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RECYCLING DAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

Lakes on Eldridge residents took advantage of a perfect rain free Saturday morning to participate in the Recycling Event that was held in the clubhouse parking lot, June 20th. We estimate that well over 100 cars drove through and there were several occasions when cars were waiting in line for their turn to drop off items. We appreciate your patience and the positive feedback that we received!

Texas Security Shredding collected and shredded 3600 pounds of paper. RPC Global collected 5700 pounds of electronics and small consumer goods to be destroyed and/or recycled. RPC was amazed at the amount of electronics that were dropped off. They commented that they normally fill up about 1/4 of their 24 ft box truck at these type of events. At the end of our event, they had filled up over 3/4 of the truck!

Thank You to Cathy and Sarah Casey for organizing the event! Many thanks also to the following social committee members and volunteers who braved a warm morning to direct and keep the traffic moving, unloaded vehicles, answered questions, set up signs and took photos - Cathy, Sarah and Ken Casey, Georgia Shotwell, Clive Gardner, Carrie Loid, Gary Fehsenfeld and Melissa Rivas. Our security company was also a big help keeping the parking lot clear for our event and in directing traffic. Finally, a very special thank you to the residents of LOE for making this event such a big success!



Back To School Swim Party!

Hosted by the LOE Moms Group

**Saturday, August 22nd
10AM to 1PM
Clubhouse Pool**



Come celebrate the end of summer break with a dip in the pool and a chance to meet other LOE families. On Facebook? Look us up! Search LOE Moms. Not on Facebook, but still want to join LOE Moms Group? Email Christine at stine.ciro@gmail.com

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:

7/19 Moms Night Out

8/22 Back To School Swim Party @ clubhouse swim pool
from 10am - 1pm

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HOA LANDSCAPING UPDATE

A recent inspection of the common areas showed numerous bare spots in the turf. Many of these were due to AT&T's installations, but others were due to previous tree removals or poor irrigation. The HOA implemented a program to replace the grass in a majority of the damaged areas. In July we installed 36 pallets of grass. That's over 22,000 sq. feet! We also removed the dying pear trees at Heather Run which has nicely opened that entrance from Lake Shore Ridge and trimmed the other common area trees in that area. We also removed trees at the Heather Run and Tanner entrance. In 2015, we have removed over 85 trees. We will be removing dead bushes along Turkey Creek and doing some new bush installations along Harbor Ridge. We've also identified some new tree varieties to install for our pears. Many of these areas also involve a more extensive re-landscaping, so we are prioritizing the locations and working within our budget constraints. Early in 2016, we will be relocating a number of crepe myrtles that are currently under oak trees to areas where their beauty will be more visible. Our tree consultants believe January or February is the best time for transplanting.

Ladies of LOE Meet

The Ladies of LOE Meet will gather at the LOE clubhouse 27 August 2015, the last Thursday of the month at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to enjoy creative stitching, chatting, and refreshments. New comers are invited and always welcomed; we all look forward to seeing old friends and encourage everyone to bring others outside our LOE community.

Some of the ladies are long time stitchers and pleased to provide instructions if one of the various creative stitching methods is appealing. If a meet-your-neighbors visit and engaging in an exchange of ideas is enough, then come along and have light refreshments and conversation.

Catherine Spellings, the founder of Stitchers, has been calling ladies to gather and share since November 2004. Please call Catherine 713 628 7083 or email catherinespellings@gmail.com if you have questions about a project.

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PERSONAL LANDSCAPING RESPONSIBILITY

We live in a beautiful community. Our HOA spends significant dollars to keep our community looking great. When individual homeowners don't do their part, it hurts the community as a whole. Maintaining attractive home landscaping is also a requirement of living here in LOE. Recently, we've noticed a number of the following violations:

- Unkempt front beds. All beds should be free of weeds with trimmed bushes. Any dead plants should be removed and replaced.
- Poorly trimmed trees. Trees should be limbed up at least 8' above the sidewalks. They should NEVER be hacked back to just the trunk. Any dead trees must be replaced. Yards in cul-de-sacs with limited space can apply for additional tree options through the ARC process.
- Dead grass. Any areas lacking grass must be replaced with St. Augustine grass. If the area is particularly shady which interferes with growth, the owner should install Amerishade St. Augustine which is designed to grow in less sunlight.
- Infrequent mowing. In the summer, the grass should be mowed weekly. During other seasons, the mowing should be frequent enough to prevent the grass height from exceeding 4".
- Dirty driveways and sidewalks. As a minimum, at least once per year driveways and sidewalks should be power washed.

Failure to do your part can result in fines and/or the community performing the necessary landscaping and charging you for the work. If we all do our part, we can keep our community beautiful. A big thanks to all those homeowners who take pride in their home and keep their yards beautiful.



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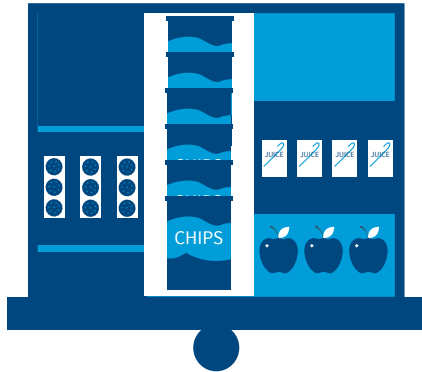
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GET AN A+ IN ORGANIZATION

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GIVE YOUR REFRIGERATOR A RECESS

Does it always seem that your fridge is stocked, but there's nothing to eat? Organize your fridge by putting foods in clear containers. Not only will you see what you have on hand, it will stay fresher longer! It also makes pre-packing lunches for the kids easier!



HAVE MORE THAN ONE KID?

Try color coding your containers for each child. It will keep things organized, and each kid will feel special!

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July 4th Fireworks Results

The HOA would like to thank the majority of residents who honored the restrictions for the 4th of July. The vast majority of fireworks were done only on July 4th and were all completed by 10:45pm. We had requested 10 pm as a cut-off. Our patrol was very diligent throughout the weekend to aid in avoiding some of the previous year issues. Despite a few residents failing to fully comply with our guidelines, the vast majority of comments we have received from homeowners have been very positive. Twin Lakes did allow fireworks all through the holiday weekend and some residents who heard the noise were hearing fireworks from Twin Lakes' residents.

As stated in our original notice, the Board will re-evaluate for New Year's and notify the community before the holiday. Recent news stories indicate that two NFL players lost fingers this holiday due to poor handling of fireworks. Any fireworks must always be done with safety as an utmost concern.

Thank you again for your cooperation on the July 4th weekend.

HOLIDAY MARKET

A Holiday Market is planned for Saturday, November 7th. It will be held at the Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse from 10:00am through 4pm. This will be a great opportunity for our residents to get together for some fun shopping. So far 10 vendors have made commitments to bring their wares. If you know someone who has great things to offer and would like to be a vendor please have them contact Karen Parker at 281-610-4866. We will also need volunteers to help in the morning and afternoon with set up and take down. Call Karen if you would like to help with our first Holiday Market.



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COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL

Girl Scouts in Copper Creek Meadows Community have been having a great time at San Jacinto Council's resident, day and twilight camps! Camp is a wonderful place to meet new friends and share Girl Scout traditions. Sailing at Camp Casa Mare, canoeing and swimming at Camp Agnes Arnold, and horseback riding at Camp Misty Meadows are only some of the camp experiences girls in our Council can enjoy. "I can't wait to get back" was one comment from a first time camper.

Many of the day and twilight camps this year had a "safari" theme, and might have included survival skills, archery, swimming, a cookout- and maybe even a sleepover! Camp wouldn't be camp without songs, crafts and games- and special snacks like s'mores and banana boats!

Soon it will be time for us to start anew Girl Scout year- and also to welcome new Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place- and we have been doing it for over 100 years! Many things have changed since 1912-Girl Scouts today are more likely to be building robots than ironing hair ribbons!-but our core values are strong and enduring.

Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 17 who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scout programs are geared to their particular age levels and interests.

Don't forget that many of our most exciting opportunities are available to older girls! Girls may join at any level, and no previous Scouting experience is required. Older girls whose schedules do not allow for participation in a troop or group may still want to participate as "Juliettes" (individual Girl Scouts). We have many special interest groups for activities such as backpacking, archery, horseback riding and sailing. Our Council also has several choirs, and a dance group, the Green Starlettes. San Jacinto Council also offers special programs and events, and so does Area 4 (the portion of the Council which includes Copper Creek Meadows Community).

Copper Creek Meadows Community serves girls in the residential areas for the elementary schools listed below, and the corresponding middle and high schools. Home schooled and private school students are always welcome!

Our elementary schools are Lieder, Metcalf, Wilson, Tipps, Texas Christian School, Birkes, Fiest, Lowery, Horne, Hairgrove, Owens, Kirk, Lee, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Christian Life Center.

For information on the Girl Scout program, check out the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council website (www.gssjc.org) or call 713-292-0300. For information on Copper Creek Meadows Community, contact Marlo Folwell-713-854-9426 or email marlo.folwell@c-a-m.com.

Please be on the lookout for information on Girl Scout Rally nights (when we recruit new leaders and form new troops) and

registration at area schools. The San Jacinto Council website should also have information.

We are ALWAYS looking for adults to be troop leaders and volunteers. You don't have to be Superwoman or Ranger Rick- you don't even have to have children! You do have to be interested in working with girls, pass a background check, and go through some training. Lots more training is available, but you only need a little to get started. We also need people with skills and special interests who might be willing to share them with your young neighbors. Sometimes we just need people who are willing to be there and decorate the cafeteria, hand out programs, make popcorn, or measure the standing broad jump!

We'd love to talk to you about volunteering!

Information below for contact only-not for publication.

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Back To School

School starts in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is prohibited!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

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