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New Entry Protocol for LOE Visitors

In a continued effort to improve the security of our community, we are upgrading the entry protocol for visitors. In addition to providing the name and the address of their LOE hosts, visitors entering LOE will now be asked to present a valid driver's license to the front gate officer. The registration process is being digitalized and the visitor's driver's license will be scanned. Any visitor unable to provide a valid driver's license will not be permitted to enter the community. All LOE residents should make their guests aware of this change so visitors can have their driver's licenses ready to present at the front entrance.

ARE YOU MAKING EXTERIOR CHANGES TO YOUR HOME?



Did you know you need to submit an ARC (Architectural Review Committee) application for approval prior to any changes/ improvements being made? The form can be found on the LOE website when signed in as a resident at www.lakesoneldridge. nabrnetwork.com under RESOURCES and

Association FORMS or you can email contactus.tx@fsresidential and request the form. Per the Governing Documents, Article IV, Section 2, any improvement to the exterior of your home needs to be approved. Some of the most common changes are roofs, painting, landscape changes, fences, structural, windows, and pool addition. You can see the full list by reviewing the ARC Guidelines which are also on the LOE website.

Mailbox Improvement Update



Thank you to all the neighbors who have straightened, repaired, and painted their mailboxes!

While progress is being made there are still some mailboxes that need some attention. Paint is the easiest. A spray can of black rust resistant paint is inexpensive and only takes a few minutes to greatly improve the appearance of your mailbox. Mailbox numbers can be polished up with brass cleaner or sprayed with a brass colored paint. Your neighbors and mail carrier will also appreciate a straightened mailbox if yours is tending to lean. There is additional helpful information in the Mailbox Resolution on the LOE Nabr Network under Governing Documents in the Resources tab.



Happy 244th Birthday America!



Lakes on Eldridge celebrated Independence Day this year in a big way. Yes, unfortunately our usual parade, games, and picnic were not able to be held due to the pandemic, However, there was a record number of fabulous fireworks at the clubhouse. Friends and families were encouraged to bring fireworks to the clubhouse, uniting to make it a safe and amazing experience for the

neighborhood. We had several families in attendance socially distancing in and around the pool and in cars enjoying the illuminated sky. Thanks to all who worked hard to provide the patriotic celebration.



Face Covering Requirements from the Governor and County Representatives

1. When leaving one's residence and when in a public place all persons over the age of ten (10) are encouraged to wear some form of face covering that covers the nose and mouth. The face covering may, for example, be a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, handkerchief and other cloth masks.

2. When outside their residences and in a public place, residents are encouraged to continue to maintain social distance of at least six feet.

3. All persons over the age often (10) are encouraged to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth except when:

a. Exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside alone;

b. Alone in a separate single space, whether indoors or outdoors;

c. In the presence only of other members of one's residence, whether inside or outside the residence;

d. When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health risk, including exacerbating a pre-existing medical condition or including, but not limited to, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance;

e. When doing so poses a security or safety risk, such as impairing the ability to drive or to be inspected at a security checkpoint; or

f. When eating or drinking.



Visibility of House Numbers

It is important that your house number can be seen from the street especially for visitors and emergency responders. Common obstruction issues are shrubs that need trimming and numbers need a fresh coat of paint.

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Visit the Association Website: 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 <u>www.lakesoneldridge.net</u>. To inquire about availability or other information, please email <u>contactus.tx@fsresidential.com</u> 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.

Maintenance/Project Highlights for June 2020

• Replaced fans in Clubhouse Lanai area with significantly upgraded more effective fans. Fan speed has been preset. An exterior switch next to back door was provided so residents can turn the fans On/Off. Please remember to turn them off when you leave.

• The floating volleyball recovery rope in the lake adjacent to the volleyball courts has been restored. Volleyballs that bounce into the lake will be trapped in the 10' wide area between the floating rope and the lake edge. Use the 10' long pole with hook (laying behind the bushes leading into the Clubhouse Office) to recover the ball. DO NOT move the floating rope which is being held in place at 10' from the lake edge by several pieces of rigid PVC pipe.

• Identified numerous spots on Common Area sidewalks that are puddling badly after heavy rainfall and creating ugly, muddy, safety hazards. Installed swales between the sidewalk and street to carry heavy rain water runoff into the street and eliminate puddling.

• Removed 6 dead pine, pear, and/or river birch trees, raised canopies on a few oak trees, and removed dead/dangerous limbs on several pine trees.

• Installed seven Hand Sanitizers throughout the Clubhouse and pool deck areas. No other sanitizing of these areas will be done. Users are encouraged to self-sanitize and wipe down furniture and other equipment they touch.

• ATT restored connection of Heather Run gate cameras to the Guard House by replacing fiber optic line that supplies required WiFi signal to Heather Run camera recorder (NVR).

• Replaced Flex Room camera which had failed.



SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKING IN THE COMMUNITY



Lakes on Eldridge is fortunate to have many enjoyable areas for walking. Here are some helpful safety tips when walking:

1. Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey

signs and signals.

2. Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. Don't use the street unless absolutely necessary

3. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.

4. Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.

5. Whenever possible, cross streets at intersections where drivers



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expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right 6. If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit

area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.

7. Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen

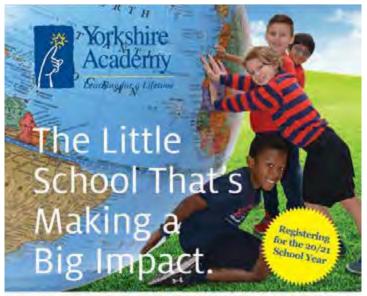
8. Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

9. Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

10. Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking; they impair your abilities and your judgement.

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• Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).

• Never leave children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles.

• Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.

- Eat small meals and eat more often.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.

• Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.

• Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.

- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat.
- Take frequent breaks if you must work outdoors.

• Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

• Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.

Information obtained from www.redcross.org

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). With the continued threat from Covid-19, we will be meeting on Zoom for the forseeable future. Contact celeste.fritz@gmail.com for information on how to attend our meetings.

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.

September 24 – Once Upon a River by by Diane Setterfield.

Setterfield's masterful mystery tells of a young girl who appears to have come back from the dead on the night of the winter solstice. While the town scrambles to identify her, the mute girl poses a mystery that no one seems ready to solve and raises other questions about people in town and their way of life. This gothic historical fiction is remarkably perceptive and straddles the line between fantasy and reality in a way that makes it even more authentic.

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