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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LOE DOLPHINS!

The LOE Dolphins have celebrated a successful season! Congratulations to the swimmers who did their best at every meet! Swimmers came away with not only personal best times, but a great sense of team pride! A big think you to the dedicated coaches and parents who worked hard to give the children a wonderful experience they will not forget!

Also, thanks to the volunteers who made it all possible and did it with great enthusiasm, and to the residents of LOE, LOEN and VAL who very graciously hosted out practices and pep rallies this season.



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JULY 4TH FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS

Happy Independence Day! We wish all residents a joyful celebration of July 4th. Fireworks are a traditional part of that celebration, but as a courtesy to your neighbors, the following usage rules apply:

- Fireworks will be permitted only on July 4th up to 10:00 pm. No fireworks are to be used on any other day or after 10 pm. Any fireworks usage outside of July 4th or after 10 pm will be subject to fine from the HOA and/or the Sheriff.
- Any aerial fireworks must be pointed away from any homes, the elementary school, people or animals.
- Any resident using fireworks is required to clean up all debris.

The Board strongly encourages all residents to attend one of the major fireworks displays available either from the City of Houston, City Centre or at Katy Mills Mall rather than use individual fireworks. If you decide to do your own fireworks, please exercise extreme caution. Last year two NFL players lost fingers due to poor handling of fireworks. Any fireworks must always be done with safety as an utmost concern.

The following information is from the City of Houston Fire Department:

Fireworks are not only illegal in the City and parts of the county but they are also are very dangerous. Harris County residents should also be aware that HFD will be enforcing the fireworks ban in the Limited Purpose Annexation areas. The fines are anywhere from \$500 - \$2000 for each individual firework. Warnings are no longer used because of the seriousness of the firework laws. If a minor is caught with fireworks, the parent or guardian will receive the fine even if they were unaware of the minor's possession and/or usage. Even though it is legal to buy, possess, and use consumer fireworks (1.4G) in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, there are some places you cannot use fireworks even in the unincorporated county. Such as near churches, hospitals and asylums, a licensed child care center, or a public or private primary or secondary school or institution of higher education unless the person receives authorization in writing from that organization. Citizens should report all complaints regarding the illegal use of fireworks directly to the HPD Tel-communicator (non-emergency line) at 713-884-3131. If the citizen believes that there may be a fire and/or medical emergency related to the use of fireworks, he/she should dial 9-1-1.

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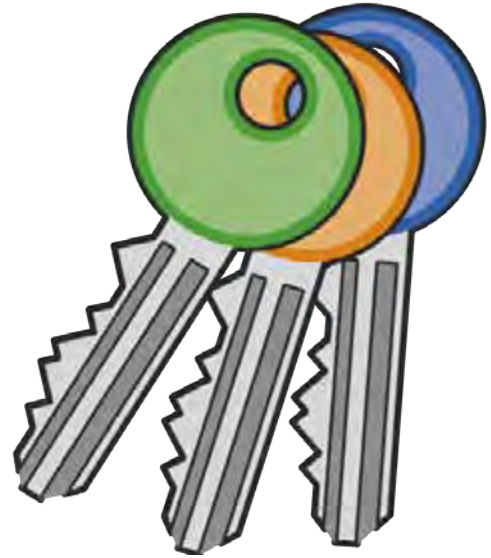
IF YOU ARE MOVING – It is vital that you turn in your fobs and gate remotes to Creative Management Company and not just pass the devices to the new owner. Why? Because, if you just give your fob to a new owner then you are keeping the liability for anything done with that remote. When a fob is issued, you sign important waivers and your name is associated with the fob each time you enter the pool or workout area. If something happens and our electronic records show your fob was involved, we will look at you for information. Secondly, it is important for the HOA to have current information on all residents. We are currently working on a new gate system and one of the challenges is our gate remote system information is out of date. We need your cooperation to get it current.

As an incentive to turn in your devices, the Board has decided to pay \$30 for each gate remote returned and \$10 for each fob returned. Just mail the devices to Creative Management Company 8323 Southwest Freeway, Suite 330 Houston, Texas 77074 with your LOE address and your new address.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE SUBDIVISION AND WANT A GATE REMOTE OR POOL/WORKOUT FOB – Email Christi Keller at ckeller@cmctx.com or telephone 713-772-4420 during

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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!



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End of Summer Pool Party

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**Saturday, August 13th
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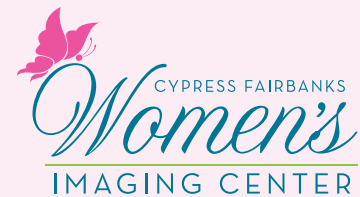
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YARD OF THE MONTH

The Good Neighbor Program offered and sponsored by Cornelius Nursery is truly a welcoming recognition by many of the LOE community residents. The Yard of the Month Committee has chosen the July winners that show you can have a beautiful garden in full sun or in shade. Firecracker plants and plumbago thrive in the hot Houston sun, while caladiums and impatiens are better suited for shade. A big thank you to these residents for filling their yards with beautiful summer color!

Yard of the Month Committee Guidelines:

- One win per household through annual program season March-November
- Selection process is limited to YOM Committee Members only
- Criteria used - Color, Balance, Maintenance, Aesthetics

Congratulations to each one of you!

Winners: please allow 8 weeks to receive your gift certificate from Cornelius.

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

Winner: Sue Jolly - 5510 Silver Park



Honorable Mention: Bill & Kathy Barrows - 5110 Indian Shores



Winner: Janet Wallis - 5514 Windham Springs Court

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TWRC Wildlife Center, at 10801 Hammerly Blvd. in Spring Branch, admits over 5,000 animals each year brought to us by the public. Since 1979, TWRC has been committed to providing quality emergency and rehabilitative care for injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife and operates a hotline for wildlife concerns. Our website and social media sites have additional information on peacefully coexisting with our wild urban neighbors.

What to do if you find an injured or orphaned wild animal:

- Always be sure the animal needs to be rescued! If the animal appears to be unharmed and well fed, monitor the situation and be sure to keep small children and pets away. People are often concerned to see fledgling birds on the ground but it is likely that their parents are nearby watching over them. There are times that fawns appear to be alone, but a parent is probably nearby. Nestlings (birds and mammals) can often be reunited with a parent, so be sure to call our

hotline for advice if you are unsure what to do. 713-468-TWRC (8972)

- Never use bare hands to handle wildlife; wear gloves or pick up the animal with a towel or blanket or carefully coax the animal into a container, using food as a lure, if the animal is an injured adult. If the animal is a nestling, keep the baby warm in a box lined with fleece, smooth fabric or an old t-shirt (you can place the container partially on a heating pad set on low) and DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED or give water to an animal even if it can self-feed!!! This is extremely important as the animal could be at risk for death from aspiration pneumonia. Bring the animal to a licensed wildlife facility or permitted rehabilitator as soon as possible.
- Please note: It is illegal in the State of Texas to possess protected wildlife without a permit. If you are interested in learning how you can assist TWRC with our onsite animal-care programs or want to know more about how to become a permitted home-based rehabilitator, visit our website under the volunteer tab.

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TRAFFIC SIGNAL @ ELDRIDGE PARKWAY & TWIN LAKES BLVD. & LAKES ON ELDRIDGE

The purpose of this message is to update all residents of Twin Lakes and Lakes on Eldridge communities regarding the important issue of the traffic signal at the entrances to our communities from Eldridge Parkway. As everyone knows, turning left into our communities is often a time consuming and hazardous undertaking.

Your current, and former, Twin Lakes and Lakes on Eldridge HOA Boards of Directors have addressed this situation multiple times over the years with the County Commissioner's office. All efforts thus far have not resulted in any change or improvement.

On September 15, 2015, Herman Torres, President, Twin Lakes HOA Board of Directors, and Carlon Thorpe, President, Lakes on Eldridge HOA Board of Directors, personally met with County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, Precinct 4, in his office. There was a detailed discussion of the previous correspondence and the situation in general. The topic of the traffic signal was the only topic discussed.

Since that meeting, ongoing communications have been maintained with the Commissioner and members of his staff; but again, no change to the situation.

While neither of the HOA Board Presidents are traffic engineers,

it seems logical to consider a flashing yellow left turn signal which would permit left turns, 24 hours a day, when safe conditions exist. This would have the result of increasing traffic flow on Eldridge Parkway and improve egress into our two communities.

Flashing yellow left turn signals are being used throughout the County (e.g. Eldridge Parkway, Clay Road, Highway 6, etc.) and Houston and are successful in increasing traffic flow.

Both HOA Boards have given this matter considerable priority, time and effort, and will continue to do so.

Both Communities' HOA Boards of Directors will continue to work on a variety of situations to support all of the residents of Twin Lakes and Lakes on Eldridge.

Both HOA Boards want to express gratitude to all residents for their continued support in making our communities as safe and beautiful as possible. We encourage interested residents to also call or email Commissioner Cagle's office to express your support for a flashing yellow light at the entrance to our communities. The contact link is located at <http://www.hcp4.net/Assistance/CAD>.

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Timely Tips for July Gardeners from Cornelius Nursery

Gardening activities usually slow down in the Summertime as the temperature continues to climb into the 90's and beyond. Because it is often a very dry and hot month, maintenance is the focus. The best time to do any kind of gardening or maintenance is early in the morning or late in the day when temperatures are cooler. Now is the time to sit back and relax while enjoying the beautiful garden areas you've created.

Proper watering is essential to keep plants healthy during the Summer. It is best to water as deeply and infrequently as possible, as opposed to frequent light sprinklings. This will encourage a deeper root system that can take advantage of water stored in the soil.

One of the best strategies for getting shrubs and young trees through Summertime is to apply a thick layer of mulch over the root systems of plants. Mulches break down over time, so if it has been awhile since you've mulched, check all the plants in your yard. A three to four inch layer will prevent most evaporation from the soil and lower the soil temperature in the root zone, reducing stress on the root system.

Drip irrigation combined with mulch is an excellent way to

maintain your garden and lawn. Drip irrigation, also known as trickle irrigation or micro irrigation is a method that saves water and fertilizer by allowing water to drip slowly to the roots of plants, either into the soil surface or directly into the root zone, through a network of valves, pipes, tubing, and emitters. It is done through narrow tubes that deliver water directly to the base of the plant. This allows for fertilizer and nutrient loss to be minimized due to localized application and reduced leaching. Soil erosion and weed growth is also lessened with this type of irrigation. Drip irrigation also allows the foliage to remain dry which reducing the risk of disease. If drip irrigation is not an option, consider using soaker hoses to provide a good source of water to your garden or bedding plants.

Water plants in containers and hanging baskets more frequently in the Summer to keep them from drying out. This can leach out plant nutrients from the soil, so use a water-soluble fertilizer regularly to keep your plants growing and healthy.

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Book Club is about more than just reading books. You'd be amazed at the topics we get into! 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. Note that some changes have been made.

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 - *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Meet Ove.

He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

September 26 - *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

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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.

October 24 - 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.

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