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# RECYCLING DAY!

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 30, 2016  
9:00 AM – NOON  
LOE CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT**



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!

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## 2016 Annual Spring Festival

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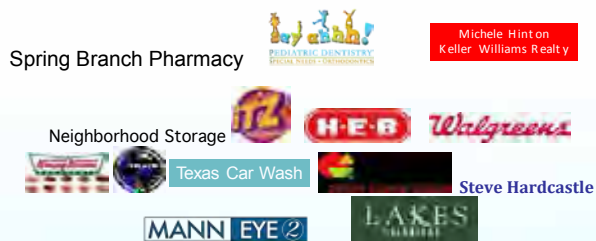
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We would like to invite all of our friends & neighbors to come join us for some fun and help raise money for a terrific cause!

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## Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins 16th Season!

The Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team will begin their 17th season in 2016! We are again recruiting enthusiastic swimmers ages 5 – 18 looking to have great fun this spring and summer. (Swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool by the end of the second week of practice.)

We are excited to welcome back our head coach, Amanda Chow and assistant coach, Blair Thoman, who led the team to a Divisional victory last season!

LOEST is a voluntary recreational swim team operated for Lakes on Eldridge and the surrounding neighborhoods. LOEST encourages a competitive swim team environment and provides the opportunity for growth, training, enjoyment, good sportsmanship and participation to all active team members. LOEST cannot function without parent involvement, so each participating family is required to fulfill a volunteer commitment. It's a great way to meet other families and adults in our community!

The 2016 practices will be held at the Lakes on Eldridge pool on Monday, Villages at Lakepointe pool on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the Lakes on Eldridge North main pool (by the LOEN clubhouse) on Thursday and Friday.

**March 11 - March 20** - Registration begins for returning families

**March 21** - New Swimmer Informational Meeting

**March 21** - Swim Suit Fitting and Ordering

*(there are new suits this year, so this is for everyone!)*

**March 22 - April 1** - New swimmer registration

**April 25 - 29** - Guppy School Begins- more details to come

**May 2** - Regular Practice Starts

**May 7** - Time Trials at Winchester

**May 9** - Team Pictures and T-shirt pick up

**May 9** - Make up Time Trials

### MEET SCHEDULE:

**May 14** - HOME vs Coles Crossing

**May 21** - AWAY vs The Woodlands

**May 28** - AWAY vs Wortham

**June 4** - HOME vs Fairfield

**June 11** - AWAY vs Stone Gate

**June 18** - Divisionals

*Check the NEW website <http://loedolphins.swim-team.us/> for important dates, and also for everything and anything about the LOEST DOLPHINS!*



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# Lakes on Eldridge

## YARD OF THE MONTH

Spring has sprung in LOE! The Yard of the Month Committee has selected for April two yards as winners of the Cornelius Nursery "Good Neighbor Program". Lakes on Eldridge will continue to participate in this program to encourage homeowners who want our subdivision to display

quality standards as well as being a desirable place to call home.

Thank you to our Yard of the Month winners for helping to usher it in by filling their yards with beautiful springtime blooms.

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

WINNER: Connie and John Otto  
5322 Green Cove Bend

WINNER: Linda & Dick Casland  
12915 Silent Shore



Honorable Mention: Joyce Wheelan  
5326 Indian Shores



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## Landscape and Maintenance Update

- Major landscape items included the removal and replacement of the Indian Hawthorne bushes with Oleanders at the brick monument at the SW corner of our property on Eldridge. We also installed 3 new live oak trees.
- At the clubhouse, two WiFi repeaters were installed in the attic of clubhouse to boost the signal to acceptable levels inside the clubhouse. Password for the clubhouse and pool area WiFi is Eldridge. The clubhouse cleaning schedule was increased from 1 day/week to 2 days/week to reflect higher usage. The door handle to the workout room was replaced. The clubhouse fountain pump was repaired and one underwater light fixture was replaced. At the pool one underwater light was replaced. The bolts on the clubhouse gates were also re-fastened.
- We also performed major maintenance on the irrigation systems filtration systems in preparation for the summer heat.



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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.

April 25 - Brooklyn by Colm Toibin. The book behind the Oscar-nominated movie, Colm Toibin's *New York Times* bestselling novel is about a young Irish immigrant in Brooklyn in the early 1950s. "One of the most unforgettable characters in contemporary literature" (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*), Eilis Lacey has come of age in small-town Ireland in the hard years following World War Two. When an Irish priest from Brooklyn offers to sponsor Eilis in America, she decides she must go, leaving her fragile mother and her charismatic sister behind.

May 23 - Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America by Linda Tirado. As the haves and have-nots grow more separate and unequal in America, the working poor don't get heard from much. Now they have a voice—and it's forthright, funny, and just a little bit furious. Here, Linda Tirado tells what it's like, day after day, to work, eat, shop, raise kids, and keep a roof over your head without enough money. She also answers questions often asked about those who live on or near minimum wage: Why don't they get better jobs? Why don't they make better choices? Why do they smoke cigarettes and have ugly lawns? Why don't they borrow from their parents? Enlightening and entertaining, *Hand to Mouth* opens up a new and much-needed dialogue between the people who just don't have it and the people who just don't get it.

June 27 - The Last Child by John Hart. With *The Last Child*, Hart achieves his most significant work to date, an intricate, powerful story of loss, hope, and courage in the face of evil. Thirteen year-old Johnny Merrimon had the perfect life: a warm home and loving parents; a twin sister, Alyssa, with whom he shared an irreplaceable bond. He knew nothing of loss, until the day Alyssa vanished from the side of a lonely street. Determined to find his sister, Johnny risks everything to explore the dark side of his hometown. Then a second child goes missing . . . Traveling the wilderness between innocence and hard wisdom, between hopelessness and faith, *The Last Child* leaves all categories behind and establishes John Hart as a writer of unique power.

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# Lakes on Eldridge

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July 25 - The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. In love we find out who we want to be. In war we find out who we are.

FRANCE, 1939:

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

August 22 - The Promise by Ann Weisgarber. Young pianist Catherine Wainwright flees the fashionable town of Dayton, Ohio, in the wake of a terrible scandal. Heartbroken and facing destitution, she finds herself striking up correspondence with a childhood admirer, the recently widowed Oscar Williams. In desperation, she agrees to marry him, but when Catherine travels to Oscar's farm on Galveston Island, Texas—a thousand miles from home—she finds she is little prepared for the life that awaits her. The island is remote, the weather sweltering, and Oscar's little boy Andre is grieving hard for his lost mother. And though Oscar tries to please his new wife,

the secrets of the past sit uncomfortably between them. *The Promise* received rave reviews from critics and captured the hearts of readers worldwide. Against the backdrop of the devastating Galveston hurricane of 1900, Ann Weisgarber tells a heartbreaking story with two unforgettable voices.

September 26 - The Heroines of Mercy Street by Pamela D. Toler. A look at the lives of the real nurses depicted in the PBS show *Mercy Street*. *HEROINES OF MERCY STREET* tells the true stories of the nurses at Mansion House, the Alexandria, Virginia, mansion turned war-time hospital and setting for the new PBS drama *Mercy Street*. Among the Union soldiers, doctors, wounded men from both sides, freed slaves, politicians, speculators, and spies who passed through the hospital in the crossroads of the Civil War, were nurses who gave their time freely and willingly to save lives and aid the wounded.

These women saw casualties on a scale Americans had never seen before, and medicine was at a turning point. *HEROINES OF MERCY STREET* follows the lives of women like Dorothea Dix, Mary Phinney, Anne Reading, and more before, during, and after their epic struggle in Alexandria and reveals their personal contributions to this astounding period in the advancement of medicine.

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## DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IN LOE?

Do you feel out of the loop on the events and news of the neighborhood? The Board uses this monthly Newsletter to communicate important, but non-time critical, information to homeowners and rental residents. In the event of emergencies or to receive timely news and updates, the Board uses the eBlast system. Currently 139 homes are not receiving our eblasts. The Board encourages all homeowners and rental residents to provide FSR at least one email address so you can be kept abreast of important LOE happenings. Your email address will not be used for any other communications or shared with anybody else. There are usually no more than 25 eBlasts released for an entire year, so they won't fill your inbox and be a nuisance. To register your email address, please send your contact information to [Amanda.moody@fsresidential.com](mailto:Amanda.moody@fsresidential.com).

## APRIL GARDENING TIPS

*Offered by WeekendGardener.Net*

Use this list to help you figure out what gardening tasks you want to accomplish this month.

### PLANNING

When purchasing bedding annuals this spring, choose properly grown plants with good color. Buy plants with well-developed root systems that are vigorous, but not too large for their pots. Plants that bloom in the pack are often root bound and can be set back for several weeks after being transplanted. Plants not yet in bloom will actually bloom sooner, be better established and grow faster.

For hot-weather color, select one of the following: Gloriosa Daisy, Madagascar Periwinkle, Ornamental Peppers, Mexican Zinnia or Amaranthus 'Joseph's Coat. Plan to attract hummingbirds to your garden this year by planting red or orange flowers. Monarda (common names: beebalm, horsemint, Oswego tea, and bergamot) is a good perennial plant that thrives in sun and provides nectar for these small birds.

### PLANTING

Begin to plant seedlings of warm-season vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. You can also start your pumpkin seeds now. Sow beets, beans, cucumbers, carrots, lettuce, sweet corn and radishes.

Plant herbs such as thyme, sage, parsley, chives and basil. Sod or sow new lawns, and over seed damaged older lawns. Start planting out warm season annuals such as impatiens, marigolds, petunias, sunflowers, zinnia, lobelia, alyssum.

Finish planting summer-flowering bulbs like tuberose, gladiolus, dahlias, and callas. Plant chervil, coriander, dill, rosemary, and summer savory outside after the last spring frost date for your area. Your Extension agent should be able to give you the date.

### MAINTENANCE

Mulch soil to save water, smother weeds, keeps soil cooler. Spread 1-3 inches (2.5-7cm) of bark chips, compost, wood shavings, or other organic material under shrubs trees, annuals and vegetables.

Thin vegetables that were sown too thickly, like basil, carrots, green onions, or lettuce.

Prune spring-flowering shrubs and trees after bloom is over. Fertilize everything right now, but do not feed spring-flowering shrubs like azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons until after they have finished flowering. Use an acid based fertilizer. They also should be pruned after blooming.



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## Swans Can Be Dangerous

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!



## Honey Bee Swarms

Honey bees are beneficial by producing honey, wax and pollinating crops. With warmer temperatures, honey bees are becoming more active and may soon begin to swarm.

Honey bee swarms look like a large clump of bees clustered together. The swarm may stay in a location from a few hours to a week. Swarms are produced as a part of the colony's reproductive process. An established colony produces a new queen, causing the old queen and half the worker bees to leave the colony to search for a new nesting location. Swarming honey bees are usually gentle and unlikely to sting. Swarms are not protecting their home, food or offspring. Scout bees are sent out from the swarm to search for a nesting site. Colonies produce comb and honey and are defensive. Bees from a colony are more likely to sting as they are guarding their home, food and offspring.

Sometimes, honey bee colonies can be found in wall voids, chimneys, attics or sheds. If bees are in a wall void, **DO NOT** block their entrance; this makes them search for another way to exit and could lead bees into the structure. To keep bees from entering a home, seal any holes found in walls where pipes enter the home, cracks in window framing, knotholes, weep holes, or cracks between wood and brick junctures.

While many enjoy having honey bees around, some people are severely allergic to their venom. This, along with other situations, such as bees located near sensitive areas (such as playgrounds) may require removal or even extermination of the bees.

People should **NOT** try remove or exterminate bees on their own. Beekeepers and pest control companies have equipment to carry out these jobs in a safe manner. The city or county does not provide bee removal services.

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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If the symptoms are not effectively under control by western medicine, some people may develop chronic allergy, the symptoms become more severe every time. Other people may develop dependency to the medication, need to increase dosage form time to time.

The cause of the allergy is either the exterior pathogen (allergen) or the internal constitution (body type). Traditional Chinese Medicine treat patient's constitution, rebalance the body, change the internal environment by improving the circulation of Qi and blood, therefore to control, reduce and cure the allergy.

Several Chinese patterns of disharmony may be involved in cases of allergies. In all cases, however, wind is often part of the diagnosis. In seasonal allergies, such as hay fever, the most common diagnosis is related to wind and dampness. Individual's body constitution and condition at the time play a big role in the treatment plan.

Treatment plans for allergies vary greatly, and the possible results range from temporary relief to complete remission based on the reaction of individual person. Acupuncture frequently relieves allergy symptoms immediately. Diet advice and control plays an important part in controlling seasonal allergies.

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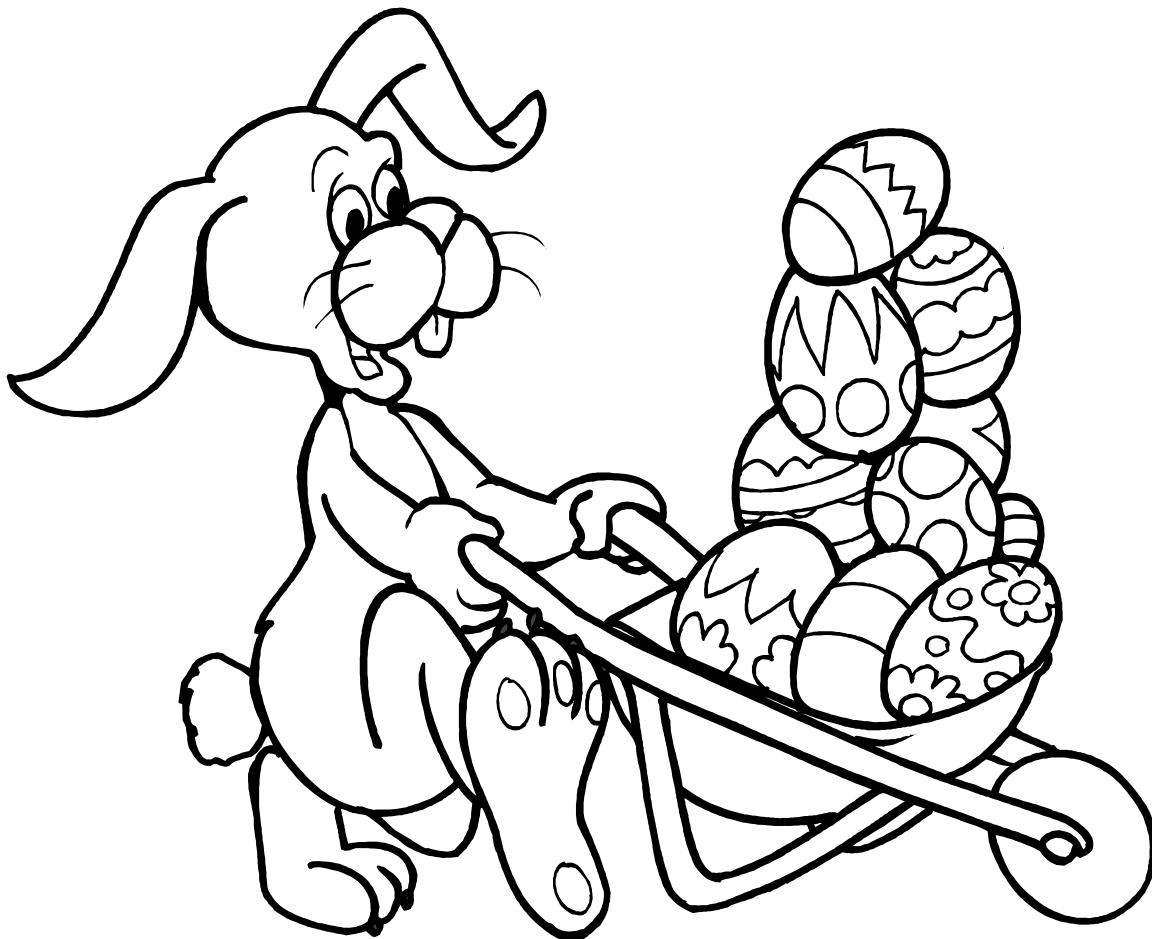
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