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# RECYCLING EVENT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

The Recycling event that was held at the clubhouse parking lot on September 17th was a big success! Many residents took advantage of a beautiful morning and the opportunity to safely destroy sensitive paperwork and recycle electronics. We had a very busy morning and there were several occasions when cars were waiting in line for their turn to drop off items. We appreciate your patience and the positive feedback that we received!

Texas Security Shredding collected and shredded 4800 pounds of paper. RPC Global collected 6487 pounds of electronics and small consumer goods to be destroyed and/or recycled. RPC normally fills up about 1/4 of their 24 ft box truck at these type of events. At the end of our event, they had filled up the entire truck! Our recycling numbers were even greater than those in June 2015.

Thank you to Cathy and Sarah Casey for organizing the event. Many thanks to the additional volunteers who braved a warm morning to direct traffic, unload vehicles and answer questions - Ken Casey, Dick Kingery, Gayle Parker, Celeste Fritz and Marcela Lupher. A special BIG thank you to Boy Scout Troop 61! This enthusiastic group of young men turned out in force to unload vehicles and helped make dropping off paper and recyclables a fun and speedy process. Our security company was also a great help keeping the parking lot clear for our event and in directing traffic. Lastly, thank you to the residents of LOE for making this event such a big success!



# Lakes on Eldridge

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Our National Night Out celebration on October 4th was our best turnout ever! Over 150 residents came during the 2+ hour event at the clubhouse to mingle with their neighbors and register their gate remotes. Everyone seemed to enjoy visiting with representatives from the sheriff's department and Securitas, LOE's access control company. The fire truck was thrilling for the kids and we want to thank LOE's volunteer firemen, Robert Ramirez and Ravi Maini who manned the truck and gave out plastic fire hats to the kids. A huge thank you to Kim Treas for coordinating this great event. Thank you also J.P. Curtis, Pam Czuba, Marian Gleize, Carolyn Pasternak, Adrienne Sills, Becky Stucky, and Kim Treas for the outstanding refreshments.



## Annual Homeowners Meeting November 7th!

The Annual Homeowners Meeting will be held at the clubhouse at 6:30 on November 7th. We will have 2 Board positions up for election. If you cannot attend our meeting, please complete and return the proxy form in this newsletter to Christi Keller at [ckeller@cmctx.com](mailto:ckeller@cmctx.com). If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Christi or one of the current Board members.



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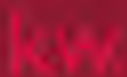
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*Please return this completed and signed proxy by **NOON on Friday, November 4, 2016** in one of the following manners and please allow for appropriate mail time if you are mailing it in:  
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## Wonderful Oktoberfest!



The LOE Community Committee hosted the annual Oktoberfest at the clubhouse on Friday, October 14th. Over 135 residents attended and enjoyed a variety of sausages, cheeses, pretzels, and other refreshments. Four different varieties of beer were provided by Karbach Brewery for taste testing. It was a perfect evening to be outside and meet and mingle with neighbors.

Thank you to Carrie and Kirby Loid for coordinating Oktoberfest. Also thanks to Friedel & Albert Liptay, Zoya Greteroya, Cecilia & Randy Freeman, Debi & Wayne Gan, Veerle Swinnen, Celeste and Dan Fritz, Sue Jolly, Gaynor & Tom Richardson, Karen & Bob Parker, & Rob Ramirez for all their help in making the event a fun night for the neighborhood.

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Thank you for your patience and assistance while we complete this necessary process.



## 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 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:

11/6 – Planning meeting for LOE Holiday Party 11AM @ flexroom

11/13 – Park Playdate 3PM @ the big playground

12/17 – LOE Holiday Party

Want to join LOE Families, but not on Facebook? Email Christine at [lakesoneldridgefamilies@gmail.com](mailto:lakesoneldridgefamilies@gmail.com).



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

November is the final month of 2016 for selecting the Lakes on Eldridge Yard of the Month. It has been a joy and a pleasure for the volunteers to support this Program recognizing neighbors who willingly contribute to the overall appearance of our community. The Good Neighbor Program will resume in March 2017.

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

*The Yard of the Month winners for the month of November are:*



Winner: Kim Treas  
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Winner: Maggie & Bob Wegner  
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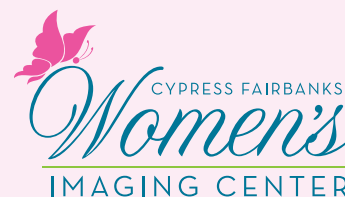
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## We Love Our Pets!!

Lakes on Eldridge residents love their pets! While most people are very responsible pet owners, a few homeowners are making things unpleasant for the rest of us. Here are the simple rules to abide by:

- Walk your dog on a leash. In the last month there have been numerous complaints about a homeowner(s) who refuses to leash the dog. Some dogs can be aggressive to other dogs or strangers even if the owner is present. Please respect your neighbors and walk your dog on its leash.
- Pick up dog excrement in the common areas and especially in homeowner yards. We have a few homeowners who are rightfully complaining that some dogs are using their yards as the go-to restroom. Please strive to prevent your dog from pooping in other people's yards, but if they do, pick it up!
- Never let your dog roam unsupervised in the neighborhood. This is a big problem for those that have a heightened fear of dogs and we know of at least one horror story where an unleashed dog attacked a smaller dog on a leash causing life-threatening injuries to the leashed dog. It is also dangerous for an unleashed dog to roam freely because it can be hit by a car. Finally as discussed in item 2 above, an unleashed dog will inevitably potty in someone else's yard.

- Never let your cat roam freely in the community. Again, this leads to animal waste in neighbor's yards and it also encourages coyotes to come into the community. Thanks for your help!







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## Timely Tips for October Gardeners from Calloway's and Cornelius

This is the perfect time to plant your chilled bulbs for spring; they should be in the ground before the first frost, so plant now while the soil is still easy to work. Iris, daylilies and gladiolas should also be planted at this time, although they are not "true" bulbs, but rhizomes, tubers and corms, respectively. Yet all of these like bulbs require the cooler soil of winter to generate healthy new growth in spring.

Transform your landscape with the addition of fresh, colorful blooms! Pansies are by far the most popular Winter color. The "Matrix" Pansy has been outstanding for our Texas weather. It will not "stretch" during bouts of warm temperatures and is bred to grow out, not up. This compact grower offers shorter stems to support large colorful blooms. Dianthus (also known as "Pinks"), Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Violas and the fragrant Alyssum are also good choices for cold tolerant annuals. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale provide interesting texture in the landscape as well as color. For best effect, limit your planting to two or three colors per bed.

The key to growing beautiful annual flowers is soil preparation. Work Calloway's Flowerbed Mix into the soil, or organic compost, to a depth of 6" to 8". Adding Calloway's Flower Food to the soil

at the time of planting will provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. Remember to add 2 to 3 inches of mulch to all beds to reduce moisture loss, prevent weeds from germinating, and to insulate the soil from the cold.

Using the same colorful annuals will add a splash of color to your patio containers. Fill your container with fresh potting soil, plant food and your choice of these beautiful annuals to brighten your winter. Keep them watered as necessary and remove faded flowers to encourage repeat blooming.

If you want those beautiful Texas Bluebonnets in the Spring, sow the seed in early November!

Please remember the birds! Texas is a haven for birds. No other state in the United States has more species within its boundaries. There are currently over 620 species documented in Texas, which is almost 75 percent of all bird species recorded in the continental United States. To attract the widest variety of wild birds, you should consider placing a wide variety of bird feeders and food around your yard.

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Nov 5 ♦ Holiday Market, 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.....	Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse
Nov 10 - 13 ♦ 36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Ballet Nutcracker Market .....	NutcrackerMarket.com
Nov 10 -17 ♦ Annual Houston Cinema Arts Festival.....	CinemaArtSociety.org
Nov 11 - 12 ♦ Bay Area Nutcracker Market .....	HoustonAreaShow.com
Nov 12 - 13 ♦ 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Children's Festival, The Woodlands.....	WoodlandsCenter.org
Nov 12 - Jan 8 ♦ 15 <sup>th</sup> Festival of Lights, Moody Gardens.....	MoodyGardens.org
Nov 13 ♦ 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Children's Festival .....	WoodlandsCenter.org
Nov 18 - 20 ♦ Jr League Holiday Market, The Woodlands.....	JLTheWoodlands.org
Nov 18 - 20 ♦ Holiday Christmas Gift Market, Katy TX.....	HomeForTheHolidaysGiftMarket.com
Nov 18 - Jan 14 ♦ Houston 'Zoo Lights' .....	HoustonZoo.org/ZooLights
Nov 19 & 20 ♦ 2016 ViaColoriHouston .....	CenterHearingAndSpeech.org
Nov 24 ♦ 67 <sup>th</sup> Annual HEB Thanksgiving Day Parade.....	HoustonTx.gov/ThanksgivingParade
Nov 24 ♦ Uptown Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony .....	Uptown-Houston.com
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As in the past, the success of our annual fundraising event has largely been due to the contributions of our sponsors and donors, who have gone out of their way to lend financial support; furthering TWRC's mission to promote environmental conservation through public education and rehabilitation of Texas wildlife.

TWRC Wildlife Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, serves as an emergency facility for wildlife brought to us by the public. Throughout our 37-year history, over 140,000 injured, orphaned or ill wildlife have passed through the hands of our caring volunteers. We provide veterinary care for injured animals and coordinated placement of wildlife with appropriately skilled and permitted rehabilitators, who care for wildlife until release back into a native habitat. TWRC also operates a wildlife hotline to assist the public with wildlife concerns. Our onsite rehabilitation programs engage community volunteers to help care for the thousands of birds, squirrels and other wildlife brought to our center. Our exciting

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## Lakes on Eldridge Book Club

We are winding down for this year with only our Christmas meeting/party to go. All are welcome - 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.

December 12 – *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Paulo Coelho's masterpiece tells the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different—and far more satisfying—than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, of recognizing opportunity and learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, most importantly, to follow our dreams.

This will be our Christmas party, so please bring a wrapped, gently used book for a gift exchange.

January 23 - *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. A riveting historical thriller about the “War of the Currents,” the famous race for glory and riches between Thomas Edison and

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- Unkempt front beds. All beds should be free of weeds with trimmed bushes. Any dead plants should be removed and replaced.
- Tree trimming issues. Trees should be limbed up at least 8' above the sidewalks. They should NEVER be hacked back to just the trunk. Trimming more than 1/3 of the foliage of a tree will often kill a tree or significantly damage its life. If your trees are too crowded, particularly if you live on a cul-de-sac please see the new guidelines for trees. If you have a lot that adjoins a common area, you can remove any limbs from a common area tree at the point that it crosses into your yard. You cannot do a trim to a common area tree beyond your property limit without prior written permission of the HOA.
- Dead grass. Replace any areas lacking grass with St. Augustine

grass. If the area is particularly shady which interferes with growth, install Amerishade St. Augustine which is designed to grow in less sunlight.

- Dirty driveways and sidewalks. As a minimum, at least once per year driveways and sidewalks should be power washed. If it looks grimy, clean it!
- Dirty or damaged mailboxes. Wash, paint, and secure your mailbox. Your postal carrier will appreciate it and it will make your house look better.
- As always, regularly mow your lawn and edge along all sidewalks and curbs.

A big “thank you” to all those homeowners who take pride in their home and keep their yards beautiful.



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- Experienced, certified teachers
- Low staff turnover
- Parent participation encouraged
- Authentic Montessori approach that fosters a love for learning for toddlers-elementary

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