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Residents of Lakes on Eldridge

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LOE Families invites all LOE residents to our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9th from 10am to noon at the LOEN clubhouse. We will have cocoa and cookies, crafts, and lots of fun. We will also have a special visit from Santa. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to put under the tree with Santa. All donations will go to the children at the Mission of Yahweh women's and children's shelter.



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## LOE Book Club

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. We skip November because of the holidays, then have a Christmas meeting early in December. Because of Hurricane Harvey, we have pushed our selections back a month.

December 4 – Saving El Chico by Meta Strauss. This entertaining, character-driven debut novel is a marvelous, laugh-out-loud funny yet revealing story of a small present-day Texas town dying from drought. Inspired by real Texans, history and geography, Saving El Chico is a tale of the rugged courage, imagination, good humor and inspiration recognized as belonging to Texans since the founding of their beloved state. This meeting will be our Christmas Party. We'll have a brief discussion and then have a gift exchange.

January 22 - The Tumbling Turner Sisters by Juliette Fay. Set against the turbulent backdrop of American Vaudeville, four sisters embark on an unexpected adventure—and a last-ditch effort to save their family.

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



## LAKES ON ELDRIDGE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held Nov. 8 at Kirk Elementary with more than a quorum in attendance. Carlon Thorpe led the meeting. The community welcomed her return after Hurricane Harvey. The Board was introduced: David Westphal/Carlon Thorpe – President; Gary Fehsenfeld – Vice President; Michel Hayek/David Westphal – Secretary (Michel resigned to facilitate Carlon's return); Erik Roussel – Treasurer; Sue Strebel – Director. Christi Keller was also introduced and the community thanked her for her service as manager.

Carlon reviewed the major accomplishments of the Board prior to the flood:

- Installation of cameras at all entrance and exit gates. The cameras record 30 days of data.
- Complete refurbishment of the walking bridge over Turkey Creek. Both the structural members and flooring were replaced shortly before the hurricane.
- Landscaping upgrades were done at the Ginger Ponds and Heather Run entrances. Also 6 neighborhood monuments were updated with new plantings.
- Over 100 squares of concrete were replaced on the pool deck. These replacements were done to remove cracks and dents in the concrete.

- Numerous sidewalks were raised to remove low spots. This is part of an ongoing program of sidewalk maintenance.
- On August 18, the safety committee and the Board sent out a communication outlining the focus on safety particularly in the areas of speeding, running stop signs, school pickup zones, and street parking. They also clarified the penalties for failure to follow these community rules. It is not the Board's desire to fine people, but it will occur if that is the only way to ensure compliance.
- Monthly social events were implemented for the community. Carlon thanked the Social committee for their efforts in this area.

Carlon then presented the financial status of the community.

- 2017 total income - \$1,347,000. Approximately 81% comes from assessments and 19% comes from contributions from the MUD.
- 2017 expenses are also \$1,347,000. The 5 largest categories of expenses are landscaping, access control/patrol, general maintenance, electricity and the contribution to the reserve fund.

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- 2017 Income to date : \$1,093,985.85 (income is on an accrual basis)
- 2017 Expenses to date : \$1,004,983.58
- 2017 Net income to date: \$89,002.27. We anticipate ending the year on budget.
- 2017 Total Operating fund balance : \$315,692.43
- Reserve fund balance : \$771,440.03. Carlon shared that this reserve fund balance has been critical for our community as we have dealt with Harvey. To date we haven't received any insurance money, so our reserve fund has been our source of funds to restore the community. That balance has been the product of years of solid fiscal management by previous and current boards.

Carlon reconfirmed the previous announcement that the assessment for 2018 would remain at \$1460. She shared that this will be the 6th year at that level. We did have a one-time increase in 2014 to pay for the clubhouse, but the basic cost to live in the subdivision has remained the same. No other community in our area has maintained that level for such a long period.

The community then held the election for 2 director positions. Two current directors ran for re-election – David Westphal and Gary Fehsenfeld with one new person, John O'Keefe, also running for

an open position. The two existing Board members were re-elected, but the community was very impressed with John's background and skills and John has agreed to become involved in the community and Board's activities for a future position.

Carlon recognized the Board of Mud 341 and their work with the HOA Board and particularly their efforts in the removal of hurricane Harvey debris: Russell Rush, Bob Wegner, Mark Durka and Christine Mink.

She then recognized all the community volunteers and the attendees thanked them for their service:

- **Welcome Committee** - Barb Campbell, Clive Garner, Marian Gleize, Linda Higdon, Kim Treas\*
- **Social Committee** - Veerle Swinnen\*, Sue Jolly, Sue Strelbel, Sylvere Belliot, Carrie Loid, Karen Parker (Holiday Market), Kim Treas (National Night Out)
- **Family Committee** - Christine de Ciro\*, Kris Dixit, Jennifer Kharrazi, Mandy Kin
- **Lakes and Wildlife** - Betty Burkett\*, Maggie Wegner
- **Landscaping** – Gary Fehsenfeld\*, Carlon Thorpe
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- **Safety Committee** - John Bain, Mark Durka, Eddie Ilavia, Erik Roussel\*, Mike Smith, Tony Staples, Bob Wegner
- **Bus Stop** - Judi Ilavia, Suresh Rao, Erik Roussel\*, Julie Alderson
- **Tennis** - Ann Criswell, Judi Ilavia, Erik Roussel\*

Carlton then discussed the impact of Hurricane Harvey. The following areas were damaged in the storm:

- Clubhouse including main building, workout room, flex room, office, and auxiliary buildings
- Pool baths which showed additional heavy damage after sheetrock cut
- Gate house which severely flooded and additional damage discovered after sheetrock removal
- All gate electronics & all gate cameras
- Fountains – All but one panel damaged; 3 pumps damaged
- The bridge near the Clubhouse was hit by a power boat.
- Landscaping turf was damaged by many ruts and a large number of plants drowned.
- Full community clean-up required

Here is the update for restoration as of November 14, 2017:

Clubhouse facility- All damaged materials removed. Re-

construction bid for primary facility has been awarded. Construction begins 11/15. The Pool Bath and Gate House contract was done separately because of the significant additional damage. It has been awarded and construction is in progress.

Pool has been cleaned/restored with 3 pool pumps replaced.

Tennis courts cleaned.

Volleyball court sand replaced

Playgrounds inspected, cleaned and new kiddie mulch installed

Fountains – 20% operational

Heather Run and Ginger Ponds gate electronics replaced and operational

Main gate electronics should be completed by the end of December

Landscape ruts repaired. Landscape plant restoration is currently being discussed with insurance and resolution is necessary prior to initiation. The one irrigation pump that was damaged, has been replaced.

Carlton discussed the financial impacts to the community. The HOA had flood insurance. The adjuster was on site on 9/8/17 and reviewed the community. We received the adjusters report for the

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clubhouse only in mid-October, but nothing else yet. There are several areas where we are being told different coverages such as landscaping, power washing, etc. We are working with the insurance adjustors, but they are extremely slow and different individuals have different opinions. Carlon assured the community that they will continue to be diligent to achieve the maximum payout possible. The insurance policy will require us to pay a 2% deductible.

The flood has given us an opportunity to upgrade some of our facilities. Here are the upgrades currently planned:

- Pool baths
  - Hot water, full renovation
  - Add drinking fountain at tennis / volleyball courts
- Gate house
  - Mini split for heat/cool (the gate house did not previously have heat), removal of external conduits, renovation
- Main building
  - Enhanced sound barrier between workout room and main room

Carlon and the Board then took questions from the audience and thanked everyone for attending.

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# LOE FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY A BIG SUCCESS!

The Halloween party was great - we ended up with perfect weather. We had about 85 neighbors there, approximately 50 children. Thanks to our volunteers for making this such a fun event for our kids.





# PUMPKIN CAKE ROLL

## INGREDIENTS

3 eggs 1C granulated sugar  
2/3 C pumpkin 1 tsp. lemon juice  
3/4 C flour 1 tsp. baking powder  
2 tsp. cinnamon 1 tsp. ginger  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg 1/2 tsp. salt  
1 C finely chopped nuts Powdered sugar

## DIRECTIONS

Beat eggs on high speed for 5 min.; gradually beat in sugar. Stir in pumpkin and lemon juice. Stir together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt. Fold in pumpkin. Spread in greased and floured 15x10x1" pan. Top with nuts. Bake at 375° for 15 min. Turn out on towel sprinkled with powdered sugar. Starting at narrow end, roll towel and cake together. Cool. Unroll.

## FILLING

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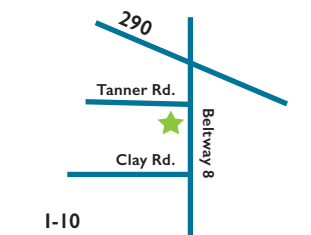
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