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## *Friendly Reminders Regarding Gate Entry*

There have been questions about Gate Entry procedures for admitting guests and service persons to our Community. We believe it might be helpful for our residents to know the instructions that have been provided to the Gate Attendants for managing vehicles entering the main gate. Their manual includes the following bullet items:

- All residents of Lakes on Eldridge are required to have a community decal visible on the front, driver's side windshield of every vehicle that is permanently kept at their residence. Decals can be ordered free of charge from AMI. All decals must be removed from vehicle prior to the sale or disposal of that vehicle.
- The resident's entry side of the main entrance is to be used exclusively by residents with valid car decals and operational clickers. The resident is responsible for relaying this information to all whom he invites to the community.
- Guest lists are to be provided in writing to the gate attendant prior to an event (e.g. private parties held at a residents home or the clubhouse). The gate attendant is not authorized to accept any more than two names by phone since this can interfere with his/her ability to monitor those entering LOE.
- The Tanner Road entry gates are for residents with clickers only. No workers, deliveries, or non residents are allowed into the community through these gates. They may, however, exit through them. Each Resident is responsible for relaying this information to all whom he authorizes to enter the community.
- **RESIDENTS MUST NOT PROVIDE A CLICKER TO ANY NON-RESIDENT.**
- Residents are responsible for ensuring that their guests know the proper procedure for entering and exiting the property.

- Residents are responsible for ensuring that their guest complies with all community regulations (speed limits, stopping at stop signs, etc.)

The above instructions will be modified to include the dash tag procedures. We had hoped to have the tags implemented in late April, but the initial pricing for tags was unacceptably high. We have been pursuing lower cost options and hopefully, we will begin to see them in use by the end of May. An email blast will be sent with application instructions for frequent visitor tags once the pricing issue is resolved.

As a reminder, the dash tags are being developed to identify vehicles that do not belong in our subdivision. Each category will be a unique color with defined expiration dates:

- Resident tags - These are only for persons who do not want a sticker. They will be valid for one year.
- Frequent Visitor tags - These tags are designed for routine visitors such as cleaning and yard personnel or close relatives of residents. These tags will only be issued upon the request of a resident and will be good for 3 months.
- Construction Contractor tags - These are issued solely to a contractor associated with the clubhouse rebuild or a contractor hired by a resident for a multi-week construction project. A construction tag will have a visible expiration date allowing for a reasonable time for completion of the project.
- Day Visitor tags - These tags will be for day visitors only with the date clearly displayed on the tag.

If you are not receiving emails from the Association, please contact AMI at 713-932-1122.

# Lakes on Eldridge

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## Summer Swimming At Twin Lakes For LOE Residents

Twin Lakes has graciously agreed to offer their pool to a limited number of LOE residents for swimming this summer. If you would like to use their pool, send an email to register with David Dronet at [David.Dronet@yahoo.com](mailto:David.Dronet@yahoo.com). They are limiting the number of residents to avoid paying for an extra lifeguard, so if you have a defined time of day or duration when you would like to use their pool, such as a specific week while family is in town, please include this information in your email. Also please review the following requirements associated with this agreement. Most importantly be sure to thank David and Twin Lakes for assisting us.

- LOE residents will be considered "guests" of Twin Lakes. This will allow the pool to retain its private status.
- LOE residents will need to provide name, address, phone, and vehicle license plate.
- Twin Lakes will not require or accept any compensation.
- Twin Lakes reserves the right to cancel the arrangement at any time for any reason.
- LOE residents are asked to review the Twin Lake pool rules prior to their first visit.

### TWIN LAKES 2013 POOL SEASON SCHEDULE

Twin Lakes' pool will open on Saturday, May 4th  
The pool is located at 13000 Twin Lakes Blvd.

May 4th through June 5th  
Monday through Friday Closed  
Saturday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM  
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June 6th through August 25th  
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## Pool Rules for Twin Lakes

Violation of any of the following rules may result in immediate removal from the pool area.

1. The rules and requests made by lifesaving personnel must always be followed.
2. Residents must sign in and provide an emergency contact before entering the pool area.
3. Swimming is only permitted when a lifeguard is on active duty. The pool may be closed due to inclement weather, cleaning, or at the discretion of the lifesaving personnel.
4. Persons under 10 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
5. Only swimming attire will be permitted in the pool. No cutoffs, etc.
6. Glass containers, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, weapons and illegal substances are strictly prohibited.
7. No diving in the shallow area of the pool.
8. No horseplay or running in the pool area.
9. No pets allowed in pool area except registered service dogs.
10. No tampering with pool equipment.
11. No littering. Please clean up your own trash.
12. Radios must not be played loudly as to disturb others in the pool area.
13. Swimming instructors are considered guests of the resident receiving lessons. All instructors must have authorization from Twin Lakes HOA. Instructors are required to sign an instructor agreement and must check in with security for each visit.
14. Residents wishing to bring five (5) or more guests to the pool will be required to make reservations for the use of the pool. Reservations can be made in advance by contacting Crest management at (281) 579-0761.

## Come Cheer the LOE Dolphins Swim Team!

The new swim season is finally here, and our enthusiastic swimmers from the nearby neighborhoods are excited to be back in action and are looking forward to their first meet. We really appreciate the Lakes on Eldridge North and Villages at Lakepointe communities allowing us to use their facilities for practices this season!

Below is the season's calendar for easy reference. For the latest information, go to our website [www.loedolphins.org](http://www.loedolphins.org) and click on "Meets and Events". All of our meets this year will be AWAY.

### MEET SCHEDULE FOR 2013

**May 11** – AWAY at Deerfield Village (Time Trials)

**May 18** – AWAY at Copperfield

**May 25** – AWAY at Jersey Village

**June 1** – AWAY at Lakewood Forest

**June 8** – AWAY at Spring Creek Oaks

**June 22** – AWAY at Winchester

**June 29** – Divisionals at Jersey Village

Check the website [www.loedolphins.org](http://www.loedolphins.org) for important dates, and also for everything and anything about the LOEST DOLPHINS! Our website also offers a "contact" link that you can use to send questions and comments about LOEST.

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## Change In Left Turn Signals Rejected By Harris County

A number of residents requested that the LOE Board petition the county to change the LOE left turn signals on Eldridge and Tanner Roads to flashing yellow instead of protected green. The county has rejected that petition. Below is the message we received concerning our petition.

Please know that in consideration of Eldridge Parkway being one of the major arterials for north/south mobility in the area, the traffic signals operate as a coordinated system with the goal of providing the smooth flow of traffic along the arterial in order to reduce travel times, stops and delay, which, reduces fuel consumption and improves air quality. The left turn movement operational characteristics you're experiencing are consistent with the coordination plan(s). Although less heavily traveled at times, the same considerations are in effect for Tanner Road.

Regarding your request to alter the left turn movement operation; our office evaluates protective / permissive phasing implementation at signalized intersections under the jurisdiction of Harris County on a case-by-case basis. As a rule, we install protective / permissive phasing at tee intersections with left-turn bays that allow drivers to turn off of the major street.

At intersections with more than three approaches, this operation is typically not deployed because of safety and maintenance considerations. The pertinent safety considerations are listed below.

When drivers are allowed to turn on a green ball, they are executing a permissive movement (i.e., they are turning against oncoming traffic). This increases the potential for accidents at an intersection, particularly on heavily-traveled roadways that experience fluctuating peak traffic demand periods. While there is an operational benefit to this approach, a trade-off in the area of safety is made.

When protected / permissive operation is installed at a location with more than three approaches, a condition known as "a yellow trap" is introduced. This condition results when a driver attempts to turn left as the permissive left turn interval is terminating and the opposing protected left turn movement lags the permissive interval. In this situation, many, if not most, drivers expect that the opposing through movement is also terminating when it may, in fact, not be. When this situation occurs, accidents can frequently result.

Harris County will continue to evaluate the need for protective / permissive left turns for signalization at both new and existing traffic signals. However, our priority is to address these needs by focusing on improving our operations via the implementation of our regional traffic signal control system, an aggressive maintenance program, and periodic retiming of traffic signals along our major thoroughfare corridors. This ultimately results in benefits both system-wide and at individual intersections.

*Respectfully,*

*Richard L. Goodman*

*Manager - Traffic Signal Maintenance*

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## Clubhouse Update

It has been a very busy month since the town hall on March 5th. Detail design is nearing completion with recent emphasis on the interior specifications and security system requirements. Additionally, contractor evaluations have been proceeding in earnest. Six contractors were initially interviewed and site visits to their references have been completed. A multi-category evaluation system has been developed to effectively determine the best contractors to actually bid the construction. Requests for Proposals are expected to go out in early May.

The insurance company has given us a partial settlement, but several hundred thousand dollars are still in discussion. We have received a check for \$300,000. As mentioned several times, the Board has committed that the construction will not commence until the insurance settlement and the cost of the new design is clearly understood and determined to be affordable.

Several people have offered to make special donations to the clubhouse effort. If you are interested in making a one-time donation of cash or goods, please send an email to [loeclubhouse@gmail.com](mailto:loeclubhouse@gmail.com). If you are interested in serving on the team evaluating donations, please send an email to the same address.

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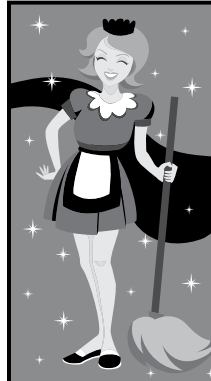
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## Gate Communication and Fraudulent Entry

Recently, there have been two instances where a white truck with Salvation Army decals entered our community, but came to residents' homes without having prearranged a pickup of donated goods. When the Salvation Army was called to inquire why a truck was sent, the Salvation Army told our residents that no truck was sent to our neighborhood. Neither incident led to a theft, but in order to be vigilant, we have changed our procedures with the gate attendants. We are not permitting trucks from charitable organizations to enter Lakes on Eldridge without prior arrangements. This is consistent with our policy of not allowing tow trucks into our neighborhood without prior arrangements to eliminate repossession issues in our neighborhood. If you anticipate having a charity come to your home, please notify the entrance gate at least 1 hour in advance. The gate house number is 713-937-8825.

### SEND US YOUR *Event Pictures!!*

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to [lakesoneldridge@peelinc.com](mailto:lakesoneldridge@peelinc.com). Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com).



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## LOE Book Club

It looks like our theme for this year is "Reading Fun", as we have many books that look like they'll be fun to read. Consider joining us on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. We take turns hosting the meeting, so please contact celeste.fritz@gmail.com to get the details for each meeting.

**May 20** - moved up because of Memorial Day. From Notting Hill with Love...Actually by Ali McNamara. She was a girl, standing in front of a boy...

Movie fanatic Scarlett O'Brien dreams of a life as glamorous and romantic as all the big screen flicks she worships. When a chance house-sitting job in iconic Notting Hill comes along, she knows living in one of her favorite movie settings is an opportunity too good to pass up. Leaving behind her skeptical friends, family, and fiancé, Scarlett heads to London and finds herself thrust into the lead role of her very own romantic comedy. But can real life ever be just like the movies? Larger-than-life new friends, a handsome but irksome new neighbor, and a mystery from her past may prove to Scarlett that living her life like a RomCom is more complicated than she thought!

**June 24** - The Casual Vacancy by J. K. Rowling. When Barry Fairweather dies unexpectedly in his early forties, the little town of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, with a cobbled market square and an ancient abbey, but what lies behind the

pretty façade is a town at war. Rich at war with poor, teenagers at war with their parents, wives at war with their husbands, teachers at war with their pupils...Pagford is not what it first seems. And the empty seat left by Barry on the town's council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has yet seen. Who will triumph in an election fraught with passion, duplicity and unexpected revelations? Blackly comic, thought-provoking and constantly surprising, The Casual Vacancy is J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults.

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## Calloway / Cornelius Good Neighbor Program

### *Yard Of The Month*

Spring is definitely here, along with the sneezing, runny noses and itchy eyes! We were amazed that a few of you have braved the elements to work in your gardens and perform magic! This is a time for rebirth in the soil of all the good that comes with care, patience and love. Enjoy the fruits of your labor!

The following is a list and photos of our two winners and names of our two honorable mentions for May:

#### WINNER

**ANNE & TONY ROSSI, 5501 CARDINAL BAY**



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*Honorable Mention: Linda & James Clark - 5502 Island Breeze*

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## Timely Tip for May

### *Gardeners*

Texas is home to nearly 5,000 native plant species due to the vast and diverse geography of our great state! Often people envision "native plants" with Mesquites and cacti but many of our basic landscape plants are native to Texas. After the summer of 2011, many gardeners seek to naturally enhance their spaces with Texas tough plants. Native plants tolerate the Texas summer heat better than most, require less water, need less mowing, provide habitats for birds, butterflies and other wildlife, protect the soil and save on fertilizers and insecticides.

Add native trees to your landscape and enjoy the colorful blooms from the Texas Mountain Laurel or Desert Willow. Select Texas Sage for its purple summer flowers or the Red Yucca with its red spike-like bloom as additions to your landscape. Native grasses such as Mexican Feathergrass or Big Muhly add another different texture and look to the garden. Also, don't forget the reliable perennials for providing Texas tough color! Blackfoot Daisy, Gaura, Coneflower and many of your Salvias are native to Texas and will provide color year after year once they are established.

Don't forget Mom this month! Color in May comes from more than a bouquet of blossoms for Mom on Mother's Day! Plan ahead and give that special person a naturally-inspired bouquet that changes with the seasons. Buy your mom a native plant and know that you are making her garden a more enjoyable place for both her and the birds and butterflies.

If you need specific help with your next gardening idea or project, please join us for FREE in-store garden clinics this month. Clinics begin at 10:15 a.m. and are facilitated at every store.

**Saturday, May 4: Native plants – Texas style (10:15 a.m.)**

Join Calloway's and Cornelius garden experts to learn how to use native plants to beautify your home, conserve water and provide a wildlife habitat.

**Saturday, May 11: Perennials – An old friend (10:15 a.m.)**

Gardens of the ages! Learn the best bloom times for your favorite perennials so that your garden shows color throughout the year.

**Saturday, May 18: Those blooming shrubs (10:15 a.m.)**

Add structure and color to your naturally-inspired spaces with rose and azalea shrubs.

**Saturday, May 25: Butterfly & hummingbird gardens (10:15 a.m.)**

Bring your garden alive with plants that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

## Adoptable Dog of the Month

### **LILY**

Lily is still looking for her very own family. You may recognize her from last month's newsletter. Won't you consider opening up your home and heart to this beauty?

Lily, is a German Shepherd mix, was surrendered to BARC, the Houston city shelter, because her owners had "too many". She was very thin, had just had a litter of pups and was high heartworm positive, and was going to be euthanized at the shelter. Her owners kept the puppies, but dumped poor ol' mom at the shelter to die. She has filled out beautifully and been treated for the heartworms. She is now ready to find a home of her own.

Lily loves people and loves attention. Her favorite way of showing her love is to hug you and give you a kiss or two or three! Everyone that meets her loves her. She is probably too interested in cats, and even though she is learning about cats, life would probably be simpler if she went to to a home without cats and very small dogs. Lily is a very smart dog, which is helpful with training, but she is so smart she can open gates and needs a secure backyard with a locked gate and tall fence. She is very loving and likes spending time with her people. People with Shepherd experience will probably understand her needs more than those who have not known Shepherds.

She is about 60 lbs., could probably still stand to gain another 5 lbs., she is up-to-date on her vaccinations, spayed and microchipped. She is crate trained and is most likely housebroken. She is looking to join a family and she will be very loyal to her person or family. Seems to be fine with children, older children would probably be best. If you would like to meet Lily, or find out more about her, please contact Cindi at [cindi.hohle@c-a-m.com](mailto:cindi.hohle@c-a-m.com) or Anke at 713-856-6795; email:[ankearnold@att.net](mailto:ankearnold@att.net).





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## SNAKE BITES A CONCERN AS WEATHER WARMS UP

Warmer weather coaxes snakes out of hiding, and it's important to know what to do after a snake bite, according to a medical toxicologist at Baylor College of Medicine ([www.bcm.edu](http://www.bcm.edu)).

"Many people don't realize how much of an issue snake bites are in this area of the country," said Dr. Spencer Greene, director of medical toxicology and assistant professor of medicine – emergency medicine at BCM. "In fact, our regional poison center reported 235 snake bites – including 148 from known venomous snakes – in the Houston area in 2012, and I am sure many more are going unreported".

According to Greene, the first step is avoidance.

"Never reach into a hole or a bush blindly, a snake may be resting there," he said. "It is also important to maintain an appropriate distance from a snake. Most pit vipers, which include rattlesnakes, copperheads and water moccasins, can strike at a target up to two-thirds of their body length when provoked."

If you are bitten by a snake, Greene suggests the following important steps:

- Stay calm.
- Call 911 immediately to be evaluated.
- Take off anything that is constricting the affected area, such as a ring or watch.
- Position the affected area at or above heart level. This means that if you are bitten on the hand, bring it to heart level, and if you're bitten on the leg or foot, elevate it if possible. This minimizes the amount of local tissue damage and swelling, which is the most common finding in pit viper bites.

- Go to the emergency room – the sooner the better.

Greene also dispels several myths about treating snake bites and suggests heeding the following advice:

- Do not apply a tourniquet or a constriction band.
- Do not apply ice; it can cause local tissue damage.
- Do not apply heat.
- Don't cut the affected area and attempt to suck the venom out – this increases the amount of local tissue damage.

- Don't use a commercially-available extraction device. These have also shown to be ineffective in removing venom and actually increase the amount of tissue damage.
- Don't use electrical therapy.
- Don't apply any type of lotions or ointments.

The management of snake bites has changed over the years and the newer type of anti-venom has proven to be very effective in reducing pain, bleeding complications, swelling and tissue damage, Greene says. Although anti-venom has been shown to have the maximum effectiveness within the first 12 hours of the bite, it can still be effective a few days after the bite.

At the hospital, physicians will determine if anti-venom and hospital admission is necessary.

"Ideally, patients should be evaluated by a medical toxicologist with experience in managing snake bites," Greene says.

If a patient requires anti-venom, he or she usually spends one or two days in the hospital. After hospital discharge, patients will need to follow up twice a week for two weeks to watch for any signs of recurrent toxicity.



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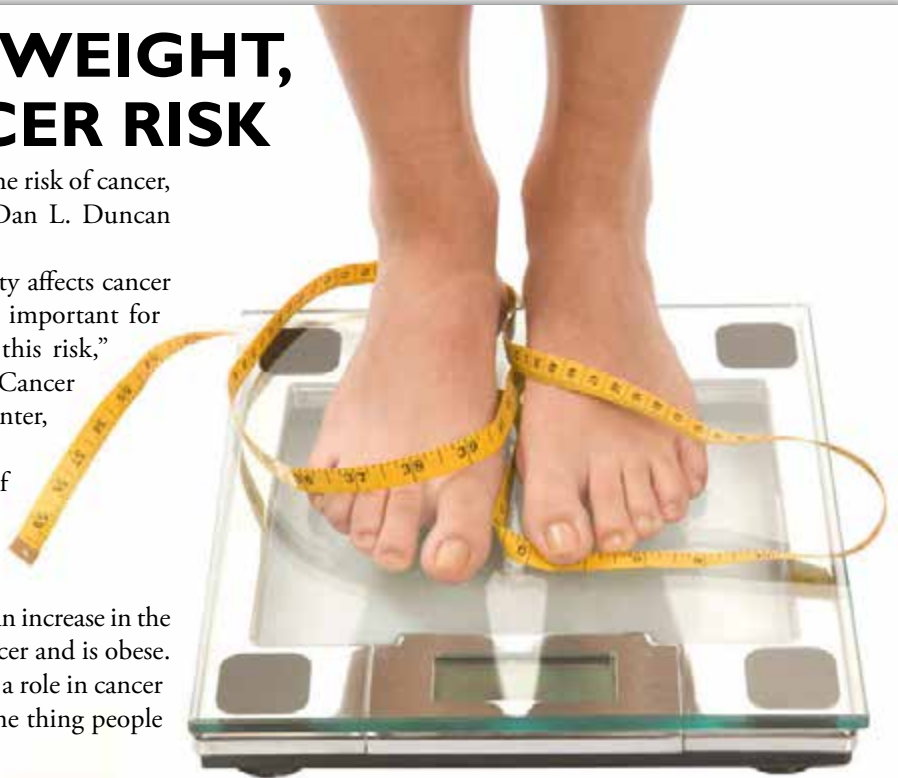
Controlling weight can help a person reduce the risk of cancer, said an oncologist from the NCI-designated Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

"We do not know exactly how and why obesity affects cancer risk, but we know there is an increase, so it is important for everyone to control their weight to minimize this risk," said Dr. Kent Osborne, director of the Duncan Cancer Center and the Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center, both at BCM.

Research has linked obesity to a greater risk of developing esophageal, pancreatic, colorectal, breast, endometrial, kidney, thyroid and gallbladder cancer, Osborne said.

In some cancers like breast cancer, there is also an increase in the risk of recurrence if a patient already has the cancer and is obese.

Many other factors, such as genetics, may play a role in cancer development, but keeping a normal weight is one thing people can change and it may help, he said.



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