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## TENNIS COURTS – NEW ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM

[loetc.tennisbookings.com](http://loetc.tennisbookings.com)

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new online reservation system for all LOE tennis courts. Beginning Monday, February 29th, this system will replace the manual spreadsheets and offer all residents the opportunity to book and cancel court time conveniently through any computer or portable device, from home or anywhere in the world.

To access the new system, LOE residents must request their account by logging into [loetc.tennisbookings.com](http://loetc.tennisbookings.com). To request your account, please follow the simple 2 steps below. All requests will be verified and activated shortly prior to the start date of the new system. Only one account per family (i.e. physical address) will be created.

Once your account has been released, you will be able to access the reservation schedule for the next 7 days and to book, review or cancel court time within this reservation window. With any booking, you will be able to send to yourself and/or to other players a confirmation email and to schedule an email reminder at a desired time before the beginning of your court time.

The site will also offer instant access to the most current policies and other important information on upcoming events.

For those players who already have existing recurring reservations, these will be transferred to the new reservation system provided that the family has requested an account. Pre-booked court time will be lost if the Tennis Committee does not know the family name of the player and/or if the family has not created its account.

With the new system, slightly updated reservation policies will also come into effect (see separate caption). Major changes :

- The full last name of the family will now show on all reservations and be visible to other players
- The 2 hours/day/family allowance has been lifted for same-day reservations
- Reservations can be made as early as 7 days before

This has been a long awaited improvement to the tennis player's experience at Lakes On Eldridge and we trust that this new system will work to your satisfaction.

Your Tennis Committee remains at your disposal to help you if you have any questions : [tennis@lakesoneldridge.net](mailto:tennis@lakesoneldridge.net)

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ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED AFTER FEBRUARY 29TH WILL BE CHARGED LATE FEES. ADDITIONALLY, KEY FOBS ASSOCIATED WITH AN ACCOUNT THAT HAS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE WILL BE DEACTIVATED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

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Do you have old electronics or tons of paper that you need to safely dispose of or destroy? Texas Security Shredding and RPC Global E-Waste Management Solutions will help residents prevent identity theft and protect the environment by offering paper shredding and electronic recycling on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse parking lot.

Texas Security Shredding will provide onsite shredding for your private documents. No need to remove staples, paper clips or binder clips! Documents that contain personal and confidential information will be securely destroyed on-site into confetti-sized pieces. If possible, bring papers to be shredded in paper grocery or shopping bags, which can also be shredded on site and recycled with other paper products. If papers to be shredded are brought in plastic bags or cardboard boxes, the bags or cardboard boxes will be returned to the resident.

RPC Global will accept computer electronics, such as personal computers, servers & peripherals, keyboards, mice & speakers, switches and routers, cords & cables, computer monitors, laptops, hard drives, memory chips, projectors, hubs & routers, tape drives, printers, copiers & plotters, fax machines, UPS batteries, and power supplies. For an additional cost of \$4.50, RPC offers documented hard drive media shredding and will issue a certificate when payment clears. If interested, contact Rita with RPC, no later than April 26, to get more details and make payment. The phone number for RPC is 832-243-4793.

Consumer electronic goods will also be accepted. Acceptable items are small kitchen appliances, PDAs, game consoles and controllers, 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. They do not accept televisions or monitors with broken glass, large appliances or hazardous materials.

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 and unload vehicles. Enjoy this one stop recycling opportunity!

## **Landscape and Maintenance Update**

It has been a very busy month in the subdivision with a lot of upgrades.

### **LANDSCAPE RELATED CHANGES**

- Completed a major update and revision to the Pelican Point entrance esplanade. This included cleaning, sealing and repainting the lettering/symbols in the monument itself, removing the old trees and majority of bushes, and installing new plants and trees.
- Removed the brick monuments and installed sod and mulch at the intersection of Waterside Way and Sherman's Pond. This eliminated the leaning monument, addressed the poorly grassed areas and opened the view to the lake.
- Removed 24 dying pear trees and installed 4 new pears and 3 oaks. We are targeting trees that are showing signs of damage particularly in locations where vehicle pedestrian traffic could be affected.
- Trimmed over 25 trees at Eden Springs and along Auburn Shores and Summer Falls.
- Installed new plants at the Eden Springs monument and the subdivision monument at the southwest corner of the subdivision.
- Restored walking trail around Lake B which had become overgrown with brush and weeds.

### **MAJOR MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

- Refinished the clubhouse front door. Replaced the hardware on the clubhouse front door with new hardware. Installed new brass signs on clubhouse doors indicating which of the two front doors to use, since the handles on the stationery door were being routinely damaged.
- The four globe lights around the swimming pool were replaced with fixtures that direct light at the pool only and reduce the reflections toward homeowners facing the lake.
- Coordinated with the MUD who ran a leak detection test on Lake D and found two additional leaks. Two leaks have been repaired and the MUD is seeking competitive bids for repairs with work anticipated for April.
- Replaced two 10 foot sections of leaking 6" steel piping located near our irrigation pumps at the clubhouse. This work increases the reliability of our irrigation system.
- Power washed all sidewalks and decking in front of and behind the clubhouse.
- Replace burned out lights for clubhouse parking lot and tennis courts. Also requested CenterPoint Energy replace burned out bulbs for all LOE street lights.
- Repaired village entrance street accents (black and brick pattern) at Bristol Banks.
- Installed new electrical panel for waterfall pumps serving Lake F which is near Summer Falls. Replaced one of the 3 pumps to fully restore waterfall flow and height of the 4 spouts.



## LOE TENNIS COURT RESERVATION AND COURTESY RULES

(Effective March 2016)

1. Courts are for the sole use of LOE residents. Non-residents may play only if playing with an LOE resident. No more than 3 playing guests on one court.

2. Reservations shall be made online at [loetc.tennisbookings.com](http://loetc.tennisbookings.com). Only one account will be created per family.

3. Reservations may be made up to 1 week in advance of the desired play day and for a maximum of 2 hours/day/family. Same-day reservations may be made with no restriction of time. Exceptions may be granted from time to time by the Tennis Committee.

4. Reservation is forfeited if the party does not show up within 10 minutes of the reserved court time.

5. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents with long-standing regular lessons or who want to play in a regular weekly time slot can request recurring court time, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the Tennis Committee. Requests should be made using the "contact us" tab on the player's home page. The Tennis Committee remains the sole decision maker in assigning the courts to the players.

6. As a courtesy to the other players, residents unable to attend a reserved time slot are requested to cancel their reservation as soon as practical. Reservations made through the Tennis Committee may only be canceled by the Tennis Committee who must be notified using the "contact us" tab on the player's home page.

7. If you are playing and another party with reserved court time is waiting to come on, be courteous, finish your point and graciously vacate the court.

8. The Tennis Committee reserves the right to remove anyone's name from the reservation sheet if they fail to make a good faith attempt to follow the above rules.

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### TENNIS LESSONS

	Individual lessons	Group lessons
Court occupancy (incl. coach)	2 - 4	5 - 7
Guest policy	Max. 2	Max. 1/playing LOE Resident
Court reservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single reservation : by LOE Resident</li><li>• Recurring reservation : through the Tennis Committee on behalf of the LOE Resident</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only through the Tennis Committee, on behalf of the "sponsoring family" who assumes responsibility for the reservation</li><li>• Names of all players must be communicated</li></ul>
Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reservation counts towards the 2hrs max/family/day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only 1 group lesson at any time on the courts.</li><li>• Reservation does not count towards the 2hrs max/family/day</li><li>• Specific restrictions apply during summer time</li><li>• <u>Group lessons must stay on the assigned court and leave any unoccupied court available for other players</u></li></ul>

1. Residents may elect to take lessons with a coach of their choice, under their sole responsibility. Neither the LOE Homeowner's Association, its Board of Directors and the Tennis Committee assume any responsibility for the actions of any coach on LOE's courts.

2. Coaches providing regular lessons at LOE must have registered with the Tennis Committee. This registration is intended to facilitate communication and recurring court reservation arrangements when needed. The registration does not constitute by any means a sanction of the professional qualification and background of the coach.

3. For pre-reserved courts, LOE residents and coaches are responsible for letting the Tennis Committee know about cancellations so that the slots can be made available to other players.

4. No open enrollment clinics or camps may be advertised or conducted at LOE.

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Nobody likes to receive a violation in the mail and the HOA doesn't like to have to send them. However, the HOA has certain guidelines that must be maintained to keep our community beautiful. Here is a list of the areas that most commonly result in violation notifications. In order to avoid one of those violation letters from First Service, please do your part to comply with these guidelines.

- Landscaping – keep your yard's beds free of significant weeds, replace dead plants and keep trees and plants neatly trimmed. Ensure your address stone is visible from the street. Replace the St. Augustine sod in any dead turf areas.
- Christmas lights – All holiday decorations should have been removed by January 10.
- Home maintenance – clean any mold off your home, repair leaning/damaged fencing or garage doors. Power wash your drive and sidewalks to remove mold, dirt and stains.
- Noise – repair any noisy mechanical issues such as pool pumps. Keep barking dogs inside or give adequate training to reduce incessant barking.


- Street parking – the street should never be used for routine parking of vehicles. Put cars in the garage or driveway.

- Trash Cans – Refuse cans are allowed after 6 pm the day before trash pick-up and should be stored out of sight by 9 pm the day of pick-up.

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

The Yard of the Month Committee has once again begun the Cornelius Nursery "Good Neighbor Program". Lakes on Eldridge is participating in this program offered to communities to encourage homeowners to keep our subdivision a beautiful and appealing place to call home. We hope it will instill an interest in all our residents.

Nothing helps to cheer up a winter garden like some colorful pansies or a few spots of brilliant red blooms. Thanks to our winners for creating these bright, beautiful gardens for all to enjoy. If you want to spruce up your own garden, you could have your own winter cheer!

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

WINNER: Gina Tombrella - 5618 Ivory Mist Lane

WINNER: Melody & Paul Cavicchi  
12510 Pebble Way Court



Honorable Mention: Cherie & Michael Viator  
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## Timely Tips for March Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius

One of the busiest gardening months of the year is here! March is the time to clean up, fix up, prune, fertilize, check irrigation systems and PLANT!!! March weather can be very fickle – it could still freeze since the average last freeze is mid-March or it could be very balmy and pleasant. You can't predict the weather in Texas.

March is a great month to plant almost every kind of landscape plant. The sooner you plant, the quicker the plant will start getting established. This is important if the plants are to do well through the hot, stressful summer. Calloway's/Cornelius Nursery are receiving weekly shipments of fresh nursery stock and this is the prime time to buy and plant.

Do not be too eager to apply fertilizer to your warm season lawn grasses (St. Augustine and Bermuda); it is best to wait until April. Spring green-up results from nutrients that were stored by the grass last; fall proving importance of fall fertilization. Pushing the lawn too hard in the early spring could result in a weaker root system going into summer.

Allow foliage on spring bulbs such as daffodils to die back and dry before removing to create food for next year's plants.

A few great early season flower choices are sweet alyssum, geraniums, stocks, snapdragons and petunias.

If you missed applying the pre-emergent weed preventer in February, then go ahead and make an application now. You may miss a portion of the weeds which germinate in early Spring but it may still control many of the types that germinate in the warmer part of the year.

Prune back overgrown ground cover such as English ivy and Asian jasmine to maintain the height you prefer. Do this before new growth begins.

Begin fertilizing roses every 4 to 6 weeks now until September with Calloway's Rose Food. Continue to feed pansies and other cool season annuals to extend their bloom season.

Keep frost cloth on hand and cover tender plants to protect from freezing weather.

Have your irrigation system checked. Converting your beds to drip irrigation or changing your watering cycles to water deeply but less frequently will keep your water bill low and help conserve water.

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## LOE Book Club

Do you enjoy reading a good book? Join your fellow LOE reading enthusiasts at Book Club! Below is a brief description of each selection. We meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. (unless we decide to skip a month or change the meeting day). 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.

March 28 – The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin. A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over—and see everything anew.

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## Sophi's Bookmark

Yorkshire Academy 5th grade student, Sophia Walker, won Blue Willow Bookshop's Bookmark Design Competition. Jennifer Gwydir, representing owner, Valerie Koehler, recently came to Yorkshire on to announce Sophia as the winner, as well as award her with a Blue Willow gift card. Her bookmark was chosen from over 400 entries. The bookmark will be available throughout the year at Blue Willow.



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## Why Acupuncture?

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Some people have regular acupuncture maintenance treatments as part of their pursuit to stay healthy and active, others prefer acupuncture to Western medicine because:

1. They have a condition that does not respond to conventional care, so that they have to look for alternative health care options.
  2. Conventional care often involves drugs with undesirable side effects or unwanted, perhaps risky medical procedures.
  3. Western drugs are expensive and when multiple drugs are used at the same time, they could interfere with each other.
  4. Patients prefer a natural, holistic medical approach to healthcare.
- Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) are safe with little side effects, because the herbal ingredients are combined to minimize and counteract the possible side effects. They work together to balance the body and allow the body to heal itself.

### DOES IT HURT?

Acupuncture needles are very different from clinical, hollow needles used for ordinary injection, vaccinations, etc. Acupuncture needles are not much thicker than a human hair and insertion of an acupuncture needle is practically painless. In some cases, you

may not even know the needles are in place, in others, there may be some tingling, warming, heaviness, or a feeling of the Qi moving up and down the channels in your body. Most people find acupuncture extremely relaxing and many fall asleep during the treatment.

### WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT?

The main objectives of an acupuncture treatment can be summarized in five main categories:

1. Relieve pain and other symptoms.
2. Relieve stress and emotional issues.
3. Treat addictions and substance abuse.
4. Strengthen the immune system.
5. Balance, harmonize and integrate functions of organs with each other, making for a unified and healthy person.

Talk to your licensed Acupuncturist about what acupuncture and TCM can do for you. For more information, please visit [www.amaranthacupuncture.com](http://www.amaranthacupuncture.com) or [www.facebook.com/amaranthacupuncture](http://www.facebook.com/amaranthacupuncture).

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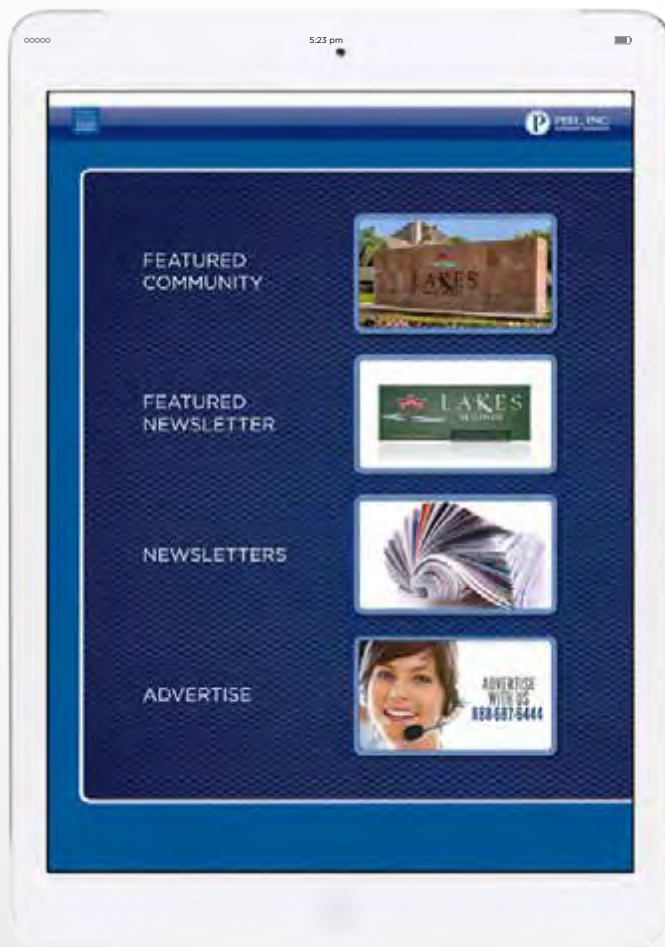




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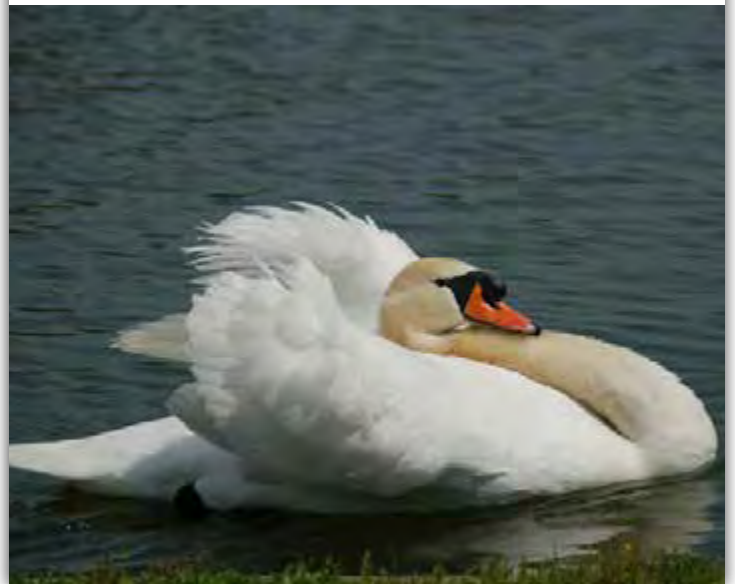
## WHAT DOES THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SAY ABOUT ACUPUNCTURE?

The World Health Organization (WHO) updated their list of conditions, symptoms or illnesses that may be treatable with acupuncture. The list of indications for acupuncture includes over 100 conditions, including lower back pain, neck pain, sciatica, tennis elbow, knee pain, peri arthritis of the shoulder, sprains, facial pain, headache, dental pain, tempromandibular (TMJ) dysfunction, rheumatoid arthritis, induction of labor, correction of malposition of fetus, morning sickness, nausea and vomiting, postoperative pain, stroke, essential hypertension, primary hypotension, renal colic, leucopenia, adverse reactions to radiation or chemotherapy, allergic rhinitis, including hay fever, biliary colic, depression, acute epigastralgia, peptic ulcer, acute and chronic gastritis, etc.

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This time of the year, Mother Nature provides our LOE swans with some common sense. It is mating, nesting, and egg-laying season and they feel the need to protect their territory against predators including humans, dogs, and waterfowl. Most of the swans in our neighborhood are not old enough to mate but some will go through the motions of even building a nest. The pairs of swans that are old enough to produce young (cygnets) are normally gentle and can be hand fed while posing no threat. However, our cobs (males) will become aggressive and territorial in trying to protect his pen (female) and nest. This is usually temporary until mating season is over. If you are walking past a lake and a swan swims to your side and follows you, **BEWARE!** If you see a swan with his neck back and feathers up such as the one in the accompanying picture, please stay away, do not attempt to feed him, and walk on the other side of the street as he is in his **ATTACK** position. Please warn your nannies and sitters not to stroll babies around the swans. We must try to remember that the swans are merely protecting their territory and readying the area for their young. We need to be as cautious of them as they are of us. Thank you for your cooperation!



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