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Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team



The Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team will begin their 20th season in 2019! 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 of the second week of practice.)

LOEST is a voluntary recreation 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. LOEST cannot function without parent involvement, so each participating family is required to fulfill a volunteer commitment. It's a great way to meet other families and adults in our community.

Please take note of the following important dates:

March 4th-Registration opens
March 20th- Informational Meeting and Swim Suit Pre-Sale
March 31st- Registration ends
April 22nd- Practices Start
May 4th- Time Trials
May 11th- Away Meet at Cypresswood
May 18th- Home meet against Bridgestone
May 25th- Away meet at Jersey Village
June 1st- Away meet at Candlelight Hills
June 8th- Home meet against Memorial NW
June 15th – Divisionals

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

LOEN Ladies Club Events

Our **February Friends and Family Bunco Party** was filled to capacity with tables of members and guests rolling the dice. This ever-popular annual event allows guests to join our bunco rounds, so spouses, friends and family joined the fun and learned to play. One of the most fulfilling and interesting aspects of our club is forming friendships with ladies from diverse countries, cultures, and customs. This month, our **Community Wide Coffee and Tea** was held at the Clubhouse and hosted by two of our British ladies from across the pond. Two of our Cuban-born members hosted **Evening Book Club** with a discussion of the novel, *Next Year in Havana*. **Daytime Book Club** members read and reviewed the bestseller, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*. Our **Dinner Club** hosts chose a Mediterranean culinary experience at Café Benedicte located on Memorial. **Bridge Club** was held at the LOEN Clubhouse and continues one Wednesday each month during the afternoon.

UPCOMING GNO AND BOOKS

Girls Night Out is always a blast and our future evenings include: Comedy Show with David Spade; Five Favorite Things Gift Exchange; Costume Party; and a Poker Keno game night. Our book selections for the next several months were announced for those bibliophiles who wish to read in advance and stay ahead. Free books to read or listen to are available for check out in person or online at the Houston Public Library or Harris County Public Library. Of course, you can always buy great books online or in your favorite stores.

Daytime Book Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm. The books are:

March 7th: *I See You* by Claire McKintosh
April 4th: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens
May 2nd: *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
June 7th: *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks
July 11th: *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore
August 8th: *The Gift of Rain* by Tan Twan Eng
September 5th: *The Expatriates* by Janice Y.K. Lee
October 3rd: *A Place for Us* by Fatima Farheen Mirza

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Evening Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm. The books are:

March 11th: Keep Quiet by Lisa Scottoline

April 8th: How to Walk Away by Katherine Center (Houston author)

May 13th: The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

June 10th: The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn

July 8th: Educated by Tara Westover

August 12th: White Chrysanthemum by Mary Lynn Bracht

September 9th: Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult

October 14th: Woman in Sunlight by Frances Mayes

November 11th: Ticker by Mimi Swartz (Houston author)

December 9th: Fool Me Once by Harlan Coben

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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.

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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.

- 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.

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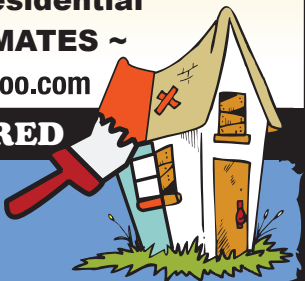
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- The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down 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.

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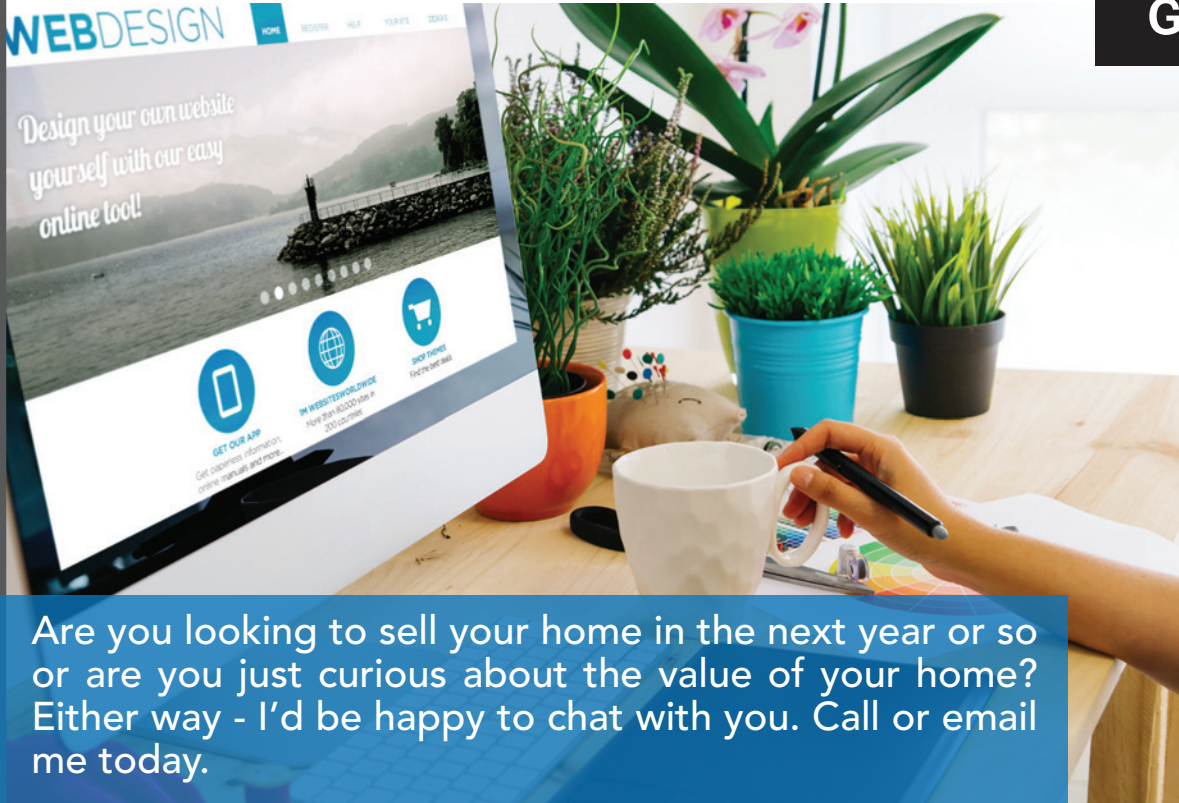
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