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SAFETY PROCEDURES AT SCHOOL BUS STOPS IN LOE

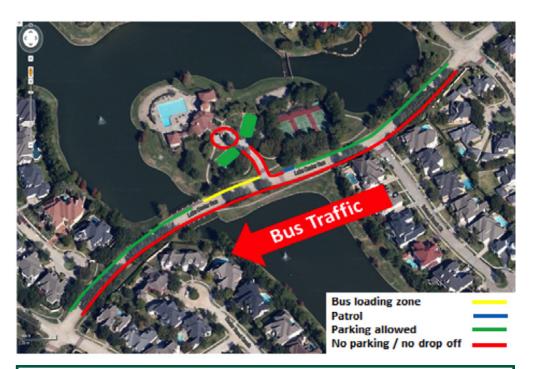
Clubhouse Bus Stop

All parents dropping off or picking up their children at the Clubhouse are requested to use the parking lot in front of the clubhouse. This is the preferred parking location at all times. Parking on Lake Center Run is tolerated if the parking lot is full, but only on the West side of the street (i.e. the side of the Clubhouse). Parking, drop off and pick up on the opposite side of Lake Center Run and on the Clubhouse access road are prohibited at all times. The space between the club house access road and the bridge has been designated bus loading zone and should remain unobstructed during active loading hours. The speed limit in this area has been reduced to 20mph and will be strictly enforced.

Other ISD Bus Stops

All parents are encouraged to park on the same side than the school bus to prevent children from crossing the streets.

As a general reminder, drivers must exercise extra caution when nearing an active loading zone and STOP for any school bus with its flashers on. LOE Security Officers are monitoring the school bus loading zones and enforcing the safety procedures. Please obey their instructions. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our kids safe.



New Management Company for LOE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2018

Effective September 1st, First Service Residential (FSR) will be the new managing agent of Lakes On Eldridge, replacing Creative Management Company (CMC).

We welcome our new Community Manager Donna McDonald and would like to take this opportunity to thank Christi Keller for her dedicated service to LOE over the past years.

FSR's offices are located very nearby at 1330 Enclave Parkway – Suite 425 – Houston 77077. They can be reached 24/7 under 713.932.1122 or by email (contactus.tx@ fsresidential.com). Their office hours are 8:30am to 5:30pm Monday through Friday.

FSR used to be LOE's management company a few years ago. We therefore expect the transition between CMC and FSR to be as seamless as possible for all Homeowners and Residents. We appreciate your patience and understanding as the teams are swiftly working through the handover.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Visit the Association Website: www.lakesoneldridge.net

LOE CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

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Lakes on Eldridge will celebrate National Night Out on Sunday, October 7th from 4-6pm. This community event promotes building better relationships with neighbors and is vital to the overall security of LOE.

We are looking for volunteers from each village to help promote the event on you block or village. This is a one-event commitment that anyone can do to help make a difference in your community.

Please contact Carrie at cgloid@hotmail.com if you are interested in becoming a Village Volunteer or for more information.

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On behalf of the entire Creative Management Company staff, we want to say it's been a pleasure working with your community. Over the past 2+ years, there have been major community projects and challenges that we assisted the Board of Directors with and helped bring completion and improvement along the way. We assisted residents daily with general matters and have spoken with and met many wonderful people. The committee volunteers are very committed to the LOE community and deserve recognition for each of the great events they coordinate for the neighborhood. The Board of Directors has the best interests of the community as their guiding light through all the discussions and decisions they are required to make.

We wish the Board of Directors and the LOE community the best of success going forward as we part ways.



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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.

September 24 - The Murderer's Son by Joy Ellis. Twenty years ago:

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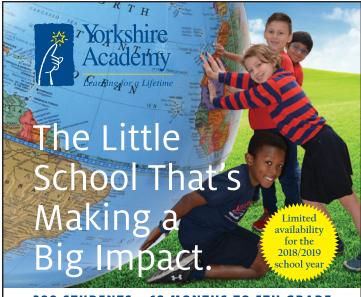
a farmer and his wife are cut to pieces by a ruthless serial killer. Now: a woman is viciously stabbed to death in the upmarket kitchen of her beautiful house on the edge of the marshes.

Then a man called Daniel Kinder walks into Saltern police station and confesses to the murder.

But DI Rowan Jackman and DS Marie Evans of the Fenland Constabulary soon discover that there is a lot more to Daniel than meets the eye. He has no memory of the first five years of his life and is obsessed with who his real mother is.

October 22 - The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick. Sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. He gets out of bed at precisely 7:30 a.m., just as he did when his wife, Miriam, was alive. He dresses in the same gray slacks and mustard sweater vest, waters his fern, Frederica, and heads out to his garden. But on the one-year anniversary of Miriam's death, something changes. Sorting through Miriam's possessions, Arthur finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet he's never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur from London to Paris and as far as India in an epic quest to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met—a journey that leads him to find hope, healing and self-discovery in the most unexpected places

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Lilly's Stary

My name is Patti Stanwood. I am a Hurricane Harvey survivor. But this is not my story. This IS a story of faith, family, kindness, heartache, hope, responsibility, leadership, intelligence, willingness, tenderness, patience, peace, maturity, and love.

This is Lilly's Story.

I was blessed to find Lilly through a neighbor, and my husband and I immediately knew that we could trust this young lady in our home for a month. That it would basically be her home, too. We were heading to Montana to visit my husband's family and knew we could not relax unless we had someone to watch over our home. Naomi, our senior cat, was part of the deal too - and Naomi is finicky, to say the least. She has never come out from under the bed when anyone else is in the house other than us for 14 years. But we immediately knew that there was a gentle spirit inside Lilly, and that Naomi would be in good hands. What we did not know was what lie ahead for Lilly, Naomi, and Lilly's entire family that included her mom, dad, little brother, and dog.

I suppose the real story could be told by simply sharing the backand-forth texts we had with Lilly all month long. They were texts that made us relax ... detailed texts, full of photos and sentiments, reassuring us that everything was fine at our home at Westridge Place in the Lakes on Eldridge subdivision.

That is until a hostile hurricane named Harvey entered the picture.

Escape #1

Toward that last fateful week of August, we were texting Lilly even more than normal and amazingly, she remain composed and comforting, as we worried about her and her family, our cat, and our home. Our hearts were breaking because Lilly's home where she lives with her family was beginning to flood, and yet she kept us abreast of every single detail, with videos, photos, and reports that had to do with our own house. But when the fear of losing her own home became evident, and certainly with our encouragement, Lilly directed her mom, dad, brother, and dog to join her at our home. Wanting to keep their cars safe, both Lilly and her mom drove each of their cars over to our driveway from their home which was several miles away. She became the leader of the pack, so to speak, took charge, and did what needed to be done. We were so grateful to God that we could help them and as a family, they locked up their own home after grabbing only the bare necessities. Many prayers were said that somehow their home would be spared from the dangerous and filthy water that kept creeping up to the front doorstep. And yet this escape was just the first of three where Lilly's character shone through.

Escape #2

As all of her family settled in at our home on Westridge Place, Lilly continued to text us and with each communication, we felt a peace and serenity, even 3000 miles away, coming from this young lady.

THEN ... all reports began including our neighborhood, Lakes

on Eldridge, saying that we would indeed flood. The irony to all of this is that the water at Lilly's home from which they just escaped, receded - though she was not aware of that yet - and this brave soul and her family stayed at our home to protect it and to watch over our kitty. As it was getting closer and closer to our front door, Lilly still felt safer there and wrote the following text:

"Patti, thank you so much! You truly are a blessing. Your home as well. God is good and he is protecting us. God bless you for your kind heart."

Later in the evening, very maturely, Lilly indicated that the water was getting higher and that the family was beginning to get a little nervous. I wrote and asked if she had time to move some things and sent her a list, and recommended she trudge through the water to our neighbor's house a few doors down. She had made time in the middle of all this to take pictures of every room in our home to remind me of what was where, keeping a clear head on her shoulders far better than me. She sent this text:

"Thanks for the list, we are aware of the possibility of flood. We thank you for your prayers. We believe and trust God doesn't forsake us. As of now all is good. We would definitely go to Liz's if anything were to happen. We would definitely take Naomi somehow. No worries - we are doing good and rest assured God protects his children and we will take the necessary steps if needed. Thank you."

Lilly had to leave both her vehicle and her mother's vehicle and so much of what she personally purchased to live in our home for the month. She had no idea if she would ever see any of it again. Using common sense, even beyond attending to my requests to move various special belongings, Lilly determined that each leg of various pieces of furniture should be covered - be it in plastic baggies or other types of plastic protection - from the water. The furniture was heavy, and yet she and her family made it a point to lift and protect as much as they could. Rows and rows of books were moved, bedspreads, pillows, comforters, and small pieces of furniture were placed on every empty countertop they could find. She packed up all of Naomi's food and things necessary for her. And then somehow, someway, she and her dad and mom managed in the middle of this chaos, to corral Naomi who was under the bed, of course, and had no intention of leaving. Had I been there, I am quite certain even I would have had a very difficult time getting her out. But somehow this leader made it happen. The moment she was able to get to safety at the neighbor's home she wrote the following:

"It's all good. I carried her instead of lifting. We are safe at Liz's house. I brought her litter, food, treats, tuna, bowls. I put her in the restroom upstairs along with everything that's hers, to do with as she pleases."

Lilly was able to carry down very little of her own precious and

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important belongings as the time was running short ... she made Naomi her first priority.

Escape #3

As we were safe in Montana, Lilly and her family and our Naomi waded down to the neighbor's home and moved upstairs to the second floor. Our house was a single-story, so we did not have that option. A few more hours went by and everyone in our neighbor's home was looking outside and began seeing boat after boat after boat trying to rescue people on our street. It was scary. The water continued to rise - none of the streets were walkable anymore. And the water was brown and ugly and threatening. Now once again, Lilly became the spokesperson for her family. It was not going to be easy, in fact it may have been one of the most difficult times in her young life. But it was time for Escape#3. They waded through more contaminated water, much deeper than they thought, carrying what they could - and most comforting to us, holding tight to Naomi and her carrier. The rescue boats, manned by volunteers from from places near and far, were able to slowly take them to the front of the property where they were picked up by a large dump truck-looking type vehicle that took them and other evacuees to a grocery store a couple miles away. Here they were able to reach a family friend for transportation back to their house. As the waters raged around them, Lilly and her family were responsible, calm, and full of hope, reciting prayers and keeping a watchful eye on each other. In the midst of this escape, Lilly and her father thought about changing the direction that my car and their two cars were facing, certainly another thing I would've never thought of. I asked about that later and this is what she wrote:

"Oh wow, I'm glad the cars are still there. But we have no way for days and days to get them. Yes, we parked them diagonally on purpose to ease the water from coming into the cars. Wondering how my car is or my mom's ... I think not good based on the picture."

But for Lilly, even in the safety of her own home, there were still so many challenges ahead, that were so unfairly put upon her. Many of her personal items she had to leave in my flooded home that included clothing and food. The washing machine was full. Expensive school supplies, and even projects which were completed, could not be carried on the boat with her when they were evacuated. And unfortunately both her vehicle and her mom's vehicle were unable to be picked up. In fact, no one was able to enter the neighborhood at all except by boat. It was three weeks before Lilly and her mom would be able to get their cars and this meant a long period of time that Lilly would not be able to get to her place of employment; therefore resulting in lost wages, through no fault of her own. She never mentioned that to me. She didn't want to worry me because she knew there was nothing I could do.

But through all of this, through three escapes and dozens and dozens of texts, through prayers being said day in, day out, Lilly stayed strong and kept on course. People in our city are calling it "Houston Strong," but I call it "Lilly Strong."

In her own positive words, Lilly writes:

"So sad, but the good thing is that it's all replaceable and we are all good. If you need help we are here! And regarding my stuff, you can bring it when you can. I already talked to the school and they are understanding. Don't rush about getting to it. I'm so glad we were there to help out and be a blessing!'

This is Lilly's Story.

BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP UNDERWAY

The Cypress Ridge Athletic Booster Club's (CRABC) membership drive is underway! CRABC has one purpose, and that is to support all student athletes at Cy-Ridge High School- football, track, softball, volleyball, basketball, cheering, swimming, soccer, wrestling, golf, and tennis.

Our goal is the betterment of all athletic departments along with two scholarships awarded each year to two of our graduating athletes. Each sport incurs costs for their equipment, repairs, banquets, tournament entry fees and much more. In addition to these costs, we have maintenance on equipment and fields, new equipment needs, training equipment and changing technology needs. The CRABC strives to help cover as much of these costs as possible.

Cy-Ridge High School Campus Athletic Coordinator, Coach Gary Thiebaud, fondly known as "Coach T" is excited about a winning season in 2018-2019 with an inspiring slogan of "Be 100" on court and off.

This past school year, CRABC funded over \$10,000 to Cy-Ridge High School for the school's athletic needs. School has not begun this year, but our planning list is filling up. With your help, we will be able to do so much more for our school, coaches and athletes. It is our hope that your involvement will forge new relationships between Cy-Ridge High School, parents and the businesses in the area.

Parents of Cy-Ridge High School students are invited to join for as little as \$20 to \$100.

Businesses can become members for donations ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

There are many wonderful opportunities to interact with the Cy-Ridge staff, coaches, trainers and the budding athletes themselves. This is an exciting time for the athletes and it is a joy and delight to be around them as they develop into successful young adults.

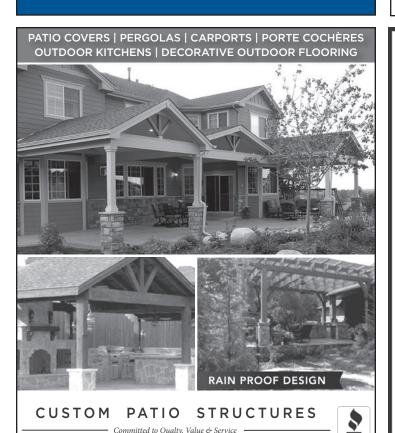
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