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Santa Came to Town!

On Friday December 11th we had a record turnout of excited children who came to meet Santa, enjoy a hayride through our beautiful community, listen to some delightful carol singers, play games and have a lot of fun. The toys that were contributed will make a special Christmas for children in need. Thank you residents, for supporting this popular event and our special thanks once again to the social committee for all of their hard work. They always need help in planning these occasions, so please volunteer if you can!



More Toy Drive Pictures on Page 6

COMMUNITY PATROL Coming to LOE!

Please share this information with your household, guests, and service people!

Starting in January, our security company, ISSC, has been contracted to provide a community patrol. The patrol will initially be on site for two shifts each week, or a total of 84 hours.

The patrol's primary responsibility will be enforcement of traffic laws. The vehicle is equipped with a radar and camera. Speeding, driving through stop signs, passing loading and unloading school buses, damaging property (reckless driving), and (for non-residents) "piggy-backing" through a resident-only gate will be finable offenses. The amount of the fines are still being determined by the Board, but will be published soon. There will be a break-in period during which warnings will be issued.

Note that if you are a resident and do not have a current (red) LOE sticker on your windshield, the patrol officer may pull you over for piggybacking. Please understand that this sticker is the only way to quickly identify your car as belonging to a resident! Of course, showing your id will resolve the issue of your residency, but no one wants to go through the inconvenience of being pulled over. **So, please, contact AMI if you do not have a red resident sticker for every vehicle in your household!**

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Unpaid fines will be subject to late fees and interest, and will be recorded as a deed restriction until paid. Visitors and service people who violate traffic rules will be ticketed and will further be subject to being banned from driving into the neighborhood.

Please be aware that there are some duties that the patrol officer is not expected to perform:

- The patrol officer cannot issue tickets for offenses not directly observed by him or her.
- The patrol is not meant to replace law enforcement or emergency response. The patrol can be notified of an incident after the proper authorities have first been called.
- The patrol officer is not trained as a pest / animal control officer.

Look for additional information on the patrol soon.

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 news@lakesoneldridge.net so they may be recognized in the newsletter.

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Christmas Decorations Winners

Thank You to all that participated!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Christmas decorations contest, and thanks to all who brightened up our neighborhood with their cheery displays. The winners were:

*Pelican Pointe: The Howells, 5522 Lake Place
Eagle Bend: The James, 12707 Wilbury Park
Pebble Way: The Smiths, 12511 Whispering Sands
Indigo Falls: The Viators, 12219 Summerland Ridge
Eden Springs: The Deloneys, 5634 Ivory Mist
Crescent Banks: Shotwell and Lester, 12911 Silent Shore
*Crescent Cove: The Pickles, 12923 Lake Center Run
Bristol Waters: The Watts, 5214 Indian Shores Lane

Crystal Falls: The Webers, 12331 Lake Shore Ridge
Eagle Cove: The Ceballos, 12550 Cherry Creek Bend
Bay Meadows: The Kings, 5511 Chase Harbor
Auburn Shores: The Costellos, 12103 Mill Stream Way
Crescent Bay: The Zetkas, 12508 Still Harbour
Lake Shore Estates: The Gomezs, 5410 Morning Breeze
*Bristol Banks: The Dunaways, 5310 Bristol Banks
**Also won Overall Best Christmas Decorations*



5310 Bristol Banks Ct. - The Dunaways



12923 Lake Center Run - The Pickles



5522 Lake Place Drive - The Howells



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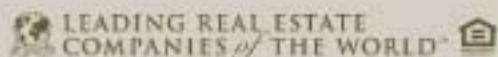
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Book Club

Our reading list for 2010 has a wide variety of topics, and each book is available through the Harris County Library. Consider joining us to discuss them! We meet on the 4th Monday of each month at a member's home. Call Celeste at 713-896-6942 for location or additional information.

January 18 – Imperial Woman by Pearl Buck. The story of Tzu Hsi is the story of the last Empress in China. In the novel Nobel Prize winner Pearl. S. Buck recreates the life of one of the most intriguing rulers during a time of intense turbulence.

COMING UP:

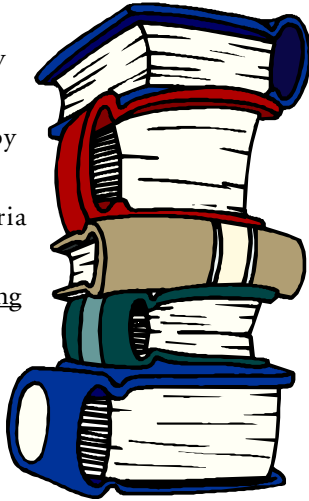
February 22 – Whitethorn Woods by Maeve Binchy

March 22 – Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner

April 26 – The Island by Victoria Hislop

May 24 – The Master Butcher's Singing Club by Louise Erdrich

June 28 – There Is No Me Without You by Melissa Fay Greene



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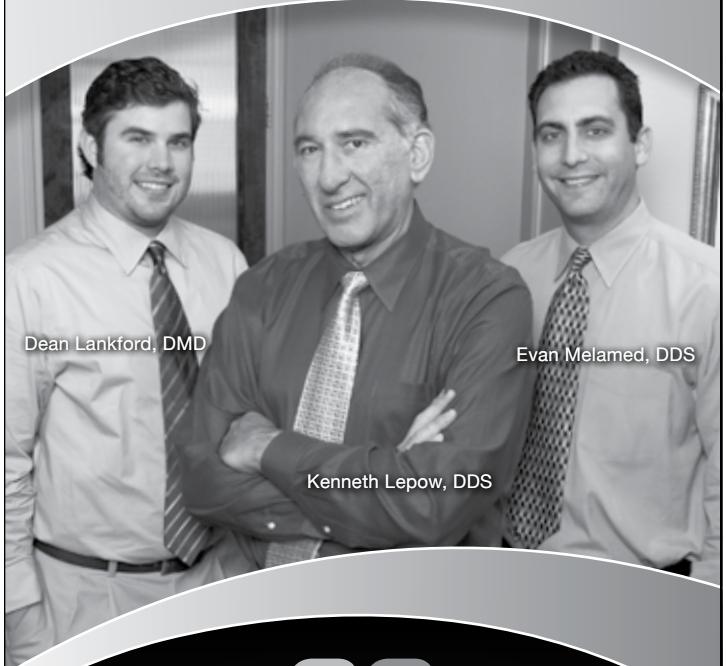


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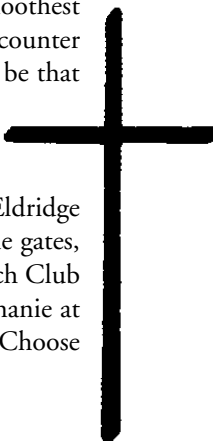
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Lakes on Eldridge Bible Study

The Lakes on Eldridge Bible study will begin a new study on January 26, 2010. That was really hard to write – 2010. It seemed so far away not so long ago. Time seems to be running a marathon, and winning, while a thousand projects and obligations vie for a position. Priorities get misdirected and important things are neglected in our hectic milieu. Staying close to God helps keep our lives under control, if we let Him have His way in our lives. “Giving God Your All” is the subject of our study for the next twelve weeks beginning January 26. This Women of Faith study guides us to the One who can set the perfect agenda, providing the smoothest course, and achieving the best results. Left on our own we can encounter obstacles, frustrations and failures. However, it doesn't have to be that way. When we give God our all, he gives us all of Himself.

Please join us every Tuesday morning at 9:15 at the Beach Club at Lakes on Eldridge. Study guides for the study will be available at a cost of \$10.00. Lakes on Eldridge is located on North Eldridge Parkway between Clay and Tanner. Once you enter through the gates, turn right, continue to the next stop sign, turn left and the Beach Club is on the left. If you want additional information contact Stephanie at sableggett@sbcglobal.net. Start your 2010 on the right foot, “Choose for yourself this day whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15)



Motherhood

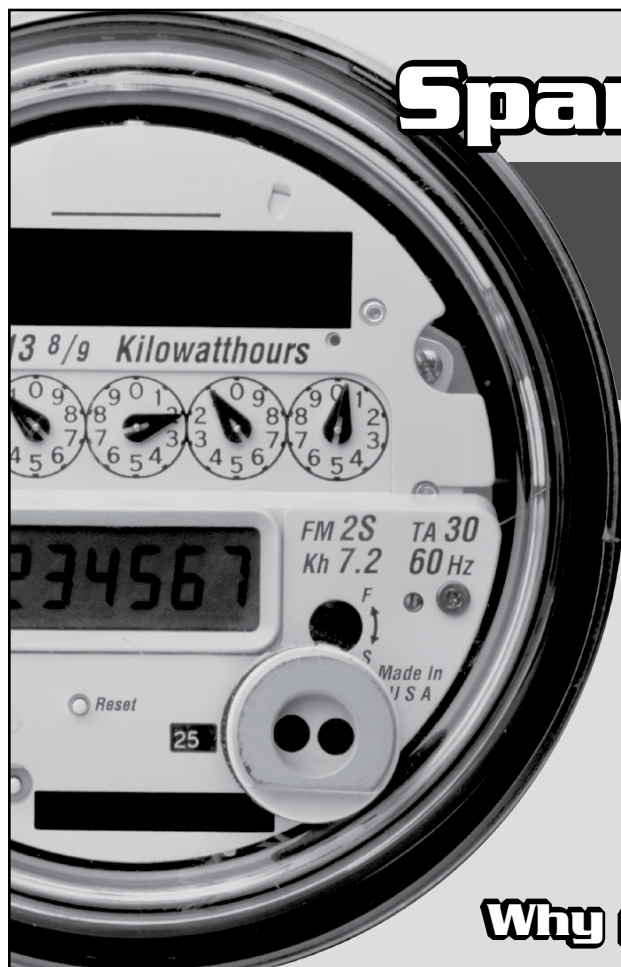
The Lakes on Eldridge Motherhood group has resided in our community for 10 years. It is a neighborhood network which allows participants to share parenting knowledge and provides women a spiritual and social connection. The meetings are comprised of monthly topics of interest, devotion, discussion and social time. The group meets on the **2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in private residences. Watch for gate signs and call the numbers below for location.

To learn more about this enriching neighborly network, please call:

Wendy Craven at (713) 856-7054

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Call to have your email address placed on our meeting location notification list. Participation is open to those outside of the LOE community as well.... So bring a friend!



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GIRL SCOUTS

There is still time to sign up for Girl Scout Troops that serve our community. Our neighborhood troops serve our local public schools as well as the various area private schools. For more information, contact Linda Jordan 713-896-7680 or ljordan1219@comcast.net and see what all the fun is about!

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Stitch & Chat

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We make Quilts for family members, shawls for Cancer patients, caps for newborn babies. We would love to have you join us for coffee and conversation. We would be happy to help you get started on any project that you have always wanted to do.

You do not have to be a resident of the Lakes on Eldridge to join us. For more information contact: Catherine Spellings at: CTSpellings@aol.com or call 713-628-7083 or 713-896-1652



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- 15-16, 22-23, 29-30—BEAUMONT:** Dealt a Deadly Hand The story takes place at Rick's club, the first legal gambling casino in the Poconos. Rick dreams of striking it rich, but others are trying to interfere. "Making a killing" takes on a whole new meaning, and someone will cash in his or her chips tonight. www.beaumontcommunityplayers.com
- 15-17—HOUSTON:** Rhapsody in Blue Presented by the Houston Symphony. www.houstonsymphony.com
- 15-Feb. 7—NASSAU BAY:** A Play: The Hollow An unhappy game of romantic follow-the-leader explodes into murder one weekend at The Hollow. Clear Creek Community Theatre, 18091 Upper Bay Road. www.clearcreekcountrytheatre.org 281/335-5228
- 16—HOUSTON:** Birding Walk & Talk Walk is led by members of the Friends of Sheldon Lake State Park. Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800
- 16—HOUSTON:** MLK Day Youth Parade Marching bands, floats, and dancers will gather to originate at the Houston City Hall on Bagby Street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. 713/953-1633
- 16—HOUSTON:** MLK High School Battle of the Bands Bands compete for a chance to perform in the MLK Grande Day Parade. Begins at 6 p.m. Robertson Stadium at University of Houston. 713/953-1633
- 16—HOUSTON:** Wings & Wheels See vintage aircraft and automobiles. Fly-ins welcome. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum. www.1940airterminal.org 713/454-1940
- 16—LA PORTE:** Hard Hat Tour Take a guided tour of areas rarely seen by the public. There will be four 3 1/2 hour tours at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234
- 16-17—BROWNSVILLE:** Texas Outdoor Family Workshop Teaches families all the basic outdoor skills they need to enjoy a great overnight camping experience. Reservations required. World Birding Center, Resaca de la Palma State Park. E-mail: tofsp@tpwd.state.tx.us 512/389-8903 or 956/350-2920
- 17—GALVESTON:** Amalia Hernandez — Ballet Folklórico de Mexico Golden anniversary tour features the "best of the best" from 50 years of performances. Begins at 3 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 17—ORANGE:** Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny Based on favorite children's books, both tales feature endearing rabbit characters. Lutchter Theater. www.lutchter.org 409/745-5535 or 800/828-5535
- 18—HOUSTON:** MLK Grande Parade Martin Luther King Jr. celebration begins with the Grande Parade originating at Allen Parkway and Taft Street. There will be marching bands, decorative floats, dancers and other festivities. 713/953-1633
- 20—GALVESTON:** Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's whimsical puppetry and evocative original music will bring a new sense of appreciation to stories that have delighted several generations. Begins at 10 a.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
- 21, 23-24—HOUSTON:** The Planets — An HD Odyssey Presented by the Houston Symphony. www.houstonsymphony.com
- 22—BEAUMONT:** Beaumont History Conference Local history enthusiasts tell about intriguing figures and true tales in the Golden Triangle history. Includes cultural, ethnic, economic and political topics relating to Beaumont and Southeast Texas. www.mcfaddin-ward.org 409/832-1906
- 22-23—BEAUMONT:** Hot Hearts 2010 Combines the messages of the most effective youth communicators and the best in contemporary Christian music with state-of-the-art video and light shows for a high energy weekend. www.hothearts.org 409/951-5400
- 22, 30—HOUSTON:** Tosca Presented by Houston Grand Opera. Sung in Italian with English supertitles. Brown Theater. 713/228-6737
- 23—PORT ARANSAS:** Garden Club Tour of Homes Visit unique homes in Port Aransas by bus or private vehicle. 361/319-2925
- 23—PORT ARTHUR:** 23rd Music Hall of Fame Show Offers a tribute to Janis Joplin and Southeast Texas musicians. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/548-4444

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Feature	Dec 1- April 30 2010 Rules as enacted November 2009
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First-time Buyer - Definition of Eligibility	May not have had an interest in a principal residence for 3 years prior to purchase
Current Homeowner- Amount of Credit	\$6,500 (\$3250 married filing separate)
Current Homeowner- Definition of Eligibility	Must have used the home sold or being sold as a principal residence consecutively for 5 of the previous 8 years
Effective Date- Current Owner	Date of enactment
Termination of Credit	Purchase after April 30, 2010
Binding Contract Rule	So long as a written binding contract to purchase is in effect on April 30th, 2010, the purchaser will have until July 1, 2010 to close
Income Limits	\$125,000 – single \$225,000 – married Additional \$20,000 phase out
Limitation of Cost of Purchased Home	\$800,000 Effective day of Enactment
Purchase by a Dependent	Ineligible
Anti-Fraud Rule	Purchaser must attach documentation of purchase to tax return



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23-24—GALVESTON: The Oak Ridge Boys Begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

24-Mar. 21—PORT ARTHUR: Boot Scootin' Legends: Images of Classic Country This is a traveling exhibition from the Honky Tonk Hall of Fame. Museum of the . www.museumofthegulfcoast.org 409/982-7000

25—PORT ARANSAS: Merchants Dine Around Visit local restaurants to sample great cuisine. 361/749-6405

26—SAN BENITO: San Benito High School Conjunto Band Concerts at the Amphitheater Enjoy the traditional sounds of conjunto music by San Benito's young musicians at 6:30 p.m. W.H. Heavin Amphitheater. 956/361-3804 ext. 302

26—SAN BENITO: Welcome Back Winter Visitors Sponsored by the San Benito Chamber of Commerce. Begins at 6 p.m. Fun N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5321

27-Feb. 21—HOUSTON: A Picasso It's 1941 and the father of cubism suddenly finds himself forced to choose between art and politics, creativity and survival. Stages Repertory Theatre. www.stagetheatre.com 713/527-0220

29, 31—HOUSTON: The Turn of the Screw Presented by Houston Grand Opera. Brown Theater. 713/228-6737

30—HOUSTON: Annual Gala Enjoy dinner, dancing, and live and silent auction. Shirley Acres. www.houstonnwchamber.org 281/440-4160

30—PORTLAND: 22nd Annual Taste of Portland Enjoy an evening of culinary delights, live auction, silent auction, and live music. Begins at 6:30 p.m. NorthShore Country Club. www.portlandtx.org 361/643-2475

30—VICTORIA: Victoria Symphony Master Series Pop Concert Featuring Kelly Willis Victoria College Auditorium. 361/576-4500

30-31—ROCKPORT: Piecemakers by the Bay Quilt Show 361/345-4559

31—GALVESTON: Galveston Symphony Orchestra Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

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Houston Dog Park Association

Submitted by Tiffany Moore



The Houston Dog Park Association is seeking candidates for the Treasurer position on our 5 seat Board of Directors. We are a small 501c3 NFP consisting of volunteers who are passionate about dog parks and responsible dog ownership. HDPA

has been incorporated for over 10 years and was the main catalyst that got dog parks started in Houston, beginning with Millie Bush Park in 2002. We have been inactive the last few years and are currently reviving the organization to advocate for dog parks more actively. We each spend a few hours a week working to educate about dog parks, responsible dog ownership, advocating for dog parks that need improvement, and promoting the need for more dog parks.

We have a book keeper volunteer that is a CPA. The ideal candidate would be able to attend one monthly meeting of the Board at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. You will also attend the quarterly Membership meetings held at 3 pm on the third Sunday of the month that begins each quarter. The next one is in January. We also hold about one event per month on average to raise funds and awareness and we ask our Board to try to attend these events as their time permits.

Please submit your resume and experience for consideration. Please include a paragraph telling us why you would be a good candidate.

We are seeking an experienced NFP Treasurer to plan and manage the small yearly budget for HDPA and oversee the book keeper as well as maintaining and advising on HDPA's tax and nonprofit status and filings. Someone with training or knowledge of NFP budget and issues or direct NFP experience is preferred.

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	1				2			6
	7	6						
	9						8	
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Submitted by Tracy Eilers, Executive Director, Adoption Coalition of Texas

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She's hoping there will be more things to be thankful for, like being adopted into a loving family. More than anything, she's ready to stop hoping for a family and to start loving one. For more information about adoption, please call Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-301-2825. For more information about Lisa, email gracelindgren@adopttexas.org

The Adoption Coalition of Texas is a nonprofit organization (operating under the Austin Community Foundation), created in 2003 to focus on finding forever families for children languishing in the foster care system. Adoption Coalition of Texas partner agencies include Arrow Child and Family Ministries, Child Protective Services, Lutheran Social Services of the South, Marywood Children and Family Services, and Pathways Youth and Family Services.



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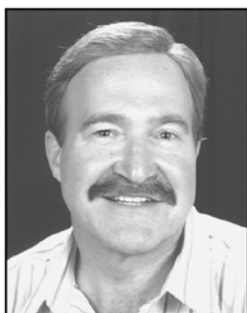
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