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Official Newsletter for the  
Residents of Lakes on Eldridge

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### FUN AND GAMES AT THE CLUBHOUSE

June 4th

For a fun afternoon, bring your favorite board or card game to the Club House on Sunday June 4th - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. You can either join in on a game or teach others to play your game. If you have questions contact Sue Jolly ([suzannejolly33@gmail.com](mailto:suzannejolly33@gmail.com)) or Veerle Swinnen ([veerlekurt@msn.com](mailto:veerlekurt@msn.com))

### LOE SOCIAL COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR A COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE INSTRUCTOR

DO YOUR BOOTS SCOOT?!?

The LOE social committee is looking for a country western line dance teacher for Sunday, August 27 - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. If anyone is willing to teach a class or knows of someone who could lead us in learning some simple line dance steps, could they contact Sue Jolly ([suzannejolly33@gmail.com](mailto:suzannejolly33@gmail.com)) or Veerle Swinnen ([veerlekurt@msn.com](mailto:veerlekurt@msn.com))

### LOE FITNESS CENTER

PROGRAM FOR TEENS AGES 14 TO 17

Thanks to the Fitness Center Committee, the Board has approved a program (during a trial period over the summer) that would allow LOE teens, ages 14 to 17, to work out in the facility. There is a Waiver with rules that must be signed by the parents and the teen and then submitted to CMC and the Fitness Center Committee will review each request and advise of approval.

Please see the [www.lakesoneldridge.net](http://www.lakesoneldridge.net) website under Resources for more information.

A special demonstration/training session will be held for interested teens (no guests please) in June. Specific date and time to be announced on the website. A certified personal trainer will be conducting this session to instruct the proper use of the equipment and Fitness Center etiquette.

## Lakes on Eldridge Social Events Calendar 2017

#### Recurring Events

First Friday of every month: OPEN CLUBHOUSE 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Meet up with neighbors for social time. BYOB and bring an appetizer to share.

**Sunday June 4 - Game Night \***  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Saturday July 15 - Dive-In Movie (pool)**  
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Sunday August 27 - Line Dancing \*\***  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Saturday Sept. 30 - International Potluck \***  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Friday October 13 - Oktoberfest \*\***  
6:30 pm-10:30 pm

**Saturday Oct. 28 - Family Halloween Party ++**  
TIME - TBA

**Saturday November 4 - Holiday Market \***  
10 am - 4:00 pm

**Sunday December 31 - New Year's Eve Party \***  
8:00 pm -12:30 am

\* For more information about these events, please contact Sue Jolly ([suzannejolly33@gmail.com](mailto:suzannejolly33@gmail.com)) or Veerle Swinnen ([veerlekurt@msn.com](mailto:veerlekurt@msn.com))

++ For more information about the family events, please contact Christine Ciro ([lakesoneldridgefamilies@gmail.com](mailto:lakesoneldridgefamilies@gmail.com))

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# Lakes on Eldridge

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## LOE CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RENTING THE CLUBHOUSE, PLEASE REVIEW THE RENTAL AGREEMENT UNDER RESOURCES ON THE LAKESONELDRIDGE.NET WEBSITE. YOU MAY EMAIL KORTNII AT CMC AT [KBENEFIELD@CMCTX.COM](mailto:KBENEFIELD@CMCTX.COM) TO INQUIRE ABOUT AVAILABILITY AND ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE. KORTNII HANDLES ALL RESERVATIONS FOR THE CLUBHOUSE.



## 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 at the Dive In Movie. 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:

6/25 @ 4:30 PM – Playdate at the Auburn Shores Playground

7/15 @ 8 PM – Dive In Movie at the LOE Pool

8/19 @ 10 AM – Back To School Pool Party at LOE Pool

Every Monday @ 10 AM – Infant/Young Toddler Playdate – see Facebook page for details

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

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From time to time, we find it necessary to remind residents that speed limits and other traffic control signs are in our community for a reason. That reason is Safety. We have many pedestrians in LOE that enjoy walking, running or biking through our beautiful community. We have kids walking to school, to the bus stop and to the play grounds. Drivers in LOE need to safely pass by our walkers and bikers. The first step is keeping their speed to the posted limits and to observe and obey the stop signs.

Of recent concern are increased reports of drivers not observing speed limits and stop signs. LOE has a general speed limit of 25 mph and has reduced the speed limit to 20 mph around school hours in certain zones where our kids are gathering. This includes the school bus loading zone in front of

the Clubhouse and along Summerland Ridge adjacent to Kirk Elementary School. Recently, we have observed a number of vehicles deliberately exceeding these speed limits and/or running through posted stop signs. This is completely unacceptable. Everyone would much prefer a safe environment. We do not want to have a pedestrian airlifted from LOE to a hospital like LOEN had just within the last year or so. Compliance with the safety rules will be strictly enforced and those that continue to choose to ignore them will have to bear the consequences. So, please be observant whenever driving in LOE. Obey all speed limits and stop signs. Everyone's safety should be everyone's priority.



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# Lakes on Eldridge

## POOL RULES for LAKES ON ELDRIDGE

PLEASE REVIEW WITH YOUR FAMILY  
AND GUESTS

Use is restricted **ONLY** to Lakes on Eldridge residents and accompanied guests. Lakes on Eldridge Community Association, Inc. pool is a **SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK FACILITY AND WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A LIFEGUARD.**

1. Entry gate to be closed at all times.
2. Appropriate swimming apparel only. No cutoffs.
3. Food and beverages to remain on pool deck and not allowed in swimming pool. So that all may enjoy the pool area, residents and guests are required to clean up after themselves to avoid a clean-up charge.
4. Place trash in receptacles.
5. Children under 16 years old must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult (18 years or older).
6. Children who are not toilet-trained must wear a swim diaper or plastic pants and a swim suit. Cloth or disposable diapers are not allowed.
7. Animals are not allowed in the building or pool area, except guide dogs. Guide dogs are allowed on the deck, but not in the water.
8. No running, pushing, foul language or general roughhousing allowed.
9. No smoking.
10. No alcohol.
11. No glass items anywhere in the facility.
12. No loud music. Personal music devices only.
13. No diving, back dives, or somersaults from the side of the pool.
14. Climbing, sitting, and jumping from fences is prohibited.
15. No skateboards, roller skates, bikes, or scooters allowed inside the fence.
16. Umbrellas to be closed upon departure of pool area.
17. No vandalizing of Association property.
18. Pool closed Monday for cleaning, except for designated holidays.

\*Association has the right to utilize surveillance equipment for viewing pool activity.

\*Failure to comply with pool rules entitles the Association to suspend an owner's right to utilize the pool. Suspension to be enforced through deactivation of key fobs assigned to respective property address. Owner will be notified in accordance with Chapter 209 of the Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act.

Emergency call 911. Report incidents or unsafe conditions to Creative Management Company at (713) 772-4420. Report trespassing to the Sheriff at (713) 221-6000. Being on pool property, inside the gate, after pool hours is trespassing. Pool hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.



**Saturday, July 15th  
8pm - 10pm**

Come join us for a Dive In Movie at the Lakes on Eldridge Pool. We will be showing a movie on the big screen by the pool, so come take a dip in the pool and enjoy the show.

All LOE Pool Rules will be in effect and must be followed during this event for the safety of everyone. The pool is Swim At Your Own Risk. Children under the age of 16 must have a supervising adult present at all times. All attendees should have a signed agreement for the LOE Pool Rules and a Waiver on file with Creative Management Company.

### **GATE REMOTE NOT WORKING OR YOU NEED A REMOTE BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ONE??**

Please contact Kortnii at Creative Management Company at 713-772-4420 ext. 123 or email her at [kbenefield@cmctx.com](mailto:kbenefield@cmctx.com) to set an appointment at the CMC office to get your needed gate remote. It can also be done by mail, but you would need to mail in your remotes with a note with your name, address and email address advising what you want to do. Then CMC will mail your new remote(s) but you have to deal with mail time.

When purchasing additional remotes, please make the check out to Lakes On Eldridge and the remotes are \$40 each. **PAYMENT IS BY CHECK ONLY.....NO CASH OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## Come Cheer the LOE Dolphins Swim Team!

It's hard to believe that the season is already half over! The swimmers are off to a great start and there is still a lot more fun ahead for all involved! Thanks to our coaches for all their hard work getting our swimmers ready for the meets and thanks to all our volunteers for making our events run smoothly.

For the latest information, please go to our website and click on "Meets and Events." Come give us your support and cheer on our wonderful swimmers!

Remaining schedule for 2017:

June 3: LOE vs jersey Village, home meet

June 10: LOE vs Deerfield, away meet

After the season, we will be offering a Fall Swim Program for swimmers looking for conditioning and stroke development. Please check our website in late June for more information.



The Yorkshire Academy choir, including Lakes on Eldridge students, had the opportunity to sing and sign to the National Anthem on April 18 when the Astros played the Los Angeles Angels.

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## LOE Book Club

Well, we already changed our schedule, swapping the May and September books. We have made our selections for the rest of the year, though. 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](mailto:celeste.fritz@gmail.com) to get the details for each meeting.

**May 22:** *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi. In Kabul, 2007, with a drug-addicted father and no brothers, Rahima and her sisters can only sporadically attend school, and can rarely leave the house. Their only hope lies in the ancient custom of bacha posh, which allows young Rahima to dress and be treated as a boy until she is of marriageable age. As a son, she can attend school, go to the market, and chaperone her older sisters.

But Rahima is not the first in her family to adopt this unusual custom. A century earlier, her great-great grandmother, Shekiba, left orphaned by an epidemic, saved herself and built a new life the same way.

Crisscrossing in time, *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell* interweaves the tales of these two women separated by a century who share similar destinies. But what will happen once Rahima is of marriageable age? Will Shekiba always live as a man? And if Rahima cannot adapt to

life as a bride, how will she survive?

**June 26:** *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. An elderly widower who has lived through three wars and fought in two of them, the captain enjoys his rootless, solitary existence.

In Wichita Falls, he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Four years earlier, a band of Kiowa raiders killed Johanna's parents and sister; sparing the little girl, they raised her as one of their own. Recently rescued by the U.S. army, the ten-year-old has once again been torn away from the only home she knows.

A respectable man, Captain Kidd is faced with a terrible choice: abandon the girl to her fate or become—in the eyes of the law—a kidnapper himself. Exquisitely rendered and morally complex, *News of the World* is a brilliant work of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

**July 24:** *Small Great Things* by Judi Picoult. Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that

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she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

With incredible empathy, intelligence, and candor, Jodi Picoult tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion—and doesn't offer easy answers.

**August 28:** *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende From New York Times bestselling author Isabel Allende, "a magical and sweeping" (Publishers Weekly, starred review) love story and multigenerational epic that stretches from San Francisco in the present-day to Poland and the United States during World War II.

**September 25:** *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. Sometimes a reader craves a good, old-fashioned yarn. This much anticipated novel from the author of *The Paris Wife* is exactly that: an engrossing story of love and adventure in colonial Africa, complete with gorgeous landscape, dissolute British ex-pats, and lots of derring-do with horses, motorcars and airplanes. That it is also the best kind of contemporary historical novel – the kind that teaches you something about the real people and events of the time – is a bonus.

So many books, so little time!.....

## Finding Yourself

*Wife. Daughter. Sister. Teacher. Friend.* These are some of the roles I play in life. They have become what define me. I have discovered the closer I adhere to each role, I lose a bit more of my identity; the "je ne sais quoi" that makes me unique. The mundane sameness of each day has trapped me into playing the roles I wear and forgetting who I really am. Most days I find myself on autopilot just trying to make it to the end of the day.

All too often, the roles we claim begin to take ownership of who we are as a person and we lose our sense of unique individuality. Don't you remember that feeling of knowing exactly who you were? I remember feeling strong, confident and comfortable in my skin. Now I just feel tired most of the time.

It's time for a change. It's time to take a step back to gain some clarity and fresh perspective. I need to know who I am now and what I want for my life. I don't know what that may be, but I am pretty excited to find out. I hope you will join me on this journey. It might be a little scary, but **Finding Yourself** might just be the best thing you ever do.

*\*\*If you find these things to be true in your own life, and would like to make a change, please visit our website at [www.fivehorses.com](http://www.fivehorses.com) to learn more about our new women's retreat, *Finding Yourself*, coming this June\*\**

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## PETS OF LOE

By: Isabella, Rohan, Matteo and Rhea



This month we will present Bare. She is a mix of a Schnauzer and Terrier and is 16 years old. Isabella's parents found this dog alone and sick on a beach in Brazil. They adopted her and she has traveled around the globe. When Isabella was young Bare would scare off squirrels who would get too close to Isabella. She thought she was protecting her. One day, Isabella took Bare to school. Bare accidentally rolled over another student and scared her. Also, she loves treats and

rubs. If you stop petting her she will nudge your hand for more. This is all for this pet of the month. We hope you liked it!



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## SWANS CAN BE DANGEROUS

This time of the year, Mother Nature provides our LOE swans with some common sense. It is mating, nesting, and egg-laying season and they feel the need to protect their territory against predators including humans, dogs, and waterfowl. Most of the swans in our neighborhood are not old enough to mate but some will go through the motions of even building a nest. The pairs of swans that are old enough to produce young (cygnets) are normally gentle and can be hand fed while posing no threat. However, our cobs (males) will become aggressive and territorial in trying to protect his pen (female) and nest. This is usually temporary until mating season is over. If you are walking past a lake and a swan swims to your side and follows you, **BEWARE!** If you see a swan with his neck back and feathers up such as the one in the accompanying picture, please stay away, do not attempt to feed him, and walk on the other side of the street as he is in his **ATTACK** position. Please warn your nannies and sitters not to stroll babies around the swans. We must try to remember that the swans are merely protecting their territory and readying the area for their young. We need to be as cautious of them as they are of us. Thank you for your cooperation!



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## Chili Con Queso

### Ingredients

2 lbs. Velveeta cheese, cubed  
1 - 13 oz. can evaporated milk  
1/4 lb. margarine  
2 onions, chopped fine  
2 or 3 garlic buds, minced  
12 or 14 whole green chilies, seeded & mashed  
1 large jar pimentos, chopped  
1 large can taco sauce

### Directions

Melt cheese in double boiler with milk. Saute onions, garlic in margarine until soft but not brown. Add green chilies, pimentos and taco sauce. Cook about 10 minutes covered. Add cheese mixture. Blend well, but do not boil. Serve hot or cold. It keeps well in a glass jar in refrigerator. Reheat in double boiler or microwave. Can be used as a dip, or a sauce on broccoli, cauliflower, or green beans; or a spread for toast or stuffing for celery.





# I Found a Baby Squirrel, Now What?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

If you find a baby squirrel, check for the following:

- Is it bleeding, have an open wound, or a broken bone?
- Is it covered in fly eggs [they look like grains of rice]?
- Is it cold, wet, or crying?

If the answer is YES to any of the above, the squirrel is likely injured. Bring it to us as soon as possible.

If NO, the next step is to determine its approximate age to see if you need to intervene.

Does the squirrel have a fluffed-out tail [like a bottle brush]?

Is the body longer than 6" [not including the tail]?

If the answer is YES to these questions, this is likely a juvenile squirrel. You do not need to intervene. Even at the young age of 10 to 12 weeks, the squirrel is already independent and on its own.

If NO, this is an infant squirrel. You will need to help reunite the baby with its mother.

Baby squirrels at this age must be kept warm. Heat a towel in the microwave or place uncooked rice or bird seed in a sock and warm in the microwave for 20-30 seconds. Wrap the sock in a soft towel and place it with the baby in an open container like a small box or

plastic container.

Place the box IN A SAFE PLACE OFF THE GROUND near where you found the baby or under the tree with the nest if you know which tree it is. You can also attach the container directly to the tree but MAKE SURE IT IS SECURE.

Keep children, dogs, and cats out of the area.

Observe the baby squirrel for the next six to eight hours of daylight. Reheat the towel or rice/birdseed bag every two hours. Has the mother returned to retrieve her baby?

If YES ... congratulations!

If NO, bring the box with the baby inside.

Continue to keep it warm until you can bring it to us.

REMEMBER: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED THE SQUIRREL OR GIVE IT WATER!

*TWRC Wildlife Center is your resource for wildlife-related questions. They also serve as an emergency wildlife care facility should you find animals in need of help. If you have any questions, please call 713-468-TWRC. You can also find useful information at [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org).*

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## HOUSE FLIES

Moving into summer, we should prepare for the inevitable....house flies. While many see house flies as a nuisance, they are capable of spreading diseases such as dysentery or food poisoning. Due to the locations house flies frequent- garbage, manure, and carrion- they can pick up bacteria and other disease organisms which can transfer to other areas where they may land such as dishes, food, or countertops. House flies regurgitate onto food to liquefy it before eating and they can further contaminate items by defecating upon surfaces.

The common house fly has two wings and is dull gray with black stripes on the thorax (the section where the wings are attached). Adult flies can only eat liquid foods and have sponging mouthparts specialized to help them feed.

Eggs are usually laid on decaying matter such as animal fecal material, grass clippings, or garbage. Around 100-150 eggs are laid by the female. Depending upon temperature (warmer temperatures speed things up); eggs may hatch within 8 hours to 2 days.

Maggots, the immature stage of a fly, are small, white, carrot-

shaped, and legless. There are 3 larval molts then mature larvae seek a dry location for pupation. Pupae are reddish brown and somewhat oval in shape.

During the summer, house flies may live up to 2.5 weeks while during cooler times of the year they may live up to 3 months.

The key to fly management is sanitation, or cleaning. Eliminate breeding sites by picking up animal waste one to two times per week; empty garbage cans regularly; clean garbage cans at least once a month with soapy water. Keep garbage cans located away from doors that lead into the home and make sure they have tight fitting lids.

Other items that can help reduce fly problems include keeping window screens in good repair; making sure doors and windows have a tight seal and weather stripping is in good condition; and using fly swatters or sticky fly paper to get rid of adult flies.

*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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)*

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