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Residents of Lakes on Eldridge

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LOE FAMILIES EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 10AM @ THE PLAYGROUND ON AUBURN SHORES

We will have separate areas by age group, so all of the kids can have fun. Easter egg hunts will begin shortly after 10.

Any families interested in participating are asked to contribute a dozen, pre-filled eggs per child. Please drop off the contributions by Sunday, April 2nd at Christine's house (5611 Barton Falls.) Please avoid any candy with nuts in the eggs, as we have several neighborhood kids with peanut and tree-nut allergies. For more information, please check out the LOE Families Facebook page or email us at lakesoneldridgefamilies@gmail.com. Thank you!



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2018 ASSOCIATION ASSESSMENTS - LATE AFTER MARCH 1

Your community assessment was due on or before January 1, 2018. It will be considered late if payment was not received by March 1, 2018. A late fee in the amount of \$100.00, plus interest in the amount of 18% per annum, will be assessed until the assessment is paid in full. If you have not paid your assessment yet, please do so immediately. Please use the coupon that was enclosed with your statement to ensure that your payment is applied to the proper account. Failure to do so could delay processing of your payment.

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For those owners dealing with uninsured flood damage expenses who need a payment plan, email mgarza@cmctx.com explaining your situation and your payment proposal. Questions about your assessment account should also be addressed to Ms. Garza at Creative Management Corporation.

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Construction and Insurance Update as of 2-13-18

Construction is progressing. The gate house reopened on February 8. Our attendants love it and are very happy to be out of the temporary building. We have been told the temporary gate house will be removed by February 23. The new gate house has a number of improvements including a heater inside the structure, heaters outside on the porch where attendants take information from visitors, complete insulation in the walls and ceiling, a larger refrigerator, a larger window to better see traffic coming into the subdivision and decorator/functional items such as granite counters. It looks great and we are pleased to have a nice place for our attendants to work.

In the main facility, the trim work has been completed throughout the main building, flex, workout, and office areas. The storage areas are complete. Cabinets have been framed for the kitchen, flex and clubhouse baths. Tile for the pool baths is scheduled to begin this week. Painting will follow in the next couple of weeks. The new floor for the workout facility should be installed in the next 2 weeks. We know everyone is anxious to re-open, but between the subcontractors availability issues, the subcontractor's flu bouts, and the weather, it is progressing slower than we would like. The good news is we are now comfortable with accepting reservations for the clubhouse facility for any functions May 1 or later. Several people have asked if we

can open portions of the facility early. That is not possible due to safety considerations and the potential for loss of construction tools and materials. Thank you for your patience.

Around the community, the bridge near the clubhouse has been restored. All fountains are again functional. The first phase of landscape replacements are now being evaluated with replacements scheduled beginning in early March.

The insurance claim discussions are still in progress. We have submitted either estimates or invoices for all the necessary repairs. On February 13th, we were informed they had agreed to fund us an additional \$150,000 making our total receipts to date \$250,000. There are still several areas of significant debate remaining due to the flood policy's exclusion of Special Hazard Flood Areas. These areas are defined by FEMA, but are very inexact physical locations. The damages in these areas are therefore in contention, but we are resolute to continue to press for reimbursement. The resolution of the claim has also been impacted because the insurance is through Lloyds of London and underwritten by 3 different underwriters. Lloyd's has refused to give us contact information for these 3 underwriters, so we have to work through intermediaries. This has

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created multiple delays. Again, be assured that we will continue to press for funding and are encouraged that the \$150,000 has now finally been awarded. Our community is very fortunate that our financial position is strong and we can pay for the necessary repairs while we await reimbursement.

2018 LOE COMMUNITY SCHEDULE IS COMING SOON!

SEEKING INTERESTED RESIDENTS TO HELP PLAN EVENTS

While the LOE Board is working to restore the clubhouse and community facilities, the Community Committee is planning events for 2018. The completion date has not been set but a Grand Re-Opening as well as other events are being planned.

If you would like to be a part of this planning or have ideas for future events, your input, feedback, or comments would be very welcomed! Please contact Veerle Swinnen at veerlekurt@msn.com or Sue Strebel at sjstrebel@gmail.com.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

Boy Scout Troop 609 is comprised of kids with Autism. They meet at the Westview School on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30am. The Boys go camping and do service projects. Last month they helped with a food drive and collected 410 pounds of food. Thank you for your donation.



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In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, it's hard not to think about water, which of course leads to our water bills. Many of us have questions about those bills. But, Harvey aside, just how much water are you using? Is it more or less than your neighbors?

In our neighborhood, water usage varies greatly by season. In the hotter, summer months more people are running their sprinklers and filling their swimming pools. Below is a chart indicating our average usage for August to December 2017:

Month:	AVG / usage	Avg Amt of bill
July	15k	\$76.51
August	17k	\$87.60
September	11k	\$62.51
October	13k	\$71.59
November	12k	\$66.35
December	9k	\$57.08

Did you know the typical 14 X 28 ft. pool holds 16,000 – 18,000 gallons? Larger pools

can hold double that amount. Don't forget about that irrigation system. Watering your

½ acre lot four times a week can use 45,000 gallons a month, or more.

Inside your home, your typical family of four uses 240-320 gallons




per day! According to Texas A&M, the largest water users are the shower, clothes washer and toilets, accounting for about two-thirds of the water used in an average household. Toilets use up to 27% of the household water supply while clothes washers use 20.9% and showers account for 17.3%. Faucets account for about 15.3% and leaks account for

13.8% of a family's water use. Dishwashers, baths, and other account for the remaining water use. Assuming you have a new water saving showerhead, a four-minute shower uses about 8 gallons of water; older showerheads run at 5 gallons or more per minute. Washing machines can use anywhere from 20-57 gallons per load. Front-loaders tend to use less water and some new high efficiency machines use not only 40-50% less water but less electricity too. Do you know how much water your machine uses per load?

Let's talk about toilets. Older toilets can use 3-7 gallons per flush; newer models are less than half of that. No matter what the model, if its leaking, it's costing you money. A moderate toilet leak will generally waste 6,000 gallons of water a month – that's \$50-\$70 depending on rates! If it's just a flapper or floater that needs replacing, it will cost you around \$3 at your nearest home improvement store. A simple and quick way to determine if your toilet is leaking is to



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insert a couple drops of food coloring into the tank and don't flush your toilet for 20-30 minutes. Then, check to see if there is color in the toilet bowl. If there is, then you have a running toilet leak. More serious problems should be addressed by a licensed plumber.

Lastly, don't dismiss that pesky leaking faucet. One faucet leaking at a very typical rate of 10 drips per minute, is wasting close to a gallon of water per day. Got a fast drip going? A faucet or showerhead that drips 60 drips per minute wastes 5 gallons of water a day. That's 2,082 gallons per year.

No one wants to be seen as the neighbor who wastes water, especially when the HOA may issue voluntary and/or mandatory rules about water usage during the upcoming summer months. It's always nice to be as eco-friendly as possible, and understanding your water usage often results in savings on your home water bills.

For more information:

- <https://water.tamu.edu/save-water-at-home/> (TAMU Water Education Network)
- <https://water.usgs.gov/edu/activity-drip.html> (Faucet drip calculator)
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2018 Kirk Elementary School

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3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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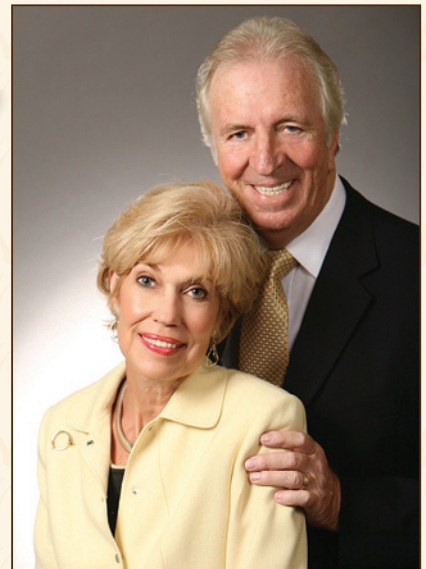
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LAKES ON ELDRIDGE DOLPHINS 19TH SEASON

The Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team will begin their 19th season in 2018! We are again recruiting enthusiastic swimmers ages 5-18 looking to have fun this spring and summer. (Swimmers should be able to swim the length of the pool by the end of the second week of practice.)

LOEST is a voluntary recreational swim team operated for Lakes on Eldridge and surrounding neighborhoods. LOEST encourages a competitive swim team environment and provides the opportunity for growth, training, enjoyment, good sportsmanship and participation to all active team members. To create a fun, safe and successful season, LOEST depends on our parents to fulfill their volunteer commitment while bringing a sense of comradery to the community.

Please take note of the following important registration dates:

March 1st- Registration begins

March 21st- Informational Meeting

April 23-27th- Guppy school

April 30th- Practices start

May 5th- Time trials

May 12th- Away meet at Cypress Wood

May 19th- Home meet against Champion Park

May 26th-Away meet at Champion Hills

June 2nd- Away meet at Cypress Point

June 9th- Home meet against Memorial NW

June 16th- Divisionals

Please make sure you check out <https://loedolphins.swimtopia.com> to register and to find out anything and everything about the LOE Dolphins!!!

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 to get the details for each meeting. Our group has lively discussion (not totally about the books) and we challenge ourselves to read out of our comfort zones.

March 26 – Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. The acclaimed, bestselling author—winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award and the Orange Prize—tells the enthralling story of how an unexpected romantic encounter irrevocably changes two families' lives.

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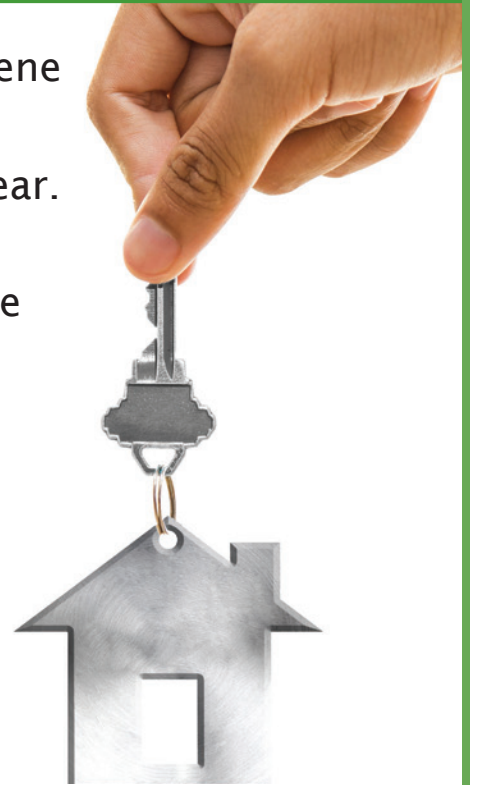
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