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Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018 (Rain Date: Saturday, April 7th)

Time: 10:00 – 3:00 pm (Egg Hunt 10:00-12:00, Picnic 12:00-3:00)

Where: LOEN Club House Gazebo

Who: All LOEN RESIDENTS WELCOME!!!

Please come join us for the LOEN Easter Egg Hunt & Family Picnic.

- WHAT TO BRING: A dessert to share with your neighbors, chairs, blankets, ice chests, & drinks. An Easter basket for kids to collect eggs.
- FOOD: Hot dogs & hamburgers will be served by James Coney Island.
- ENTERTAINMENT: live music by "White Noise", a classic "rock n roll" band,
- KIDS ACTIVITIES: Easter Egg hunt, Meet the Easter Bunny, Bouncy House, Face Painting, Balloon Artist, Cotton Candy and Musical Chairs.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THIS LOEN COMMUNITY EVENT!!!

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LOEN Ladies Club News and Information

For over ten years the LOEN Ladies Club has been providing the women of LOEN with the opportunity to meet their neighbors and cultivate lasting friendships. We do this by offering monthly activity group get-togethers including game groups, book clubs, and social gatherings. General meetings, held five times a year, provide the opportunity for all members to socialize, share great food, and discuss club business. The next general meeting is March 27 in the LOEN Clubhouse, beginning at 6:30pm with a Potluck Social followed by the meeting at 7:30pm. The highlight of this meeting is the election of 2018-19 club officers.

The LOEN Ladies Club encourages all ladies, new or established residents, to reach out and find out more about us and we welcome new members all year long. We to try to accommodate the different schedules of our members by offering activity groups meeting both during the day and evening. The groups meeting during the day are Bridge, Daytime Book Club, Brunch Bunch, and Explorers. Our evening groups are Bunco, Book Club, Dinner Club and Girls Night Out. Our Angels on LOEN group is a community support group that provides meals to residents as needed due to illness, injury, or other special circumstances. To serve our neighbors outside of LOEN, we also sponsor food, toy, supplies, and clothing drives for designated local charitable organizations. We also facilitate a Men's Group for LOEN Men.

If you would like more information, contact us via email or ask how you can attend one of our activity groups as a visitor. Then, if you like us, you can join the Ladies Club! Dues are only \$25 per year. We welcome visitors at our general meetings and accept new members at any time during the year. If you would like more information or want to join the LOEN Ladies Club, please contact Jeanne MacKenzie at loenladiesclubpresident@gmail.com.

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10th of the month for the following month's issue.

(Advertising deadline is the 8th of the month.)

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. Told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak, Commonwealth is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation, and the ownership of stories. It is a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and responsibility that bind us together.

April 23 - The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan. "The Bonesetter's Daughter dramatically chronicles the tortured, devoted relationship between LuLing Young and her daughter Ruth. . . . A strong novel, filled with idiosyncratic, sympathetic characters, haunting images, historical complexity, significant contemporary themes, and suspenseful mystery."

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



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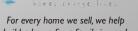
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Yorkshire Academy Olympics

Submitted by Lori Darnell

'Let the Games Begin' was chanted as Yorkshire Academy held its bi-annual Olympic Celebration on Friday, February 2nd. The festivities included a Parade of Flags with families dressed in national costumes or country colors walking behind 56 different flags representing their heritage. The students participated in 'winter' Olympic events, and then everyone feasted at the International Food Court. There was enough food for the over 400 students and parents to come back for seconds! Scrumptious goodies such as Jollof Rice from Nigeria, Gulab Jamun from India, Lamingtons from Australia, and of course, good old American hot dogs to name a few.

As is customary since South Korea is hosting the Olympics this year, Yorkshire's South Korean families marched last in the Parade. After running the torch around the 'stadium', students assisted Mr. Kim, a Yorkshire father, in the lighting of the Olympic torch. Mr. Kim then proudly led the school in a South Korean cheer to get the festivities going. Shirley Swinbank, the school's founder beamed, "I would never have dreamed in 1984 when we began Yorkshire Academy there would be a time when we would have 56 different countries represented at our school. To see the goodwill and joy this day brings to our families as they share their country customs and food, fills our hearts."

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Aeration Now Can Help Your Spring and Summer Irrigation

In order to prepare your lawn for a healthy spring growing season, you should employ basic lawn care practices at this time of year, which includes aerating your yard. It is important that nutrients reach the soil beneath your grass, and aeration can help you get that done.

Aeration involves making small holes in the soil to allow air, water and nutrients to get to the grass roots.

This helps the roots grow deeper and produce a stronger, more vibrant lawn.

Aerating helps alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils have too many solid particles in a space, which prevents proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

So when is the right time to get this aeration done? These next six to eight weeks leading up to the spring season, when grass begins to grow again, is a good time to aerate.

The two main aeration tools are the spike aerator and a plug aerator. The spike aerator poke holes in the ground with a solid piece of metal. Plug aerators remove a core or plug of grass and soil from the lawn. Most landscaping companies and horticulturists

recommend the use of the plug aerator. The machines can be rented or you can have a lawn care service aerate for you. After aerating, it's always a good idea to apply about a half-inch of compost over the aerated yard. The compost fills in the holes left by the plug aerator and brings organic materials into the root zone.

If you have noticed that your turfgrass isn't looking its best or that water has difficulty penetrating through the soil surface, it may be time to aerate your lawn. Lawns with clay soils that get a lot of foot traffic typically require aeration more often as they become compacted over time. Here's a great tip to check to see if your yard needs to be aerated.

Using a shovel, dig a square-foot section of grass about six inches deep and take a look at it. If the grass roots don't extend further than two inches deep into the soil, your lawn would benefit from aeration.

If you plan to aerate your own yard, here are a few helpful tips to get the job done.

• Before you get started, make sure the soil is moist enough. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to aerate soil that is bone dry. Aerating the day after a rain shower or watering your lawn the day before is advised. (Continued on Page 8)

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- Most aeration machines cover only a small percentage of soil surface per pass, so make multiple passes over the most compacted areas. Save resources (and your energy) by leaving unaffected areas alone.
- The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down naturally. Sprinkle compost (sand or peat moss can be used instead of compost) over the lawn to fill in the holes.
- An aeration myth is that if you apply a pre-emergent herbicide
 on your lawn in the spring, aerating your lawn will destroy
 the herbicide "barrier." This is not true research shows that
 aeration will not affect crabgrass control or weed prevention.

After aerating, it's important to continue appropriate lawn care practices.

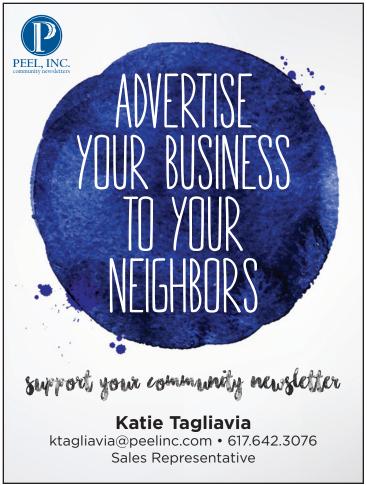
Aerating will help you save water over the spring and summer seasons. Instead of running off or only penetrating a few inches, water will be better absorbed in an aerated yard. That makes your entire landscape and your water bill happier.

Did you know...

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use varies greatly depending upon geographic location. In dry climates such as that in the Trinity Glen Rose District, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. Some experts estimate that as much as 50% of that irrigation water is wasted due to inefficient watering techniques, wind and evaporation.







Just Add Water

It's hard not to think about water. Just how much water are you you know how much water your machine uses per load? using? Is it more or less than your neighbors?

In our community, water usage varies greatly by season. In the hotter, summer months more people are running their sprinklers and filling their swimming pools.

Did you know the typical 14 X 28 ft. pool holds 16,000 – 18,00 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

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 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 your water provider 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.



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