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Updated Playground on Auburn Shores Open



The new improved playground at Auburn Shores is open! Most of the previous playground items were replaced and all the structure was sanded and given a new coat of paint. Brand new additions to the area included a new table by

the playground, a two kid bumble bee and thick kiddie mulch. The biggest change is of course, the giant awning that will now shade the playground. Thanks for all the positive compliments. A celebration of the re-opening was held May 14th. If you didn't get to attend the celebration or haven't seen the new revisions, drive by and take a look.

Thanks again to the LOE Family Committee who worked with the Board in developing the work plan of this revision – Jennifer Hardin, Christine de Ciro, Radost Mims and Regina Lemons. Thanks also to Mark Durka for the beautiful photos.



Lakes on Eldridge

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Visit the Association Website: www.lakesoneldridge.net

Are you getting HOA emails?

This newsletter is a nice way to share information about our subdivision, but due to newsletter deadlines, it can't always be timely. Last month after the newsletter went to production, we had the Addicks flooding, the closing of Eldridge and Clay and an outbreak of petty thefts. Your Board shared information as it became available, but we can only reach the homes where we have current contact information. We have discovered that First Service Residential did not send all the contact information to Creative Management in their data transfer. Therefore, if you have not received recent communications, please send your name, physical address, phone number(s), and email address to general@cmctx.com. Please put Lakes on Eldridge in your subject line.

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1. Lock your garage and any vehicle. Don't make it easy for the thieves.
2. If you hear or see something suspicious, immediately call the sheriff at 911. Most of the break-ins have occurred between 2-4 am.
3. Remember our security force is unarmed. If someone tries to break into your property, contact the sheriff immediately.
4. If you are a parent of teenagers or young adults, share with them that these thefts are not a joke. The police will prosecute.

If you can identify the people involved in these thefts, please notify the Sheriff at 713-221-6000. Please secondarily notify our security team, our community manager, Christi Keller, or an HOA Board member.

5. If you believe someone has broken into your garage or vehicle, please file a police report and notify our security.

6. Be advised that anyone out on foot between 1:00 am - 5:00 am will be expected to show identification to our patrol. If identification is not available, we have authorized the patrol to call the police.

As part of this effort, it would be very helpful to our patrol and front gate personnel to be able to identify all resident vehicles. If your vehicle does not have a sticker (it only shows the LOE symbol), then please contact Christi Keller at ckeller@cmctx.com with your name, address and your license plate number(s), and a sticker(s) will be sent to you.

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Harris County Mud 341 Fact Sheet LOE April 18th 2016 Rain Event

In the late evening of April 17th and the early morning of April 18th, a significant rain event fell on the greater Houston area. In the area of Mud 341, approximately 14 inches of rain fell between 2pm Sunday April 17th and 2 pm Monday, April 18th with the vast majority of this total falling in the late night/early morning hours.

The intensity of this rain event over the west/northwest greater Houston area was incredibly rare by historical standards. In the immediate area of this neighborhood, this appears to have been approximately a 100 year flood rain event (meaning a 1% chance for this event to occur in any given year). For some areas immediately west and north of the subdivision, it appears to have been a 200 or 500 year rain event (meaning a 0.2-0.5% change to occur in any given year).

During and immediately after the rain event, several areas of Lakes on Eldridge reported street flooding which encroached into lots in some areas (thankfully, it appears no homes were flooded.) Following City of Houston and Harris County criteria, the Lakes on Eldridge subdivision was designed to convey storm events of 3 years and smaller in the inlets and pipes with no ponding at the inlets. For storm events up to the 25 year event, temporary ponding at the inlets is to be expected before all rainwater is drained through the underground pipes. For rain events greater than the 25-year event, the excess flows that exceed the capacity of the storm sewer pipes are conveyed in the streets, with the streets serving as temporary channels to convey the rainwater to the detention ponds and ultimately to Addicks Reservoir. This is what occurred during this event. As all house slabs were constructed a minimum of 18" above the 100 year flood elevation, all houses appear to have been spared from flooding during this event.

The street ponding described above appears to have subsided within 24 hours after the conclusion of the rain event. This subdivision, along with other areas to the west and northwest that were hit hard during this event, drains into Addicks Reservoir. In the days after the event, the elevation of Addicks Reservoir continued to rise, as flows from upstream areas continued to fill the reservoir while limiting release of flow downstream to all areas along Buffalo Bayou to drain out as quickly as possible, before eventually increasing the rate of release of water from the reservoir, which is still in progress. For this reason, the water levels in Addicks Reservoir peaked several days after the actual rain event. The level peaked on Saturday, April 23rd at approximately 103 ft. For historical perspective, the previous high water elevation in Addicks Reservoir was approx. 97 feet.

For comparison, the lowest elevation of any street in Lakes on Eldridge is approximately 106 ft., with the lowest elevation of any house slab at approximately 108 ft. So, even in this historically extreme storm, there were several feet of elevation preventing the waters of Addicks Reservoir from backing up to threaten flooding of any homes.

Maintenance & Landscape Update

- Completed renovation of Auburn Shores playground equipment and installed new shade structure and new picnic table. Installed one new oak tree on the west side of the Auburn Shores shade structure to further minimize sun penetration in the late afternoon.
- Installed new clubhouse fountain pump and revamped the electrical to avoid GFCI tripping so often.
- Removed 3 dying pear trees and 1 dying river birch tree. Trimmed 30 oak trees on cul-de-sacs and along Summer Falls where limbs were too low.
- Repaired the pump supplying water to the Lake A-1 water fall pond and floating fountain.
- Repaired the pumps supplying water to the Lake F spouts feature.
- Replaced two clocks for swimming pool deck area which had been stolen.
- Worked with Precinct 4 and police to address traffic issues due to recent flooding and road closures including getting a sign erected and positioned at the intersection of Tanner and Eldridge to reduce the number of vehicles needing to undertake U-turns in the short section of Eldridge between Tanner and the entrance to LOE (and the associated chaos of many vehicles including 18-wheel trucks all trying to turn around).

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Come Cheer the LOE Dolphins Swim Team!

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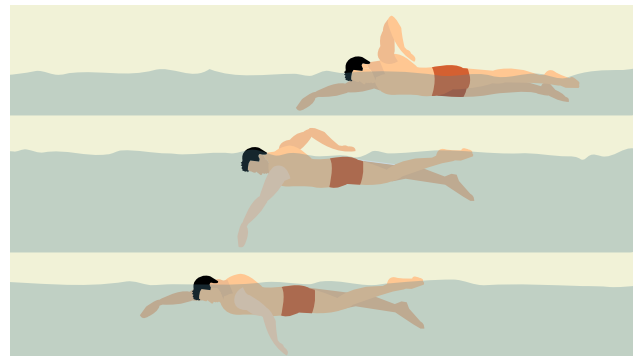
We really appreciate the Lakes on Eldridge North and Villages of Lake Pointe communities allowing us to use their facilities for practices this season! A special thanks to the Lakes on Eldridge community for allowing us to host our 2 home meets at the pool this season.

Below is the season's calendar for easy reference. For the latest information, go to our website www.loedolphins.org and click on "Meets and Events".

MEET SCHEDULE:

May 7 - Time Trials at Winchester
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

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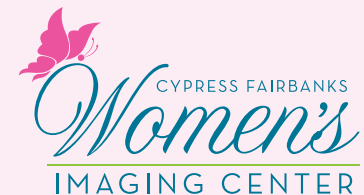
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Lakes on Eldridge Summer Bible Study

The summer bible Study will begin June 7, 2016, with Experiencing God's Presence by Sarah Young, author of the Jesus Calling Series. This eight week study is designed to "help individuals and groups meditate on Scripture and hear them not just as words said to people long ago but as words said to us today in the here and now". Scripture reveals all that God wants us to know about Him, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Only when we open our hearts and minds to these precious words can we use them to strengthen our relationship with our Savior and become aware of His presence in our lives.

The books are available online at amazon.com, christianbookdistributors.com, Mardels Christian Bookstore in Katy or possibly at Sam's for about \$6.00. We hope you will join us on June 7th at 9:30 AM at the Beach Club at Lakes on Eldridge. For additional information contact Stephanie @ leggettstephanie@gmail.com.

Yorkshire Academy

Yorkshire Academy had its own YA Olympic Celebration complete with a Parade of Flags, Olympic games, and an International Food Court.' Here is the Iyi-Ojo family (LOE residents) proudly representing Nigeria in the Parade of Flags.



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.

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.

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.

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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.

So many books, so little time!...

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN LOE

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



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YARD OF THE MONTH

The Cornelius Nursery “Good Neighbor Program” continues into June and the Yard of the Month Committee has chosen the two winners. If you haven’t spruced up your own landscape, check out the offering

for summer planting before summer and warm temperatures set in.

We aim to encourage everyone to participate in keeping our community beautiful.

The Yard of the Month winners for the month of June are:

WINNER: Dean Hofmann
5518 Windham Springs Court



Honorable Mention: Linda O’Keefe
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WINNER: Pat and Chuck Hill
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Honorable Mention: Ruth Hansen
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The Most Venomous Snake in Our Area

Submitted By Brady Reed

The Eastern Coral Snake (*Micrurus fulvius*) is the most venomous snake that can be found in the area in and near Lakes on Eldridge. Many animals were displaced by the rising flood waters. The photo provided was taken on Clay Road at Addicts levee one week after the recent flooding.

This colorful snake is recognized by bright red, yellow and black banding. Common jingles like "Red and Black, Friend of Jack, Red and Yellow, Kills a Fellow", help distinguish the Coral Snake from some non-venomous snakes. The Coral Snake has alternating red and black bands separated by yellow bands. A second unique feature to the Coral Snake is that these red, yellow and black bands extend completely around the body of the snake. Other snakes in our area have undersides that have a different pattern than what is seen on the dorsal side.

Very few people are bitten by these dangerous snakes because of their secretive habits and their unaggressive behavior. Nonetheless, treatment with Coral Snake antivenom is recommended immediately since the venom is mostly neurotoxin and can act quickly on the heart and lungs. The bite is typically not painful, so individuals sometimes do not seek treatment. Another important issue is the limited availability of Coral Snake antivenom in recent years.



NEW COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Would you like to get to know your neighbors? Participate in adult social events in the community? We need you! We are revising our social committee to expand more fun/fellowship opportunities. We have Oktoberfest and the Holiday Market already on the schedule, but we'd like to have more. If you would be interested in joining the new community committee, please send your contact information to ckeller@cmctx.com. We will notify you of the meeting date and time.



Timely Tips for June Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius

Summertime activities are getting into full swing and so is everything at Calloway's and Cornelius. Take advantage of the longer days by enjoying your gardening in the morning or evening when the temperature is not at peak and it is more pleasant to be outside.

June weather means grass will be growing faster, too. 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 subside 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. However, try not to water too much. Frequent surface watering promotes a shallow root system that is more susceptible to the stress of Summer heat.

The best way to conserve moisture in the landscape is by

mulching. A 3 to 4 inch layer over root zone retains moisture, keeps the soil cooler, and helps prevent weed seeds from germinating under shrubs, trees, and flowers. You'll find a variety of great mulches like Calloway's Shredded Hardwood Mulch and Calloway's Cedar Mulch.

June is a great month for colorful annuals. In a sunny location try Marigolds, Salvia, Periwinkles, Dusty Miller, Crotons, and Lantana to add a pop of color. Caladiums, Coleus, Impatiens, and Begonias are a great choice for shady areas.

Summer tropical plants are perfectly at home in our Texas heat and humidity. Stunning Hibiscus, Esperanza, and Plumbago are available at Calloway's and Cornelius. Plant them in the ground for quick growth or in pots or tubs so they can be moved indoors easily when temperatures fall.

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Dark chocolate has been shown to improve blood flow and possibly prevent blood clots. It also helps lower blood pressure and may help keep arteries from hardening.

BRAIN FOOD

Because chocolate increases blood flow to the brain, it can be a boost to your cognitive health.

MOOD CHANGER

Chocolate also contains phenylethylamine (PEA), which encourages your brain to release endorphins that make you feel good.

CANCER FIGHTER

Antioxidants in chocolate help rid your system of free radicals, which have been linked to multiple age-related health risks and diseases.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

Theobromine, found in dark chocolate, helps harden tooth enamel, which helps prevent cavities.

SUN BLOCKER

Some studies show that people with diets high in flavonols take longer to burn in the sun than people with low flavonol diets.

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