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## You think you got the best chili in town - prove it! 3rd Annual Lakes on Eldridge COORTOFF Come for chili tastings, cold drinks & good friends. Saturday, February 29th 6-8 p.m. At the Clubhouse

Start perfecting your favorite chili recipe now! Grab your apron and prepare for battle or grab a napkin and prepare for overwhelming deliciousness. Judging will be done by attending neighbors. Electric outlets will be available for your crockpot filled with potential gold.

> Sour cream, green onions and cheese will be provided. Feel free to bring any other accompaniments for your chili. BYOB. Non-alcoholic drinks provided. Prizes and bragging rights awarded.

Contact Veerle Swinnen veerlekurt@msn.com or Carrie Loid cgloid@hotmail.com for details if you wish to enter.

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#### LOE CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

CLUBHOUSE INQUIRIES FOR RENTALS ARE HANDLED BY FSR. PLEASE REVIEW THE CLUBHOUSE RENTAL AGREEMENT FOUND IN THE RESOURCES TAB ON WWW. LAKESONELDRIDGE.NET TO INQUIRE ABOUT AVAILABILITY OR OTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL CONTACTUS.TX@FSRESIDENTIAL.COM WITH LOE CLUBHOUSE IN THE SUBJECT LINE AND INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED DATES, TYPE OF EVENT, # OF GUESTS, ETC. EMAIL INQUIRIES ARE PREFERRED OVER PHONE CALL INQUIRIES DUE TO THE TIME NEEDED TO ADDRESS YOUR INQUIRY.

#### **Traffic Safety:** speed limits, stop signs and respect

The one set of issues that resonates with most of LOE residents is the need to improve traffic safety throughout our neighborhood. Specifically, finding ways to curtail speeding and drivers continually running or rolling stop signs.

Many of us go walking around LOE, often with young children or pets – all of whom can make rapid direction changes much faster than you can respond if you are speeding, or running a stop sign. Please think about how little time you save by not observing LOE's traffic rules. It can't possibly be more than a few seconds. Think also of the devastating effect of an injury or a death you could cause by trying to save these few seconds.

**Speeding:** Prior to possibly considering more drastic suggestions that were raised at the November Town Hall meeting (such as implementing speed bumps across LOE's main arteries), we have asked our Patrol to dedicate more time controlling speeding in LOE with the use of LOE's radar gun.

**Running Stop Signs:** This continues to be a huge problem. All of us have witnessed daily drivers "run through" these signs, without even so much as a pause. Please practice this very simple tip: (a) Wheels <u>must</u> stop their movement to have <u>actually stopped</u> the vehicle. Avoid the "bump and go" philosophy and (b) Do a "1 count" – use a simple second (one one thousand) count – while stopped, and then move ahead. Here again, we have asked our Patrol to dedicate more time observing all intersections in LOE.

**Respect:** Please cooperate if you are stopped by our Patrol Officers and treat them with respect. In the past, unacceptable behavior have included shouting, showing disdain, blatantly failing to stop when signaled, running into a home. The Patrol Officers WORK FOR US and are simply following Board orders to increase safety in the community. We take courtesy and respect very seriously and behaving improperly carries our highest fine.

We encourage you to look at your own driving habits. If you have gotten a bit sloppy with your stops or speeding, please change this behavior before one of our neighbors or visitors gets seriously hurt. Also please speak with your family's visitors and let them know that LOE is serious about our traffic safety. Below is a schedule of fines for infractions.

Thank you!

CATEGORY A		1st offense	\$50
	Speeding < 15mph	2nd offense	\$100
		3rd offense and +	\$200
		1st offense	\$50
	Stop sign	2nd offense	\$100
		3rd offense and +	\$200
	Wrongful Parking Distracted Driving	1st offense	\$50
	Entering LOE w/o registering	2nd offense	\$100
	Littering	3rd offense and +	\$200
CATEGORY B	Reckless driving		
	School Bus	Any offense	\$200
	Dismissive Attitude/Language Speeding > 15mph	Any onense	\$200

## 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 <u>celeste.fritz@gmail.com</u> 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. It's never too late to join us!

February 24 – Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.







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## Thank You For Making Our New Year's Eve Party Wonderful!

A huge thank you to all our neighbors who made this New Year's Eve Party such a great success! We were prepared for a busy night, but we were positively surprised to see how many of our families were able to join us to celebrate the New Year.

An enormous thank you to our amazing volunteers: Shel & Isela Saripella, Sharon & Bruce Sealy, Debi & Wayne Gan, Karen & Bob Parker, Anisa Nicholson, Kirby Loid, Kurt Swinnen, Kim Pipkins, Kevin Cook, Friedel Liptay and family, Carol Peters, John Jondle, and Sue & John Strebel. We couldn't have done it without you.

We want to also thank our neighborhood photographer and his assistant. Dan & Celeste Fritz did an outstanding job providing amazing photos from our photo booth! Your pictures can be obtained by writing Dan an email: dan.fritztx@gmail.com.

And last but not least, a special thank you to Sweetland Cakery for the delicious cupcakes and to Debbe & John Zumberge and Veerle & Kurt for their donations towards the spectacular fireworks event.

We hope the residents enjoyed our event and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next one!

Angela, Carrie, Gaynor, and Veerle.

Be sure to befriend us on Facebook @LOE Social Committee to stay up to date on all events!

#### WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2020!













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## **Recycling Information – MUD 341**

In order for items to be recycled, they must be dry, clean and loose in the recycling container. NEVER place recycle items in plastic bags. If items do not meet the correct criteria, they have to be classified as regular trash. Below are acceptable items for recycling:

#### Paper Products

- (Must be clean and dry)
  - Newspaper
  - Magazines
  - Catalogs
  - Junk Mail
  - Envelopes
  - Greeting Cards
  - Wrapping Paper
  - File Folders
  - Computer Paper
  - Construction Paper
  - Grocery Bags
  - Soda & Beer Boxes
  - Shoe Boxes
  - Clean Pizza Boxes
    - (soiled boxes are regular trash)
  - Cardboard Boxes
  - Waxboard Containers (Juice Boxes)
  - Egg Cartons
  - Paper Towel Rolls
  - Phone Books

#### Plastics (Please rinse)

- Plastics #1-#7
- Milk & Juice Bottles
- Soda & Water Bottles
- Shampoo & Soap Bottles
- Bleach & Detergent Containers
- Household Cleaner Containers
- Plastic Flower Pots
- Yogurt cups
- Cups, Plates, & Dinnerware
- Prescription Pill Containers
- Metals (Please rinse)
  - Soda, Juice, & Beer Cans
  - Canned Food Cans
  - Pet Food Cans
  - Aluminum Foil
  - Pie Trays
  - Metal Jar Lids
  - Gutters (less than 5' long)
  - Empty Aerosol Cans
- Glass (Please rinse)
  - Beer Bottles
  - Wine Bottles
  - Soda Bottles
  - Jars



The following items are currently not accepted in our recycling program and should be thrown away with your regular household garbage.

- Styrofoam
- Windows
- Ceramics
- Thin Plastics (bags, etc.)
- Soiled Pizza Boxes
- Mirrors
- Wet & Soiled Paper

- Pots & Pans
- Coat Hangers
- Light Bulbs
- Facial & Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Microwave Dinner Trays





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## Maintenance/Project Highlights

#### Recent Maintenance/Project Highlights

• Replaced lost/damaged Leash Your Dog signs.

• Replaced damaged threshold & weather stripping for Workout Room door at Clubhouse.

• Installed new drainage trenches/swales to ensure effective water runoff from west side of Tennis Courts adjacent to Playground.

• Replaced burned out Tennis Court lights.

• Cleaned Workout and Flex Room fans. Replaced all AC/Heat filters throughout the clubhouse.

• Installed spring loaded hinges on clubhouse front door so door won't stand open so much. Also installed a door stop on the bottom of the door which will hold the door open for loading/unloading activities.

• Executed temporary gate/alarm repairs promptly the next morning following resident collision with Eldridge entry gate December 1. Residents need to wait until the gate has swung totally out of the way before proceeding through the gate. Don't be in such a rush!!!

• Arranged for ATT to repair dead Guard House phone and internet service, unfortunately several days after failure.

• Repaired faulty threshold on for Clubhouse Office door. Also scheduled replacement of damaged threshold for Workout Room door.



## Lakes on Eldridge Events Calendar 2020

Saturday, January 25 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm International Potluck dinner\*

Friday, February 7 - 6:30pm - 9:00pm First Friday & Wine Tasting \*#

Saturday, February 29 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Chili Cook Off\*

> Saturday, April 4 - 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt++

Saturday, April 25 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Recycle Day\*

Saturday, June 13 - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Concert & Food Trucks\*

Saturday, June 27 - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dive In Movie++

Saturday, July 4 - 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm Parade, Hotdogs & Fireworks\*

Friday, August 7 - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm First Friday & Line Dancing\*

Saturday, September 26 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm National Night Out Neighborhood Party\*

Friday, October 2 - 6:30pm - 9:00pm First Friday & Art Fair\*

Friday, October 16 - 6:30pm - 9:00pm Oktoberfest\*#

Saturday, October 24 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Family Halloween Party ++

Saturday, November 7 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Holiday Market \*

Saturday, December 5 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Children's Christmas Party\*

Tuesday, December 31 - 7:30 pm - 12:30 am New Year's Eve Party\*

#### **Recurring Events**

First Friday of every month: OPEN CLUBHOUSE 6:00 pm – 9:00 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 White de Ciro (lakesoneldridgefamilies@gmail.com).

# Nominal fee may be charged.

PLEASE BEFRIEND US ON FACEBOOK @LOE SOCIAL COMMITTEE & @LOE FAMILIES to stay informed about all our fun events!

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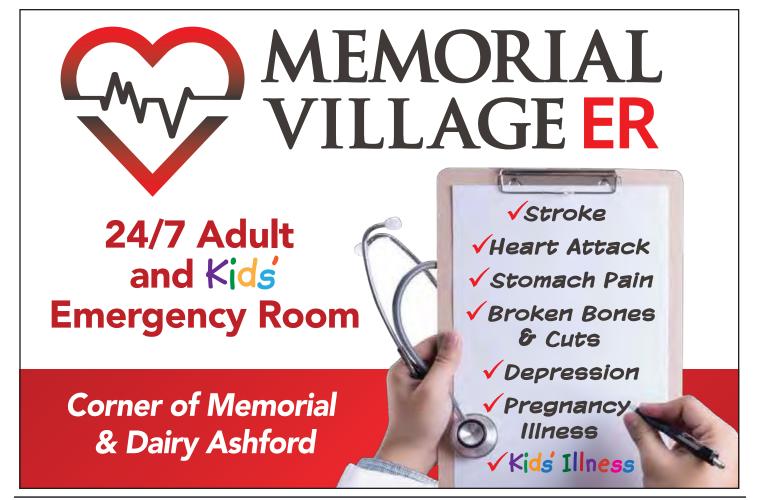
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## LOE COMMUNITY EVENTS FEBRUARY 2020

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Calendar Subject to changes						



## *First Friday Wine Tasting on Feb. 7th*



#### Do You Know What's Really In Your Wine?

Would you like to discover delicious wines WITHOUT ADDED SUGAR, PESTICIDES OR OTHER ADDITIVES?

Join us at our February 7th, First Friday Social where "Scout & Cellar Wines" will present their 100% cleancrafted wines. Presentations will be given at 6:30pm and at 8:00pm.

Come on over, enjoy a glass of wine with your neighbors, and support a business that cares about your health and our environment by offering clean-crafted and healthier wines from France, Italy, Argentina Chile, Napa, and Oregon! You will be able to order wine and they will be delivered to your door!

For more information, please contact Veerle Swinnen at veerlekurt@msn.com.



## *Notice: New Year's Eve Photos*

All photos taken at the photo booth during the New Year's Eve party have been distributed except for those of two parties. We could not match them to an email or one of the other pictures. If you did not receive your photos by email and would like them, please contact celeste.fritz@gmail.com



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## Mailbox Beautification Initiative

Thank you to the many residents that have taken the time to improve their mailboxes!

Mailboxes are very visible and should be maintained to complement the front yard landscaping which contributes to the curbside appearance of our homes. Check your mailbox to make sure it sits straight, posts are straight, and is painted with cleaned or painted numbers. These standards were set up by the developer 20 years ago for the benefit of our community.

Please familiarize yourself with the Mailbox Resolution which can be found on the community website at www. lakesoneldridge.nabrnetwork.com, under the Resources tab and Governing Documents. This document provides detailed specs for standardized LOE mailboxes along with helpful hints on how to repair the most common deficiencies. Mailboxes that are not maintained are considered a deed restriction violation.

Mailbox Deed Restriction Violation letters will begin to go out March 31, 2020.

If you need to replace just your mailbox, you can purchase the Gibraltar mailbox at www.amazon.com and have them delivered to your door!

Gibraltar Mailbox w/flag Model #E1100B00 - \$18.50 plus shipping the brass unfinished numbers and Gold paint can be found at Home Depot or Lowes.

You can also purchase all supplies at Perfection Fireplace located at 6742 North Eldridge – Open Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm – they will also install the mailboxes for you for a fee. Contact them with questions at 713-937-4575.

As you can see from the sample pictures below, most of the fixes will be a fairly simple task requiring only a couple hours of each homeowner's time and very little out of pocket cost for the great majority of homes.

We thank you in advance for your support and active participation.



HAPPY MAILBOX



SAD MAILBOX

## "Oh What Fun We Had"

Thank you LOE families for joining us for some Holiday cheer. We enjoyed decorated cookies, hot chocolate, and a special visit from Santa Claus himself. Thank you all that volunteered their time and efforts to make this joyous occasion possible. Also a very warm thank you to TNG for providing cookies, kolaches and hot cocoa! Until next year..... Ho Ho Ho.



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