



# LAKES ON ELDRIDGE

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Official Newsletter for the  
Residents of Lakes on Eldridge

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## NEW WAITING AREA AT KIRK GATE

One look at traffic on Tanner Road just before the start of school will confirm the good fortune of our families with children enrolled at Kirk Elementary School that we have an easy access gate on Summerland Ridge Lane. The gate is locked except for about 15 minutes in the morning and afternoon for our public elementary kids to be delivered and picked up at the gate. The waiting area outside the gate has, for years, been in serious need of help as the tree planted between the sidewalk and curb has broken the concrete on all sides making the area uneven and the lone weathered bench was situated on a chronically muddy strip of what should have been grass. In concert with MUD 341 and the parents using the Kirk Gate, the LOE HOA undertook a summer project to remove the root bound tree and spruce up the waiting area. All the broken and uneven concrete was replaced and to alleviate the chronic mud problem, concrete was added for two new benches. To address the intense afternoon sun and make up for the loss of shade from the removed tree, a rain and shade structure was added over the benches. The new waiting area was celebrated on the first day of school.



## REMINDER TO OBEY SPEED LIMITS AND STOP SIGNS

LOE is a Park-like neighborhood with many walkers and bike riders. It is everyone's expectation that all drivers adopt a safe, cautious and conservative driving manner in the Community. There have been far too many reports of vehicles travelling our streets at speeds well in excess of the posted general speed limit of 25 mph. There have also been far too many reports of drivers not observing stop signs (some even barely slowing down when approaching an intersection). Heightened compliance initiatives will undoubtedly be coming as such observations continue. Please help us keep LOE safe by reminding yourself, your family, your visitors and your contractors to properly observe the traffic signs.



## SOCIAL TIME

Please join us on the first Friday of each month to mingle with your Lakes on Eldridge neighbors. This is a very casual way to get to know, share information, check out the clubhouse, and enjoy an evening with others from your community. Everyone is asked to bring some type of appetizers or nibbles, and their own drink of preference from 6-10p.m.

Hope to see you there!



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National Night Out is to encourage you and your neighbors to get together. The more you know about your neighborhood, the more you can do to keep it safe.

We encourage each of the Villages in Lakes on Eldridge to host a **National Night Out Block Party on Sunday, October 7th 4-6 p.m.**

We are looking for Volunteers to help organize an event in their Village. Parties should be hosted in a safe location in the Village, and all we ask is that each family bring a dish to share, your own beverages and chairs. Village hosts will be placing welcome flyers where the party will be held in your mailbox or door.

Signs will be posted at the entrance of each of the Villages hosting an event. If you don't see a sign in your Village you are welcome to join the other Villages in the neighborhood.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 22	Saturday	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	International Potluck*
October 7	Sunday	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	National Night Out*
October 11	Thursday	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Book Presentation Patrick Vergult*
October 19	Friday	6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Oktoberfest*#
October 28	Sunday	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Family Halloween Party++
November 3	Saturday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Holiday Market*
December	TBD		Santa at the Clubhouse++
December 31	Monday	8:00 pm - 12:30 am	New Year's Eve Party*
January 19 2019	Saturday	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chili Cook Off*

### Recurring Events

First Friday of every month:

**OPEN CLUBHOUSE 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.**

Meet up with your neighbors for a chat and a drink. **BYOB and bring an appetizer to share.**

\* For more information about these events, please contact Carrie Loid (cgloid@hotmail.com) or Veerle Swinnen (veerlekurt@msn.com).

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I am very excited to be working with the LOE Board and Residents. I would like to share our Management Operation Service (MOS) Team contact information with you. This will help residents get assistance as quickly as possible for forms, pool fobs, remotes and violation inquiries:

Our MOS Team contact information is provided below:

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- Office 713-332-4711
- Email – [donna.mcdonald@fsresidential.com](mailto:donna.mcdonald@fsresidential.com)

For Homeowners that are leasing their homes, please be sure to complete the Leased Home Info Sheet for your new tenants/property managers. This will help expedite requests we receive from your tenants or Property Managers, as well as including them on important community information. (If you have already completed a form, please disregard)

I look forward to meeting many of you and working with the Board to continue maintaining Lakes on Eldridge in the way you are accustomed to. Your community is beautiful!



Sincerely,  
Donna McDonald  
LOE Community Association Manager

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## REMINDER FOR DOG OWNERS

We have many dogs in LOE that add to the enjoyment of our families and our community.

As a community, we want all residents to feel secure when they are out walking and that they, their children and their pets will be safe from other dogs. Each owner is ultimately responsible for their dog's behavior. If you have a dog, we appreciate you being familiar with Harris County Leash Law and being fully considerate of others by taking every reasonable precaution to avoid incident.

Any incident should be reported to Harris County Public Health at 281.999.3191.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Excerpts from the Harris County Leash Law

(<http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/Animals-and-Pets/AnimalLaws>)

#### [Section 4 – Restraint and Impoundment]

A. All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas. The custodian of a dog or cat is not authorized to have, harbor or keep any unlicensed dog or cat, or to allow any dog or cat to become a stray.

B. The custodian of every dog or cat is responsible for any behavior of a dog or cat under the provisions of these Regulations.

#### [Section 3 – Definitions]

Restraint : The control of a dog or cat under the following circumstances

1) When it is controlled by a line or leash not more than six (6) feet in length, if the line or leash is held by a human being who is capable of controlling or governing the dog in question ; or

2) When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle ; or

3) When it is on the premises of the custodian and the animal does not have access to a sidewalk or street.

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Book presentation and reading by author Patrick Vergult of his book "YOU are the company!"

Thursday, October 11th, 2018. 7pm - 9pm

Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse,  
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For more information,  
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**It's time once again for the annual LOE Oktoberfest.**

The LOE Community Committee will be hosting an adult beer tasting on Friday, October 19th at the Beach Club clubhouse from 6:30-10 p.m. Meet and greet your neighbors for a fun-filled, adult social with ales provided by Karbach Brewery. Light appetizers and water will also be provided. Please contact Carrie at [cgloid@hotmail.com](mailto:cgloid@hotmail.com) if you would enjoy helping with setup that evening.

\$5 per person collected at the door

**You must be at least 21 years old to participate.**

## Maintenance/Project Highlights for September 2018 Newsletter

### Recent Maintenance/Project Highlights

- Completed installation of new concrete pad, two benches and canopy for users of Kirk Elementary back entrance gate.
- Installed several new bushes in hedge row behind swimming pool to fill-in empty/dead spaces.
- Overhauled AC units for clubhouse Main Room which was not able to cool adequately for large group functions.
- Installed new lock down brackets for pedestrian bridge floor boards which were warping badly in some areas.
- Power washed clubhouse deck area and north/south sides of Lake Center Run bridge over Turkey Creek.
- Removed three dead/dying pear trees in Common Areas.
- Repaired underground PVC pipe fracture for recirculating swimming pool water.
- Repaired leaking evaporator coil and associated damaged ceiling in the clubhouse Workout Room.
- Repaired damaged walls, damaged base boards and a shattered mirror divider in Workout Room. Users of these facilities need to be more careful and promptly report accidents so these ugly spots are avoided and can be fixed ASAP.
- Swimming Pool filters that were not working properly and wrongly transferring sand into the pool have been repaired. Thanks for your patience.
- Several sections of Common Area brick walls with exposed grout joints and ladder wire were repaired.
- New traffic direction sign for Residents and Visitors was installed at main Eldridge entrance.
- New permanent sign boards for highlighting certain messages to residents were installed at each of our gated entries.



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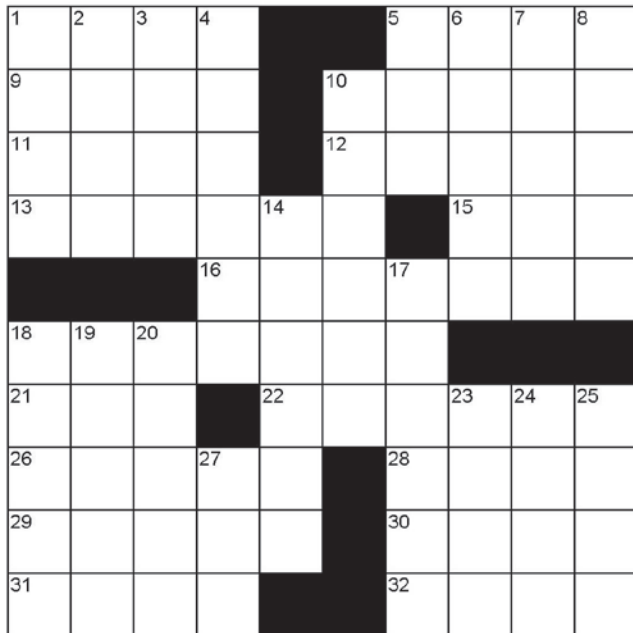
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### ACROSS

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5. Father
9. Like a wing
10. Boss
11. Roman emperor
12. Slow
13. Japanese cars
15. Directory (abbr.)
16. Lands of an estate
18. "War and Peace" author
21. Copy
22. Potato brand
26. Seafood
28. Asian country
29. Roof overhang
30. Connection
31. Molt
32. Chew

### DOWN

1. Can not
2. Margarine
3. Christ's mother
4. Animal families
5. Expression of surprise
6. Flying animals
7. Start
8. Before
10. Protest
14. "Grand" mountains
17. Looking at
18. Music cassettes
19. Ms. Winfrey
20. Part
23. Smooth
24. Male parent
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27. Newly \_\_\_\_, Nearly Dead

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# Senior and Volunteer Spotlight

by Jackie Devine and Jill Bright

Recently, local Cypress seniors visited the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Bill and Beth Wilson accompanied me out to the lovely Barbara Bush memorial and gardens. On the way, Bill told me of the time he spends at A&M because of his involvement with the Corps of Cadets.

As a Missourian, I knew little Corps history and asked Bill to grant me an interview. He agreed but said the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association had just published an article on Beth and him---of which I requested and received in short order. It was a perfect accounting of my friends and their dedication to the things they hold dear. Jill Bright, the author of the article, graciously granted me permission to reprint it. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Bill & Beth Wilson

by Jill Bright



When William “Bill” and Beth Wilson took their son, Jonathan ’08, to Freshman Orientation Week (FOW) in 2004, little did they know that the Corps of Cadets would not only change his life but theirs too. Jonathan is a first-generation

Aggie and, much to the Wilson’s delight, chose to join the Corps.

As a senior in high school, Jonathan spent the night with Squadron (SQ) 2, and thought he would be a Gator. At FOW, however, he was assigned to SQ 3, and he became a Thunderbird, although he remained friends with the Gators. Taking an active role in Jonathan’s Corps experience, the Wilsons came to College Station for all of the march ins, reviews, and outfit BBQs. They met other SQ 3 parents and quickly developed a friendship with Henry ’66 and Linda Goodwin, whose son, Michael ’03, was in SQ3.

The Wilsons started helping at the outfit BBQs and attending the Goodwin’s tailgate. The Wilsons met Don Crawford, Executive Director of the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association (CCA), at the CCA trailer, which began the foundation for a relationship that still goes strong to this day. As CCA members, Crawford asked them to volunteer at Rally to the Guidons in 2009. “I remember being surrounded by Ol’ Ags waiting to get their shirts,” recalls Bill. “There was so much excitement in the room and we just loved it! We were hooked.” Since that time, the Wilsons have rarely missed the opportunity to volunteer at CCA and Corps events.

In 2015, the Wilsons chose to move to Cypress—exactly 67 miles from the A&M Koldus garage—in order to be closer to College Station. “We really wanted to be close enough that we could reach College Station easily and not need to spend the night,” says Bill.

Although Jonathan graduated in 2009 (with a bachelor’s and a master’s degree), the Wilsons never stopped attending SQ 3 BBQs. They would purposely seek out those Cadets whose parents lived out of state and most likely could not visit often and try to make them

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# Texas A & M Corps of Cadets Timeline

**Texas A & M Opens 1876**

**Aggie Muster Originates 1883**

**Ross Volunteer Company Created 1887**

**Fightin' Texas Aggie Band Founded 1894**

**Tradition of Senior Boots 1914**

**1st 12th Man to Suit Up**

**Revelle Becomes A & M Mascot 1931**

**Fish Drill Team Created 1947**

**Corps Reports to WWII 1942**

**Parsons Mounted Calvary Created 1973**

**Women Enter Corps 1974**

**First African A&M Commander 2012**

**First Female Commander 2015**

**WOMEN IN THE CORPS**

In the Fall of 1974, the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets became the first ROTC program in the country to admit women to its ranks, even ahead of the service academies.

Currently:

- Women make up 14% of the Corps of Cadets
- Women hold leadership positions in all levels of the Corps, including Deputy Corps Commander
- Women are in all Corps special units



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feel special and part of a “family away from their family.” They have “adopted” Cadets and are known to some as “my Aggie Parents.”

Bill is blessed with the love of photography and has taken photos of Cadets for the last 14 years. Each time he returns to Aggieland, his backpack is loaded with photos in separate Ziploc bags with different years and outfits on them to hand out accordingly. He also faithfully shares his photos with the CCA to be passed on to other parents through the CCA's Flickr\* account.

As one could imagine, the Wilsons are in high demand because of their devotion and loyalty to volunteering. When people ask them to volunteer, Bill says, “We would love to, but let me check our calendar.” He checks his calendar to make sure there is not a CCA or Corps event that conflicts. “The CCA and the Corps are our number one priority,” says Bill. “We will not miss a CCA event!” In the past ten years, Bill can recall only missing a few, and only recently because of the birth of their grandson, Wesley.

When the Wilsons are not volunteering for the CCA or the Corps, they are active in the Harris County Republican Party and spend as much time with their grandson as possible. A recent photo received of Wesley from Bill included a note that says: “Sending you a photo of why we need to stay in good health. Eighteen years from now, I want to be at FOW when our grandson checks into the Corps.” What a legacy to carry on with proud grandparents right there to cheer him on from the sidelines.



The Wilsons are not only Aggie parents, but also Aggies for life. After the first visit to A&M they fell in love with the University, the Corps of Cadets, and with the CCA. “We volunteer because the CCA strongly supports the Corps,” says Bill. “The Corps makes leaders and the Cadets are some of the finest young people we have ever known.” The Wilsons have played a large role volunteering at the CCA for many years. The CCA could not do it without Bill and Beth and we are honored to have them not only as wonderful volunteers, but also as members since 2004! Thank you Bill and Beth for all you do for the CCA!

*The Corps is known as the “Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition” because the cadets are charged with preservation and execution of time-honored traditions. Whether it’s the Ross Volunteer Company conducting a three-volley salute at Silver Taps or Aggie Muster, Parsons Mounted Cavalry firing the Spirit of ’02 cannon every time the Aggie football team scores, or caring for Reveille, Texas A&M’s official mascot, the Corps of Cadets ensures Texas A&M traditions live on, just as they have for over 140 years.*

If you are interested in finding more out about the Corps of Cadets Association, please checkout their website: [corpsofcadets.org](http://corpsofcadets.org).







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