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## ON ELDRIDGE

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Official Newsletter  
[www.lakesoneldridge.net](http://www.lakesoneldridge.net)

## Submitting Applications — *for an Improvement* —

The Board of Directors and Architectural Control Committee would like to remind residents that LOE is a deed restricted community and asks for your cooperation in submitting applications for all improvements that affect the exterior appearance of the house or the lot, including but not limited to painting, additions, new roofing, landscaping modifications, exterior lighting installations, pools, or any exterior structures. If in doubt about whether or not an application is required, please contact our managing agent, AMI.

Our deed restrictions were established and are enforced in order to protect our property values and preserve the character of our community. By submitting an application, a homeowner ensures that the proposed improvement is in harmony with the neighborhood. Perhaps of more importance to the individual homeowner, having an approval prior to construction avoids having construction halted while an application is processed or a deed restriction is corrected. Unfortunately this does happen—a process that is inconvenient for everyone involved.

An application for improvement can be obtained from AMI. The application should generally include a copy of your lot survey indicating the extents of the improvements, construction or landscaping plans, and manufacturer's product literature. Please be advised that under no circumstances can the LOE Architectural Control Committee approve an installation that encroaches on the utility easements on your property.

Deed restrictions become binding when a homeowner purchases a property within LOE, regardless of whether or not the homeowner is aware of the restrictions. The restrictions should be made available for review prior to closing and can always be downloaded from our community intranet site. Restrictions may be accessed from [www.lakesoneldridge.net](http://www.lakesoneldridge.net) by clicking on the resident or guest login. If you have any problems, please contact AMI.

## Volunteers Needed

— *to Keep LOE Vibrant!* —

We in Lakes on Eldridge are fortunate to live in such a wonderful community, however recently we have lost a number of active volunteers. Our need is particularly acute in our Social Committee. If you would be interested in helping plan and execute events for the community, please contact Heidi Flores with AMI at [hflores@amitx.com](mailto:hflores@amitx.com). We also need a new chairperson for this committee, so please let us know if you would be interested in that role as well.

We have other committees that could use additional members such as landscaping. If you would like to participate, please let Heidi know.

Thanks for helping make Lakes on Eldridge such a great place to live!

## 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.

For more information contact Catherine Spellings at [CTSpellings@aol.com](mailto:CTSpellings@aol.com), or call 713-628-7083 or 713-896-1652.



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## Swans Can Be Dangerous!

This time of the year, Mother Nature provides our LOE swans with some common sense. It is for them mating, nesting, then egg-laying season, and they feel the need to protect their territory against predators including humans, dogs, and other waterfowl. Most of the swans in our neighborhood are not old enough to mate but some will go through the motions of even building a nest. The pairs of swans that are old enough to produce young (cygnets) are normally gentle and can be fed while posing no threat. However, the males (cobs) will become aggressive and territorial in trying to protect their mate and their 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 such as the one in the picture, please do not attempt to feed him but stay away. In fact, walk to the other side of the street as he is in ATTACK position! Please warn your nannies and sitters not to stroll babies around the swans. We must try to remember that the swans are protecting their territory and readying it for their young. To antagonize, tease, throw objects at, or injure the swans is a felony and we need to be as cautious of them as they are to us. Thank you for your cooperation!



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### 2010 *vs* 2011

Price Range	Under \$400K		\$400K Plus	
Year	2010	2011	2010	2011
Number of Sales	31	36	15	13
*Avg. Sales Price	\$296,457	\$320,409	\$586,940	\$509,587
Avg. Sq. Footage	3097	3063	4674	4499
*Avg. Price per Sq.Ft.	\$95.72	\$104.61	\$125.58	\$113.27
Days on Market	60	57	90	72
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## You've found a baby animal, now what?!

*For Birds: Does the baby really need to be rescued?*

If the baby is a NESTLING (no feathers or only "pin-feathered") and uninjured, please put it back! The parents will not reject the baby if you touch it—they don't have a well-developed sense of smell. If you can safely reach the nest, place the baby back inside. If the nest has been destroyed, make a substitute nest out of a basket or plastic hanging planter and hang from a branch. If the parents don't return by nightfall, follow the instructions below.

If the baby (or a parent) has been injured, place it inside a box or paper sack. A plastic berry basket or butter dish lined with tissues makes a nice nest. Keep the youngster in a warm, quiet place, and away from drafts and air conditioning vents, until you can bring it to the TWRC Wildlife Center for care. DO NOT feed the bird or offer it any water (a baby bird will eat anything placed in its mouth, good or bad). You may place the container half on/half off of a heating pad turned to low.

If the baby is a FLEDGLING (fully feathered and learning to fly), if it is alone and uninjured but on the ground, please remember this is where a fledgling should be! The parents are nearby and teaching the baby important life skills. The baby does not need to be rescued! If the fledgling is on the ground and there are cats in the yard, the bird should be rescued and brought to TWRC Wildlife Center for

safety and rehabilitation.

For Mammals: Does the baby really need to be rescued?

A baby rabbit 4 to 5 inches long is old enough to be on its own. Young opossums become independent once they are 7 to 8 inches long (not counting the tail). If you aren't sure, call the TWRC Wildlife Center 713-468-TWRC (8972) and we'll help you decide if the baby needs to be rescued.

Has the baby (or a parent) been injured? Place it inside a box or pet kennel and keep the youngster in a warm, quiet place. You may place the container half on/half off a heating pad set on low. Old towels will provide something to hide and snuggle in. DO NOT feed or offer water (the wrong formula is worse than nothing, and often causes diarrhea and dehydration). Bring the orphan to the TWRC Wildlife Center as soon as possible.

Whether you have found a bird or mammal, always keep the baby away from loud radios, televisions, curious children and pets.

TWRC Wildlife Center is just a few minutes away from Lakes On Eldridge, at 10801 Hammerly Blvd Suite 200, and is a Fully-equipped Emergency Center for injured and orphaned wildlife. For more information, go to [www.twrc-houston.org](http://www.twrc-houston.org).



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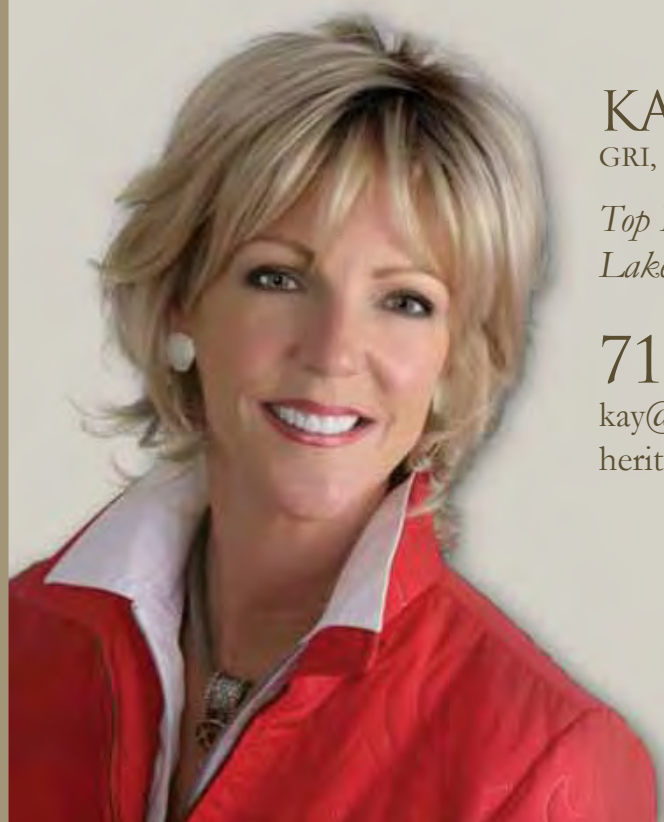
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## Yoga Practice

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).

Upcoming meetings will take place at 7:30 pm in the Lakes on Eldridge Club House, on February 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 28, and on March 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29.

Contact Jennifer Adams, [adamsjjenn@gmail.com](mailto:adamsjjenn@gmail.com)  
and 832-628-5425 for more information.



## Book Club

It looks like our book selections in 2012 will take us to many places and times. We try 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 note at [celeste.fritz@gmail.com](mailto:celeste.fritz@gmail.com). (Note that we sometimes change our selection between the time the newsletter information is published and our meeting.)

### UPCOMING BOOKS:

**February 27** - How to Be Lost by Amanda Eyre Ward. Our literary tour now takes us around various places in the present-day U.S. The family that "has it all" has their secrets exposed and falls apart when 5-year old Ellie disappears.

**March 26** - Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks. We again move overseas and back in time. A national best seller and NY Times and Washington Post Notable Book, Year of Wonders tells the story of the struggle of one village in England dealing with the plague in 1666. Inspired by the true story of the village of Eyam, this raises issues for dealing with the pandemic threats of today.



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## Your LOE Neighbors Are Gathering On The Internet!

Visit [www.i-neighbors.org/77041/LOE](http://www.i-neighbors.org/77041/LOE) to sign-up for this free service. You will need to send a request to join the group and create a login name and password. Please identify yourself as a resident of LOE. For security purposes, this group is open to residents only. Once your request has been approved by the group administrator, you will be able to post new discussion topics, reply to your neighbors, post calendar events, photos, lost and found pets, local business recommendations and more!

We hope this group website forum will help us to improve our neighborhood communication and security. We will all benefit from sharing our experiences, feedback, and suggestions for making our great neighborhood even greater! We look forward to your participation and invite you to help us keep Lakes On Eldridge a safe, wonderful and friendly neighborhood.

(Please note that there is zero tolerance for spam, inconsiderate or mean-spirited posts or for using the message board for promoting one's own personal agenda, and political or religious views.)

## Thanks for Donating to the LOE Holidays Food Drive

Thank you very much for helping some unfortunate families have better Holidays this year! The non-perishable food items you dropped off were delivered in time for Christmas.

But you don't need to wait until next Christmas to help again! The Houston Food Bank will gladly take your donations year round. Here is a reminder list of the items most needed:

- Canned tuna or chicken, packed in water
- Canned stews and pasta/meat, easy on salt and fat
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruits in light syrup, natural applesauce
- 100% juice cans or boxes
- Canned vegetables, tomatoes, tomato sauce
- Soups with meat and/or beans, meal-in-a-can, easy on salt and fat
- Cereals and cereal bars, easy on sugar and fat
- Pasta, spaghetti, macaroni, noodles
- Packages of dry beans

*The Food Bank cannot accept for safety reasons open packages, homemade food items, baby food, items with "expired" dates and all perishable foods. For more information, please visit [www.houstonfoodbank.org](http://www.houstonfoodbank.org).*

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3 Bedrooms	2	47	\$109.03	6	47	\$122.06
4 Bedrooms	38	50	\$106.92	53	84	\$111.85
5+ Bedrooms	7	86	\$114.08	13	67	\$112.65
1 Story	7	25	\$114.45	17	67	\$119.88
2 Story	40	61	\$106.97	55	81	\$110.67
Without Pool	24	47	\$105.06	43	86	\$106.49
With Pool	23	64	\$111.23	29	66	\$122.27
Built 1990-1999	42	54	\$106.33	3	78	\$113.69
Built After 2000	5	62	\$122.80	69	78	\$112.81
Never Lived In	0	0	-	0	0	-
1500-2000 sq. ft.	0	0	-	0	0	-
2000-2500 sq. ft.	1	26	\$111.22	0	0	-
2500-3000 sq. ft.	14	48	\$104.85	9	47	\$116.65
3000-3500 sq. ft.	16	52	\$106.17	24	81	\$112.81
3500-4000 sq. ft.	6	60	\$111.03	22	85	\$109.84
4000-4500 sq. ft.	10	43	\$115.11	12	79	\$114.80
4500+ sq. ft.	4	113	\$111.29	5	84	\$114.69
Waterfront	1	8	\$115.00	1	165	\$153.57
Waterview	2	24	\$123.50	1	68	\$118.44
Cul-de-sac	25	60	\$106.55	25	73	\$115.65
Other	19	54	\$108.10	45	79	\$110.26

All information obtained from HAR mls data.



*Wishing you and yours  
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## Cypress-Tomball Democrats

*February 15th Meeting*

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 15th, at a new location: Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting at 7:00 p.m.

February's guest speaker will be Diane Trautman, Candidate for Harris County Board of Education, At Large Position #3.

All are welcome to join this growing club. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com).



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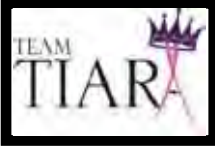
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## & Pinktober365

Team Tiara is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to raising money to fund research and education for breast cancer as well as provide outreach services to those affected by it. 2012 will mark our 7th year in this fight against breast cancer. To date, we have raised over \$600,000 for breast cancer awareness, research and direct support for survivors. In 2012, Team Tiara will begin directly funding research into metastatic breast cancer. This is an underfunded area of research where we need to have a lasting impact. Men and women do not die when their cancer is confined to their breasts. We lose them when that cancer spreads to their bones, liver, lungs, brain and other organs -- robbing them of time with their families and friends. This is the heart-breaking side of breast cancer, and an area of research we need to be a part of.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in 2012, specifically targeted to metastatic breast cancer research. SO WE are excited to announce that [www.pinktober365.com](http://www.pinktober365.com) launched January 1. This new website will profile 365 pink warriors -- survivors, walkers, researchers, and advocates. We want to hear your story, whether you are a fighter, survivor, family or friend affected by breast cancer. Go to [www.pinktober365.com](http://www.pinktober365.com) to share your story or obtain more information. Team Tiara would be honored to hear from you.

## Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club *Begins 25th Season*

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will begin the 2012 season with its first practice during the week of February 13th. The team consists of boys and girls ages 6 to 18, provides a full program of track and field events, and is affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF). The club was founded 25 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

For additional information on how to register, please visit the team website at [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org), or contact Linette Roach at (281)587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).



## Notes from the December Board Meeting

### DIRECTORS PRESENT

- Carlon Thorpe, President
- Patrick Johnson, Secretary
- David King, Treasurer
- Gary Fehsenfeld, Director

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

- Cory Hammond, Vice President

### IN ATTENDANCE

- Richard Lowstetter and Heidi Flores representing the Managing Agent, Association Management, Inc.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

**Financials Statements:** The Board reviewed the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2011 at which time the Association had a cash balance of \$182,578.74 in the Operating Fund and \$352,234.21 in the Replacement Fund. For the month ending November 30, 2011, the Association showed total operating income of \$1,052,614.00 and year to date operating expenses of \$1,034,419.24, thus resulting in income exceeding expenses by \$18,194.76 year to date. The Board of Directors accepted the November 30, 2011 financial statements as presented.

### *On a motion duly made, the Board requested the following accruals for year end 2011:*

- \$2,500.00 towards weir repair at Lake A
- \$3,000.00 towards pool furniture
- \$9,500.00 towards irrigation evaluation

**Accounts Receivable Summary Report:** The Board reviewed the accounts receivable summary report which showed a delinquent balance of \$33,412.02 as of December 14, 2011.

**Cash Management Report:** As of December 14, 2011, the association had a total cash balance of \$624,936.97.

**Service Request One Liner Report:** The Managing Agent presented the one-liner report outlining all of the work orders and deed restriction violations open for the association; there were a total of 115 active service requests.

**Citation Report:** The Managing Agent presented the citation report outlining all citations issued from November 1st thru December 2nd: there were a total of 12 citations issued during this time frame.

### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

#### *Lake*

The Board tabled the Lake Pro Proposal for repair of "Lake A" waterfall pool weirs and piping as G. Fehsenfeld is researching other repair options which are more cost effective for the association.

**Update on Swim Team Contribution to Pool Renovation:** P. Johnson informed Board that he has been in discussions with K. Vinall, Representative for Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team who stated

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that the Board of Directors are considering a monetary contribution; however, an official vote has not yet been executed.

**Pool renovation and deck resurfacing:** Board of Directors requested that P. Johnson consult with K. Vinall on his recommendations regarding the proposals received from Greater Houston Pool Management and Sweetwater Pools. The item is tabled for further discussion at the January 2012 Meeting.

**Irrigation Analysis:** C. Thorpe stated Water Management Specialist is scheduled to be on-site the week of December 26th for further evaluation of current system.

**2012 Pool Management Contracts:** Managing Agent to prepare comparable analysis between 2012 pool management proposals received from Greater Houston Pool Management and Sweetwater Pools.

2012 Billing Rates from Daughtry and Jordan P.C.: Managing Agent provided letter dated November 18, 2011 from Trisha Taylor Farine of Daughtry and Jordan P.C. showing increase of rates for 2012.

**Social Committee:** Item tabled for further discussion upon confirmation that B. Clay will be acting chair for the Social Committee.

**Clubhouse Usage:** On a motion duly made, the Board approved allowing the utilization of the clubhouse for yoga sessions under the condition that participants are not charged any weekly or one time fees. Modification to current parameters on clubhouse usage tabled for future discussion.

**Resolution regarding Traffic Safety:** Item tabled for further discussion at January 2012 meeting to allow D. King and C. Hammond to provide a draft resolution covering non-resident violations.

### SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held on January 17, 2012, at 6:00 PM at 12750 Lake Run Center Run, Houston, TX 77041.

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## 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.

## What Causes Sensitive Teeth & What To Do About It

Do you experience discomfort in your teeth? Do you find it difficult to drink icy or hot beverages? You may have a case of sensitive teeth. Luckily, it's very treatable. Find out what causes sensitive teeth and how to change your habits to avoid sensitivity.

### *What does it mean to have sensitive teeth?*

If you experience pain or discomfort when consuming foods or beverages that are hot, cold, sweet, or sour; when brushing or flossing; or even when breathing sharp, cold air, you may have sensitive teeth.

### *What is the reason for sensitive teeth?*

#### COMMON CAUSES OF TOOTH SENSITIVITY:

- **Over-brushing** – brushing your teeth too hard may wear down enamel or irritate the gum line, causing it to recede and expose the tooth's sensitive roots.
- **Cracked teeth** – a crack or chip in your tooth may expose the underlying dentin or may fill with bacteria from plaque, causing the nerve to inflame.
- **Teeth grinding** – over time, grinding or clenching your teeth can erode enamel and expose dentin.
- **Gum disease** – gum disease leads to tooth decay which breaks down enamel; gum disease can also lead to infection which may attack the tooth's roots or cause the gum line to recede.
- **Tooth whitening** – using products with peroxide or baking soda can seriously aggravate exposed roots or dentin.
- **Age** – studies have shown that tooth sensitivity occurs most often in people between the ages of 25 and 30.

It is possible to experience tooth sensitivity after routine dental procedures such as the placement of a filling or crown, tooth restoration, or even tooth cleaning. Such sensitivity is temporary; if it does not cease after four to six weeks please consult your dentist.

### *How should I take care of my teeth if they are sensitive?*

*Tooth sensitivity is very treatable, no matter what the cause.*

*Here are a few remedies you can take advantage of at home:*

Try a **desensitizing toothpaste** which contains chemicals that block sensations like hot and cold from reaching the nerves in your teeth. Use a **soft-bristled toothbrush** that will be gentler on both your teeth and gums. Switch to a **fluoride mouthwash**. **Avoid acidic foods** such as tea, tomatoes, and citrus fruits. Maintain **good oral hygiene** by brushing twice every day and flossing once daily.

Depending on the cause and severity of your sensitivity, you may benefit from professional treatment. If you suffer from sensitive teeth, please be sure to contact your dentist. We can set up an appointment to discuss what is bothering you and determine the best way to address the problem.

*Submitted by Dr. Flury*



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