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## LOE MAINTENANCE

A lot of maintenance items were completed last month as we strive to keep our community well- functioning and beautiful. Here are the highlights:

- Completed the curb and sidewalk repairs for the Common Areas. In addition to new concrete, some additional leveling and sod was installed in affected areas.
- Cleaned and sealed the brick monuments at the main Eldridge entrance and several other badly stained village entrances.
- Replaced two small irrigation pumps and cleaned both 50 micron filters restoring irrigation to half our subdivision.
- Added solar film on all clubhouse rear windows including the workout room to block westerly sun invasion in the late afternoon.
- Completed landscaping upgrades including the installation of shrubs along Harbor Ridge with new more shade tolerant shrubs. Installed Vitek trees at one half-moon wrought iron fence. Completed landscape upgrade plan for other half-moons as weather improves.
- Repaired defective supports for north Clubhouse entrance gate. Also upgraded hardware on both north and south gates.
- Completed installation work for new bus pad & light in front of clubhouse that will be used for children catching private school buses.
- Fought ducks at swimming pool vigorously, but unsuccessfully. Multiple solutions have been attempted, but we continue to look for an effective solution to the frequent mess they make.
- Repaired Workout TV.
- Repaired warped & buckling floor boards on Pedestrian Bridge.

## LADIES FALL BIBLE STUDY

The LOE fall Bible study begins September 8th at 9:30 am at the clubhouse. This fall we will study Psalms from the Life Change Series. The book describes the study as, "Deepen your devotional life by following in the footsteps of your spiritual ancestors. Attributed to David, Moses, Solomon and others, the psalms are the cries of the heart to God. This 10 session study takes you through prayers of worship and praise, protection and deliverance, and renewal and restoration, encouraging you to embrace their transformative wisdom."

The books will be available for purchase on September 8th. The cost is \$10 and exact change would be appreciated. The September 8th lesson will be a short introduction to Psalms.

We have a very caring group of about 25 women from LOE, LOEN and surrounding areas. Come join us to study God's word and meet your neighbors. We usually meet around 9:15 to visit, so our study can begin at 9:30. We normally finish our study and prayer requests by 11:30 am. No prior Bible knowledge is necessary to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Dawna at [mcronin-2@comcast.net](mailto:mcronin-2@comcast.net).

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN LOE

The LOE MEN'S Bible Study continues to meet at the LOE clubhouse on Tuesday evenings. We are progressing toward Revelation. Come join us for relaxed reading and discussion. We meet at 7:00 PM and generally wrap up about 8:15 to 8:30. Hope to see you there!

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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:

- 8/21 Mom's Night In - Come mingle, nibble on yummy desserts and attend a fashion show! Held in the Clubhouse Flex Room at 7:30 pm
- 8/22 Back to School Swim Party (for the whole family!) - Meet at the Clubhouse Pool from 10am-1pm
- 9/11 Home Play Date - Neighborhood Home (details posted on our Facebook page!!) at 10:00 am
- 9/19 Park Play Date - Meet at the playground on Auburn Shores at 9:30 am
- 10/17 Mom's Night Out - Relax and mingle at CityCentre (details posted on our Facebook page!!) at 7:00 pm
- 10/24 Halloween Costume Party - Potluck Costume Party for the whole family!!! Held at the clubhouse from 4-6pm

Stay tuned for details on Weekly Mom Walks (one morning during the week with or without kiddos, and one night during the week just moms!!).

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

The extremely hot weather has made gardening and lawn maintenance difficult this summer, but a few hardy souls have beat the heat. Late night or early morning watering is the key. With temperatures in the 90's during the day, seventy to eighty per cent of the water from sprinklers evaporates before the thirsty grass and gardens

can drink a drop. Watering with soaker hoses prevents water loss and conserves water.

Most of the lawns and gardens in LOE are well manicured, but a few are outstanding with beautiful design and color, even in the July and August heat. We especially want to thank the following Yard of the Month winners for their perseverance:

*The Yard of the Month winners for the month of September are:*

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Deborah Dunaway - 5310 Bristol Banks Ct.



WINNER

Antonio Rivere - 5315 Indian Shores La.



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Craig Russell - 12703 Turlock

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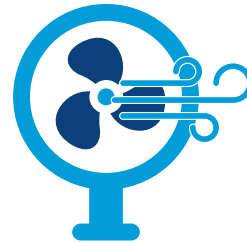


## COOL OVER PRESSURE

Wrap a damp cloth around your wrists, neck and feet. Keeping these pressure point areas cool actually brings your overall body temperature down!

## SUMMER BREEZE

Make yourself feel fine by adding ice to a large tub and using a standing fan to create your own personal A/C. This method is much more cost effective.



## BEDTIME CHILLS

Try using a damp (not soaking wet) sheet as your primary blanket. This technique was used by ancient Egyptians as a night-time cooling technique.

## ICE, ICE BABY!

By freezing your bottled water, you can instantly cool your body by holding it to your skin then, once it melts, hydrate yourself with the melted water!



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## Timely Tips for September Gardeners from Callaway's and Cornelius

September is a pivotal month for your landscape, with the official arrival of autumn later this month, and hopefully, a return to cooler and wetter weather. It's the gateway month between summer and fall gardening, so get outside and improve your landscape.

September is the time to apply lawn fertilizer to keep the grass healthy and growing up to the first frost. Always follow the directions on the package and avoid over fertilizing, which will only damage your lawn. Fall-fertilized lawns are better equipped to make it through the winter and resume growth next spring than lawns that receive no fertilizer.

Double check your sprinklers carefully to make sure they are applying all that you expect in an even, uniform pattern.

Think back to last spring. Did you have lawn weeds in February and March before the grass started growing? Those were cool-season

weeds, most of which germinated last fall. A pre-emergent herbicide applied in September will help reduce the recurrence of the same weeds next spring.

Sow Spring Wildflowers (like Bluebonnets) seeds now. For more reliable, uniform seed germination of our State flower, purchase acid-treated Bluebonnets seed. This treatment pits the seed coat, allowing nearly 100% germination in one to two weeks.

Need to add new shrubbery or trees to your landscape; this is a great month to do that. Fall landscaping done now will be well-rooted by next spring and summer.

Plant your fall vegetable garden. Plant cool-season vegetable garden with transplants of Broccoli, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Chard, Collards, Lettuce and Kale. Water your new vegetables and lightly top-dress with mulch to discourage weeds.

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September 28 – Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini. In a life that spanned nearly a century and witnessed some of the most momentous events in American history, Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley was born a slave. A gifted seamstress, she earned her freedom by the skill of her needle, and won the friendship of First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln by her devotion. A sweeping historical novel, Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker illuminates the extraordinary relationship the two women shared, beginning in the hallowed halls of the White House during the trials of the Civil War and enduring almost, but not quite, to the end of Mrs. Lincoln's days.

October 26 - The Kitchen House by Judy Kathleen Grissom. Yes, this was originally scheduled for July, but we moved things around a bit to get a little more variety. In this gripping New York Times bestseller, Kathleen Grissom brings to life a thriving plantation in Virginia in the decades before the Civil War, where a dark secret threatens to expose the best and worst in everyone tied to the estate.

November – No book club meeting because of Thanksgiving. We have a Christmas party meeting early in December instead.

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



## HELP WANTED

### FITNESS CENTER COORDINATOR

The Board is seeking a volunteer to initiate and coordinate fitness activities for the community. We believe there is a lot of interest in Zumba, water aerobics, and other coordinated fitness classes, but we need a person with the passion to get these classes going.

If you would be interested in serving the community in this way, please contact Elise Campagna at [elise.campagna@fresidential.com](mailto:elise.campagna@fresidential.com).

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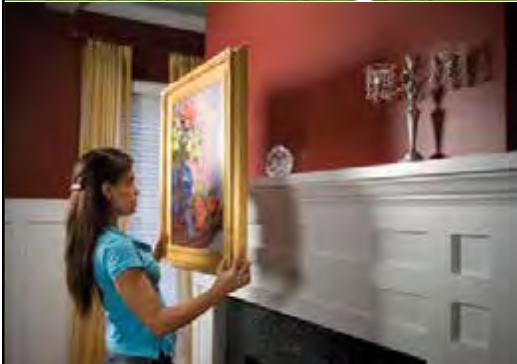
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**2. Organize and clean.** Pare down clutter and pack up your least-used items. Store items off-site or in boxes neatly arranged in garage. Clean the windows, carpets, walls, lighting fixtures, and baseboards to make the home shine.

**3. Get replacement estimates.** Have big-ticket items that are worn out or will need to be replaced soon? Get estimates to replace - the figures will help buyers determine if they can afford the home, and will be handy when negotiations begin.

**4. Find your warranties and surveys.** Gather all warranties and user manuals, along with survey of the property.

**5. Spruce up the curb appeal.** Pretend you're a buyer and stand outside your home. What is your first impression? Lawn & bushes neatly manicured? Pretty flowers and plants framing the entrance? Replace dead or sorry looking plants and mulch.

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## FIRE ANT TREATMENT

There are numerous ways to manage fire ants, but they are often broken into two categories- broadcast treatments and individual mound treatments. Individual mound treatments are used to treat one mound at a time and can be labor intensive and may result in more pesticide being spread into the environment. Broadcast treatments will spread product (granular or bait) over a large area.

Individual mound treatments include pouring boiling water onto the mound, using insecticide mound drenches, spreading insecticide granules onto the mound and watering them in, sprinkling insecticidal dusts on top of the mound or using bait-formulated insecticides around the perimeter of the mound. There are also many “home remedies”, but be advised that many of these do not kill fire ants. Many home remedies make the fire ants move to a new location (often 1-2 feet away), but do not kill the ants.

Bait-formulated insecticides most often consist of a defatted corn cob grit coated with soybean oil; the soybean oil is where the active ingredient (what kills the pest) is dissolved. Worker ants collect bait as a food source and take it back to the colony to share with other ants, including the queen. Depending on the active ingredient, the

bait may cause the queen to die or be unable to produce viable eggs, which gradually kills off the colony. When using baits, results are often slower to observe when compared to individual mound treatments, but can provide 80-90% suppression for 12-18 months. A bonus to broadcasting baits is that the amount of active ingredient is generally very small, which places less chemical into the environment.

With any pesticide treatment, read and follow all label instructions. Make sure to water in the pesticide if the label instructs to do so. Failure to water in chemicals when recommended by the label does an inadequate job of killing the ants. Baits should not be watered in or used before a rainfall event; baits will not be picked up by ants if they get wet.

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# TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
Fernando Velasco



With this issue, I will be offering tips on the fundamentals of the game of tennis. Kristen Somerholter, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club shows the proper form and technique for the forehand groundstroke:

Step 1: Early Anticipation: The upper body turns with the right wrist slightly “cocked” back and level with the hip. Notice the eyes focused toward the incoming ball and the balance of the left hand

in front of the body.

Step 2: Point of contact: Once the racquet starts accelerating, the right wrist is still slightly “cocked” back, but will have a small snap when making contact with the ball. Optimum point of contact is in front of the opposite foot. Notice that the eyes are still focused on the tennis ball and her weight has transferred to her left foot.

Step 3: Follow Through: Once the ball has made contact with racket, the arm needs to follow through for a long period of time to allow maximum compaction of the ball and help from the strings and the frame. Notice that the body has slightly turned watching where the ball is landing. The knee has flexed to allow more flexibility and power for the ball.

Step 4: Finish: If the racket has great momentum, let it continue following through the body and finishing it around the neck. This will allow for a more powerful impact and depth on the ball. The smile on her face shows that she hit a great shot!!

Look for next Issue: The Backhand Groundstroke

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## Garden Tips for SEPTEMBER

### Prepare your lawn for Fall and Winter

September and October are the perfect time to aerate and top dress or compost your lawn. Follow with foliar feeds like seaweed, Garrett Juice, or Medina Soil Activator through November. If just trying to winterize or feel lazy, spread organic pellet fertilizer by Lady Bug or Fox Farm and then drench the lawn with a foliar feed.

Control Weeds: Spread Corn Gluten Meal on your lawn between 9/1 and 10/15 to control weeds. As a natural weed



& feed and common ingredient in pet food, it does not kill active weeds, but it prevents weeds from sprouting. Also, it fertilizes the lawn with 9% nitrogen. Plant Everything!!!

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