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OKTOBERFEST AT LOE

"From man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world." - Saint Arnold, Patron Saint of Brewers

The Lakes on Eldridge Social Committee is excited to bring back Oktoberfest for the 5th year! Oktoberfest, which is technically in November will be held at the Beach Club, Friday, November 2nd. Mark your calendars and tell your neighbors, you won't want to miss this event. Admission will be \$5 which will get you a souvenir Saint Arnold tasting glass from which you will be able to sample several beers. Non-alcoholic refreshments and snacks will also be available.

Not familiar with Saint Arnold? "Saint Arnold was born to a prominent Austrian family in 580 in the Chateau of Lay-Saint-Christophe in the old French diocese of Toul, north of Nancy. Saint Arnold became the acclaimed bishop of Metz, France, in 612 and spent his holy life warning peasants about the dangers of drinking water. Beer was safe, and "from man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world." The people revered Arnold. In 627, Saint Arnold retired to a monastery near Remiremont, France, where he died on August 16, 640. In 641, the citizens of Metz requested that Saint Arnold's body be exhumed and ceremoniously carried to Metz for reburial in their Church of the Holy Apostles. During this voyage a miracle came to pass in the town of Champignuelles. The tired porters and followers stopped for a rest and walked into a tavern for a drink of their favorite beverage.

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September Yard Of The Month

Calloway / Cornelius Good Neighbor Program

There were actually more yards to choose from this month than any other month so far! We were impressed with the quality of the work as well as the various differences which made these yards unique!



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Mark & Jeannie Gresko,
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Nick & Phylene Jakobsen, 5502 Windham



HONORABLE MENTION: Wayne Hicks-12523 Cherry Creek Bend Ln.

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Oktoberfest at LOE - (Continued from Cover)

Regretfully, there was only one mug of beer to be shared, but that mug never ran dry and all of the thirsty pilgrims were satisfied. Saint Arnold is recognized by the Catholic Church as the Patron Saint of Brewers.

The local brewery brews ten different beers. Five are made year round and five are seasonal. They are available in bars, restaurants, grocery stores, liquor stores and warehouse stores in Houston, Austin, Dallas, Ft. Worth and San Antonio. So get prepared and sample a few beers before LOE's own Oktoberfest. You'll be supporting a local business and getting ready for this great event! For more details on Saint Arnold Brewery visit their website www.saintarnold.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you there: this is a great chance to have some fun, and get out and meet your neighbors! For more details or to RSVP please contact Melissa at 281-639-9287 or melissa@melissahunzeker.com.



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Timely Tips for September 2012

*The surprising side of plants
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Plants certainly make life more beautiful. They also make life safer, healthier, secure and fun! America in Bloom—a national beautification program—recently released a booklet describing little-known facts about plants entitled: “Discover the Surprising Side of Plants.” We’ve listed some of our favorite factoids below.

- Research has shown that most recipients feel very positively about flowers and plants as gifts and overwhelmingly translate those feelings into positive feelings about the gift-giver as well.

- Adding to your landscape is the **ONLY** home improvement—inside or out—that will add a value greater than what you spend.

- Studies show that being around plants helps children to improve concentration, boost creativity, improve memory, enhance health and improve grades.

- Plants assist in controlling storm water runoff. Trees, shrubs, groundcovers and grasses can help stabilize soil by reducing wind, water and soil erosion.

- Plants reduce office pollutants and reduce employee sick time by 14%.

- Strategically placed plants deter litter, graffiti and crime, making neighborhoods and downtowns cleaner and safer, and reducing costs.

- Gardening is one of the most rewarding forms of exercise for people of all ages. Stretching, bending, pushing, pulling, weight-bearing...gardening offers a broad range of benefits to all your muscle groups.

Information courtesy of Calloway's Nursery, www.calloways.com. Calloway's and Cornelius Nursery is an 18-store garden center chain serving the Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston markets. The company strives to make gardening fun, easy and successful for customers by offering expert advice from Texas Certified Nursery Professionals; store environments that are educational and easy to shop; weekly gardening clinics that serve both novice and expert gardeners; displays and instructions to aid gardeners with design and color development in their yards; and a product selection of the best plant varieties available



Dripping With Taste Wine & Food Festival 2012

The 5th annual Dripping with Taste Wine & Food Festival will take its popular foodie-tainment event to another level on Saturday, September 8, with a new location and expanded offerings of gourmet foods, local wines, craft beers, artisans, and live music. Shannon Moler, Director of the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau which sponsors the festival, said the venue relocation to the Texas Hill Country Olive Company offers the perfect setting. “The Texas Olive Company's Tuscan-styled tasting room and orchard is breathtaking, and right in the heart of Dripping Springs.”

The festival showcases the variety and quality of foods and wines throughout the Central Texas Hill Country region, starting with Dripping Springs. More than 20 wineries from throughout the region will be there, as well as chefs and dozens of area gourmet and specialty foods, plus more than two dozen creative artisan vendors. Local craft beer will be represented by area breweries like Jester King, Thirsty Planet, Independence, and Twisted X. Other locally crafted, unique beverage options at this year's festival will include sparkling hard cider from Argus Cidery and Texas Sake. Making their first appearance also will be Texas Coffee Traders from Austin. Even Williams Sonoma is sending a chef to the festival for the first time, to present two cooking demonstrations.

The lineup of live music entertainment will be varied and upbeat, with five bands scheduled to play throughout the day. The festival will close with a VIP awards ceremony from 7pm - 8pm, for the best in show chefs, wines, and foods. And speaking of VIP, even the women's bathroom facilities on site will be upscale, with “Elite Silver Platinum” air-conditioned trailers featuring individual stalls with sinks and mirrors.

Proceeds from this year's festival benefit the non-profit Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau, launched in early 2012 with a mission to attract Hill Country visitors and guests to the town. According to Moler, the Dripping with Taste festival is made possible through a concerted community effort that pays off for visitors and residents alike.

For more information and tickets, see www.drippingwithtaste.com.

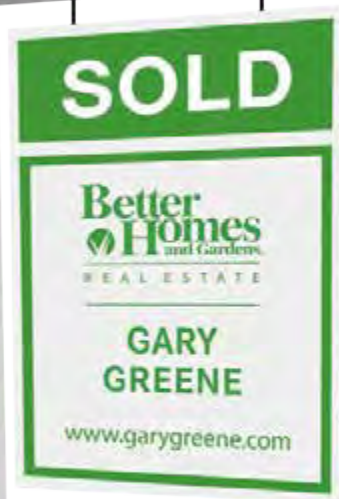
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Financial Professional Associate Rosa Clay Completes Comprehensive Training Program Prudential Special Needs Solutions...For all ages™

Rosa Clay, a Financial Professional Associate with The Prudential Insurance Company of America's The Greater Texas Agency agency, located at 1233 West Loop South, Ste 1100, recently completed Prudential Special Needs Solutions...For All Ages™, an educational program hosted by the company in Newark, NJ. The program provides participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to help families plan for the financial future of someone with special needs.

Clay is one of a select number of financial professionals who attended the training that covered a variety of important topics including government benefits, insurance planning and special needs trusts. "The training provided me with the most up to date information about planning for the future of someone with a disability," said Clay. "I am looking forward to truly making a difference in the lives of these families." Clay, who has worked for

The Greater Texas Agency since 2011, serves clients throughout the Southern Territory. Clay is a graduate of University of Houston, with a Bachelors of Finance. Clay, a resident of Houston, can be reached at rosa.clay@prudential.com and 832-389-5178.

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Have you ever thought about traveling to another country but don't have the funds? Volunteer instead to have a student come and bring another country to you! For information contact Jennifer Tausworthe, Area Coordinator - South TX & LA, at 713-203-6556 or jennifer4cci@aol.com.

Your Pet and the Summer Heat

Once again from the messy desk of the Pet Safety Committee: don't forget, pets can get heatstroke and die from it at temperatures of 80 degrees! Don't ever leave them in cars, even with the windows down!! Always have plenty of fresh water available and only exercise them early in the morning or late in the evening. Some pets will need to be totally restricted from exercise during these HOT summer months!

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- Meet neighbors by using neighborhood-wide discussion forums
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Go to www.i-neighbors.org/77041/ LOE to join the LOE i-neighbors Message Board. Be sure to include a message identifying yourself as a Resident of LOE in your request to join.

Book Club

We have some good books coming up! If you see anything you like, why don't you join us for one of our meetings? Contact Celeste Fritz at celeste.fritz@gmail.com to find the location of each meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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.

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Fall Swim Training Program Opens at LOEN

The Swim Team's Fall Swim Program started this week with practices at Lakes on Eldridge North. It's a training and conditioning program for intermediate and experienced swimmers. There may still be available spaces so check our website for more information: www.loedolphins.org.

Divisional and Invitational swim meets were hard fought competing against the much bigger teams we had to face this year since we moved up one level after winning the division last year. We had many team records broken by our swimmers. Details are available online at our website www.loedolphins.org. (Click on "Viewing Results" under "Swim Meet Info" for instructions.)

The outgoing Swim Team Board wants to thank our great volunteers, many of whom went above and beyond to help, our dedicated coaches, who brought out the best in each and every swimmer, and the residents of LOE who supported us and were gracious hosts for our practices and meets.

The new Swim Team Board is already hard at work to plan a successful season for next year. You can check our website www.loedolphins.org in January 2013 for the latest information, and look for updated LOE Swim Team News in February's newsletter.

Cypress Christian School News

Cy-Christian Cheerleaders Recognized at Cheer Camp: Middle school and varsity cheerleaders from Cypress Christian School attended the Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders Cheer Camp held at Houston Baptist University. The squads spent four days growing in Christ and in their cheerleading skills. While there, they not only learned new cheers and stunts, but also focused on how to use their talents and works for the glory of God. The girls were honored with the following awards while at camp: (1) Varsity Cheerleaders placed second in the Camp Championship with their all-music routine; and (2) Both teams were recognized by the camp staff and director for their daily and consistent determination as well as their positive attitudes. They left camp excited and ready to promote "Warrior Spirit."

Cypress Christian Hosts National Institute for Learning Development Course: CCS recently hosted an NILD (National Institute for Learning Development) Level III Course: Instructional Methodologies for Students with Learning Needs. Mrs. Bridget Hughes, CCS Learning Center Director, instructed eleven NILD/Discovery therapists from all over the world. Several of the therapists from Texas were from the Houston and Dallas area. Two candidates traveled from Oklahoma and Oregon and two international therapists, on furlough, traveled from Spain and Hungary.

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Lakes on Eldridge Bible Study

The Lakes on Eldridge Bible Study will resume meeting every Tuesday morning at the Beach Club, starting 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 and 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. 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.

Cypress-Tomball Democrats

SEPTEMBER MEETING AND SPECIAL EVENT

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 19, at 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. September's guest speaker will be Baldomero Garza, LULAC National Vice President for the Southwest. He will discuss the importance of getting out the Latino vote. The meeting will also serve as a fundraiser for Brad Neal, candidate for State Representative, District 150. 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.

In addition this month, the Cypress-Tomball, Cy-Fair Area, Katy Area, and Oilpatch Democratic clubs are pleased to announce a special event: The WESTSIDE BLUE SLATE SPECIAL. Its purpose is to let voters meet their statewide, Westside, and county-wide Democratic candidates. It will be held at Cypress Saloon, 12710 Telge Rd, Cypress TX on Tuesday, October 2, 2012. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Great food and drinks will be available. Proceeds from a silent auction will be distributed among the attending candidates. Boots & cowboy hats are optional! For more information or to donate silent auction items, contact Donna Hackemack Bryant at blueslatespecial@gmail.com.

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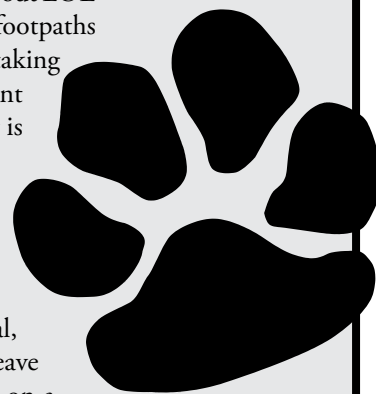
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Please Clean After Your Dog

One of the best things about LOE is the abundance of sidewalks, footpaths and beautiful views that make taking walks an easy and very pleasant break from our frenetic lives. It is a real pity then to come across spots that are starting to look like doggy restrooms...

Please be a good neighbor! When you take your dog for his or her constitutional, bring a bag along and don't leave anything behind, whether it is on a neighbor's lawn or on one of the public areas. We are all counting on each other to keep LOE beautiful!



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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, or call 713-628-7083 or 713-896-1652.



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.

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