise Kickoff with buffet lunch and game card included.

In recognition of Older Americans Month we are celebrating National Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 27, 2009 with a Kickoff for Texercise. This event is sponsored by The Mayor's Wellness Council, Texercise, Humana, Heartland of Willowbrook and many other local companies in the Houston area.

Church groups, community centers, and individuals over 55 are invited to the FREE event.

- RSVP: Contact Donna Martin with Heartland to reserve your space for your group or individual seating: 281-253-2941
- Location: iT'Z, 18355 Tomball Parkway , Houston , TX 77070
- Cost: FREE buffet lunch and game card for all seniors 55+ with RSVP by May 1.

Event details contact:

Doothy Gurka, 281 290 0190 www.dgurka.com, dorothygurka@att.net



### MEET TERRAIL



#### DOB: August 1995

Terrail is described as "a sweet and good child," with no major behavioral issues. Terrail is generous and shows affection and compassion towards others. He is calm, easy going and affectionate. Terrail likes playing with his toys, drawing, coloring and playing outdoors. He is an explorer and a learner. He loves animals. Hamburgers and fries from McDonalds top his list of favorite foods. Terrail has made good progress in his development and behaviors while in the nurturing and consistent environment of his foster home.

He would love to be adopted; he wants a forever family. Terrail likes younger kids, another child his age or younger would do well with him. He needs a family who can offer him stability, patience and consistency.

For more information, contact Grace Lindgren, LMSW Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas gracelindgren@adopttexas.org, (512) 687-3209





#### Not Available Online

This information was provided by KidsHealth, one of the largest resources online for medically reviewed health information written for parents, kids, and teens. For more articles like this one, visit www.KidsHealth.org or www.TeensHealth.org. ©1995-2006. The Nemours Foundation

Copyright © 2009 Peel, Inc.

Lakes on Eldridge - May 2009 25

Reviewed by: Mary L. Gavin, MD Date reviewed: October 2007



# **Beat Back Pain Without Surgery**

"A Whole new Approach to Back Pain that leaves the problems with traditional treatments behind."

Have you ever bent over and had to freeze, afraid to straighten back up? Do you have to worry about the pain that comes from picking up your children, cleaning the house, or even just taking those first 2 or 3 steps in the morning? Have you been through the "cycle" of traditional back pain treatments (medication, physical therapy and steroid injections) only to end up in the same pain as when you started? Have you received the news that surgery is your last remaining option? Are you frustrated, feeling like there must be something else, something that carries less risk than surgery? If this story sounds familiar, then we have good news for you!

#### Latest FDA Approved Solution is Drug-Free and Non-Surgical

If you have serious back pain, we have a serious new alternative treatment option that carries a higher success rate than traditional treatments alone. This treatment is called Intervertebral Disc Decompression (IDD therapy). Good candidates for this procedure are people who may suffer from:

- Lower Back Pain
- Herniated Discs
- Neck Pain
  Bulging Discs
- Degenerative disc disease

Facet Syndrome

Sciatic Leg Pain

Failed Back Surgery

Pain Free in 4-6 weeks If you know what it's like to have serious back pain, this type of relief may seem miraculous. Our clinical experience tells us that relief is possible even for those patients that have failed with medication, physical therapy, injections and/or surgery.

#### **How Does IDD Therapy Work?**

To understand why this therapy succeeds where others fail, you first must understand why your back is not capable of healing on it's own. Muscles, bones and internal organs get a fresh supply of blood, oxygen and nutrients with each beat of the heart. However, spinal discs have no blood supply of their own and absorb what they need very slowly. If the discs have been compressed by injury, the effects of age or a sedentary lifestyle, they will remain compressed and will not have the ability to absorb the nutrition required for healing.

This revolutionary technology allows us to provide patients with computer monitored expansion of the discs through a slow and painless separation of the spinal vertebrae. This expansion improves the absorption of blood and nutrients which improves the healing response and patients may experience healing in their back, naturally.

> For a limited time only, Parkway Family Chiropractic is offering a No Cost, No Obligation Consultation for IDD therapy. If you think IDD therapy may be right for you, or would like more information, call Parkway Family Chiropractic today!



Compressed discs put pressure on nerves, causing pain



IDD therapy lifts pressure from nerves, relieving pain naturally

#### **Featured Services:**

- Chiropractic
- Acupuncture
- Spinal Decompression
  Physcial Rehabilitation
- Parkway *family* hiropractic
- Nutrition
- Massage Therapy

#### 281-293-9180

1560 Eldridge Pkwy. Ste 132 Houston, TX 77077

www.parkwayfamilychiro.com

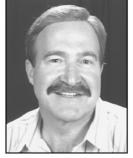
Dr. Scott Payne and Dr. Gina Zummo





LE







# STEVE HARDCASTLE



# RE/MAX Westside Realtors 281-925-3047

- RE/MAX Westside #1 TOP PRODUCER for 20 years in a row!! (1989 - 2008)
- Top 25 Residential Realtors in Houston Area out of 20,000 HAR members (Per Houston Business Journal)
- Certified Residential Specialist (Designation held by only 4% of all Realtors)
- RE/MAX Hall of Fame & Lifetime Achievement Award
- Broker License, BBA, Relocation Expert,
   28 Years of Real Estate Experience

### www.stevehardcastle.com

email: stevehardcastle@earthlink.net