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LOE Book Club

A new year brings a new reading list. At this time, we've only selected our first four books of the year, and the list is always subject to change, so keep an eye out for more! 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.

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 George Westinghouse. Featuring a cast of characters ranging from Nikola Tesla to Alexander Graham Bell to Stanford White, this is a wonder-filled work of historical fiction that is both legal caper and fact-based account of one of the most transformative moments in American history.

February 27 - The Jealous Kind by James Lee Burke. An atmospheric, coming-of-age story set in 1952 Texas, as the Korea War rages. On its surface, life in Houston is as you would expect: drive-in restaurants, souped-up cars, jukeboxes, teenagers discovering their sexuality. But beneath the glitz and superficial normalcy, a class war has begun, and it is nothing like the conventional portrayal of the decade. Against this backdrop Aaron Holland Broussard discovers the poignancy of first love and a world of violence he did not know existed.

When Aaron spots the beautiful and gifted Valerie Epstein fighting with her boyfriend, Grady Harrelson, at a Galveston drive-in, he inadvertently challenges the power of the Mob and one of the richest families in Texas. He also discovers he must find the courage his father had found as an American soldier in the Great War.

March 27 - Calling Me Home by Julie Kibler. A soaring debut interweaving the story of a heartbreaking, forbidden love in 1930s Kentucky with an unlikely modern-day friendship. Eighty-nine-year-old Isabelle McAllister has a favor to ask her hairdresser Dorrie Curtis. It's a big one. Isabelle wants Dorrie, a black single mom in her thirties, to drop everything to drive her from her home in Arlington, Texas, to a funeral in Cincinnati. With no clear explanation why. Tomorrow.

Dorrie, fleeing problems of her own and curious whether she can unlock the secrets of Isabelle's guarded past, scarcely hesitates before agreeing, not knowing it will be a journey that changes both their lives.

Over the years, Dorrie and Isabelle have developed more than just a business relationship. They are friends. But Dorrie, fretting over the new man in her life and her teenage son's irresponsible choices, still wonders why Isabelle chose her.

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Isabelle confesses that, as a willful teen in 1930s Kentucky, she fell deeply in love with Robert Prewitt, a would-be doctor and the black son of her family's housekeeper—in a town where blacks weren't allowed after dark. The tale of their forbidden relationship and its tragic consequences makes it clear Dorrie and Isabelle are headed for a gathering of the utmost importance and that the history of Isabelle's first and greatest love just might help Dorrie find her own way.

April 24 – Moloka'i by Alan Brennert. This richly imagined novel, set in Hawai'i more than a century ago, is an extraordinary epic of a little-known time and place---and a deeply moving testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.

Rachel Kalama, a spirited seven-year-old Hawaiian girl, dreams of visiting far-off lands like her father, a merchant seaman. Then one day a rose-colored mark appears on her skin, and those dreams are stolen from her. Taken from her home and family, Rachel is sent to Kalaupapa, the quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Moloka'i. Here her life is supposed to end---but instead she discovers it is only just beginning.

So many books, so little time!...

LOE WEBSITE PLEASE REGISTER TO USE IT *Lots Of Great Information*

It is important that you register for access to this website. Tenants also need to follow these instructions to get registered so you can have access to the website and gain helpful information during your residency in this great community. Welcome to the Lakes on Eldridge Mobile App and Website! Receive notifications, messages and reminders from your HOA; Find HOA documents, forms and events information; Find contact information for the HOA management company. There are multiple ways to join:

- Text "lakesoneldridge" to 59248 and receive a text back with an app download link

- Go to <https://lakesoneldridge.nabrnetwork.com>

If you haven't received a welcome email, use the new user registration button and follow the instructions. If you are a new resident to the community, it may take a few days for the management company to confirm your residency. An email notification with login credentials will be sent to you once you are authorized. If you have any issues or need login support, please contact Nabr Network Support (support@nabrnetwork.com). If you are a Tenant, please indicate that in your email.



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NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS

Happy Holidays! We wish all residents a joyful holiday and Happy New Year. 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 New Year's Eve up to 12:30 am. No fireworks are to be used on any other day or after 12:30 am. Any fireworks usage outside of New Year's Eve or after 12:30 am 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.

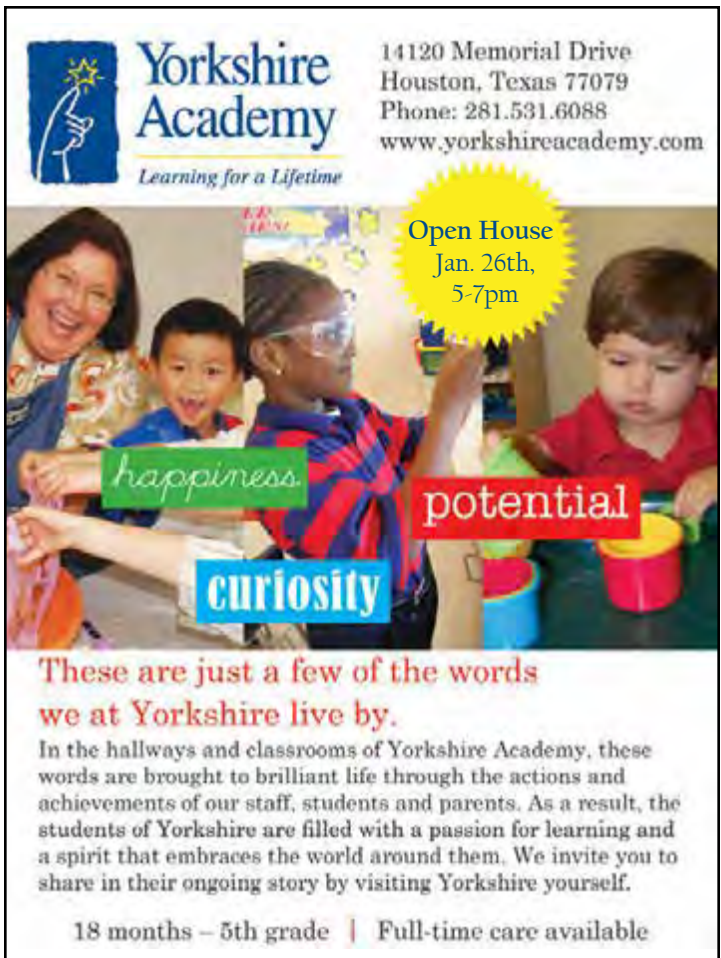
Fireworks are not only illegal in the City and parts of the county but they are also very dangerous. Harris County residents should also be aware that HFD will be enforcing the fireworks ban in the Limited Purpose Annexation areas. The fines are anywhere from \$500 - \$2000 for each individual firework. 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.

THE 2016 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS ARE SO LAST YEAR!

Christmas is a great time of year where many share their joy by decorating their homes with lights and colorful displays. Some will continue their Christmas season celebrations into January. But let's make sure that our decorations don't wear out their welcome. Everyone should enjoy the season, but be a good neighbor and put those decorations away in good time. Thanks to all that take such pride in their houses and continue to attend to a good presentation of their homes.

2017 ANNUAL FEES ARE NOW DUE

It is a new year and the Lakes on Eldridge Annual Fee is the same as they were last year. The statements were sent out in November. If you did not receive or have misplaced your statement, please email Christi Keller at ckeller@cmctx.com. Please make sure your payment is received on time or contact Christi if there will be a problem paying. Once the final date has passed, options become limited.



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Harris County MUD #341

Delivering high quality drinking water to our customers, every day of the year, means that that we need to carry out a variety of maintenance type jobs designed to keep our system in tip-top condition.

One of these jobs is to periodically flush the water distribution system to remove minerals which have accumulated over time in the pipes and use a chlorine disinfectant to treat the water against the potentially harmful effects of bacteria. The following information explains what we do and why we do it.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Our operation company, TNG Utility, creates a plan to systematically clean all of the water mains in our system. We raise the level of chlorine and then open hydrants on the water mains, one at a time, across the area we are working in to flush the water through the mains.

This process stirs up and removes any sediment in the mains and by opening and closing valves we ensure every length of water main is flushed.

WHY ARE YOU DOING IT?

The water entering our mains after treatment is of a very high quality, however, over time sediments can build up in the pipes; this

could result in customers occasionally receiving discolored water. Too much sediment can also affect the taste, clarity and color of water.

WHERE DO YOU FLUSH?

The purpose of this process is to circulate highly chlorinated water throughout the entire system, including dead end sections that would not get circulation otherwise.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

TNG will begin the process in early February. During this time you will see TNG personnel flushing the system using the fire hydrants and blow off valves located throughout your neighborhood. The process will take approximately one week.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN THE FLUSHING WILL BE DONE?

The following actions will be taken to inform our customers of exactly when the flush will occur and what to expect:

- In your bill from TNG will be an enclosed letter explaining the details
- A "hang-tag" will be left on your front door
- Email blast from Lake on Eldridge will be sent
- A TNG Representative will attend the January HOA Board meeting to answer questions

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• Details of the flush will be posted on the Lakes on Eldridge website

HOW WILL I BE AFFECTED?

Please note: Your water will be safe to drink.

However, on the dates between the start and end of the flushing, residents may experience:

- Colored water coming from your faucets when you first turn on the water
- Colored water coming from your toilets when you flush
- Pungent smell coming from your water when you turn on your faucets

Helpful tips:

- Run your faucets 1-3 minutes before using the water
- Unplug your ice machine / buy ice for consumption
- Buy water to wash your clothes / run your washing machine through one cycle before washing any clothes. This will help cycle through any unsettled water in the lines from the main line to your house line
- If you are using a water softener change / clean the filter each week during the process.
- When you encounter any odor coming from the water. Pouring bleach in the drain will help settle the smell.

TNG Utility has experience in this process and utilizes this maintenance in many of their districts that receive surface water. This process was accomplished at Lakes on Eldridge North in November, 2016. MUD #341 and TNG appreciates your patience during this process.

If at any time during the flushing process you are still experiencing water issues please feel free to contact TNG Utility Corp. at 281-350-0895.



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SAVING JULIET

Pelican Pointe's swan, Juliet, ran into a problem recently. She decided to explore the lakes and ended up stuck in a small lake in Crescent Bay. The lake had been partially drained for bulkhead repairs and Juliet couldn't get out and helpers couldn't get her out because of the slant of the concrete and depth of the water left in the lake. She floated and swam around for about 9 days and was tiring out not having been able to stand or sit anywhere. Two marvelous ladies came to the rescue. They are Marsha Harper who has been involved in duck rescue and rehabbing for 21 years with Lone Star Wildlife Rescue and who also helps

TWRC with rehabbing and placing ducks and geese that have been injured. Marsha recently found a good home for our aggressive male swan, Lucky. Karen Smith, who helps Marsha with rescue efforts, works closely with wildlife centers in the Houston area. Karen's expertise with the casting net helps with rescues that are nearly impossible.

The ladies heard about Juliet and the next day were out here, Marsha with a fishing net and Karen with her casting net. One gentle toss and the net surrounded Juliet. Karen tightened the net and Marsha put a fishing net over Juliet so she wouldn't struggle. It

was one of the most surprising rescues I've ever witnessed and it was so gentle and without injury. Once on the bank it was discovered by the ladies that Juliet was waterlogged and very cold. I took her to my house for the day so she would have plenty of food and time to dry out in the sun. I am so grateful for these wonderful people especially with a cold front moving in which could have caused Juliet in her weakened state to perish.

I also wanted to announce that LOE has no aggressive swans and will have no aggressive swans for three to four years. Families can now feed the swans green leaf lettuce as a treat and enjoy them without fear of being attacked. Two of Juliet's babies were moved to the lake by the tennis courts in memory of Dan Jolly, Anita Manning, and Jerry Dunaway, three of our wonderful neighbors who passed away this year. I hope Sue Jolly and Virginia and Bob Jolly will enjoy them for years to come.



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How to Keep Your New Year's Resolutions

The New Year has arrived, and you have already made your resolutions. Now, how to stick to your plan?

Steps:

1. Put it all on paper. Write your resolutions down, and keep them in an accessible place as reminders - tape them to your mirror, write them in a journal or put them on your refrigerator door.
2. Mark your calendar. Set deadlines for yourself to tackle each step toward reaching your goal, one at a time.
3. Start as soon as possible. Purchase the necessary equipment or literature; call now and set up an appointment with your dentist, your doctor, your trainer, your accountant....
4. Find a role model. Is there anyone who has succeeded in fulfilling an ambition like yours? Look to this person as a reminder that it is possible to achieve your goal.
5. Check your progress regularly, and give yourself an occasional reward for your efforts. Make sure the reward isn't contrary to your resolution.

6. Inform friends and family of your goals, and recruit them to regularly remind and support you in your endeavors.

Tip:

- Don't sweat the setbacks; persistence is the key.





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NEW YEAR TRIVIA

“Happy New Year!” That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year’s Day in modern America was not always January 1.

ANCIENT NEW YEARS: The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New Moon (actually the first visible crescent) after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary. The Babylonian New Year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year’s Eve festivities pale in comparison. The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year.

But changes continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the New Year.

NEW YEAR TRADITIONS: Traditions of the season include the making of New Year’s resolutions. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or quit smoking. The early Babylonian’s most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their God of Wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that God as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

AULD LANG SYNE: The song, “Auld Lang Syne,” is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the New Year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700’s, it was first published in 1796 after Burns’ death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, “Auld Lang Syne” literally means “old long ago,” or simply, “the good old days.”

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Fungus gnats often become a problem in homes due to an overwatering problem. Since this time of year can bring poinsettias or other plants into the home, fungus gnats are a pest to watch for.

Fungus gnat adults are small, black, long-legged flies with long antennae. Most adults are about 1/16 an inch but some can get up to 1/2 an inch. They are weak fliers and generally remain near potted plants, growing media, foliage or leaf litter.

Larvae, or immatures, have a black head capsule and long whitish body without legs. They feed on organic matter such as mulch, compost, grass clippings, plant roots and fungi. When conditions are very moist, fungus gnat larvae can become abundant and may leave slime trails on media that looks similar to trails left by snails or slugs.

While these gnats are a nuisance they are fairly easy to manage.

Indoors, it is a good idea to use yellow sticky cards as a monitoring tool. Potato pieces may also be used as a monitoring tool for fungus gnats. To do this, imbed a peeled potato cube into media and inspect the underside of the potato and the media directly below it twice a week for fungus gnat larvae.

To manage fungus gnat populations, work on reducing excessively moist conditions. Avoid overwatering and make sure that there is good drainage. The surface of container soil should be allowed to dry before watering again.

If using compost, make sure that items have been fully composted. Compost piles should be turned regularly and kept away from doors or windows. Inspect all doors, windows, vents and screens for a good seal to reduce the number of gnats that may enter a structure.

Bacillus thuringiensis var. *israelensis* or the nematode *Steinernema feltiae* can be applied in containers to control larvae. Either spray on the media or apply as a soil drench. Biologicals work best when they are applied early in an infestation. If a population is already large, they may not provide the control desired.

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



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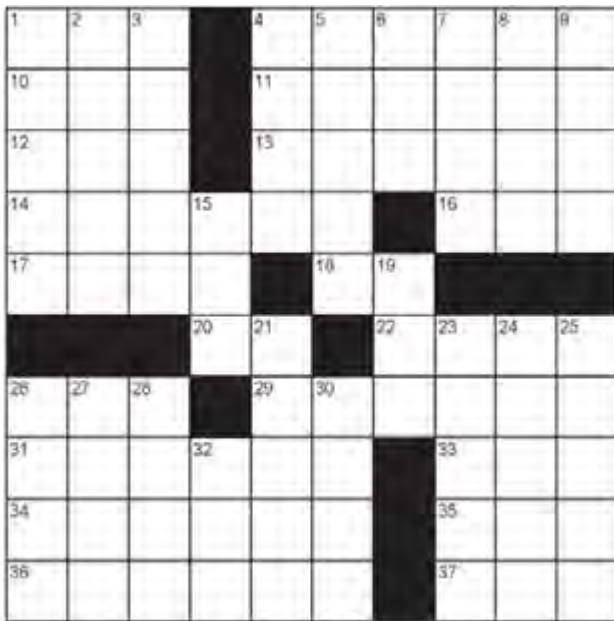
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