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Residents of Lakes on Eldridge

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The Lakes on Eldridge Board of Directors would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy Fourth of July.

4th of July Fireworks Guidelines

Fireworks are a traditional part of 4th of July Celebrations, but as a courtesy to your neighbors, please abide by these guidelines.

- It is recommended that all fireworks be fired off behind the LOE Clubhouse and over the lake between 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm
- Residents are encouraged to come and view the fireworks while social distancing around the pool deck and surrounding lawn. Feel free to bring your own chairs or spread a blanket on the grass.
- Any aerial fireworks must be pointed away from people, animals, homes, and structures.
- Any resident using fireworks must clean up all debris.

LOE SAFETY REMINDER



While we all enjoy the beautiful weather, please remember to avoid making your property attractive or easy for anyone to access and go through things left unattended. Residents are being reminded to remain vigilant and continue to LOCK cars and garage doors, especially at night. The Patrol Officers have noted again over the past weeks that several garage doors have repeatedly been left open after dark.

With the school year now being over and many still staying at home, there has been an increased amount of pedestrians and cyclist taking advantage of our great outdoors. Because of social distancing, many have also been using more often than usual the streets. Drivers should pay extra attention to non-vehicular traffic on the streets and pedestrians/cyclists should be extra-mindful to not unnecessarily hinder vehicular traffic when they see a car coming their way. Of even greater concern is nightly traffic : please ensure that you remain vigilant when driving and if you are walking or riding a bike, make sure that you can be seen.

Be smart, be safe!

Texas Lawn Care: How to Have a Healthy Yard

Lawn envy is real. As Texans, we take pride in our state and in our landscape. There is a special sense of accomplishment when your yard stays soft and green, even through the hot summer months. Achieve your lawn care goals with these tips and products for creating a healthy lawn.

How do I take care of my lawn?

Texas lawn care can be broken down to these key steps:

- Weed Control
- Fertilizing
- Watering
- Maintenance
- Pest & Disease Control

Creating a healthy lawn does take some upkeep, but it is easy with great products and quality ingredients. First, figure out what type of grass you have in your Texas lawn. Knowing if you have grass like St. Augustine, Bermuda, Zoysia, etc. is key in knowing the direction of care.

Soil tests are available to determine the true needs of your lawn. Also, figure out the proper square footage of your yard. When you know the size of your yard, you will know how much product you will need for the proper application.

How to fix a yard with weeds?

Control your weeds directly with ready-to-spray formulas or spreadable granules that attack the weed at the root. There are organic options for your Texas lawn care, plus pre- and post-emergent control. Fight weeds like crabgrass, dandelions, and chickweed. Suppress growth, prevent new growth, and give your grass access to thriving success. For all herbicide weed control methods, avoid using grass clippings for mulching around vegetables and fruit trees.

What is the difference between Pre-emergent vs. Post-emergent control?

Pre-emergents prevent new weed growth and is step one in your lawn care. It puts a barrier in the soil so weed seeds won't germinate. With each application, it becomes more effective in preventing weeds in your Texas lawn. Pre-emergents should generally be applied in spring and in early fall and are an important component in your do-

it-yourself lawn care services.

Post-emergents kill visible weeds, but do not prevent new weeds from germinating. They are a good choice for battling broadleaf weeds, like dandelions and grassy weeds. Always check the label before applying to your lawn and make sure it is safe for the type of grass you have in your Texas lawn. Some post-emergents should not be used on St. Augustine lawns.

How to make a lawn green in Texas?

Healthy, green lawns need a healthy soil. Feeding your soil will help create a happy and healthy environment for strong and vibrant plants and lawns. Fertilizing is important to your lawn maintenance. Enhance your lawn with the proper do-it-yourself lawn care services by promoting aeration and improving the soil structure with these all-natural products.

Do-it-yourself lawn care services and lawn maintenance is important to creating the best lawn that you can! First, watering is vital to your lawn care services. A typical Dallas lawn, Houston lawns, and most Texas lawns need at least 1 inch of water per week from rainfall or a sprinkler system. Make sure the water is soaking into the soil as opposed to running down the street. Watering early in the day reduces evaporation and is normally compliant with many city regulations.

How to control disease and pests with a Texas lawn care?

Take your do-it-yourself Texas lawn care services a bit further with disease and pest control. There are many products on the market that you can buy that will attack those harmful pests like ants, fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, and grubs.

There are also products that are systemic fungicide for turf and ornamentals. They also prevent and controls diseases of plants, groundcovers, and trees and shrubs. The key is to treat infected areas quickly.

Creating a healthy and vibrant Texas lawn is possible with lawn care! With quality ingredients and the tools for success, you can make your neighbors green with envy when they see your gorgeous lawn

Visit this website for more information and product recommendations.

Source: Cornelius & Calloway's Nursery - <https://www.calloways.com/lawn-care-texas/texas-lawn-care-healthy/>



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THOMAS
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JAMES
MONROE

These US Presidents
Died on the
4th of July.

Maintenance/Project Highlights for June 2020

- Removed several dead trees and trimmed a few low hanging limbs over major thoroughfares.
- Replaced dead palm tree for Auburn Shores culdesac.
- In order to reduce tailgating, adjusted Ginger Pond entrance gate to start closing within 7 seconds after fully opening, instead of the previous 10 seconds. Heather Run is already closing within 7 seconds.
- Created new French Drain on back side of Guard House. Heavy puddling in this area caused water to leak on to the Guard House floor during recent heavy rainfall. Thoroughly cleaned the Guard House which did not suffer any serious damage.
- Repaired Pool Bath hot water heater which shut down recently due to a burned-out fuse.



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LOE Book Club

Read any good books yet this year? If so, we always welcome new members and/or suggestions. Our selections are proposed by the membership and then voted upon.

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 are going to try in-person meetings again (with appropriate distancing) but also will use the option of an online platform for those who prefer, so please contact celeste.fritz@gmail.com for information on how to attend our meetings.

July 27 – Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris (historical fiction)

Inspired by an actual newspaper photograph that stunned the nation, *Sold on a Monday* is a powerful novel of love, redemption, and the unexpected paths that bring us home.

2 CHILDREN FOR SALE: The sign is a last resort. It sits on a farmhouse porch in 1931, but could be found anywhere in an era of breadlines, bank runs and broken dreams. It could have been written by any mother facing impossible choices. For a struggling reporter the scene evokes memories of his family's dark past. He snaps a photograph of the children, not meant for publication. But when it leads to his big break, the consequences are more devastating than he ever imagined.

August 24 – The Huntress by Kate Quinn (historical fiction)

From the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling novel *The Alice Network* comes another fascinating historical novel about a battle-haunted English journalist and a Russian female bomber pilot who join forces to track the Huntress, a Nazi war criminal gone to ground in America.

Bold and fearless, Nina Markova always dreamed of flying. When the Nazis attack the Soviet Union, she risks everything to join the legendary Night Witches, an all-female night bomber regiment wreaking havoc on the invading Germans. When she is stranded behind enemy lines, Nina becomes the prey of a lethal Nazi murderess known as the Huntress, and only Nina's bravery and cunning will keep her alive.

Transformed by the horrors he witnessed from Omaha Beach to the Nuremberg Trials, British war correspondent Ian Graham has become a Nazi hunter. Yet one target eludes him: a vicious predator known as the Huntress. To find her, the fierce, disciplined investigator joins forces with the only witness to escape the Huntress alive: the brazen, cocksure Nina. But a shared secret could derail their mission unless Ian and Nina force themselves to confront it.

Growing up in post-war Boston, 17-year-old Jordan McBride is determined to become a photographer. When her long-widowed father unexpectedly comes home with a new fiancée, Jordan is thrilled. But there is something disconcerting about the soft-spoken German widow. Certain that danger is lurking, Jordan begins to delve into her new stepmother's past - only to discover that there are mysteries buried deep in her family...secrets that may threaten all Jordan holds dear.

In this immersive, heart-wrenching story, Kate Quinn illuminates the consequences of war on individual lives, and the price we pay to seek justice and truth.



SWEET CAROL'S VELVET CUPCAKE

A hint for sweet bread and pantries

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sour
- 1/2 cup
- 1 bottle Red Food Color
- 2 teaspoons Vanilla Extract
- 1 package cream cheese

PREP TIME

- Prep | 30 m
- Cook | 20 m
- Ready in | 40 m
- Duration | 5 days

PROCEDURE

01

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
Mix flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside.

02

Beat butter and sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time.

03

Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into cupcake comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire rack 5 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely.

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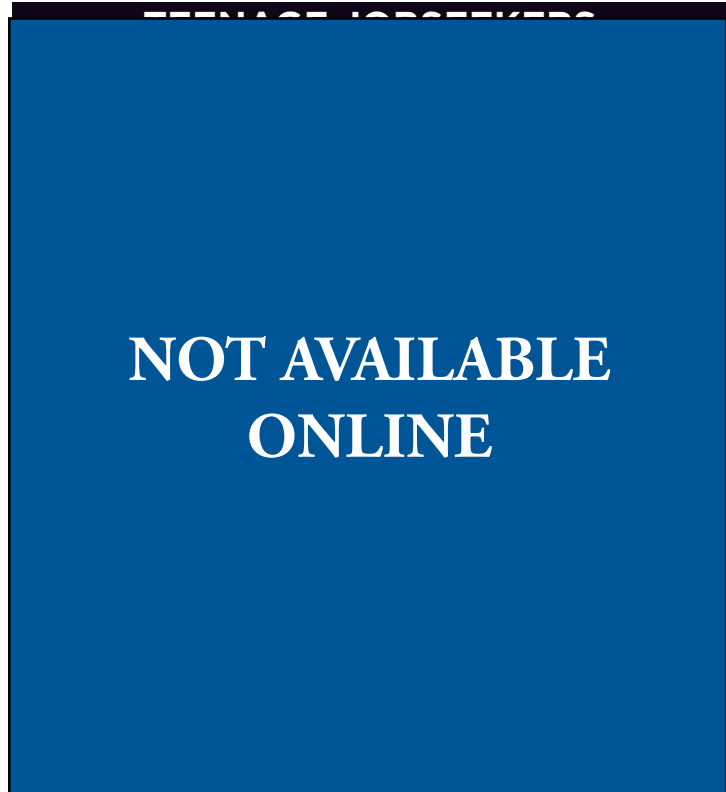
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