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## LOE COMMUNITY EVENT

*SEE YOU THERE!*

Do you have old electronics, batteries, or tons of paper that you need to get rid of? Do you just throw them all away in the trash can? On Saturday August 18, 2012 come and Recycle these items at the Lakes on Eldridge Beach Club from 8:00am till Noon. Electronics include items such as a TV (fee), radio, computers, telephones, fax machines, video games, circuit boards, laptops, hard drives, CD's, printers, calculators, remote controls, and more. There will be paper shredding for financial documents and the like. All you have to do is bring your recycle goods to the LOE Club House and we'll do the rest.

While you are recycling your old items, the Social Committee is sponsoring a LOE Community Information Day. We invite everyone to please come inside and meet your AMI community representatives and LOE Board Members. We will have information on the LOE website, LOE vehicle stickers, and gate remotes available for purchase. Hope to see you there! LOE also has many clubs and activities such as the Tennis Club, Stitchers, Bible Study, Bunko, Pet Safety, Swim Team, Book Club, Wildlife Committee, and Yoga, to mention a few. We will also have representatives of each group so you can explore how you can meet your neighbors and have a whole lot of fun in the process.

And last but by no means least, avoid having to put the photo of your beloved dog or cat on a "LOST" poster by bringing it to have a microchip implanted for the low cost of only \$20!

## August Yard Of The Month

### Calloway / Cornelius Good Neighbor Program

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**HONORABLE MENTION:** David & Irina Cook, 12602 Waterside Way  
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## 4th of July at LOE

Lakes on Eldridge members celebrated Independence Day by decorating bikes and strollers and participating in a parade along Lake Center Run. After all the red, white, and blue went by, prizes were awarded for best decorations at the Beach Club. Festivities also included pool games conducted by guards of Greater Houston and lunch provided and served by LOE Swim Team.

Many thanks to Greater Houston, the LOE Swim Team, and the wonderful residents who volunteered their time and efforts to assure a safe, fun event for our neighborhood!

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## LOE Tennis Court Reservation and Courtesy Rules

*(Effective August 1, 2012)*

Courts are for the use of LOE residents and their guests only. Non-residents may play, only if playing with an LOE resident. One resident may have 3 playing guests, maximum.

Reservations may be made for, and play limited to, 2 hours max. per group. Reservation is forfeited if party does not show up within 10 minutes of the reserved court time.

Reservations should be made using the legible last name of one LOE resident playing (and coach's name, if booking a lesson). New court reservation sheets will be posted every Monday morning by the Tennis Committee.

Reservations will continue to be on a first come, first served, basis. However, residents with long-standing, regular lessons or residents who want to play in a regular, weekly time slot can request recurring court time, which may be granted at the discretion of the Tennis Committee (resident should send a note to [tennis@lakesoneldridge.net](mailto:tennis@lakesoneldridge.net) no later than Sunday).

A resident may book a private lesson for one court with a coach and up to 3 invited guests. All coaches must register with and provide their contact details to the Tennis Committee.

Lessons may not be conducted on all three courts at the same time. At least one end court (Court 1 or 3) must be left open for resident walk-ons or for residents who reserve a court for non-lesson play.

No open enrollment clinics or camps may be advertised or conducted at LOE, but group lessons may be conducted. A

group lesson is defined as having a maximum of 6 students, and consisting of LOE residents ONLY. If at the time of the group lesson, no other courts are reserved or in use, the group may play on a second, adjacent court. As above, an end court must be left open for non-lesson resident play for the duration of all lessons.

Leagues must contact and register with the Tennis Committee before reserving courts for seasonal play.

Please play on the court you have reserved. If you are playing and another party with reserved court time is waiting to come on, be courteous, finish your point, and graciously vacate the court.

If you have a reservation but are not able to keep the court time, please make an effort to remove your name from the sheet, so others know the court is free.

The Tennis Committee reserves the right to remove anyone's name from the reservation sheet if they fail to make a good faith attempt to follow the above rules.

Failure of a coach to abide by the LOE HOA Board's directives, or to provide contact details to the Tennis Committee, may result in their court privileges being revoked.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR COURT ACCESS KEY AND IDENTIFICATION WITH YOU FOR COURT SAFETY AND IDENTIFICATION.**

The LOE HOA's Board will continue to monitor play patterns and resident complaints, and may implement further restrictions in coming weeks, if warranted.

Send comments/questions/complaints to The LOE Tennis Committee at: [tennis@lakesoneldridge.net](mailto:tennis@lakesoneldridge.net)



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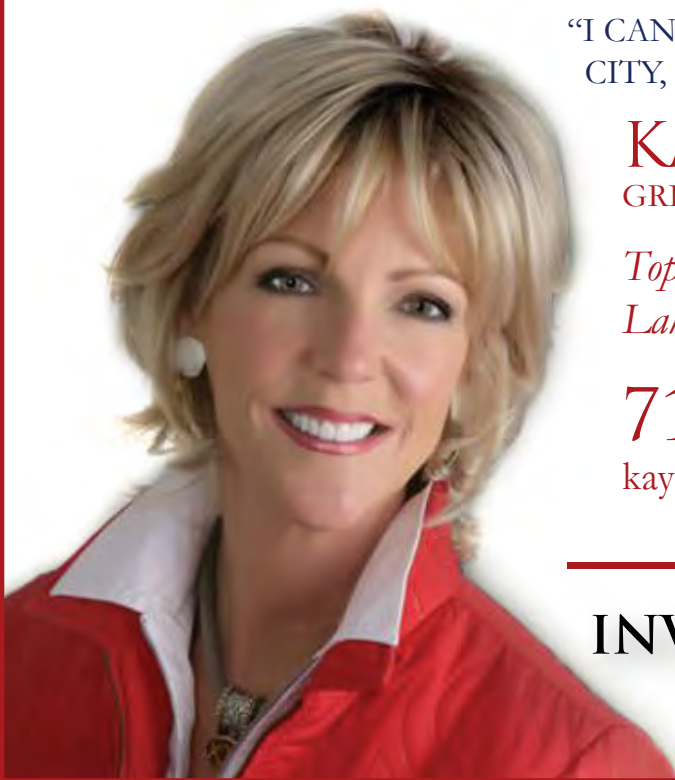
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The Lakes on Eldridge Bible Study will resume meeting every Tuesday morning at the Beach Club on September 11, 2012. The New study by Lenya Heitzig and Penny Rose, *Live Abundantly*, a Fresh Life Series by David C. Cook, begins our Fall meetings.

As we dig into the book of Ephesians we shall unearth the greatest treasure of life—a gift “exceedingly abundantly above” whatever you could possibly ask for. This twelve-week study for women takes only 20 minutes a day and with each lesson, we hope to develop a deeper intimacy with God and a deeper understanding of Bible truths.

If you would like to join us or would like additional information, please contact Stephanie at [mrstjl10179@gmail.com](mailto:mrstjl10179@gmail.com). We meet every Tuesday from 9:15 AM until 11:30 AM for fellowship, praise, study, and prayer. On the first Tuesday of each month we go out for lunch after our meeting. The study guides cost \$13.00 and will be available for purchase at the first meeting, or you can contact Stephanie and she will get one for you before the meetings begin. We hope you will want to come and grow in your faith and share fellowship with a great bunch of Christian ladies.

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Scary situations for a pet owner—especially if your pet loses his collar or his ID tag information is outdated or worn away. The good news is that if your pet is micro-chipped there's a better chance he'll return home safely.

What is a Microchip? It is a tiny computer chip—about the size of a grain of rice—that is implanted under the skin of your pet by an injection similar to a vaccine needle. Anesthesia is not necessary and most animals don't feel the injection. The chip will not disintegrate, rust or cause an allergic reaction. It also won't relocate from its point of placement, which usually is between the shoulder blades, and it lasts for your pet's lifetime.

How does it work? Each chip has a unique code that appears on its screen when read by hand-held scanner. The code is then entered into the manufacturer's database, and if you have registered your information

your pet will be connected to you. Most veterinarians and shelters have scanners. If your information in the database has not been updated (for example, you moved and did not change your contact information), then the veterinarian or shelter that implanted the microchip will be notified.

Who should microchip their pets? Everyone should! If you have a dog or cat, they can all be micro-chipped at our Community Information Event. Take advantage of this great service we're able to provide at the Community Information Event at the Clubhouse on August 18, 2012 from 8 AM to 12 noon. The Lakes on Eldridge Pet Safety Committee will be offering Micro-Chipping for only \$20. A small one-time registration fee will ensure your pet is registered for life. The microchip company we are using also includes international service, which is great for residents who might be traveling abroad, are planning on moving sometime in the future or for the many expats in our neighborhood.

We guarantee your pet will thank you! For more information on the pet safety committee or to join, go to [www.lakesoneldridge.net](http://www.lakesoneldridge.net) or contact Anke Arnold at [ankearnold@att.net](mailto:ankearnold@att.net)



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### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**AUGUST 27** - In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin by Erik Larson. The time is 1933, the place, Berlin, when William E. Dodd becomes America's first ambassador to Hitler's Germany in a year that proved to be a turning point in history. In the Garden of Beasts lends a stunning eyewitness perspective on events as they unfold in real time, revealing an era of surprising nuance and complexity. The result is a dazzling and addictively readable work that speaks volumes about why the world did not recognize the grave threat posed by Hitler until Berlin and Europe were awash in blood and terror.

**SEPTEMBER 24** - Light on Snow by Anita Shreve. The events of a December afternoon, during which a father and his daughter find an abandoned infant in the snow, will forever alter the 11-year-old girl's understanding of the world and the adults who inhabit it: a father who has taken great pains to remove himself from society in order to put an unthinkable tragedy behind him; a young woman who must live with the consequences of the terrible choices she has made; and a detective whose cleverness is exceeded only by his sense of justice.

**OCTOBER 22** - Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand. The newest book by the author of Seabiscuit tells the true story of Louis Zamperini, a 26-year-old airman who had overcome a troubled past to become an Olympic athlete. After his Army Air Corps bomber crashed into the Pacific, and 47 perilous days adrift on a raft, Zamperini and his companion survivor were rescued by the Japanese navy. He remained a prisoner of war until the end of hostilities. Now ninety-three, Louis Zamperini lives on.



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## HOUSTON NORTHWEST CHAMBER Announces Second Annual CreekFest

*A Local Celebration of Art and Outdoors, Expects Big Crowds*



The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce CreekFest Houston 2012 on Saturday, October 13, 2012 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This celebration of the Arts and Outdoors in Northwest Houston will be held along the parkway between Collins Park and Meyer Park along Cypresswood Drive, rain or shine. CreekFest events include an Adventure Race, Duathlon, 5k/10k run, Marketplace (merchants and visual artists), children's art activities at Pearl Fincher Museum, children's events at the Barbara Bush Library and Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, FACE Free Children's Series Concert, Chalk Artists and local entertainment performing throughout the day.

CreekFest Houston 2012 is a collaborative project of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Harris County Barbara Bush Library, The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts (FACE), Harris County Precinct 4 County Parks Department, Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association (GHORBA), Northwest Houston Arts Alliance; Cypress Creek Greenway Project, Cypresswood Landing and Crossing Shopping Centers and many area merchants.

This FREE family event is designed to: Celebrate the wonderful outdoor amenities that make Northwest Houston a great place

to live, work and play; Promote area visual and performing arts and artists; Create awareness and encourage usage of Precinct 4 Collins Park and the Greenways along Cypress Creek; Raise money for the economic development initiatives of the Chamber and local charities; and help build a new perspective and community pride for the Cypress Creek Cultural District and Northwest Houston's Town Center. Proceeds from the CreekFest art auction will directly benefit the Houston Northwest Chamber Foundation that provides scholarships and funding for community improvement programs.

CreekFest 2012 will feature opportunities for Boy Scouts to earn Merit Badges and local schools to bring programs such as choirs and bands as well as organizations such as cheerleaders, dance teams and club teams out to be recognized and perform for the community. For information about this event call the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce at 281-440-4160, or visit the website at [www.CreekFestHouston.com](http://www.CreekFestHouston.com).

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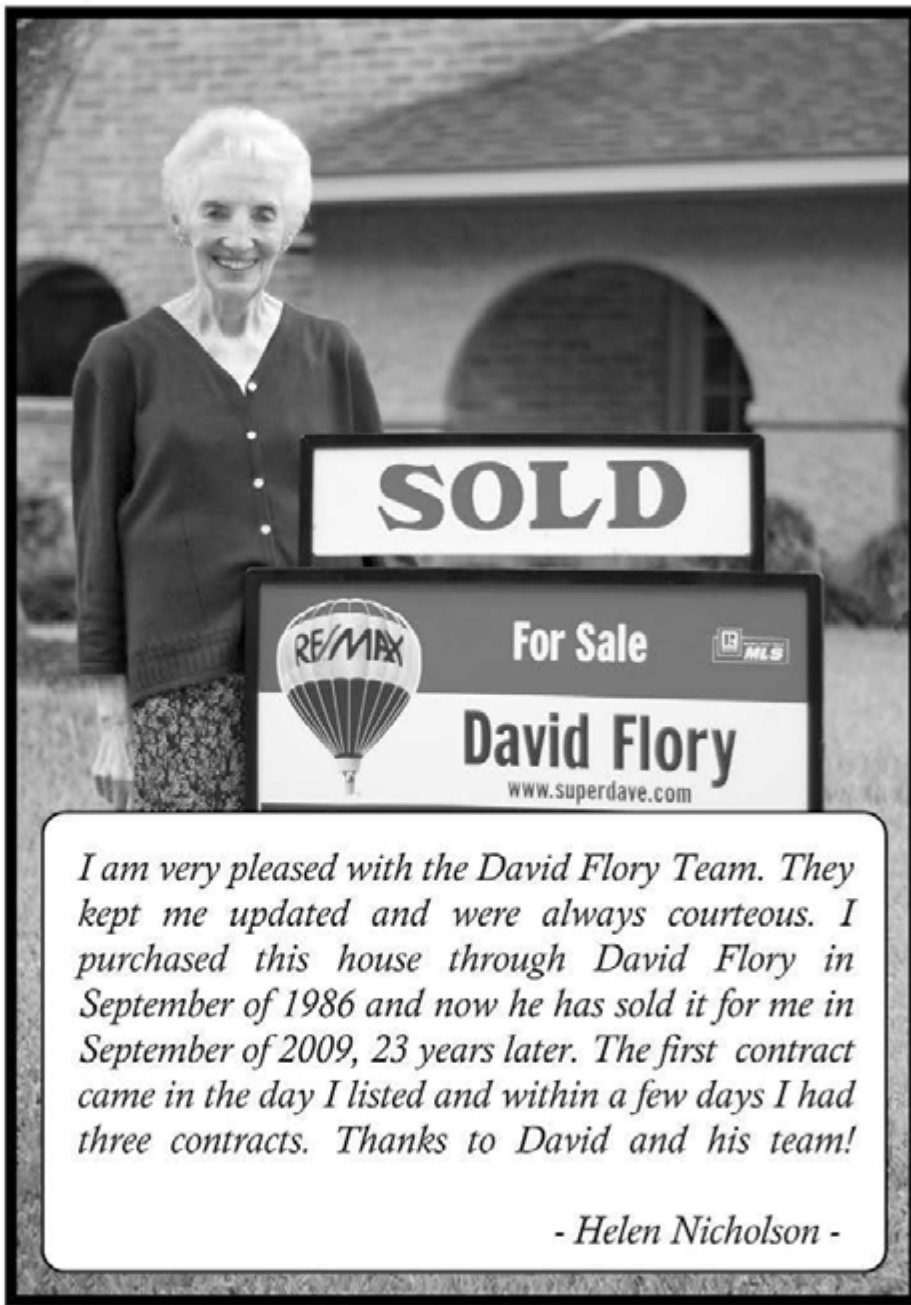
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## Cypress-Tomball Democrats August Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 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.

July's guest speaker will be Cheasty Anderson from the Center for Public Policy Priorities. She will discuss the Affordable Health Care Act, how it is affecting our lives now and in the future.

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).

## Yoga Practice

*After a long day, come stretch & 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 in July will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Lakes on Eldridge Club House.** Contact Jennifer Adams, [adamsjjenn@gmail.com](mailto:adamsjjenn@gmail.com) and 832-628-5425 for more information.

## Timely Tips for August Gardeners

*From Calloway's and Cornelius*

Bring on the heat with Summer Color! During the summer months, re-vitalize your garden beds. Fertilizing, pruning, new mulch and fresh plantings can all bring your flowerbeds back to life!

Fresh color is available in larger sizes for an instant impact. Celosia, Vinca (Periwinkle), Lantana and Purslane are all good, reliable summer bloomers. Plant these directly into beds or containers to replace flowers which have reached their prime. Add Calloway's Flower Food, a slow release fertilizer, and you will not have to fertilize for two months. Keep old blooms trimmed off to encourage repeat blooming. Add a new layer of mulch to flowerbeds and to containers to lessen evaporation and keep the soil cooler. Color abounds even in the heat of summer!

Join us for a Free Saturday clinic, August 11 at 10:15 a.m. Our topic Cool Summer Color will offer up suggestions and ideas on how to create a cool, soothing retreat in your landscape. Come in for free advice and leave inspired! For more information, stop by any of our Calloway's or Cornelius stores or visit our website, [www.calloways.com](http://www.calloways.com) for locations.

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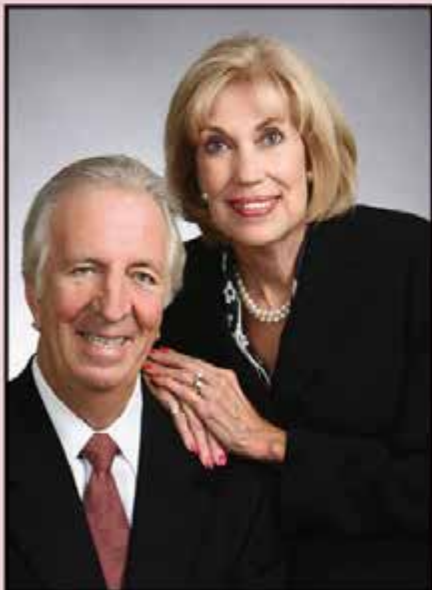
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## LOE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Directors of Lakes on Eldridge would like to sincerely thank all the residents who have shared their swim team related concerns, comments and recommendations over the last couple of months. We have sincerely tried to balance the needs of both swim team participants and non-swim team residents in determining the appropriate usage of the LOE pool. We believe that while the following changes are significant, they best enable the continuation of the swim team while honoring Lakes on Eldridge non-swim team resident wishes for reasonable access to common area facilities. Thank you again for your participation. The following changes are effective immediately.

### LOE FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR USE BY LOEST (or any swim team)

#### Issue Overview

The Lakes on Eldridge (LOE) Board affirms the value of having a swim team for the residents of LOE; however, the Board also believes the needs of the non-swim team residents must be considered in determining the allowable usage by the Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team (LOEST). The Board also believes that it is inappropriate for the LOE community to bear the full capital and maintenance costs for the swim team's use of the pool facility, particularly when the swim team includes members living outside LOE. Originally the Board discussed

imposing a user fee for LOEST members living outside LOE to more effectively allocate expenses. However, recent federal government regulations could potentially cause our facilities to be re-classified as "public" if a non-resident fee was enacted. Furthermore, while a user fee would assist with the financial burden it did not address the large crowds or access issues for non-swim team residents.

#### LOEST Composition

The Board recognizes the wish of the community to have a Fall Swim season and LOEST's need to begin planning for the 2012 Fall Swim season as well as the regular 2013 season. In light of the many concerns, the Board has determined that beginning with the 2012 Fall swim season the LOE Swim Team will be open to LOE Residents only. The Board recognizes this may be disappointing to some individuals, but strongly believes this is the most appropriate policy for the residents of Lakes of Eldridge.

#### LOEST Rules for Usage of LOE Facilities

The following changes are implemented effective immediately.

- All swim team practices must be completed before 5:45 pm Tuesday- Friday. After 5:45 pm the pool will be for residents to swim at their leisure. During practices the swim team is limited to 2 lanes only.
- At least 14 days prior to beginning each season's practices, LOEST will post the exact practice times at the pool to avoid any confusion with residents desiring to swim prior to 5:45 pm.
- Any swim meets or pep rallies involving LOE facilities must be reserved in advance with the schedule available to LOE residents.
- The swim team cannot exceed 175 swimmers except by written permission of the LOE Board. The sign-up dates to join the team are to be clearly communicated including any specific time of day deadlines.
- The swim team must accept all LOE residents regardless of their swimming ability.
- The swim team must clean the pool area after each practice and/or meet, replace used common area supplies and place all trash containers for convenient pick-up by Waste Management.

LOEST is responsible to ensure parking is only on one side of the main streets and no parking is allowed on residential streets.

No written or printed materials regarding LOEST may be distributed at any LOE sponsored event except by prior written permission of the LOE Board.

LOEST will be assessed a fee of \$500 for each home meet or pep rally. These fees must be paid a minimum of 20 days prior to the initiation of each swim season's practices. No more than 2 home meets and 2 pep rallies can be held per season except by written permission of the Board.

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For more information contact Catherine Spellings at CTSpellings@aol.com, or call 713-628-7083 or 713-896-1652.



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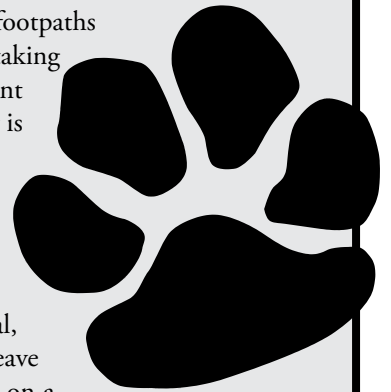
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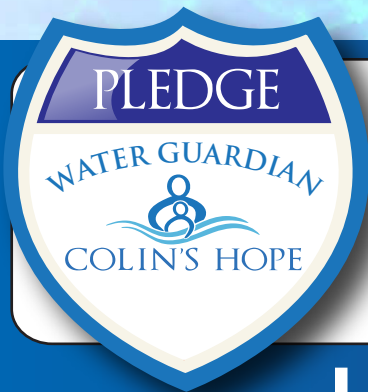
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