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LOE GATE COMMITTEE UPDATE AND GO-FORWARD PLAN

After more than a year of hard work and many twists and turns, the Board of Directors in conjunction with the LOE Gate Committee is very pleased to announce the final plan for the upgrade and update of the gates in our community. Initially the Committee and the Board believed our only option to enhance reliability was to physically rebuild the gates and install an EZ tag system. After extensive additional research and recent new product developments, it has instead been established that we can have the reliability we seek without re fabricating the gates as originally envisioned. Essentially, the gate renewal will now involve the replacement of the electronics currently in use including the installation of newly developed receivers that will permit all of our existing remotes to function. These new receivers cost less than \$1000 each instead of the over \$10,000 each that EZ Tag readers would have cost. Overall the total cost of our gate rehabilitation has dropped from over \$75,000 to less than \$20,000. These changes will enable us to essentially have all new electronic equipment at each gate and permit the closure of the front exit gate between midnight and 5 am. The installations will be done over the next several months and completion is anticipated by year end.

The process will be seamless for you with one major exception – every resident must re register their clicker information into a new database that is required for our new receivers. This registration process requires every resident to bring their clicker to an announced location where a new receiver can read the clicker data and we can create the new database that links the clicker “codes” with the name and address of each resident. While we recognize this will be a one time irritation for our residents, it will permit us to clean the database of old clicker information that currently could allow unauthorized entry into our subdivision. We will have several opportunities for this clicker registration and they will be disclosed in upcoming email announcements.

For anyone who provided us with their EZ tag information, please be aware those data sheets have been shredded and no data retained.

The LOE Board especially wants to thank the members of the Gate Committee for their substantial effort coming up with this cost effective and more robust system. Gate Committee members were John Bain, Lindsay Buchanan, Carl Chapman, Mark Durka, Gary Fehsenfeld, Doug Ray, George Moriarty, Carlon Thorpe, Bob Wegner, and David Westphal, chairperson.

RECYCLING DAY

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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, September 17, 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,

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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. VOLUTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT. Contact Cathy Casey at caseycubb@yahoo.com if you can help. Enjoy this one stop recycling opportunity!

PARKING ON THE STREET PLEASE AVOID

We continue to see a problematic trend with cars parked in front of homes instead of in the driveway. Street parking causes numerous hazards and safety issues. It makes it much harder if not impossible for emergency vehicles to pass. It also enhances the potential for individual injury and vehicular accidents because cars obscure visibility. The HOA in conjunction with the sheriff will tow vehicles parked on the street that appear abandoned, are not current on their registration, or represent an immediate traffic hazard. By HOA rules, no vehicles can be parked on the street if that vehicle creates any of the following situations: 1) Inhibits the free flow of traffic 2) Creates a safety hazard 3) Blocks access to driveways, mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. 4) Blocks a clear view of any intersection or 5) Is parked directly across the street from a driveway. We understand unusual circumstances such as a party where street parking is necessary, but no vehicles should be routinely parked on the street. The HOA regularly receives complaints about routine street parking and will begin enforcement actions on residents leaving vehicles in front of homes. Please put all vehicles in the driveway especially overnight. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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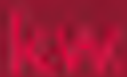
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OTHER ISD BUS STOPS

All parents are encouraged to park on the same side as the school bus to prevent children from crossing the streets.

As a general reminder, all drivers (cars, motorcycles, bicycles) must exercise extra caution when nearing an active loading zone

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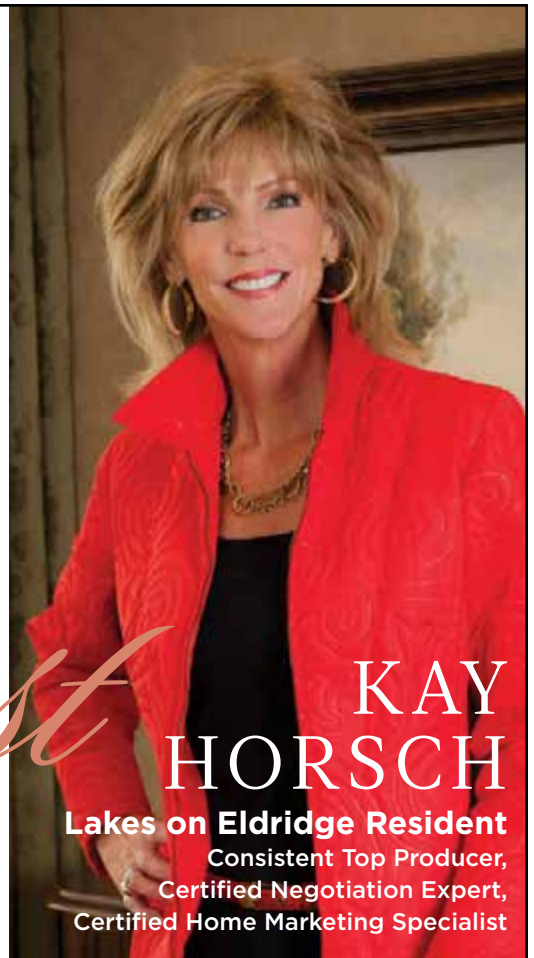


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LOEST Fall Swim Clinic

There is still time to participate in the Fall Swim Program for swimmers looking for conditioning and stroke development, which runs through end of October. This clinic is open to all swimmers, new or returning, but slots are limited. For more information on days and times, please refer to the team website:

<http://loedolphins.swim-team.us>

ANYTHING GOES: FITNESS WITH MICHELLE

Workout classes will resume this Fall beginning
Thursday September 8.

Each week, classes will be 8:30AM-9:30AM and cost \$5 per session. Please bring your water, a towel and/or mat.

Sessions will continue throughout the year with the following dates tentatively scheduled thus far:

Friday, September 16
Thursday, September 22
Friday, September 30

All fitness levels welcome - you'll get a great workout.

LOE FAMILIES

Interested in meeting some other families in the neighborhood? Join LOE Families on Facebook! We host play dates, pool parties, holiday events, moms night out and more.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan the LOE Halloween Party and the LOE Holiday Party. All community events are completely volunteer driven, so we need your help to have successful events. Please contact us if you are interested in helping us out.

Upcoming events:

9/10 – Toddler/Preschooler Playdate, 9 AM @ Flexroom

9/16 – Ladies Game Night, 8:30 PM @ Clubhouse

10/22 – Halloween Party, 4 PM @ Clubhouse

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MAINTENANCE UPDATE



The following items are the primary achievements in the last month:

- Completed the revisions to the two pergolas including new slatted roofs, new electrical fixtures and complete cleaning.
- Trimmed about 50 oak trees and removed 2 dead pine trees and 5 pear trees.
- Replaced pumps and controls for LOE west side irrigation system.
- Installed 2 new light poles with double fixtures at the clubhouse entry on Lake Center Run, greatly improving lighting for school buses.
- Repaired the Workout TV.
- Re-stained the clubhouse fountain and restored it to service.
- Repaired a large leak in Lake F overflow catch basin on Auburn Shores; work done by MUD 341.



Dust off your lederhosen! It's time once again for the annual LOE Oktoberfest.

The LOE Community Committee will be hosting a beer tasting on Friday, October 14th at the Beach Club clubhouse from 7-10 p.m. Meet and greet your neighbors for a fun-filled, adult social with ales provided by Karbach Brewery. Light appetizers and water will also be provided.

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- * **When:** Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
- * **Where:** LOE CLUBHOUSE
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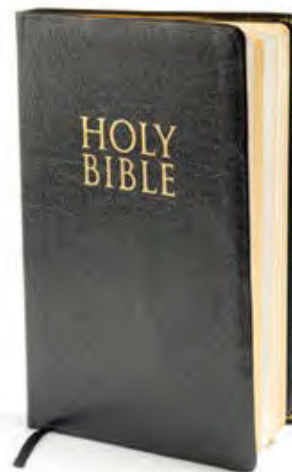
Our Lakes on Eldridge Bible study group will begin meeting for the Fall 2016 session on September 13, at 9:15 AM, in the Beach Club at Lakes on Eldridge. The new study guide is Satisfy My Thirsty Soul For I am Desperate For Your Presence by Christian author Linda Dillow.

Not only is knowledge of the Scriptures crucial to living the Christian life, but also is developing an intimate relationship with our Creator. Becoming aware of God's constant presence offers the love, joy, and peace that every woman desires. Many women need intimacy in their lives to be content. Not all of us have partners that provide that intimacy. Using both Old and New Testament scriptures Linda Dillow leads her readers into awakening our spirits to the presence of our Lord in our everyday lives and worshipping Him throughout the day, not just on Sunday mornings at church. Our Lord is always present to His believers, but we are not always aware of His presence because we are distracted by our full, hectic lives. This twelve week study shows us how to make Him our top priority and reap the rewards He offers us in an intimate relationship.

Study guides will be provided for a cost of \$13.00 at the meeting. A time to get acquainted, have refreshments, and purchase books

will precede reading the introduction and answering any questions you may have on the first day. In the following weeks we will study Part 1, Waking Up To Worship, and Part 2, Walking in Worship.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

The Good Neighbor Program offered and sponsored by Calloway's-Cornelius Nursery

Keep Lakes on Eldridge beautiful through the Calloway's-Cornelius Nursery Good Neighbor Program has been established to promote goodwill and reward exemplary yard care in the community. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community. The program is implemented entirely by volunteers.

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 of you!

Please allow 8 weeks to receive your gift certificate from Cornelius-Calloways.

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

Winner:
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Shelton
5106 Indian Shores
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Honorable
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Philippe & Marian
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LOE Book Club

Our books for the past several months have been real winners! Join your fellow LOE reading enthusiasts at Book Club and share your favorites. 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.

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 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 MERCYSTREET* 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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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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WHAT IS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION?

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Whenever people ask what I do and I answer by saying I work with wildlife, they usually have many questions. I am going to answer the most often asked questions below.

WHAT IS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION?

The process of providing aid to injured, ill, displaced and/or orphaned wild animals in such a manner that they may survive on their own when released in their natural habitats.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR ANIMALS?

Animals are brought to our Center by the public. We also work with wildlife removal companies, law enforcement and other rehabilitation centers.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO BRING AN ANIMAL TO YOUR CENTER?

No. There is no charge for our services but we do ask for donations. We are a non-profit organization and don't receive any state or federal funding. Caring for wildlife can involve x-rays, medications, food, caging and many other expenses. Home-based rehabilitators spend their own money to provide for the animals until they can be released. Often times it takes months.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I BRING AN ANIMAL IN?

You will be asked to complete a form with information as to where the animal was found, what you believe to be wrong with the animal, whether or not you've attempted to give it water or feed it, and if you or anyone else has been bitten.

The animal will be taken from you and transferred to a Center container and then taken into our Vet Room. The animal is thoroughly examined and treated if injured. Most often the animals are dehydrated and will require fluids. Once a determination has been made as to its health, it will either go into our on-site care program or to a home-based rehabilitator for care.

WHEN DO THEY GET RELEASED?

Only healthy animals will be released back to the wild. If the animal is an infant with no injuries, they must reach a certain size

and weight before being released. If the animals have injuries, it must be completely healed and of a certain size and weight to insure its survival once released.

WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE DO YOU NEED TO REHAB WILDLIFE?

No experience is needed but you must be committed. You can choose between our on-site care programs or home-based rehabilitation. On-site care is the easiest since you work shifts. You will be under the guidance of supervisors who will teach you proper feeding and care. Our on-site care programs run from early spring through the fall. Home-based rehabilitation requires an even bigger commitment. The animals are in your care 24/7. Some species are easier to care for than others and we would be happy to work with you on which species is best for your situation. You will also be responsible for purchasing the food for your animals but we do offer a substantial discount on specialized formulas and food. We can help you with the caging and do not charge for this.

IS THERE A NEED FOR HOME-BASED REHABILITATORS?

YES! We are always happy to find people who want to help. We provide all the training and you are assigned a mentor who is available to help you every step of the way.

DO YOU NEED ON-SITE CARE REHABILITATORS?

YES! If you are interested, you will attend an orientation class and a training class and you'll be ready to go. You will work a 4-hour shift and must commit to working 5 shifts during the length of the program (approximately 6 months). Most of our on-site care rehabilitators come back every year.

Our website is a great source for more information on wildlife. Our calendar will let you know when our classes are and it's easy to sign up. Attending an orientation class does not commit you to anything. It's simply an informational class for you to learn more so you can decide if it's for you. Go to: www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or you can call 713-468-8972.



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