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The Lakes on Eldridge Dolphins Swim Team will begin their **21st season** in 2020! We are recruiting enthusiastic swimmers ages 4-18 looking to have fun this spring and summer.

The Lakes on Eldridge Swim Team (LOEST) is a voluntary recreation competitive 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 is a competitive swim team and does not provide swim lessons. All swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool without stopping on the ropes.

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 1st - Registration opens

April 15th - Registration ends

April 20th - Practice Starts

May 9th - Time Trials

May 16th - Home Meet against Glencarin

May 23th - Away meet @ Deerfield

May 30th - Away meet @ Cypress Mill

June 6th - Home meet against Towne Lake

June 13th - Away meet @ Jersey Village

June 20th - Championship Meet

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

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

DOG OWNER ETIQUETTE AND REGULATIONS



Our community has a beautiful network of sidewalks and trails that all residents should be able to enjoy. We have many dogs in LOE and families that take advantage of our sidewalks to exercise them. Please be aware that Harris County has a leash law and we ask our residents to review and follow the laws accordingly.

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. While you may believe your pet is friendly,

there are residents who are afraid of dogs or are frail and unable to defend themselves. We have had reports of dogs lose in front yards charging walkers and an additional report of a resident bitten by a dog that was on a long, retractable leash. Incidents such as these may be avoided if the laws are followed.

Each owner is ultimately responsible for their dog's behavior and must keep the dog close to the owner and under control at all times. 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.harriscountytx.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.

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1330 Enclave Parkway, Suite 425, Houston, TX 77077 713-932-1122 (24/7) or contactus.tx@fsresidential.com Office hours are 8:30am to 5:30pm Monday through Friday

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Poison Control1-800-764-7661
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www.lakesoneldridge.nabrnetwork.com

LOE CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

Clubhouse inquiries for rentals are handled by FSR. Please review the Clubhouse Rental Agreement found on the Resources tab at 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, number of guests, etc. Email inquiries are preferred over phone call inquiries due to the time needed to address your inquiry.

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[Section 3 – Definitions]

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

- 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
 - When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle; or
- When it is on the premises of the custodian and the animal does not have access to a sidewalk or street.

Stray: Any animal not under restraint as defined by these Regulations. The display of a vaccination tag or license tag does not change the fact that the dog or cat is a stray for the purposes of these Regulations.

LOE FAMILIES EASTER EGG HUNT

Come join us for the LOE Families Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at the playground on Auburn Shores. We will have separate areas by age group, so all of the kids can have fun. Easter egg hunts will begin shortly after 10.

Any families interested in participating are asked to contribute a dozen, pre-filled eggs per child. Please drop off the contributions by Sunday, March 29th at Christine's house (5611 Barton Falls). Please avoid any candy with nuts in the eggs, as we have several neighborhood kids with peanut and tree-nut allergies.

We need a handful of volunteers to help set up and hide eggs the morning of the event. If you are available, please contact Christine at stine.white@gmail.com. Thank you!



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The spring selling season is upon us. If you are thinking of selling, I would love the opportunity to earn your business. I am a long-time resident of Lakes on Eldridge North, and a neighborhood expert with a proven track record of selling more homes in LOE & LOEN than any other Realtor.

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Wine & Harp



A HUGE THANK YOU to our neighbor, Elizabeth Webb, for brightening our First Friday Social on February 7th! We all thoroughly enjoyed your beautiful harp music that added a very classy touch to our event!

Another well deserved thank you goes out to Kathy Jacobson and Erica Pressley from Scout & Cellar for hosting a very nice wine tasting event with their clean-

crafted wines. The early wine tasting seating quickly filled up and the second seating was nearly filled. We learned about the organic wine process and enjoyed tasting our way through the no/low chemical free wine selections!







RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, May 2nd 9 am - 12 pm LOE Clubhouse

Electronics are made with valuable reusable materials that can be recycled. We're glad to have

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Acceptable items also include small kitchen appliances, PDAs, game consoles and controllers, laptop & rechargeable batteries, telephones, cell phones, toner cartridges, DVD/CD/VCR players, stereo equipment, CDs, floppy drives, VHS tapes, alarm clocks, radios, electric fans, and televisions.

NOT ACCEPTED: TVs, monitors, large appliances or hazardous materials

International Potluck Dinner (Jan. 25, 2020)

The International Potluck dinner was a great success! Thank you to everyone that participated! We celebrated dishes from every continent including countries and participants from Australia, Belgium, England, France, India, Iran, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Switzerland, Trinidad and Vietnam. We even experienced domestic dishes from Florida and Texas, plus Jewish-American. How lucky are we to live in such a great international and diverse community!

A special thank you to all our volunteers for helping prepare for this event! We couldn't do it without you!

Don't forget to join us for additional fun events coming up - First Friday WITH LIVE MUSIC (March 6), Easter Egg Hunt (April 4) and Recycling Day (May 2).

BEFRIEND US ON FACEBOOK @LOESocialCommittee.

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!

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After Hour Visitors in LOE

As a friendly reminder, if you have a guest or visitor who will arrive during the hours of midnight and 5:00am, it is the Residents responsibility to call the guardhouse and provide Security with the name of the guest. Otherwise, guest(s) will not be given access into the community. The guardhouse phone number is 713-937-8825. You may also want to consider storing the guardhouse number in your phone contacts.

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Maintenance/Project Highlights for March 2020

Recent Maintenance/Project Highlights

- Commenced project to sand and paint all damaged wrought iron fencing for culdesacs adjacent to Common Areas. This job should be competed in March, weather permitting.
- Repaired/refinished top of one 10 seater wood table in Clubhouse Main Room.
- Replaced existing small, inefficient 2.5 ton AC unit serving the Clubhouse Main Room with a new high efficiency 4.0 ton unit. The Main Room will now be served by two 4.0 ton units which will eliminate the inadequacies we have experienced in the hotter months and/or when there are events with 100+ guests.
- Repaired old/weak breakers and upgraded the total power supply available for all Clubhouse and Office facilities.
- Completed trimming all culdesac oaks, as well as oaks in other Common Areas which are outboard to the major thoroughfares which had been previously trimmed. No more tree trimming, other than removing dead trees, is planned until later this year.
- Replaced missing Safety Sign adjacent to pedestrian bridge over Turkey Creek.



Lakes on Eldridge Events Calendar 2020

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

Saturday, May 2 - 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.

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Spring is Coming and it's Time to Spruce up LOE!

Here's some tips that may be of some help.

- Take a look at your front yard and make sure your home landscaping looks neat and attractive. Early spring is a great time to plant new bushes and fertilize existing ones. It is also a great time to trim overgrown bushes and trees.
- Plan to sod any bare areas in your yard. This is a quick way to give your yard a happy green look. Spring is also a good time to apply fertilizer with pest or weed control if needed.
- Watch out for weeds! Get out and enjoy the nice weather and pull a few weeds. There are also products out there that can curb returning weeds. In the coming months use annuals or perennials to add some color to your yard. It's a cheery greeting when you return home or have friends and family come to visit.
- Lastly, winter can leave driveways and sidewalks dirty or discolored. Time to restore them with some cleaning or power washing. Power washers can be rented at most hardware or building supply stores. Get together with a neighbor and share the rental of a power washer. They are easy to use to get off any winter dirt or discoloration.
- If you know of a neighbor who may be dealing with a challenging health or family situation and unable to do outside

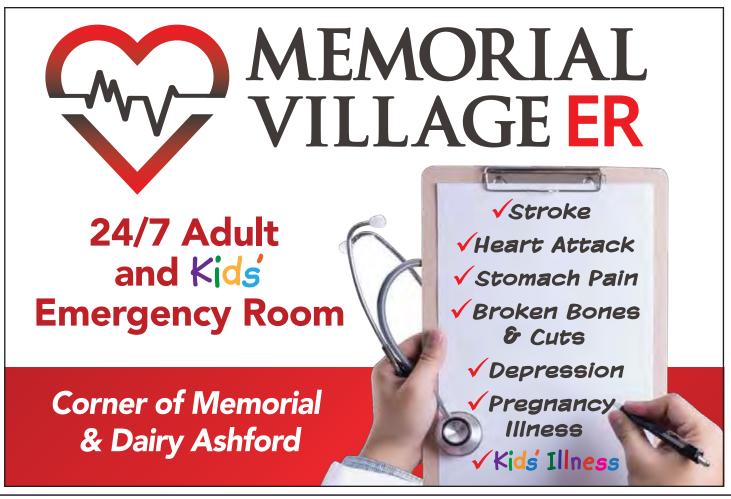
work themselves. Offer to help! It's a great way to get out and catch up with neighbors.

The HOA will also be doing their part with the following:

- Tree trimming continues
- The gardens continue to be maintained and weeded
- Wrought iron fencing at cul de sacs are being sanded down and repainted
- Power washing is scheduled for brick walls, bridge bollards, village entrance planters, and pool deck

Let's make 2020 a beautiful one in LOE!





TENNIS ANYONE?

How to create an account for online booking of courts







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 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. It's never too late to join us!

March 23 - The House at Riverton by Kate Morton.

The House at Riverton is a gorgeous debut novel set in England between the wars. Perfect for fans of "Downton Abbey," it's the story of an aristocratic family, a house, a mysterious death, and a way of life that vanished forever, told in flashback by a woman who witnessed it all.

The novel is full of secrets - some revealed, others hidden forever, reminiscent of the romantic suspense of Daphne du Maurier. It's also a meditation on memory and the

devastation of war and a beautifully rendered window into a fascinating time in history.

April 27 - The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

An international sensation, this hilarious, feel-good novel is narrated by an oddly charming and socially challenged genetics professor on an unusual quest: to find out if he is capable of true love.

Don Tillman, professor of genetics, has never been on a second date. He is a man who can count all his friends on the fingers of one hand, whose lifelong difficulty with social rituals has convinced him that he is simply not wired for romance. So when an acquaintance informs him that he would make a "wonderful" husband, his first reaction is shock. Yet he must concede to the statistical probability that there is someone for everyone, and he embarks upon The Wife Project. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which he approaches all things, Don sets out to find the perfect partner. She will be punctual and logical—most definitely not a barmaid, a smoker, a drinker, or a late-arriver.

Yet Rosie Jarman is all these things. She is also beguiling, fiery, intelligent—and on a quest of her own. She is looking for her biological father, a search that a certain DNA expert might be able to help her with. Don's Wife Project takes a back burner to the Father Project and an unlikely relationship blooms, forcing the scientifically minded geneticist to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie—and the realization that love is not always what looks good on paper.



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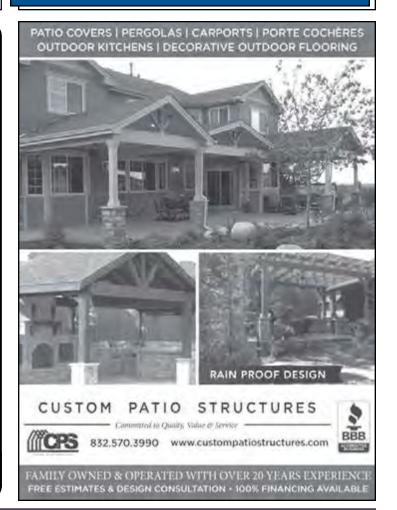
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