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Residents of Lakes on Eldridge

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# RECYCLING DAY!

SATURDAY | JUNE 20, 2015 | 9:00 AM - NOON

Do you have old electronics or tons of paper that you need to safely dispose of or destroy? On Saturday, June 20, 2015, RPC Global E-Waste Management Solutions and Texas Security Shredding will be at the Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse from 9:00am till noon to shred paper and collect old electronics.

Texas Security Shredding will provide onsite shredding for your private documents. No need to remove staples, paper clips or binder clips!

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Consumer electronic goods will also be accepted. Acceptable items are small kitchen appliances, PDAs, game consoles and controllers, cell phone, laptop & rechargeable batteries, telephones, cell phones, toner cartridges, DVD/CD/VCR players, stereo equipment, CDs, floppy drives, VHS tapes, alarm clocks, radios, electric fans, and televisions under 32 inches. For safety reasons, all items dropped off should be easily carried by one person. Larger items (for ex: televisions larger than 32 inches) may be dropped off at RPC Global Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm at 10816 Fallstone Rd, Suite 500. If

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Items to be recycled need to be separated into paper shredding or electronics categories. This will help facilitate faster drop off for our residents. Volunteers will be there to help direct traffic flow. Enjoy this one stop recycling opportunity!



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## LOE New Access Control Company

As of April 30, 2015, LOE has changed the vendor providing gate access and patrol services. Securitas is North America's largest provider of security services and technology solutions, servicing 80% of Fortune 1,000 companies. They work with a number of gated communities including Cinco Ranch, Riverhollow, and Lakes on Eldridge North. Securitas will, over the next two months, implement technology that will significantly improve services and procedures. The technologies include:

- A computer based visitor log that scans and records visitors based on a swipe of a driver's license. (Visitor dash tags will still be used) This system will be used to pre-clear visitors for social functions at your home or the clubhouse. For residents that want certain potential visitors to be excluded from the neighborhood, this system will be more effective at denying entrance to those that have been pre-identified.
- We will have continuous live GPS monitoring of the patrol vehicle to know where it is and where it has been.
- We will have electronically created incident reports that will be instantly shared with our Community Manager and Board. One of the reasons that we changed service providers was the long delay in being informed of events occurring in the neighborhood.
- We will have a computer monitored patrol route that will promptly alert a supervisor in the event a patrol has not made their regular rounds through the community.
- More information about the technology changes will be shared in future eblasts prior to roll out.
- Securitas also has much greater training for their officers. All the officers assigned to LOE have previous positive experience with other communities. You can read more about the individuals working for our community in future newsletters. Please welcome our new officers.



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## LOE FREQUENT VISITOR PASSES

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The form for Frequent Visitors is a smart way to let your regular visitors, i.e., yard maintenance, interior house maintenance or any vendor who comes on a regular basis gain speedy admittance by the front gate attendant. All you have to do is complete the form, submit it to First Service Residential, and you'll receive a pass for the vendor's vehicle. Of course, if you change vendors you will need to notify First Service Residential and submit another form for that vendor.

If you need another form or more than one form, it is always available on the LOE website under "forms".

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE LOE BOARD?

This October the LOE Board anticipates one or more openings. If you would be interested in possibly serving the community, the Board would like to meet with you now to help you understand the responsibilities and time commitment. Ideal Board members have a strong background in Business, Engineering, Finance, Accounting or Legal. In an average year, Board members typically spend about 4 hours per week discussing issues with a formal monthly meeting lasting approximately 4 hours. Board members also work with subdivision committees. Board membership is a service position to the community. It is a big commitment, but very rewarding. If you would be interested in serving, please contact [elise.campagna@fsresidential.com](mailto:elise.campagna@fsresidential.com) for an application. One or more current Board members will get back to you.

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Applicant's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of LOE resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of LOE resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of LOE resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of tag requested (**Circle one**):

1. **Resident** - with Temporary Vehicle (Rental) or license plates
2. **Frequent visitor**- Family, Friend, Sitter, Housekeeping, Landscapers, etc.
3. **Clubhouse** – (Event Guest/Contractor)

License Plate#: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle make: \_\_\_\_\_

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- That the speed limit within Lakes on Eldridge is **25 mph** and I undertake to obey that limit. I further understand that the Lakes on Eldridge community is patrolled by personnel employed to monitor vehicle speed and behavior.
- That this tag must be clearly visible on my dash at all times when I am in Lakes on Eldridge.
- That this tag is only valid on the vehicle for which it has been registered and that if a replacement vehicle is acquired during the validity of this tag, this tag must be returned to and a new tag requested. If I use a temporary replacement vehicle I must request a day pass each time I enter with that vehicle.

**A copy of applicant's valid drivers license must be attached with this application.**

**For resident tag:** I certify that the vehicle described above is being kept at the above address for \_\_\_\_ days/weeks.

**For contractor tag:** I certify that I am contracted by Lakes On Eldridge to work on the clubhouse reconstruction and my application must also be signed by a member of the LOE Board and will be submitted to FirstService Residential on my behalf by the LOE Board. I understand that, if approved, the tag will be sent by FirstService Residential to the LOE board member to give to me. As an Event Guest: I certify to have read and understood LoE rules listed above.

**For visitor tag:** I certify that I am a regular visitor to Lakes on Eldridge and my application must also be signed by a Lakes on Eldridge resident who will submit it FirstService Residential on my behalf. I understand that, if approved, the tag will be sent by FirstService Residential to that LOE resident to give to me.

**Applicant's name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of LOE Resident (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of LOE resident:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

The Lakes on Eldridge Yard of the Month program was implemented, in cooperation with Callaway-Cornelius Nurseries many years ago, to encourage homeowners to keep our subdivision a beautiful and desirable place to call home. Keeping homes well maintained and yards manicured and beautiful makes a neighborhood welcoming and adds to the curb appeal Realtors seek when showing homes for sale.

The program requires only a monthly (from March to November) perusal of each street to select two yards for Yard of the Month and two yards for Honorable Mention. Callaway-Cornelius Nurseries allows recognition of two yards in our subdivision for each category because of its configuration and size. A photograph of each chosen Yard of the Month is sent to two newsletter publishers

and Callaway-Cornelius, along with a copy of the articles published in the newsletters. It is a fun job and only takes 3-4 hours a month to perform.

The same two ladies have been serving on this committee for five years and want to afford someone else the opportunity to serve their community. These ladies also serve in other areas of our volunteer positions in the community and need to focus their attention in these areas of responsibility. If there is no interest in continuing the Yard of the Month program it will be eliminated after the November 2015 selection.

If you are interested in continuing the program and would like to volunteer for the position, please contact Maggie Wegner at 713-466-3306 as soon as possible so that you can learn the procedures firsthand.

### *The Yard of the Month winners for the month of May are:*

#### WINNER

Linda & Bernard Padovani - 12506 Pebble Way Ct.



#### WINNER

Joyce Wheelan - 5326 Indian Shores



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Jana & Mark Dundas - 5607 Peninsula Park



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- Replaced Pool Bath stall partitions. Stalls look great! Minor touch up of floors and walls will be done soon.
- Added a couple fresh loads of sand to the volley ball court.
- Replaced clubhouse front door hardware with temporary system. New commercial grade multi lock system should be installed by end May.
- Installed new tennis court bulletin board.

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## LOE SOCIAL IDEAS FROM RESIDENTS

The Social Committee believes there are new and existing residents who have new social event ideas to share that will attract and expand the participation of Lakes on Eldridge residents: the new as well as the same few.

Your ideas whether for families, couples or singles could be included especially those events that contribute to participations of all residents. Remember, this is your community and your clubhouse... let's enjoy using it!!

Georgia Shotwell-Lester is serving as Chairperson of the Social Committee and will respond to your ideas. Won't you take a moment to contact her?

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### Ladies of LOE Meet

The Ladies of LOE Meet will resume gathering at the LOE clubhouse 28 June 2015, the last Thursday of the month at 9:30 am to 12:00 pm to enjoy creative stitching, chatting, and refreshments. New faces are always invited and welcomed; we all look forward to seeing old friends.

If one of the various creative stitching methods is appealing, come and learn. If chatting while working on your project is appealing, we do that too! Most of all if a meet-your-neighbors visit is enough then come along and have light refreshments and conversation. We Ladies of LOE Meet are a convivial group of women!

Catherine Spellings, a treasure of LOE and the founder of Stitchers since November 2004, will soon celebrate 14 years of calling for ladies to gather and share. Please call Catherine 713 628 7083 or email [catherinespellings@gmail.com](mailto:catherinespellings@gmail.com) if you have questions about a project.

She's quite a knowledgeable lady!

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## TIMELY TIPS FOR JUNE GARDENERS

FROM CALLOWAY'S AND CORNELIUS

It's getting hotter and summer time activities are getting into full swing. Take advantage of the longer days by doing gardening tasks in the morning or evening when it is more pleasant to be outside.

Hotter weather means grass will be growing faster. Keep up with the mowing so you don't have to bag the clippings. That may mean mowing every 5 or 6 days instead of every 7 to 10 days. Letting the clippings fall back into the lawn recycles nutrients but does not promote thatch. Mowing frequently at the correct height will promote a healthy, thick turf that is resistant to weeds.

As spring rains slack off and give way to drier days, apply supplemental water as needed. The rule of thumb is to water enough to wet the soil 5 to 6 inches deep. Do not water too frequently. Shallow, frequent watering promotes a shallow root system that is more susceptible to the stress of summer heat and winter cold.

The best way to conserve moisture in the landscape is by mulching. A 3 to 4 inch layer over the root zone retains moisture, keeps the soil cooler and helps prevent weed seeds from germinating under your shrubs, trees and flowers.

June is a great month for colorful summer annuals. In a sunny location try marigolds, salvia, petunias, dusty miller, and lantana just to name a few. Caladiums, coleus, impatiens and bedding begonias are a good choice for shady areas.

Summer tropical plants, though they are not freeze hardy, are perfectly at home in our Texas heat and humidity. Plant them in the ground for quick growth or in pots or tubs so you can over-winter them indoors.

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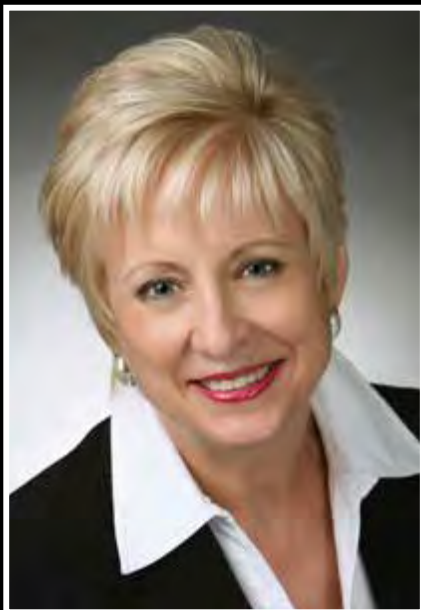
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## LOE MOMS GROUP

Moms (working or stay at home) who live in Lakes on Eldridge and are interested in meeting up morning/afternoon/evenings either weekday or weekends. We are a friendly group and everyone within the group is invited to attend or host events.

Join the group on Facebook - LOE Moms

### List of upcoming events:

5/19 Park Play Date @ big playground by the pipeline at 4pm  
5/24 Potluck Swim Party @ clubhouse swim pool from 4-6 pm (bring snacks or drinks to share) (party for the whole family!!)  
6/5 Giggles And Fun Play Date @ Giggles & Fun in Katy at 10:30 am  
6/14 Moms Night Out @ Palio's Pizza at 5 pm (new pizza place around the corner) (BYOB)  
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Four-lined plant bugs are brightly colored. Nymphs (immatures) are red while older nymphs start to have wing pads with yellow and black stripes. Adults have fully developed wings that are yellow and black striped. Adults look similar to, and may be mistaken for, striped cucumber beetles.

These insects have piercing-sucking mouthparts which they use to suck out plant juices. The plant bugs suck out chlorophyll and leave a "window" between the upper and lower epidermis of the leaf. Damage appears as white, dark or translucent spots of foliage and is sometimes mistaken for fungal damage. Feeding may also cause curling and browning. Fortunately, damage is mostly cosmetic, but if you are trying to eat the foliage of the damaged plant it may become a problem.

The insects feed on a wide variety of hosts, including fruits and vegetables, annuals and perennials and woody plants. When disturbed, the insects are fairly good at hiding. They either crawl to the underside of the leaves or drop to the ground to hide among foliage.

If you feel the need to manage these insects, try insecticidal soap. If that doesn't work, you can try azadirachtin (neem- concentrate, not oil; it's getting too hot to use oil formulations) or pyrethrins. If that doesn't work then try a residual contact product.


For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com).

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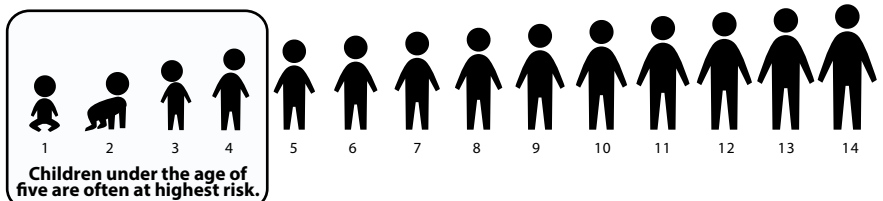
  
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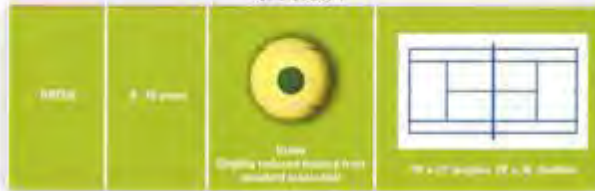
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# TENNIS TIPS

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**CAPTION 1**



**CAPTION 2**



**CAPTION 3**

## “Tennis for Children 9-10 years old and under – Green Ball”

This series of Tennis Tips are focused on how to involve children of all ages learning to play tennis and offering tips to the parents on how to assist at home. In the last issue I offered advice for children 9-10 years old and under playing with the softer orange ball and on a 60' foot court. This issue, will focus on children 9 and 10 years old and under playing with the green soft ball and on a 78' foot regular size court.

**Caption 1: Tennis Racket and balls:** The children should be using rackets ranging in length from 25" to 27" long along with the green ball. These longer, lighter rackets and bouncier balls will make it easier for the child to control the swing and the point of contact with the ball. The appropriate racket to use will depend on the height of the child. Balls will bounce from 47" to 53", which is within the comfort zone for most children of that age.

**Caption 2: Tennis Court:** For those players ready to cover the regular size court, they will now be playing on a 78" x 36' tennis court. Lines are now painted regular white making it much easier to see the ball landing, especially while the opponents are serving. Players need to be physically ready to cover the entire court.

**Caption 3: Make Tennis Your Kid's New Pick-Up Game:** Just like any other sport or skill, repetition is the key to learning. Once basic skills are learned the child will:

- Receive Mind and Body Workout

- Develop Confidence and Character
- Encourage Self-Control and Discipline
- Improve Fitness and Focus
- Offer Both Individual and Team Play
- Encourage Cross-Training and Low Rate of Injury
- Teach Problem Solving and Sportsmanship

Children at this age are already playing points and are given tips on how to hit groundstrokes, volleys and serves with control. The USTA provides tournaments and leagues for children 10 and under using the green ball on the 78' courts. Matches are normally 4 game sets and they are encouraged to play round robins and/or consolation rounds.

Tips to parents:

- Take your child to a tennis court and encourage them to drop the ball and hit it on their own.
- Afterwards, feed the green balls from your own service line to them standing on the opposite service line. Feed the ball softly and with control. Make them move very slowly and with body control.
- Have them stand on their base line and feed balls next to them. Later move to the service line and once successful, move to the opposite side of the net.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: "Tips for children 11 years old and older – Yellow Ball". For more information about our programs and club information, you can visit us at [www.greyyrocktennis.com](http://www.greyyrocktennis.com) or call us at 512-301-8685.*



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