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## CONGRATULATIONS

### YARD OF THE MONTH - JULY 2011

*Calloway/ Cornelius Good Neighbor Program*



**Charles & Adrienne Lyons**  
of 12618 Waterside Way



**Pat & Dianna Jernigan**  
of 12114 Medina Bend Ln.

WOW, can it get any hotter or drier? And still so many of you are maintaining your yards beautifully! Whatever you are all doing just keep it up! Surely rain will be somewhere on the horizon in the near future. Let's just hope it is here in Houston!

Following are names, addresses and photos of our TWO WINNERS, and names and addresses of our TWO HONORABLE MENTIONS for JUNE:

#### WINNERS:

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Pat & Dianna Jernigan, 12114 Medina Bend Ln.

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*Teenage Job Seekers  
Can be Found on Page 10*

## Timely Tips for July Gardeners

*From Calloway's Nursery*

Welcome to the lazy dog days of summer... but wait, it's time to prepare and plant your fall vegetable garden! Did you know that many fall vegetables have better flavor? Since the days are getting shorter many vegetable crops store more sugar and have better flavor than spring crops. Once established, weeding, watering and tending will all take place in a little cooler, less humid conditions.

Prepare your soil much like in the spring. Add at least three inches of organic compost and three inches of Expanded Shale to the garden. Select vegetables your family likes and choose from transplants or seeds. Apply plant food such as Calloway's Organic Fertilizer or time-released Lasting Performance. Remember to continue feeding your garden on a regular schedule. Complete the planting by adding two to three inches of mulch to maintain moisture, help prevent weeds, and moderate soil temperatures.

Vegetables for a fall garden include tomatoes, peppers, snap beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots and lettuce. Keep your garden well watered until fall rains begin. Once everything is planted, sit back and enjoy a second growing season!

We will be hosting a free clinic in every store on **Fall Vegetable Gardens on Saturday, July 3rd at 10:15 am.** Get the scoop on Fall Gardening-Texas style! Go to [mytexasgarden.com/index.php/free-clinics](http://mytexasgarden.com/index.php/free-clinics) for a complete list of our free in-store clinics. Visit [www.mytexasgarden.com](http://www.mytexasgarden.com) for more gardening tips, information and to become a member of our Garden Club!

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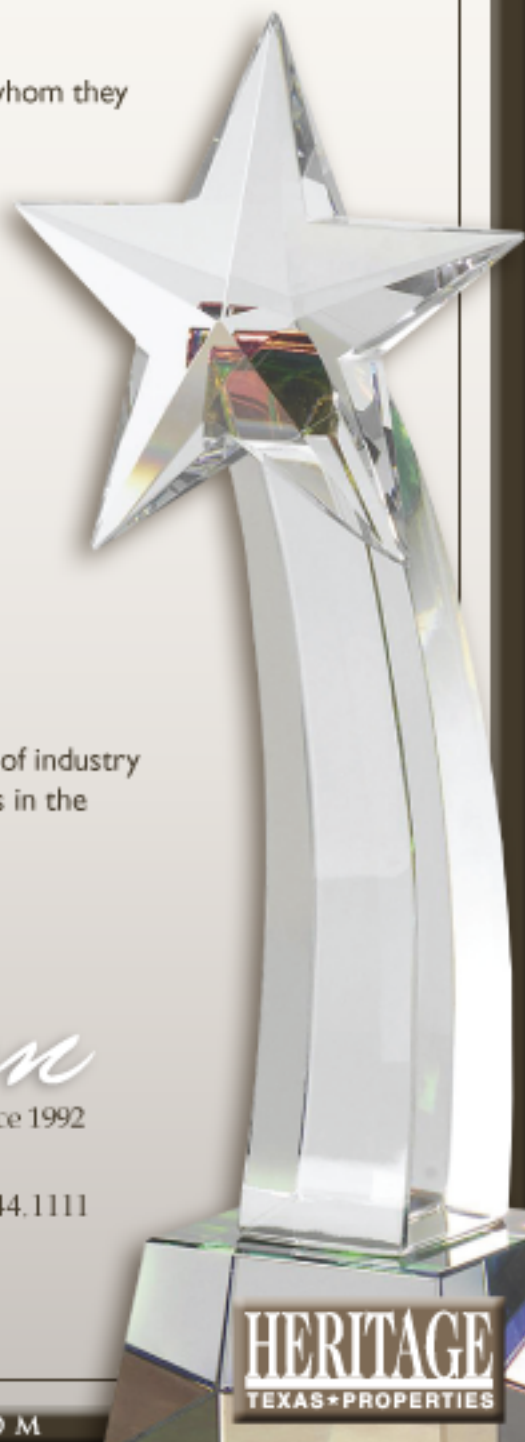


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# Lakes on Eldridge

## That's Not a Smokestack, It's a Cell Tower

That's not a smokestack, it's a cell tower—but you may still think it stinks!

If you have recently been in the Indigo Falls section of Lakes on Eldridge near Kirk Elementary, you most likely noticed the addition that went up during Spring Break: a brown, 100 foot tall tower! (See photos.) In an effort to generate revenue for the school district, CyFair ISD has entered into an agreement with T-Mobile to lease them space for cell towers on school property. While many are sympathetic to the tremendous financial challenges school districts face across the state, the decision to erect a cell tower on the grounds of Kirk Elementary has many local residents and parents extremely concerned. CyFair ISD has already had to respond to numerous letters and phone calls, complaining that a cell tower was erected near homes and children without residents' knowledge or consent.

Such a structure looming over homes and school defaces the natural beauty that attracts people to come and live in LOE. In LOE all power, telephone and other utility lines are buried underground in order to be out of sight. CyFair ISD apparently failed to take that into



consideration when deciding to allow the cell tower at Kirk Elementary.

There is also concern about possible health effects from cellular radio emissions. Based on current scientific knowledge the risk appears low, but there is still enough uncertainty that many believe it is prudent to avoid close exposure to them, particularly of children, who

tend to be more susceptible to environmental threats.

A group of concerned citizens from LOE, LOE North and Kirk Elementary are working together to convince the school district to take down or move the cell tower. If you are interested in helping promote and support this cause, please send an email to [LOE.Kirk.TMobile@gmail.com](mailto:LOE.Kirk.TMobile@gmail.com).





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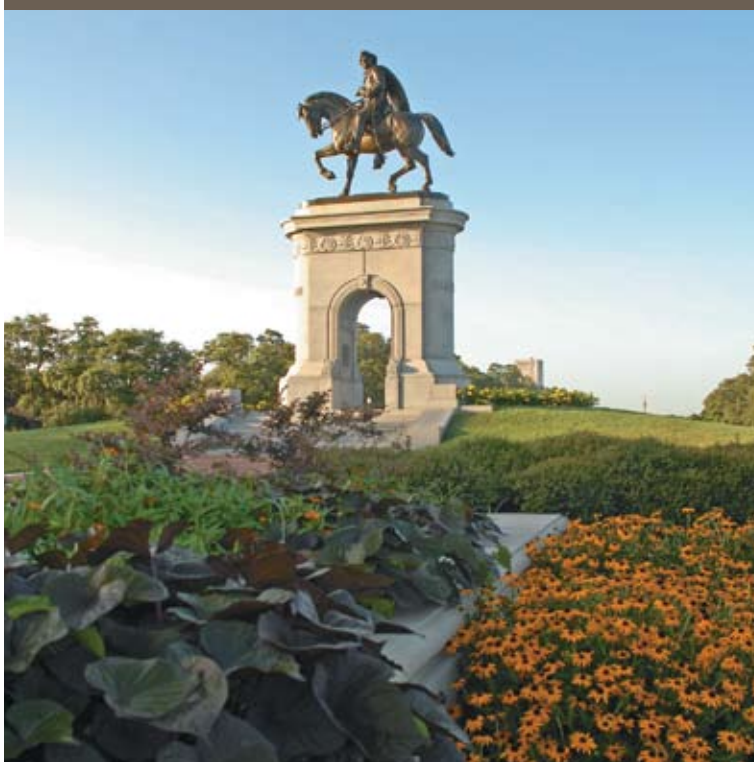


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# Lakes on Eldridge

## LOE Traffic Patrol Responsibilities and Traffic Citations

Recently there have been questions as to the responsibilities of the patrol officers, the extent of their authority, and the policies involving citations. This article hopefully will provide some clarification.

The community traffic patrol was implemented in January of 2010 in response to increasing incidences of speeding, vehicles speeding by loading and unloading school buses, and accidents within our gates that damaged community property, not to mention the cars involved. Although speeding by visitors and vendors was part of the problem, the overwhelming majority of the complaints involved residents. For many years the Board of Directors was faced with chronic complaints of irresponsible driving, and early attempts to combat the problem were largely unsuccessful. These included installation of additional signage and notices to the community that continued incidences of speeding would result in having to spend more of our money to combat the problem. (One unfortunate effect of having gates and private streets is that law enforcement has no jurisdiction to enforce our traffic rules, thus the community is left to implement its own enforcement measures.) Based on input from the community, the Board of Directors firmly believes that a large majority of residents view the patrol as a valued addition to this community.

We have two patrol shifts per week, for 80 hours of total coverage, arranged to cover the busiest traffic periods. The shifts may

occasionally change as staffing needs dictate, and also to avoid set patterns in coverage. The patrols cover the entire community but pay particular attention to the areas near the entrances. They do so because they are higher traffic areas, and in order to stop visitors who tailgate to get through the gates. The patrol officers are asked to avoid establishing set routes, and will occasionally monitor the Club House on foot.

The Board and patrol officers do occasionally receive a request to monitor a specific area. These requests can often be honored, but with an understanding that there is a lot of ground for the patrol to cover and that the focus must remain on our busiest streets.

Residents are asked to inform all visitors and contractors that they are to use the Eldridge gate exclusively, and sign in with the gate attendant. The patrol is authorized to stop vehicles tailgating thorough the gates without a resident sticker. If the driver or a passenger cannot prove residency, they will be sent back (and possibly escorted) to the Eldridge gate to be logged in. (Which is another good reason to contact AMI if you do not have a resident sticker.) Visitors who choose to ignore the patrol officer may be followed and the homeowner may be notified that their guest violated the gate policy and kindly requested to ask their guest to use the Eldridge gate.

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**Children who drown may not *scream, splash, or struggle*. They can silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.**

# Lakes on Eldridge

## LOE Traffic - (Continued from Page 6)

If contractors are caught repeatedly using the unguarded gates after being notified of the policy, they, and possibly their company, will be asked to stay out. Contractors are generally not happy for their home office to receive a complaint. In the past, there was a ban imposed on a delivery company.

The patrol vehicles are equipped with radar to enforce our speed limit, and the officers are fully trained in its operation. Our security company, ISSC, is responsible for maintaining the equipment's calibration and certification.

The Board of Directors has authority under our Governing Documents to establish traffic rule enforcement procedures. The patrol officers are fully authorized by the Board to enforce our traffic rules, which are the same as for any public street. All residents pulled over for speeding, running a stop sign, or passing a loading or unloading school bus should receive a citation from the officer. A citation is not the same as a fine and serves as a warning for the first offense. Copies of these citations are sent to our managing company, AMI, which keeps these records on file and determines the amount of the fine if any in accordance with the schedule printed on the back of the tickets and described below. These records are maintained for a period of two years. Note that the offenses are per person in any 2-year period.

### SPEEDING:

- First offense: Warning, no fine issued
  - Second: \$100 fine
- Third and thereafter: \$200 fine

### RUNNING A STOP SIGN:

- First offense: Warning, no fine issued
- Second and thereafter: \$50 fine

Passing an unloading or loading school bus:

- Immediate \$200 fine, with no warning

### RECKLESS DRIVING:

- Immediate \$200 fine, with no warning

Reckless driving is any driving behavior that creates a significant hazard for pedestrians, other vehicles, or property. Running stops signs and speeding could be considered reckless driving under certain conditions, particularly if pedestrians are present. When reckless driving is associated with another finable offense, only the reckless driving citation is to be issued.

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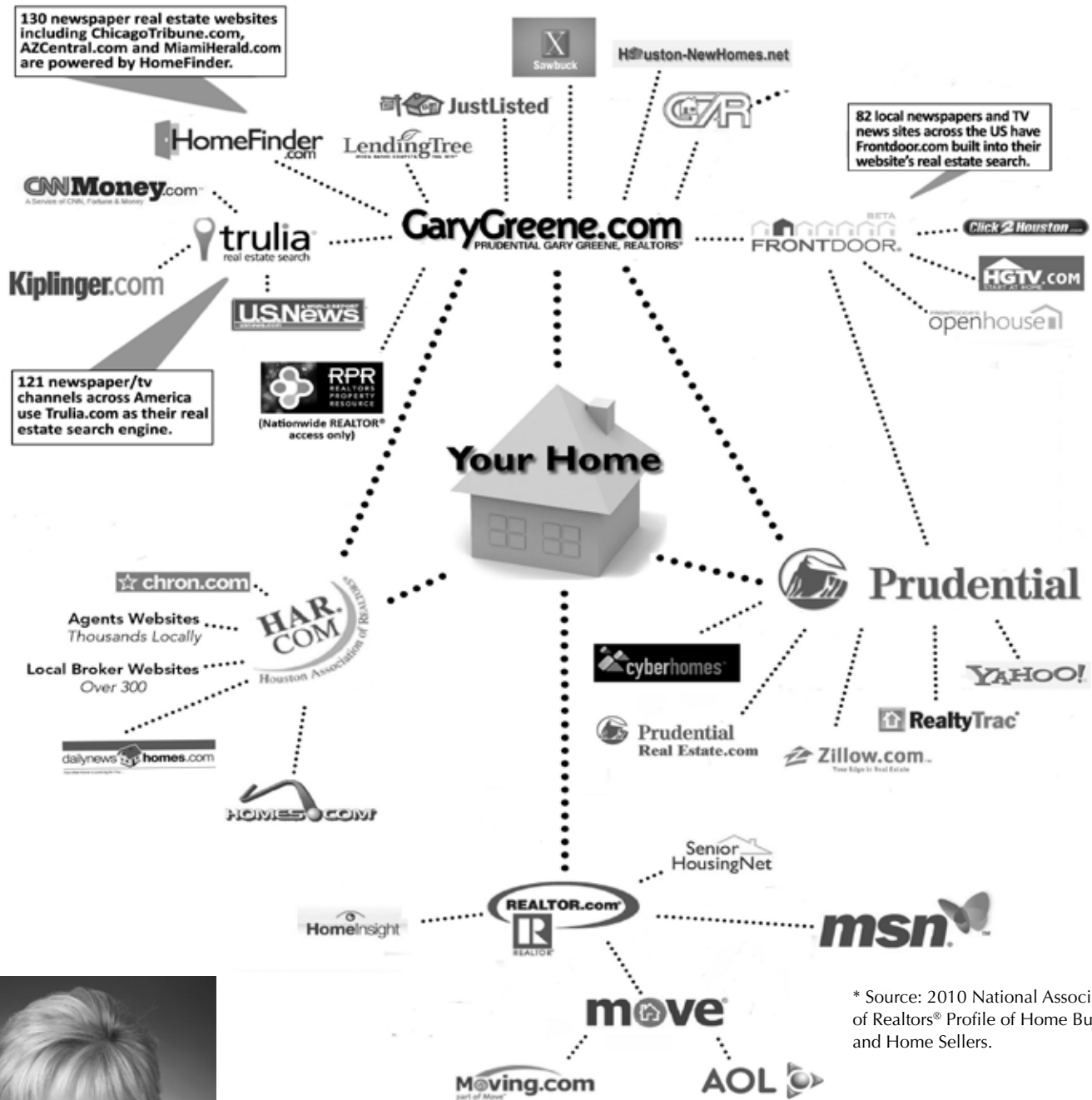


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## LOE Traffic - (Continued from Page 7)

Unfortunately, there have been occasions when residents have ignored the flashing lights of the patrol vehicle and have sped off in an attempt to evade the officer. If that happens there is no warning and the owner of the vehicle will be immediately issued a fine at the address registered with the license plate number. The Board has authority to increase the fine for evading residents if this behavior continues.

Unpaid fines are kept on record and are considered a deed restriction that is reported to the title company when the house is pending sale.

In all cases, we expect the patrol officers to be polite and respectful. We ask that our residents provide the same courtesy to the officers. If you are pulled over, please remember that the patrol officers are simply doing their job. If you feel you are being treated unfairly, the Board asks that you remain civil towards the officer and take any complaints that you have before the Board.

If you need to contact the patrol, please call the gate attendant, who will then contact the patrol if there is an active shift. Please note that you should always contact the proper authorities for emergencies: the patrol is not meant to replace law enforcement.

### Please Be Aware That There Are Limitations To What The Patrol Officer Can Do:

- 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 or animal control officer.
- The patrol officer cannot provide personalized monitoring services for residents out of town.

In closing, the Board asks that all residents adhere to our traffic rules and maintain the safety of our community for pedestrians and other drivers, which is the best way to avoid receiving a citation!

## LOE Ladies' Bible Study Resumes

The eighth year of the Lakes on Eldridge Bible study begins August 30 at the Beach Club at Lakes on Eldridge. We live in turbulent times with economic uncertainties, wars, terrorism, violence, and altering societal norms; all reasons for fearfulness. However, solace is readily found in the pages of the Bible. Study of the Old Testament Book of Joshua, written thousands of years ago, reveals that we need not be anxious or fearful of our circumstances when we trust in our Lord. The 2011-2012 Fall session presents *Live Fearlessly*, by Lenya Heitzig and Penny Rose, authors of the Fresh Life Bible Study Series. Presented in a 20 minute-a-day, five-day-a-week format the study offers prayers, Scripture reading, relevant spiritual information, thought provoking questions, options for deeper study, and personal application.

We gather every Tuesday morning at 9:15 for fellowship and convene for Bible study from 9:30 to 10:30 in open discussion format. After a ten minute break we continue with praises and prayers until 11:30. On the first Tuesday of each month we all go out to lunch at a local restaurant.

We look forward to seeing newcomers as well as the many who return each year. This family of sisters in Christ welcomes all who want to share in the love of Christ and one another. If you need additional information, please email Stephanie at [mrstjl10179@gmail.com](mailto:mrstjl10179@gmail.com).



## Book Club

We have a good mix of topics in the books coming up. Some are best sellers, others classics that have been around for a while.

Book Club tries to cover a wide variety of topics so we each get out of our comfort zone and read something different. 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. Also, if you have a book recommendation please drop her a note at [celeste.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:celeste.fritz@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING BOOKS:

- **July 25 - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.** Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells-taken without her knowledge-became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. Intimate in feeling, astonishing in scope, and impossible to put down, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* captures the beauty and drama of scientific discovery, as well as its human consequences.
- **August 22 - *Day after Night* by Anita Diamant.** This striking novel by the author of *The Red Tent* is based on a dramatic true story: In October 1945, more than 200 "illegal immigrant" prisoners at the Atlit internment camp in Palestine were freed. The story of this rescue, the friendships it forged, and its aftermath is told through the words of four young women who at first seem to share little except their incarceration.

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5810 Ballina Canyon  
5907 Mesa Brook  
12203 Cabo Blanco Ct.  
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5934 Solar Point Ln  
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6226 Ballina Canyon  
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Saratoga Springs Ln.  
12219 Laguna Terrace Dr.  
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12411 Aliso Bend Ln.  
12015 Arcadia Bend Ln.  
6106 Ballina Canyon  
12111 Ember Isles  
6319 Tierra Lake Ct.  
12403 Sandia Cove  
5927 Serrano Terrace

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12450 Lago Bend Ln.  
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12019 Arcadia Bend  
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5418 Sterling Brook  
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# Lakes on Eldridge

## Hurricane Preparation

June 1 through November 30 is the Atlantic Hurricane Season. If a hurricane is predicted for the Houston area, the Houston/Galveston Weather Service Offices and the local Emergency Management Coordinator (Civil Defense Director) will release statements to the news media on the position and the intensity of the hurricane and their recommendations of which areas should be evacuated in the event of imminent landfall. A hurricane watch will be issued when hurricane conditions are possible, usually within 36 hours. A hurricane warning will be issued when hurricane conditions are expected, usually within 24 hours. Visit the websites of the Red Cross ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)) and the Harris County Flood Control District ([www.hcfd.org](http://www.hcfd.org)) for additional planning pointers. The latter website has an excellent animated tracking chart that can be downloaded.

In the event of a hurricane where Houston has a significant chance of being hit the LOE gates will be opened and turned off some 48 hours before projected landfall. They will be restored to normal operation shortly after the storm passes or after electricity is restored. Please do not be alarmed when you find the gates open.

AMI hopes that the following checklist will assist you should a hurricane emergency arise:

### HURRICANE CHECKLIST

#### *Before Hurricane Season:*

- Check your insurance coverage, as Property insurance normally excludes flood coverage! If you do not have flood insurance and wish to obtain it, there is a 30 day waiting period before coverage is effective.
- Develop an evacuation plan. Know where you can evacuate to: friends, relatives, hotel? Can they accept pets? Become familiar with evacuation routes and the location of storm shelters.
- Trim dead or weak branches from trees.
- Make plans to protect your windows. While permanent shutters are the best protection, ½" plywood panels may be cut to fit each window. Pre-drill screw holes 18" apart. Label each pre-cut panel to identify the window it fits for easier installation. A product called Phylox is available at most hardware stores that will attach ½" plywood to your windows without drilling holes.
- Inspect your home's exterior. Check roofs and flashings, sealants around windows and doors, condition of masonry, etc. and repair any damage.
- Check your emergency supplies (see list below).

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## Hurricane Preparation - (Continued from Page 12)

### Emergency Supplies:

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Portable radio with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Emergency food & water (bottled water and food that doesn't require refrigeration or cooking)
- Hand operated can opener
- Essential medicines (at least a 5 day supply)
- Cash & credit cards to buy necessities for at least 5 days
- Sturdy shoes and work gloves

### During a Hurricane Watch

- Check the radio, television, or internet for hurricane progress reports.
- Fill your cars with fuel. Keep in mind that there may be fuel shortages associated with an evacuation and plan accordingly. If circumstances warrant, consider leaving the area before a possible warning or evacuation.
- Store all outdoor objects like lawn furniture, toys, garden tools, outdoor plants etc, in a secure location, preferably in a garage or indoors. Anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Install window protection.
- Move boats to a designated safe place, or moor them securely. Secure boats to trailer with chain or rope. Use tie-downs to anchor the trailer to the ground.

### During a Hurricane Warning

- Keep your radio or television on to listen for updates and instructions from local officials.
- Turn the refrigerator & freezer to the coldest settings and open only when absolutely necessary. This will keep food longer in the event of a power loss.
- Fill all bathtubs, jugs, bottles, pots & pans with water.
- Close chimney flues.
- Get to shelter. When inside, avoid elevators and stay away from windows, skylights and glass doors.
- IF POWER IS LOST, TURN OFF MAJOR APPLIANCES TO REDUCE POWER SURGE WHEN ELECTRICITY IS RESTORED.

### If You Must Evacuate:

- Leave as soon as possible, avoiding flooded roads. Watch for washed out roads or bridges.
- Unplug all appliances. Turn off electricity and main water valve.
- Tell someone outside the storm area where you are going.



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## Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team Season

### *Very Successful!*

The season that just ended was our 12th one, believe it or not, and a great season it was! Congratulations are due first and foremost to all the wonderful children that did their very best and excelled, but also to their dedicated parents and coaches. The season went by in a blur because all involved had such great fun!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made it all possible and did it with great enthusiasm! There's no resting on our laurels though, as plans are already afoot for the next season, our 13th!

Look here next month to find out how the team performed in the Divisionals and the Invitationals events. But if you cannot wait to find out, the latest information as always is on our website [www.loedolphins.org](http://www.loedolphins.org). And don't forget that LOEST will offer a fall swim program starting around the end of August until October: details and registration information can also be found on the website.



### Hurricane Preparation - (Continued from Page 13)

- If time permits, elevate household items to keep them out of water in the event of flooding.
- Take emergency supplies, warm protective clothing and blankets or sleeping bags with you.
- Don't forget your cellular phone and battery pack for recharging.
- Leave your cell phone number or phone number where you can be reached with a close LOE neighbor.

### *After the Storm:*

- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police or fire department.
- Beware of snakes, insects or animals driven to higher ground by floodwater.
- Check gas, electrical and water lines for damage. Wear heavy shoes and work gloves to protect against debris and broken glass.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Listen to newscasts to see if water needs to be boiled or treated.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.
- Carefully inspect your home for damage. If you sustain any damage from the storm, report it as soon as possible to your insurance agent.

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### FUR, FEATHERS, & SCALES: A WILDLIFE ADVENTURE:

- June 6-10, July 11-15, August 8-12

### TEAM GREEN: TAKING ACTION FOR TEXAS WILDLIFE:

- June 20-24, July 25-29
- \$245.00 per week, \$55.00 per day
- Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Early drop-off and late pick-up are available between 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM)
- Space is limited and fills up fast, so please be sure to call soon!

For more information on camp dates and activities and for enrollment, please contact 713-468-TWRC (8972) email [education@twrc-houston.org](mailto:education@twrc-houston.org), or visit our website [www.twrc-houston.org](http://www.twrc-houston.org).

## Yoga Practice

After a long day, come stretch and unwind with some gentle yoga. No experience or flexibility needed except for a willing heart and open mind, and it is open to all residents free of charge. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat (borrowing mats are available at the class).

In July and August meetings will be at 7:30 pm in the Lakes on Eldridge Club House unless otherwise noted, on the following days: 7th, 12th, 14th, 26th, and 28th of July; 2nd, 9th, 11th, 18th, 23rd (by the pool weather permitting), 25th, and 30th of August.

Contact Jennifer Adams, [adamsjjenn@gmail.com](mailto:adamsjjenn@gmail.com) and 713-466-1346 for more information.



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## *Pick up the Pile!*

Canine waste is full of bacteria. When left behind in parks, campgrounds, and yards, it threatens our water supply. When it rains, it runs into rivers, streams, and wells. It only takes one irresponsible pet parent to infect an entire area's natural source of H<sub>2</sub>O. That's because different types of bacteria like fecal streptococcus, fecal coliform (E. Coli), campylobacter, and salmonella which is found in pet waste can make humans sick.

Being prepared to pick up your dog's pile each and every time he or she feels nature call is one way to remedy this growing problem. It's the right thing to do for a number of reasons as explained by Tracy Johnson, Founder of the Pick Up the Pile Campaign. She was alarmed to see just how many pet parents let this issue go despite city efforts to eliminate public waste. She routinely encounters piles on the sidewalks and recreation areas of the parks that she visits. Rather than keep quiet any longer, she decided to address the problem one pet parent at a time.

Her nationwide campaign went into effect June 1st. Cities around the country will take part in educating the public about the dangers of canine waste. It's never been easier to safely conceal and discard piles. A number of products have been designed to help remedy this problem. Even the most squeamish pet parent will have no trouble being responsible once they are introduced to the items Johnson has found online and through pet supply stores. Johnson believes that education is key to shedding light on this problem. As a way of introducing young people to the campaign she is offering a fun Scavenger Hunt consisting of different Tasks, Trivia, and Finds. Find out how to participate by visiting [www.pickupthepile.com!](http://www.pickupthepile.com!)

## Notes from the May Board Meeting

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

Bronson Clay, President  
Carlton Thorpe, Vice President  
Cory Hammond, Treasurer  
David King, Director

### IN ATTENDANCE

Five homeowners representing the residents against the Kirk Elementary Cell Tower; one homeowner with a concern regarding the traffic patrol; and Richard Lowstetter representing the managing agent, Association Management, Inc.

### HOMEOWNER FORUM

The cell tower group spoke about their concerns with the recently installed cell tower at Kirk Elementary and inquired as to the Board's intentions. The group expressed their opinion that the HOA should accept the ARC assignment for the Kirk property and take enforcement action. The Board voted to have the HOA Attorney send a letter to CFISD and T-Mobile requesting that the tower be removed, and authorized the group of homeowners to use it in any of their correspondences.

Another resident addressed the Board about her concerns about the Security Patrol, what their duties and responsibilities were. The Board informed her that citations are per person, not per household, and that they stay on their record for two years.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

*Financial Statements* - The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2011. The Association had a balance of \$646,987.77 in the Operating Fund and \$420,943.95 in the Replacement Fund. The Fund Balance for the year showed that income had exceeded expenses by \$70,334.69. The financials were accepted.

*Accounts Receivable* - The Board reviewed the Accounts Receivable report and instructed the managing agent to proceed with the collection of the outstanding monies in accordance with the established policy. The Accounts Receivable report was accepted. As of May 17, 2011 there were 42 homes that owed the association money. The Board instructed AMI to turn everything over to the collection agency Optio Solutions on May 1, 2011, and then to Red Rock Financial.

*Cash Flow Report* - The Managing Agent advised the board that as of May 17, 2011 the association had \$626,529.30 in the operating account and \$420,943.95 in the Reserve Account, giving a total of \$1,047,473.25.

### ADMINISTRATION

*Cell Tower* - The Board called the Attorney Tricia Fione and discussed the options the HOA had at this time. After a long discussion the Board voted to have the Attorney send a letter to CFISD and T-Mobile asking them to remove the tower, and to allow the homeowners to use the letter.

### ISSC

The Board discussed their concerns about the Security staff which are but not limited to: Staff putting their opinion on the citation, friendliness of the staff, areas they patrol, and hours they are working. The Board asked the managing Agent to meet with the ISSC supervisor and report back at the next meeting.

### PHYSICAL PROPERTY

*One Liner Report* - The Board was given the one liner report for May. The board asked the managing agent to continue to monitor the home with the artificial turf.

*Citations Report* - The managing agent gave the Board a copy of the latest Citation Report for their review. The Board asked the Managing Agent to contact ISSC and make sure the staff was going by the rules that were outlined and not by personal opinion.

*Pumps / Fountains* - The Managing Agent gave the Board a list of pump repairs that had been made this year. The board discussed the merits of repairing the pumps as opposed to replacing them. On a motion duly made and seconded the Board voted to repair the pumps.

*Sprinklers* - Carlton Thorpe informed the board there were several areas where the sprinklers were not covering the grounds causing brown spots, several areas needed repairs, and that the whole sprinkler system needed to be reviewed. The Board authorized her to have HLS completely check out the system, get an estimate for repairs and bring it to the next meeting.

*Wrought Iron Fence* - The Board voted to wait until the end of the year before painting any fences.

### SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

June 21, 2011 at 6:30p.m.



# Lakes on Eldridge

## TIPS FOR A HEALTHY SUMMER

### *Eat Smarter & Move More*

*Submitted by Sarah S. Jordan, MS*

The 4th of July holiday is almost here, and along with it comes good food, parties, and great times with family and friends. These things pretty much go hand in hand with summer.

Summer is a very common time for people to fall off the "health wagon," but it doesn't have to be that way. Eating right and getting enough activity can certainly be a challenge, especially when holidays and travel are involved. But the keys are: being consistent, making good choices, eating in moderation, and purposely finding ways to move more. Here are some tips to make your summer a healthier one for your family and friends.

#### **Small Changes = Big Results**

*Making small changes for your summer cookouts and potlucks can equal big nutritional improvements.*

#### **Traditional Summer Food**

Hot dogs ..... Turkey dogs  
Hamburger..... Turkey burger  
Potato salad ..... Fruit salad  
Chips and high fat dip..... Assorted vegetables and hummus  
Fried chicken..... Grilled chicken kabobs with veggies  
Pie ..... Fresh pineapple  
Soda and sweet tea ..... Iced tea with lemon  
Using high-fat mayonnaise in dishes .....  
..... Use low-fat mayo or the kind that has olive oil in it

#### **Healthy Recipe Swap**

You can even request that guests bring a healthy dish and include the recipe along with the dish. After the event, the party host types up all of the recipes and emails them to party guests. Just like that - everyone is equipped with healthy things to try on their own!

#### **Get Movin'!**

Instead of a party revolving solely around the food involved, why not create a "buffet of games" and activity to center the event around instead? Here are some ideas for fun backyard games to try this summer with your family and friends. Just be sure to let your guests know the "active" theme ahead of time so they can dress accordingly and be prepared to move.

#### **Host a miniature version of the Olympics.**

This can consist of things like wheelbarrow races, three legged races, running, water balloon tosses, and team relays. Have prizes for the teams.

#### **Create an art contest using chalk.**

Have three judges and give out prizes for the most creative pieces of art. And maybe even to the adult with the most "artfully challenged" piece of "art."

#### **Play a classic game of "Kick the Can."**

Make sure you have at least 3-4 people playing this game. One person is "it" and guards the "can." (Can needs to be in an open

space.) Other players hide while the "it" person counts to 20 and then goes to find the other players. Captured (tagged) players go to "jail." Anyone not captured can kick the can, which sets all jailed players free. If the "it" person finds all players before the can is kicked, the "it" person wins the game.

#### **Have a Hula-Hoop contest.**

Crank up the fun music, and see who can twirl the longest!

#### **Create a canvas.**

Hang an old white sheet on your fence or clothesline and let the creativity flow while your guests create a beautiful work of art!

#### **Send your guests on a scavenger hunt.**

There are many ways to get creative with this, including giving the hunt a theme to match your party, having guests find things in nature and draw pictures of what they find, or having your guests do something (ex: 10 jumping jacks) every time they find something on the list.

#### **Slip and Slide!**

Give your party a water theme to beat the heat. Set up two identical slip and slides and see who slides the fastest and/or the farthest. Crown your champion. Test out other games like horseshoes, washers, Bocce ball, four-square, hopscotch, whiffle-ball, or kick ball.

*Here's to a healthy and active summer ahead. Cheers!*

## **Stitch & Chat**

Members of Stitch and Chat meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the LOE Beach Club House. We knit, crochet, do needle point, embroidery, and counted cross stitch, plus mend items and sew on buttons that we have put off much too long. We make quilts for family members, shawls for cancer patients, and 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 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.*

## **Bunco Junkies**

Members of Bunco Junkies meet & play at the LOE Beach Club House on the 1st Thursday of each month from 12 noon until 2 pm. We must have 12 players each month to be able to play. Please speak to your friends & neighbors and ask them to join us in this easy and fun game. Players do not have to be residents of Lakes on Eldridge to play.

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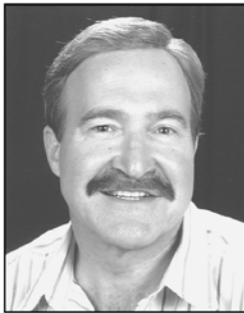


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