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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SANTAS TOY DRIVE

The annual Children's Christmas Party and Santa's Toy Drive was held on Friday, December 12th. Santa Claus made an appearance to ask our boys and girls what they wanted for Christmas and to pick up the many gifts donated by our families to less fortunate children. A BIG Thank you to the many residents who so generously donated to this most worthy cause.

The weather was just perfect for the hay rides around the neighborhood to look at the wonderful Christmas lights. Back at our Beautiful New clubhouse, children had their photo taken with

Santa and enjoyed cookies, drinks, coloring, and crafts. The adults also enjoyed the cookies and beverages as well as good company! A fun time was had by all.

Many thanks to the tireless team of volunteers who arranged and set up the event, organized the hayride, took photos of the children with Santa and cleaned up afterward. Our Volunteers were Georgia Shotwell -Lester, Phyllis Baker, Bob Baker, Carol Peters, Diane Kingery, Nadin Fallah, Nicholas Zetka, James Zetka, Travis Zetka and a special thanks to Dick Kingery.







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2014 LOE CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 Christmas Decorating Contest and thanks to everyone who brightened our neighborhoods with their cheery displays. As in the years past, a winner was selected from each Village in the neighborhood by a panel of judges. A big hand goes out to our judges Dianna Cooley, Charlotte Howell, Carrie Loid, Karen Parker, Carol Peters, Kim Treas, and Georgia Shotwell-Lester.

This year we had five neighborhood overall winners chosen by a group of our neighborhood teens. Special thanks go out to Nadin Fallah, Federico Carbone, Nicholas Zetka, James Zetka, and Travis Zetka who were wonderful judges for the final decision.

The Neighborhood Winners Are:

Pelican Pointe - 12803 Coralville Court
Eagle Bend - 12618 Wilbury Park
Eagle Cove - 12527 Cherry Creek Bend
Indigo Falls - 12431 Summerland Ridge
Eden Springs - 5602 Ivory Mist
Bay Meadows - 5407 Sterling Brook
Auburn Shores - 12103 Millstream Way
Bristol Waters - 5203 Indian Shores Lane
Pebble Way - 12511 Whispering Sands
Crystal Falls - 12410 Lakeshore Ridge
Bristol Banks - 5310 Bristol Banks
Crescent Bay - 12515 Still Harbour
Lake Shore Estates - 5421 Morning Breeze
Crescent Cove - 12715 Rock Falls Way
Crescent Banks - 12911 Silent Shore

The Five Overall Winners Are:

5310 Bristol Banks



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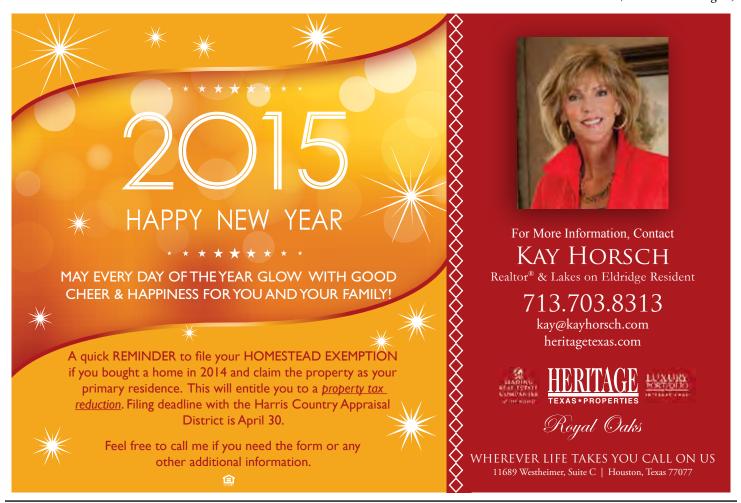




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TREE PROJECT UPDATE

As discussed in the Annual Meeting, we have begun work on a plan for the removal and replacement of the 300 pear trees in our subdivision. We anticipate this will be a 3-4 year program. We first completed a full survey of the property including the identification of all trees to be removed and approximate locations and quantities for new installations. We then met with a consultant on the most cost effective approach to remove and replace this quantity of trees. He recommended we remove the trees in groups to minimize the mobilization charges. He further recommended that we purchase trees by the truckload enabling us to get much better pricing than buying individually. Based on his rough cost estimates we decided to approach the project under the following plan:

1. Identify the first group of trees to be removed. These trees are in poor shape and can be removed with minimal negative impact to

the overall appearance of the property. This survey was completed on December 8, 2014 and will involve the removal of 66 trees.

We will seek bids on this tree removal and anticipate

this work will be completed by March 1.

- 2. Identify a landscape architect to develop alternatives to the pear trees where we want to install new trees. We also want specific new designs for the following areas Eldridge Entrance, Pelican Point, Harbor Ridge, Ginger Ponds at Tanner Road, and the areas where there is half circle wrought iron fence. We are currently interviewing architects.
- 3. Establish the year by year plan for replacement of trees and landscape revisions.
 - 4. Bid the 2015 installations.

We have formed a resident committee to aid in this project. If you would like to participate,

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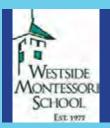


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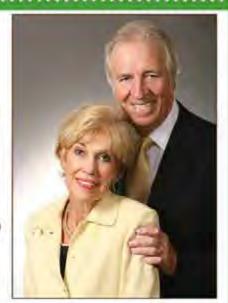
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LOE BOOK CLUB

Our members have picked out some fascinating reading for 2015. Our group is growing. Consider joining us on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. We take turns hosting the meeting and sometimes change the date or book, so please contact celeste.fritz@gmail.com to get the details for each meeting.

January 26 - Vampires in the Lemon Grove by Karen Russell. Named a Best Book of the Year by: *The Boston Globe, O The Oprah Magazine, Huffington Post, The A.V. Club, A Washington Post* Notable Book, An *NPR* Great Read of 2013.

From the author of the novel Swamplandia!—a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize—comes a magical and uniquely daring collection of stories that showcases the author's gifts at their inimitable best.

NOTE: This will be the Houston Inprint series book lecture in January, so those interested may want to attend that.

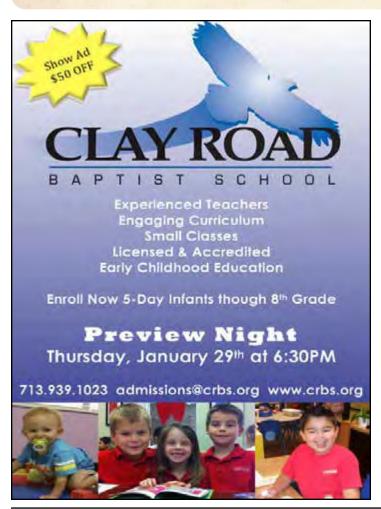
February 23 - Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. Between 1854 and 1929, so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by luck and chance. This is the story of one such child.

March 23 - The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend by Glenn Frankel. In 1836 in East Texas, nine-year-old Cynthia Ann Parker was kidnapped by Comanches. She was raised by the tribe and eventually became the wife of a warrior. Twenty-four years after her capture, she was reclaimed by the U.S. cavalry and Texas Rangers and restored to her white family, to die in misery and obscurity. Cynthia Ann's story has been told and re-told over generations to become a foundational American tale.

NOTE: This will be the Holly Hall book review in March, so those interested may want to attend that.

April 27 - And the Mountains Echoed by Khalid Hosseini. Khaled Hosseini gifts us with a poignant story of love, loss, and recovery across several families and over several generations. Like an intricately woven tapestry, *And the Mountains Echoed* pulls us into the lives of disparate children, men, and women in Afghanistan, France, Greece, and California, showing us how the choices they and other make resonate over decades.

So many books, so little time!.....





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Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club will host Texas A&M University's Brigadier General Joe E. Ramirez, Jr. '79 Commandant, Texas A&M Corp of Cadets on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Brigadier General Ramirez is a native of Houston, Texas and graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in 1975. He attended Texas A&M University and joined the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band in the Corps of Cadets, where he commanded the B Company "Streetfighters" his senior year. He received his commission in the Field Artillery from Texas A&M in 1979 as a Distinguished Military Graduate.

During his 31 years of military service General Ramirez commanded soldiers around the world from the platoon and battery level up to battalion, brigade and division level. He commanded B Battery, 2nd Battalion, 41st Field Artillery in Bad Kissingen, Germany, the 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery at Ft Stewart, Georgia, the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas, and was the Deputy Division Commander for the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea. He was also the Deputy Chief of Staff for United States Central Command during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

General Ramirez holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Physical Education from Texas A&M (1979); Masters Degree in Management from Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri (1993); and a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania (2000). His numerous military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Parachutists Badge. You won't want to miss this exceptional speaker!

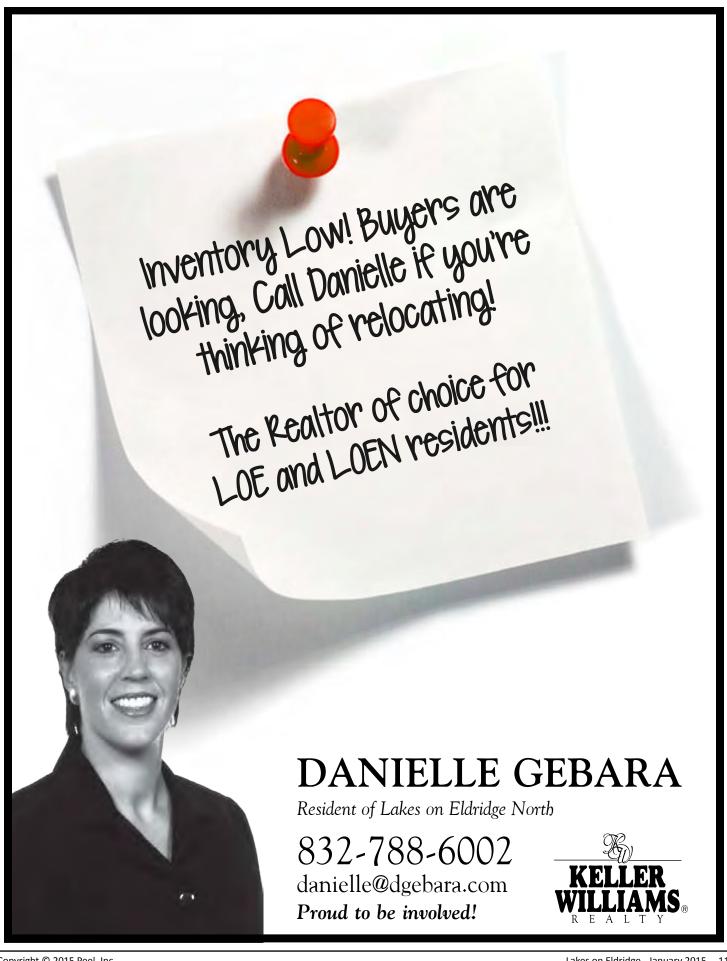
SAVETHE DATE

Don't miss the Annual China Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, February 21, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Acres located at 217 Woerner Rd., Spring, Texas. Come and enjoy the fashion show and shopping at vendor booths. We are looking for talented ladies to decorate one of our themed tables. Individual tickets are \$30. Get your ticket at one of our monthly meetings or visit our website.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at 7100 High Life Drive. For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms. org or contact Connie Pritchard, Club President at pritchardg@sbcglobal.net.







NORTHWEST FLYERS YOUTH TRACK CLUB

Free Registration/Orientation Breakfast

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 28th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/ Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 7th, 2015, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2015 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The free breakfast is the opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2015 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6-18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles,

middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 285 members. The club was founded 28 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at http://www.northwestflyers.org; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

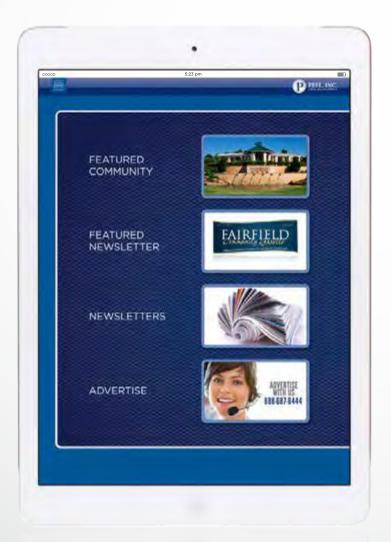


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Recipe of the Month Chicken Enchilada Soup

Sauté in large pan:

1 small onion, chopped 1 clove garlic, crushed 2 Tbs. vegetable oil

Add & simmer 1 hour:

1 - 4 oz. can chopped chilis, undrained 1 - 14 ½ oz. can beef broth 1 - 14 ½ oz. can chicken broth 1 - 10 34 oz. cream chicken soup 1 - 6 ¾ oz. can chicken 1 ½ cup water 1 Tbs. steak sauce 2 tsp. Worchestshire sauce

> 1 tsp. cumin 1 tsp. chili powder 1/8 tsp. pepper

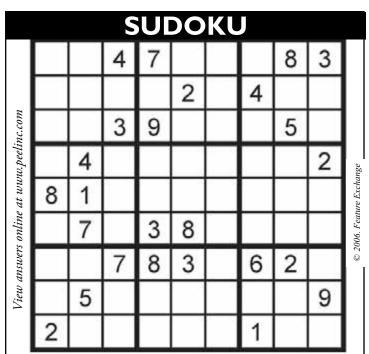
Then add and simmer for 10 more minutes:

3 cups shredded cheese paprika

6 corn tortillas, cut in 1/2" strips

Serve with tortilla chips.

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The Modern Game: "The Forehand Return Serve Drop Shot"

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing.

I am now offering suggestions on how to play the "modern" game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may already be playing for leagues or in tournaments and are looking for more "weapons" on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute "The Return Serve Drop Shot." This shot is used when an opponent is expecting a deep service return and the player "surprises" the opponent with a short angle drop shot. It can be used in both singles and doubles play.

In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Director of Tennis and teacher at of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Velasco is presently ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in the USTA Men's 70 Division in Texas, and #13 in Singles

and #8 and #10 in Doubles in the US.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Fernando sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, and his eyes are focused on the incoming ball.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: The success of the drop shot is to "cup" under the ball with the strings. The grip is relaxed and ready to push the ball forward and under the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight is moving through the shot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum underspin, Fernando is keeping the right hand extended as long as possible. His weight is going forward. The left hand is left leaning forward for better balance.

As the shot goes over the net, and it was successful, Fernando will run towards the net, expecting his opponent to either lift the ball short, or try to drop shot his drop shot.

Look in the next Newsletter for: "The Backhand Return Drop Shot"

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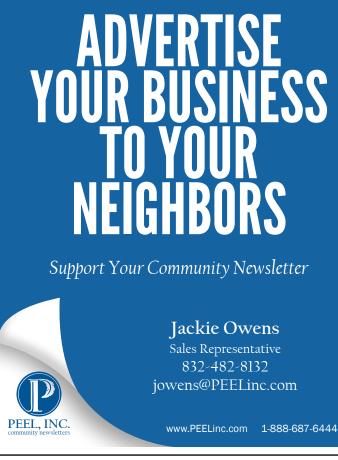
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