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Harris County MUD No. 341 Adopts 2018 Tax Rate

At its monthly meeting on October 8, 2018, the Board of Directors of Harris County MUD No. 341 (MUD 341) voted unanimously to adopt a tax rate of \$0.34 per \$100 of value. Consequently, the overall tax rate remains unchanged from the 2017 tax year. The Board felt that it was incumbent not to raise the tax rate this year, even though average property values have declined 4.7% from 2017 to 2018.

In 2017, the average homestead was valued at \$471,553. In 2018, the average homestead is valued at \$449,221, resulting a decrease in value of 4.7%.

The average tax bill in 2017 was \$1,603, while the average tax bill in 2018 will be \$1,527. As in previous years, homeowners should begin to receive their MUD tax bills in late October or early November and tax payments are due no later than January 31, 2019.

As MUD 341 reduces its bond indebtedness, it is able to lower the Debt Service portion of the tax rate and slightly increase the Maintenance & Operations portion of the tax rate, as noted below. The purpose of increasing the Maintenance & Operation portion of the tax rate is to generate the funds necessary to maintain, repair and replace water, wastewater and drainage infrastructure throughout the Lakes on Eldridge community. This infrastructure is now over 20 years old and will require increased attention in the coming years as it continues to age.

2017	2018	
\$0.27 Debt Service	\$0.24 Debt Service	
\$0.07 M & O	\$0.10 M & O	
\$0.34 Total Tax Rate	\$0.34 Total Tax Rate	

The Board of Directors for MUD 341 consists of the following individuals, all of whom are residents of Lakes on Eldridge:

Russell Rush, President Robert Wegner, Vice President Christine Mink, Secretary Mark Durka, Assistant Secretary Carlon Thorpe, Assistant Secretary

Office Hours for New On Site Manager



Donna McDonald is our new Community Manager for Lakes on Eldridge and has established office hours at our clubhouse office. She is available from 10:30 until 1:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays if you need to replace a gate remote or fob or get a sticker or just need to discuss a community issue. Please come by.

TREES are an extremely important asset for LOE which need to be properly maintained. The Oaks and Pears were a primary focus pre-Harvey, but since then we have fallen behind primarily due to restoration priorities and budget concerns. We now have the wherewithal to reactivate this important maintenance activity and the Board has decided to budget \$25.000/year. This amount of funding will allow us to attractively and regularly maintain our 600+Oak trees, expand the scope of our Pine tree trimming to include all 1000+ of these trees, and maintain/remove several of our remaining roughly 100 Pear trees. After we've completed trimming the Pine trees in the next 2-3 years, we will increase emphasis on removing the rest of our dying Pear trees and filling resulting attractiveness gaps with new trees. Of course, we will continue to address all safety issues ASAP and do required maintenance on our River Birch, Crape Myrtle, Bald Cypress and Palms.

LAKES ON ELDRIDGE ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2018 - 7:00PM Being Held at the Clubhouse

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Visit the Association Website: www.lakesoneldridge.nabrnetwork.com

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LOE National Night Out october 7, 2018



Bristol Banks



Bristol Waters



Crescent Bay

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Dear LOE Residents:



Happy Fall!

I have had the pleasure of serving your community for two months now. One of

the responsibilities I have as a Property Manager is conducting weekly inspections of the community. Driving around the community, I get to see the pride that is being taken in your homes and the community.

The most common violation that occurs is trash cans not being stored out of view. Trash cans can be placed curbside the night before trash pick-up and then stored out of view by the end of the day on trash pick-up day. I have sighted 44 trash violations since September. This is the violation that most frequently occurs but can be so easily remedied. Please do your part to help by storing your trash cans out of view the evening of pick-up.

I also want to mention to all residents that the Lakes on Eldridge Community has a great website! I encourage you to register if you haven't. We post lots of community updates and event notifications on the community feed. You can also find forms for Fobs, Remotes, Decals, ARC Applications and Clubhouse Reservation Forms. The Governing Documents of the community are also located on the site under the Resources Tab. All you have to do to register is go to:

https://lakesoneldridge.nabrnetwork.com.

As the Holiday Season is fast approaching, I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 713-332-4711 or email Donna.mcdonald@fsresidential.com.

Sincerely,

Donna McDonald Lakes on Eldridge Community Manager



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Maintenance/
Project
Highlights
Completed in
October

Recent Maintenance/Project Highlights

- Update Clubhouse audio/visual/WiFi for ATT router replacement & FSR connectivity.
- Replace leg pads on all Clubhouse wood furniture.
- Landscaping audit identified many dead plants and flower bed attractiveness issues which Silversand will resolve this month.
- Installed one new permanent, waterproof sign posting box on the exit gates at Ginger Pond and Heather Run, and on the main gate entrance gate.
- Re-finished the round coffee table at the Clubhouse which was recently damaged.
- Unplugged French Drain pipe at volleyball court which was covered over with Augustine grass.



Ring in the New Year celebrating with friends and family right here in your neighborhood!

LOE's best New Year's Eve celebration kicks off at the Lakes on Eldridge Clubhouse on Monday, December 31st. 7:30pm-12:30am

Come early and bring the family for the Jr. Countdown at 9p.m.

Homeowners who wish to bring their own fireworks, can be shot off at the lake behind the clubhouse at their own risk.

Non-alcoholic beverages and party favors will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beverage and munchies.

Grand finale will be at midnight.



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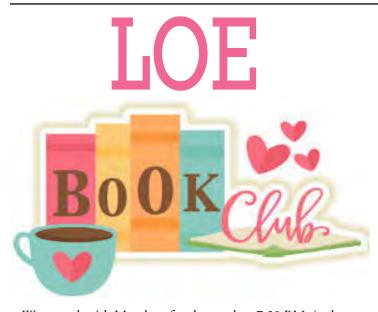
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LUXURY PORT/OLIO





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.

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NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER!

December 10 – Christmas party at the clubhouse. Book – One Man's Christmas by Leon Hale, retired columnist for the Houston Chronicle. Originally published in 1984, One Man's Christmas highlights the warmth and humor for which this legendary writer is so beloved. Whether Hale is scrambling to put together a new toy for his children on Christmas Eve, racing around to buy last minute, often misguided gifts, or reliving his family's fraught holiday on a hardscrabble sheep farm during the Great Depression, the unique sensibility that has endeared him to generations of readers shines through every word.

As usual, we will have our gift exchange – any item. Also, there will be a pot luck hors d'ouvres and dessert table.

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

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Crescent Cove



Eden Springs



Eagle Bend



Indigo Falls



Eagle Cove

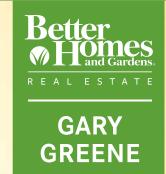
REMINDER TO OBEY SPEED LIMITS AND STOP SIGNS

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 traveling 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.

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Top Ten Reasons to Sell Your Home During the Fall Season...





- 1. Prospective buyers are more serious.
- 2. Less competition.
- 3. Fewer houses to choose from means more \$\$\$\$ for you.
- 4. Buyers have more time to look during this season.
- 5. Homes decorated for the holiday season show better.
- 6. Relocation buyers increase and can't wait for the spring market.
- 7. Many buyers must close by the end of the year for tax reasons.
- 8. Buyers are more emotional during the holidays, so they are more likely to pay your price!
- 9. You can be on the market and adjust showings during gatherings.
- 10. Sell now and extend occupancy until after the holidays.



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Lake on Eldridge Events Calendar 2018-2019

Date	Day	Time	Event
November 3	Saturday	9:00am - 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	Saturday	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chili Cook Off*
February 16	Saturday	TBD	Whisky Tasting*#
May 18	Saturday	TBD	Wine Tasting*#

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).
- ++ For more information about the family events, please contact Christine Ciro (lakesoneldridgefamilies@gmail.com).
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International Potluck Dinner (Sept. 22, 2018)



The International Potluck dinner was a great success, thank you to everyone that participated! We celebrated dishes from around the world including countries and participants from England, Nigeria, Belgium, Tunisia, Italy, Colombia, South

Korea, India, Egypt, France, Philippines and Peru, plus Polish-American and Jewish-American and we even experienced domestic dishes from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Missouri. How lucky are we to live in such a great international and diverse community!

A special thank you to Karen Parker, Kerry Linkin, Christine White de Ciro and Gaynor Richardson for helping prepare for this event!

Don't forget to join us for additional fun events coming up - First Friday Open Clubhouse (Nov, 2), and Holiday Market (Nov. 3).

We are always looking for volunteers, so if you want to be part of this fun group - the LOE Social Committee - we'd like to invite you to our next meeting! Don't hesitate to contact me at veerlekurt@msn.com!

Veerle Swinnen









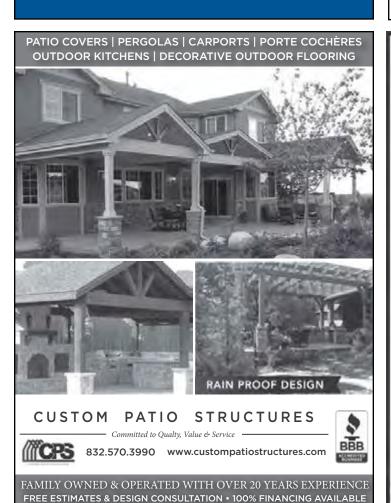
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