



LAKES

ON ELDRIDGE
NORTH

Volume 4, Issue 4

April 2005
Official Newsletter

Angels on LOEN



Angels on LOEN is a community service group within the LOEN Ladies Club. Join over 20 ladies in helping to bring our neighborhood closer together through acts of service! If you would like to learn more, email Jeanne Markham at jmarkham@hotmail.com.

Swim Team News

Swim team registration is April 3rd from 3 – 5pm and April 7th from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Our swim season is April 25th thru July 3rd. The parent meeting will be held April 25 with practice starting on April 26th. There are swim team social gatherings and pizza parties every Friday throughout the season. This is a great way to get to know the other swimmers and families in the neighborhood. We will have poster drawings and fun activities for everyone. Time Trials is a very important event and, according to NWAL rules, every swimmer needs to be timed prior to our first meet. Please try to be at time trials or make arrangements with the Coach.

Many thanks to our swim team board members for all their hard work throughout the off season. Please feel free to ask any board member questions you may have. A special thanks to Rosa Clay for her dedication to LOEST Fundraising.

Mary Beth Taylor	President Team Representative
Kent Vinall	Vice President Team Rep Elect
Open Position	Secretary/Computer
Peter Gross	Treasurer
Renee Dye	Clerk of Course / Computer
Kindra Rokhsaz	Head of Volunteers
Jillian Barkley	Member at Large

New Boundaries, New Principal, New Start

Positive change is on the way at Kirk Elementary next year. Along with our new boundaries that decrease enrollment by about 250 students, we will also be getting a new Principal. The Principal that has been at Kirk since it opened in 2000 has been transferred to Copeland Elementary beginning April 1st and we will be getting a new Principal. The new Principal will be announced at the Cy-fair ISD board meeting on April 11, 2005. This person will begin the transition immediately.

Meet Schedule

May 21st	Home vs Windsong
May 28	Away vs Canyon Gate
June 4th	Away vs Bear Creek
June 11th	Home vs Concord Bridge
June 18th	Away Vs Enchanted Valley
June 25th	Divisionals
July 3 rd	Post Season Invitationals

**View the Lakes on Eldridge North
Community Newsletter each month
on-line at www.PEELinc.com**

We are Getting the

Word Out on...

LAKEES

ON ELDRIDGE NORTH



GET OUT AND EXPERIENCE

A TEXAS TRADITION!

heritagetexas.com

On March 7, 1901, *Lupinus subcaruosus* (also known as **Buffalo clover**) became the only species of bluebonnet recognized as the state flower of Texas. However, *Lupinus texensis* (**Texas bluebonnet**) emerged as the favorite of most Texans. Their deep blue blossoms

can be seen from March through May in most areas of Texas. So, in 1971, the Texas Legislature made any variety of bluebonnet the state flower. *Lupinus texensis* remains as the iconic Texas bluebonnet. Including *L. subcaruosus*, *L. texensis*, *L. concinnus*, *L. platensis* and *L. havardii*.



Ann Knoche
annpk@heritagetexas.com

281.493.3880
Ext. 1911 Ext. 1904

Maureen Clemons
mclemons@heritagetexas.com

The Bluebonnet Trail

Lakes on Eldridge North

Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale

"The Garden of Good and Evil"

By Karen Breneman

Green, gray, blue-green, and blue-gray leaves nod in the light breeze. Hummingbirds, butterflies, song birds, dragonflies and damselflies flit from branch to branch and flower to flower. The garden is alive with color and movement, but, underneath all this beauty, something quite different is happening. The nodding leaf has a hole. The flower is missing part of its petals. A bare stem now stands where only yesterday, it was covered with leaves. A grape leaf is rolled when it should be open. A plant is missing from the border. A new green spreading plant is taking over the corner of the garden.

Gardens are living, breathing entities that change not only with the seasons, but within the seasons. Some plants are "thugs" and overgrow wanted plants. Other plants are not suited to the environment and cannot survive. Butterflies need host and nectar plants. Birds require plants for food and shelter. Dragonflies and damselflies, other insects, and birds must have water to drink and to breed. The interactions among all the creatures create changes in the plant community.

A healthy garden is one that adapts to the changes created by life. Plants in the right place survive the changes. Plants native to an area are ones that have adjusted over time to natural change. Adapted plants are non-native plants that do well in an area. Exotic plants are from another place; generally, from another continent. These plants tend to be ones that do not do well and require extraordinary

measures to keep them alive. Or, conversely, do too well and overgrow the native plant material. In these instances, the plants are invasive exotic plants, and more of these plants each year are being placed on restricted growth and import status. In other words, many exotic plants are illegal to import or grow in Texas. The exotic Chinese Tallow tree has recently received this designation.

Diverse native plant species encourage "good guys" to help maintain the overall health of the garden. Over 30,000 different species of insects have been identified in Texas. Between 95 and 98% of these insects are beneficial or non-harmful species. The remaining less than 5% of all insects are designated as pests or possible pests. Insects are an essential part of life. Without the beneficial insects, man, as a species, could not survive. There would be no food, material for clothing or shelter. The world as we know it would not exist.

The few pest species, when in large numbers, can cause extensive crop damage and could cause devastation; therefore, it is essential to identify the pests and remove them before they cause extensive damage. The predator species of insects, birds, amphibians, soil organisms, and a few mammals all help to maintain the proper balance. Wise use of resources can reduce damage, yet maintain a healthy environment.

(Continued on Page 5)



START SOMETHING.

Take a class. Go for a degree. Earn a certification. Learn a new language. You can begin all this and more by visiting www.cy-faircollege.com and checking out our Course Catalog and Summer 2005 Schedule.

Summer and mini-term registration now in progress.

**Online and phone registration begins
April 12 for Fall Semester.**

Onsite registration begins April 25 for Fall Semester



Visit us today.

Cy-Fair College • 9191 Barker Cypress Road • Cypress, Texas 77433 • 281.290.3200
Fairbanks Center • 14955 Northwest Freeway • Houston, Texas 77040 • 832.782.5000

affirmative action/eeo college



COPPERFIELD FAMILY MEDICINE

Trey Hillert, M.D.
Carlotta Hillert, M.D.

*Specialists in
Family Medicine*

- Preventive & Diagnostic Exams • Annual Check ups
- Traditional Family Medical Care • Smoking Cessation
 - E.D. (Impotence) • Weight Loss Counseling
- General Skin Care • Acne Treatment • Spider Vein Treatment
 - Pre-employment, School & Sports Physicals

"Accepting New Patients... TODAY"

**For more information on our office,
please visit our new website at
www.DoctorHillert.YourMD.com**

15498 F.M. 529 @ Highway 6
Houston, Texas 77095
281-345-4747

Master Gardener - (Continued from Page 5)

Learn more about native and adapted species of plants, how to plant and care for them and how to identify and control the most common pest insects. Plan to attend the Annual Spring Master Gardener Plant Sale and Symposium at the Harris County Cooperative Extension Center on Bear Creek drive on Saturday April 23, 2005.

The Symposium begins at 8 am with a presentation by Linda Knowles, Texas Master Naturalist and Native Plant Society member, talking about the plants available at the sale and the butterflies and birds they attract. The sale opens at 9 am for you to shop. Return to the auditorium at 10 am to hear me (Karen Breneman, Master Gardener, Texas Master naturalist and author) talk about "Common Garden Insects-Friend or Foe" and at 11 am Dr. Carol Brouwer, Cooperative Extension Agent, will give pointers on proper planting and care of your purchases.

Mark your Calendar Saturday April 23, 2005!!

Business Classified Ads

Business Classifieds are \$45.00. Please contact Donna Sommer, djsommer@aol.com, 832-237-4684.

Business Classifieds

WHERE ARE YOUR PHOTOS? Like the look of scrapbooks, but not all the work? Let me do it for you! Call Cindy at 281-373-4235 or email cindyscrapbooks@sbcglobal.net for more info. Instructions and supplies also available.

Cancer Counseling Hosts New Cancer Patient & Caregiver Group In Northwest Houston

On the first & third Thursdays of every month from 7-8 p.m. a Cancer Patient & Caregiver Group focused on encouragement, sharing of information and free emotional therapy will be open at 12806 Willow Center Drive, Suite D, Houston, Tx. 77066. Facilitator Marguerite D. Scott, MSW, LCSW. Cancer patients, their family members and friends are welcome, this is a free service provided by Cancer Counseling, Inc. For information and registration contact 713-520-9873.

The mission of Cancer Counseling, Inc. is to provide free professional emotional therapy and education to cancer patients, their families and friends. (Services are available in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Hindi and Vietnamese)



KAY HORSCH

LOE Resident & Realtor

Office: (713) 722-6867

Cell: (713) 703-8313

www.kayhorsch.com

CALL KAY HORSCH

"Because Every Move Matters"

#1 Sales Associate

Closed Outgoing Referrals (out of 782 agents)

Top Producing Agent

in #1 Coldwell Banker United Office - Memorial



Coldwell Banker United, Realtors®

Lakes on Eldridge North

The Bluebonnet Stencilers of Texas

The Bluebonnet Stencilers of Texas, a non-profit group serving all of Houston, meet each first Monday of the month from 6:30-9 PM at the Tracy Gee Community Center, 3599 Westcenter (One block east of Sam Houston Toll Road West). This chapter is actively seeking new members in the Houston area. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in stenciling and the related arts of faux finishing and decorative painting. For more information concerning meetings, call Joanne Wafer at 281-376-1466 or Moliède Null at 281-991-5870.

Pride of Texas Decorative Artists

The Pride of Texas Decorative Artists (a division of National Tole Society) would like to invite all decorative artists to our monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. We meet at Bear Creek Community Center off Patterson Road in Bear Creek Park. Our monthly "make it & take it" programs are taught by local artists. Please join us for fun and new ideas. For more information, call Peggy McElroy 281-565-0480.

Wine Club Update

The new contact information will be Cliff and Sherri Buster
Ph. - 713-849-5393; E-mail - LOENwineclub@houston.rr.com

Classifieds

Mother's Helper Needed - LOEN mother of two preschoolers needs Mother's Helper to watch and play with kids while she works from home. If you're not quite ready to babysit alone, but you'd like to play and earn money, being a Mother's Helper is a great way to start. Work a couple of hours a week after school on Tues and/or Thurs. Call Jeanne 713 291-9676

DONNA SOMMER
Sales Representative

Res. 832-237-4684
Mob. 281-788-2078
Fax 281-477-7311
dsommer@PEELinc.com

Peel, Inc.
Printing and Publishing

P.O. Box 886
200 E. Waylon Jennings Blvd.
Littlefield, Texas 79339

PH. 888-687-6444
Fax 806-385-5234

**Know why we use
Vacs that can
capture 99% of
all dust and
allergens?**



Because a cleaner home is a healthier home, and Nobody Outcleans The Maids.®

Our patented **Back Pack Vacs** can capture up to 99% of dust, allergens, bacteria, pet dander, pollen and other pollutants. And by taking them out, your family can't breathe them in.

Also, our Vacs extend to clean the tops of ceiling fans, along baseboards, and to reach deep under beds and other places that often don't get cleaned at all.

Plus, our Vacs are just part of what we do.

- Our uniformed teams are bonded, insured and thoroughly trained.
- Our standards are so high, our teams actually clean kitchen and bathroom floors on hands and knees.
- Our 22-Step **Healthy Touch® Deep Cleaning System** is your reassurance that we'll clean every area.

The Maids
Home Services

Nobody Outcleans The Maids.®

And what does this mean for you?

It means more time to relax, more time with family, less stress and the peace of mind of knowing your family is living in a home that's as clean and healthy as it can possibly be.

100% Satisfaction Guarantee

If you're unhappy with any area we've cleaned, call within 24 hours, and we'll come back and reclean it free of charge!

Call today for a free, no obligation estimate over the phone.

832-593-7500

www.maids.com





Tim Ziifle

Lakes On Eldridge North and Lakes On Eldridge Specialist

- ◆ **BROKER, REALTOR® WITH OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE**
- ◆ **CENTURY 21 "TOP PRODUCER" 2002, 2003, 2004**
- ◆ **CENDANT MOBILITY CERTIFIED RELOCATION SPECIALIST**
- ◆ **MEMBER INSTITUTE OF RESIDENTIAL MARKETING** 
- ◆ **EXPERT RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET ANALYST**
- ◆ **ACCREDITED BUYER REPRESENTATIVE** 
- ◆ **FORMER DIVISION PRESIDENT FOR MAJOR HOMEBUILDER**
- ◆ **E-PRO CERTIFIED REALTOR®** 



**Call me if you are thinking of Selling or
Buying either New Construction or Resale**

Request A FREE Comprehensive Market Analysis, Anytime!

Direct: (832) 457-1989

www.har.com/timziifle
www.realtor.com/houston/ziifle
E-mail: tcziifle@msn.com



Lakes on Eldridge North

Thyme Out for Gardening: Encouraging Wildlife, Part II

In February, we started talking about gardening for wildlife. If you've ever read anything on the subject, you might have heard the terms "wildscaping" and/or "habitat gardening" used to describe the process of designing a garden that is attractive to wildlife. Wildscaping is the term used by Texas Parks & Wildlife in its programs and publications that encourage wildlife gardening. Wildscapes are landscapes that focus on creating small habitats to provide food, water, shelter, and nesting sites for wildlife, emphasizing the use of native vegetation while providing a livable outdoor environment for humans. Wildscaping isn't my favorite term to use for this type of gardening, however, because it tends to conjure up images of an unmanageable jungle-yard, something that tends to be frowned upon by homeowner associations. I prefer the term "habitat gardening" because wildlife friendly gardens don't need to be truly wild or out of control; there are wildlife friendly plants to suit any style of landscape you prefer, whether it's cottage, natural, formal, tropical, or eclectic.

A wildlife-friendly or habitat garden also doesn't need to be large to be effective. Although many people turn their entire landscape into a habitat garden, the garden can be as small as a grouping of container plants or a small flower bed as long as it contains features to satisfy the food, water, and shelter requirements. Now that we have a better understanding of what habitat gardening is all about, let's talk about why you might want to create wildlife habitats in your landscape.

As I mentioned in the first part of this series, I love having wildlife in the neighborhood and feel that the presence of nature improves our quality of life. I also feel that habitat gardening is simply the right thing to do. As suburban growth increases, native wildlife habitats are being lost at an alarming rate; if we want to continue to enjoy songbirds, colorful butterflies, summer cricket and frog choruses, and the other wonders of nature, we must try and replace what's being lost. Recent studies indicate that a series of connected or even "hopscoched" habitats such as might be created in neighborhood yards, green belts, and parks can be effective in maintaining migratory and local wildlife populations.

Habitat gardens benefit wildlife, and they will also benefit the children in your life. As more schools include classroom gardens in their curriculum, studies are demonstrating that the environment enhances and improves all aspects of learning. Children who have the opportunity to garden and observe the natural world develop a sense of discovery, improve their participation and attitude, and develop an appreciation for the environment and an understanding of complex environmental issues. Nature gardening helps children's brain development by stimulating their senses and promoting inquiry skills and may even improve language development. Gardening and nature study have been found to be calming for children with attention issues.

(Continued on Page 9)

First Class FREE... No GIMMICKS...NO JOINING FEES...
and if you like us... ONE MONTH FREE...
with purchase of our Easy Fitness Ticket*



It shows in your smile.

(And in other places.)

When you love your workout, results come easy. That's why Jazzercise blends aerobics, yoga, pilates, and kickboxing movements into fun dance routines set to fresh new music. All fitness levels welcome.



Cardio



Strength



Stretch

NEW LOCATION NOW OPEN

Northwest Jazzercise Center
 12603 Louetta @ N. Eldridge

Bear Creek Copperfield Jazzercise Center
 15420 FM 529 @ Hwy. 6

Celebrating 25 years in the area.

Ranked #1 Franchise of 6000 worldwide

*Offer good for new or returning students who haven't attended in 6 months - Exp 5/15/05

281-855-FITT (3488) • www.jazzercise.com

For information on class schedule
 at either location

jazzercise
 it shows.

YARDMASTERS, INC.

"Where Beautiful Lawns Begin"

281-469-5158



15420 Telge Road

www.yardmastersinc.com



LANDSCAPING

- Design & Installation
- Trees, Shrubs, Flowers
- Mulch, Soil, Sod
- Root Barrier
- Drainage Systems
- Landscape Lighting
- Flagstone Borders
- Flagstone Walkways



LAWN MAINTENANCE

- Aeration
- Fertilization
- Fire Ant Control (TPCL 9651)
- Bed Cleaning
- Hedge Trimming
- Full Service Accounts
- Weekly Yard Service



SPRINKLER SYSTEMS - LI# 5455

SERVING NW HOUSTON SINCE 1990



FINANCING AVAILABLE INSURED FOR YOUR PROTECTION

SPECIAL

Aeration \$65.00

• Corners, Oversized Lots, Extra

SPECIAL

\$185.00
 2 Yds. Mulch +
 3 Flats Flowers
 (Bed Cleaing Extra)

SPECIAL

0% Interest for 6 months
 Residential Landscape Finance Program
 (For Qualified Homeowners)

Lakes on Eldridge North

Thyme Out - (Continued from Page 8)

And if the above reasons aren't enough to encourage you to install a habitat garden, how about this: a well-designed habitat garden is easier on the environment and on your budget because it requires less water, less fertilizer and fewer pesticides than the average landscape! So are you ready to try your hand at gardening for wildlife? Next month we'll talk about specific habitat requirements, wildlife friendly plants, and resources for even more information.

April Gardening Notes: Spring is in full swing here in Houston. The garden centers are overflowing with plants for your landscape so if there are plants you want to add to your garden, plant them this month before it gets too hot (for both the plants and the gardeners). If you're too busy this month, then there will still be time in the next couple of months to plant heat loving annuals such as basil, cosmos, vincas and zinnias.

Fertilize your lawn and flower beds if you haven't done so already, and be sure your beds have a three inch layer of compost or mulch. Remember to avoid piling mulch up around tree trunks and plant stems. Repot your container plants if necessary and start paying close attention to their water needs. Fertilize container plants regularly to replace the nutrients that leach out of the container as the plants are watered.

The Rodeo may be over, but there's still some two-steppin' to be done – for fire ants, that is. If fire ants are a problem in your yard, April

and May are the best Spring months to use your control treatments. Broadcast a bait product over your entire yard, and use a different mound treatment for any ant colonies found in high traffic areas or next to your foundation. Remember to follow all package directions. If you want more information on fire ants and their control, visit <http://fireant.tamu.edu>.

Don't miss the Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 23rd. Please see the related article by Karen Breneman for more details. This is an extremely popular sale so get in line early for the best selections. Be sure to attend the symposiums and pick up some valuable gardening information.

On April 30, the Texas Cooperative Extension Service will hold its annual WaterSmart gardening workshop at the Pasadena Convention Center. This all-day workshop features local gardening experts who will teach you how to create an attractive landscape that can survive Houston's water conditions. Call 281-855-5600 for registration information. Until next month, happy gardening!

By Lisa M. Rawl, Harris County
Master Gardener
lmrjkk@earthlink.net

We Create Beautiful Smiles!



S.M. Shirazi, D.D.S.
Cosmetic & Family Dentistry

713-466-3700

5630 North Eldridge

- ★ 12+ years in practice
- ★ New patients welcome
- ★ Emergencies seen same day
- ★ Payment plans available
- ★ Most insurance accepted
- ★ Movies available during treatment

**New Patient
Special**

Exam, X-Ray, Cleaning

\$100

not applicable for insurance patients

**Bleaching
Special**

(Reg. \$375)

\$200

good thru 07/31/05



**Yorkshire
Academy**

Learning for a Lifetime



*Come visit and see
why 15 students
from your
neighborhood
choose to attend
Yorkshire Academy!*

**Complete Summer Program at
www.yorkshireacademy.com**

Brand New State-of-the-Art Facility!

Elementary • Preschool • MDO

14120 Memorial (1 blk west of Kirkwood)

281-531-6088

Fully Accredited
www.yorkshire-academy.com

Est. 1984
email:yorkaca@swbell.net

Lakes on Eldridge North

Understanding Value Vs. Growth Investing

Kurt L. Box and Paul Palmer

Everyone hears over and over, from Morningstar and other sources, about value versus growth investing. The problem, and reality is, that most investors simply don't understand the difference between the two philosophies. Notice that I did not say between the two different kinds of stocks. Why? Well, because stocks can float between the two categories based on certain fundamentals. In this article, we'll articulate the differences between value and growth investing.

Value Defined

Value investing is the strategy of selecting stocks that trade for less than their intrinsic value. Value investors actively seek stocks from companies with sound financial statements that they believe the market has undervalued. As such, value investors are not one hundred percent believers in the "efficient market hypothesis," which maintains that the current market price of a stock reflects all the currently "knowable" information about a company and, so, is the most reasonable and rational price for that stock at that given point in time. In fact, one of Warren Buffett's (Benjamin Graham's student and one of the most famous value investors of all time) sayings is that "in the short run the stock market is a voting machine, but in the long run it is a weighing machine." Value investors tend to put more weight on their judgments about the extent to which they think a stock is mispriced in the stock market. If a stock is under priced, it is a good buy; if it is over priced, it is a sell. Oftentimes value investors seek to buy stocks

that are depressed because their companies are going through periods of difficulty. They would then ride their prices upward, if and when such companies recover from those difficulties, selling them when their fair value is reached.

According to most sources, investing for value typically means purchasing stocks that are trading at relatively low price-to-earnings (P/E), price-to-book (P/B), and price-to-sales ratios (P/S) and have relatively high dividend yields (dividend yield is calculated by dividing the company's annual dividend payment per share by its current share price). In fact, according to Morningstar and their "style box" definitions, "Value is defined based on low valuations (low price ratios and high dividend yields) and slow growth (low growth rates for earnings, sales, book value, and cash flow)."

Growth Defined

Investing for "growth" results in just the opposite – stocks trading at high P/E, P/B and P/S ratios and relatively low (or no) dividend yields. A growth strategy is an investor who seeks out stocks with what they deem good growth potential. In most cases a growth stock is defined as a company whose earnings are expected to grow at an above-average rate compared to its industry or the overall market. Again, according to Morningstar, "Growth is defined based on fast growth (high growth rates for earnings, sales, book value, and cash

(Continued on Page 11)



Carol's Decorating

*Complete Professional
Decorating Services*

281.221.6525

*Accessories ~ Murals ~ Custom Drapes
Rearranging Furniture ~ Rugs & Tapestrys
Custom Florals ~ Flooring ~ Faux Painting
Upholstery ~ Staging Home for Resale
Party & Event Planning & Decorating
Custom Art Work and Much More!*

Lets make your house a home
Call for your in home consultations!

*Certified Window Designer
Allied Member ASID
Phone 281-221-6525
Fax 281-955-8801*



Do You Need a Personal Massage Therapist?



Hello Neighbors:

My name is Joon and I am a certified massage therapist. I have certifications in the following areas of specialty: deep tissue, Swedish and sports massage. Due to the inconvenience of driving to a local day spa or salon to get a relaxing break, many of my clients have requested in-home massage service from me. I have over 3 years of experience working at a major spa in Houston.

If you are looking for a relaxing way to relieve your stress, then give me a call.

Services available:
Full body massage and
Chair massage.

For your convenience, all services can be done at the comfort of your own home.

All of my equipments are portable and can be set-up in almost any location.

**Make an appointment in
April and get 50% off
your first massage.**

Contact information:
Joon: 713-894-2665
John:(assistant)832-212-
2402

Lakes on Eldridge North

Understanding Value - (Continued from Page 10)

flow) and high valuations (high price ratios and low dividend yields). Most of these portfolios focus on companies in rapidly expanding industries.”

General Commentary

Although, in general, value stock portfolios tend to hold up better during stock market downturns, this in large part depends on the specific makeup of the investor’s portfolio. For example, if the stock is considered a value stock and has typical value stock fundamentals because the company is producing a product that is fast becoming obsolete or because the company is having serious financial issues, then a recession could put that company out of business. On the other hand, a value stock that has become a value stock simply because it is not growing revenues at a 20% compounded rate per year (although it is producing strong free cash flow) and is overlooked by greedy investors, can be a great holding during downturns. There were many of these stocks available in the late 1990’s (however, it is notable that there are far fewer available today). For anyone who truly wants to understand value investing and how to make money in the stock market, we recommend two books by Benjamin Graham (the father of value investing); *Securities Analyses: The Classic 1940 Edition* and *The Intelligent Investor Revised Addition* (with commentary by Jason Zweig).

TANNER LAKES ANIMAL CLINIC In Your Neighborhood!



Kenneth Malinowski, D.V.M.

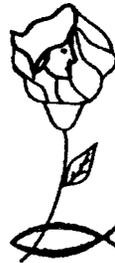
- Dental Grading at no charge! Dental Estimates!
- Ask about our Shelter Adoption Package at no charge!
- Come by anytime for a tour and meet Dr. Malinowski!

*Only The Best
For Your Best Friend*

- ✓ Ultrasound
- ✓ Telemedicine
- ✓ Blood Pressures
- ✓ Radiology (x-rays)
- ✓ Tonopen (glaucoma)
- ✓ Dental cleanings
- ✓ Blood Pressures

Office Hours
Mon, Wed, Fri 7am - 6pm
Tues, Thurs 7am - 7pm
Saturdays 8am - 1pm
713/937-4484

SPECIAL MAID SERVICES



Residential & Commercial Cleaning
Supplies & Equipment Furnished
Bonded

SAVE \$20!

New customers receive
\$5 OFF their first four cleanings.

281-589-2042

JARRAR & Company

Your Neighborhood PLUMBING Company
Since 1978

Services



Reliable Pricing, No Surprises

832-467-4750

www.jarrarandcompany.com

LICENSED
INSURED
BONDED

**Spring
SPECIAL**



\$25 OFF

ANY SERVICE

Expires 06/15/05

Cannot combine coupons



MAYTAG
WATER HEATERS

Authorized Maytag Dealer

Our Services Include Full Line of:

*Water Heaters • Water Softeners • Faucets • Water Filters
Disposals • Water Leaks • Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling
Sewer Camera • Pipe Inspection • Pressure Jetting
Sewer Cleaning • Repair & Sales • Shower Leak • Shower Pan*

LEGAL SERVICES

Christine K. Lincoln
Attorney at Law



- Family Law
- Wills
- Business Law
- General Civil Practice

The Lincoln Law Firm PLLC
12841 Jones Road, Suite 207
Houston, TX 77070
(281) 970-9005

Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

At no time will any source be allowed to use the Lakes on Eldridge North Newsletter contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in the Lakes on Eldridge North Newsletter is exclusively for the private use of Lakes on Eldridge North residents only.

Since 1977

The Branch School 3 years-5th grade

Learning for a Lifetime

At The Branch School we focus on helping our students discover their full potential.

- **Safe, Nurturing Preschool** – Our teachers are degreed and teach a developmentally appropriate preschool curriculum.
- **Solid Academics** – 33% of our elementary students made National Kumon Math Honor Roll.
- **Creative Projects** – We placed third this year at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.
- **Low Student Teacher Ratio** – 10 children per class in preschool; 12–16 children in elementary.

Call for a tour today!



OPEN HOUSE
April 12, 9-2 pm

Art and Soul Gala

Friday, April 15 6-9 pm
Join us for desserts, music and art!

The Branch School

1424 Sherwood Forest
Houston, TX 77043



713.465.0288

www.TheBranchSchool.org

Lakes on Eldridge North

Spring Is Here!

Spring is here, and, with the nicer weather, we need to be reminded of a few prevention tips that could save us a lot of frustration and time. As we have this nicer weather, we start to go out and about more often, and we start to do yard maintenance again

As you go about your daily tasks, please be mindful of the following safety tips.

At Home:

1. Keep doors and windows locked when not at home.
2. Keep garage door closed at all times, even when outside working in the yard. It is very easy to become distracted and not notice someone walking into your open garage.
3. Do not keep yard equipment lying in the yard when not in use or you are not present.
4. Make a list of all serial numbers on all home electronics, yard equipment, etc., and keep it in a safe place (i.e. bank deposit box, safe)
5. Engrave all personal property with a personal identification number. Engravers are available through the police department's crime prevention unit.

Vehicle:

1. Avoid taking valuables with you if you know you will have to leave them in your vehicle (while going to the park, stores, etc.)
2. Keep all valuables out of plain sight in your vehicle.
3. Secure all doors and windows on your vehicle including sun-roofs.

Whether you are home or out, always be observant of any suspicious persons or vehicles, and, if you do notice anything suspicious, call the Harris County Sheriffs Department as quickly as possible at 713-221-6000. If you are having or witness an emergency, call 911.

Fluoride Level Change

The fluoride level in our drinking water has changed to from 0.2 ppm to 0.4 ppm. The ideal amount is 0.7ppm for older children and 0.3 ppm for infants. Contact your pediatrician or dentist to see if fluoride supplementation is necessary.

A Pest Control Co.

Guaranteed 20 minute on time appointments
for all Lakes on Eldridge North residents!

**It's Swarm Season
for TERMITES...**

**Call now for a
FREE Inspection!**

**Flat Rate Fee
Pest Control
for LOEN Residents**
Limited Time Offer
Call for Details

A Pest Control Co., Ltd.

is a Locally Owned
Family Business Serving
Lakes on Eldridge North
Residents with Pride.



Call now for a free estimate!

\$20 OFF

Your first pest
control service.
Call for details.

\$25 to \$100 OFF

Any Termite
Control Service
Call for details.

281-213-3909

Licensed - Bonded - Insured

**the
Pool Nanny**

**Weekly & Vacation
Swimming Pool
Maintenance**

281-858-4868



Extensive Online Photo Album

www.customoutdoors.com

Let Us Bring Your Outdoors To Life!

Decks
Shade Arbors
Texas Porches
Patios
Outdoor Kitchens
Flagstone
Waterfalls
Swimming Pools

281-858-9696



SK Designs
Award Winning Designs
713-697-4110
skdesigns@mindspring.com
www.picturetrail.com/skdesigns

**Custom Window Treatments
bedding, tableskirts, blinds,
shutters, shades and more!**

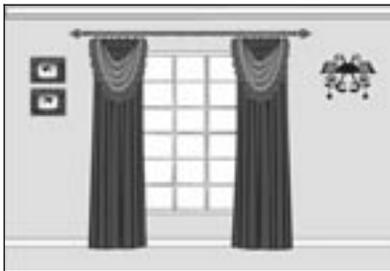
HOST A TRUNK SHOW

See many draperies, valances,
fabrics, pleats & details

WE MAKE CUSTOM FABRIC

Create patterns in any colors or
patterns; even use your child's artwork!

***STYLE RENDERINGS
SHOWN ON YOUR WINDOWS***



See your treatment style on your
own windows to help make a decision!

A CREATIVE EXAMPLE



Child's tea set saucers are used as finials
on this scalloped box pleat valance



Susan Kostelecky, owner
of SK Designs, has professionally designed
and fabricated custom window treatments
and bedding since 1995. Throughout the
greater Houston area, Susan assists clients
in selecting fabrics, trims and styles for their
homes, including many featured
on area home tours.

With commercial equipment and the
latest methods and styles, SK Designs
designs, fabricates and professionally installs
your treatments, using your
fabric or ours.

- ✂ Window Fashions Certified Professional
- ✂ Published in worldwide trade magazine
- ✂ Accounts with all major fabric vendors



SK DESIGNS
Award Winning Designs
Custom Sewing for the Home
713/697-4110

www.picturetrail.com/skdesigns
skdesigns@mindspring.com

Teenage Jobseekers

The following young people are interested in making a little extra money. If you would like to be included, removed, or updated in the next issue, please contact Jillian Barkley, 832-243-0000 or e-mail jbarkley@houston.rr.com (LOEN) All information must be received by the 10th of the month.

Babysitting
Pet/Plant Sitter
Lawn Care
Car Washing
Window Washing
Power Washing Driveways
Website Design/PC Assist.

Michelle, 18	•	713-937-0727(LOE)
Eileen, 16	•	713-937-0727(LOE)
Courtney, 13	•	713-937-0288(LOE)
Craig, 14	•	713-937-0288(LOE)
Sage, 16	•	713-896-4933(LOE)
George, 16	•	713-467-0932(LOE)
Delania, 13	•	713-849-2812(LOE)
Gabby, 16***	•	713-849-4596(LOE)
Chelsea, 19	•	SUMMER ONLY 713-983-7252(LOE)
Chinyere, 14	•	713-856-9495(LOE)
Jessica, 17	•	713-849-3692(LOE)
Katie, 16	•	713-896-7941(LOEN)
Patrick, 14	•	713-937-0727(LOE)
Ryan, 14	•	713-896-794(LOEN)
Kelechi, 13	•	713-856-9495(LOE)
Benny, 12	•	713-476-3750(LOE)
Jared, 17	•	832-467-9336(LOE)
Ryan, 17	•	832-243-9893(LOEN)
Katherine, 15**	•	832-243-9893(LOEN)
Jessica, 13	•	713-937-1383(LOEN)
Erica, 12	•	713-937-1383(LOEN)
Brianna, 10	•	713-937-1383(LOEN)
Thomas, 11	•	713-856-7372(LOEN)
Steven, 14	•	713-856-5666(LOEN)
James, 16	•	713-466-8298(LOEN)
Courtney, 12	•	713-493-0288(LOEN)
Tom, 14	•	713-466-6878(LOE)
Elisse, 16	•	713-896-9495(LOEN)
Leslie, 11**	•	832-467-4842(LOEN)
Erika, 12**	•	713-856-7192 (LOE)
Greta, 19	•	Christmas & Summer Only 713-896-4170 (LOEN)
Kate, 13	•	713-466-6878 (LOEN)
Joe, 18	•	832-876-4191 (LOE)
Rachel, 13**	•	713-896-0065 (LOEN)

*First Aid Certified with Boy Scouts

** Red Cross Babysitting Program

***Fluent in Spanish

Beginner Swim Instructor

Katie, age 16 713-896-7941 (LOEN)

Piano Lessons

Idil, age 15 713-896-1833 (LOE)

Guitar Lessons

Katherine, 15 ** 832-243-9893 (LOEN)

Aesthetic Pool & Patio, Inc.



Custom Pool Construction

(receive salt chlorine system free with new pool purchase, mention this ad when calling)

Pool Renovations: *Plaster, Tile, Coping, Decking, Waterfall additions, Equipment Replacement, Salt Chlorination, Pool Automation Systems.*

Loop-Loc Safety Covers & Baby-Loc Fencing

Custom Stone Fire Pits

Custom Barbeque Islands

Mosquito Misting Systems

www.aestheticpools.com

INSURED FOR
YOUR PROTECTION

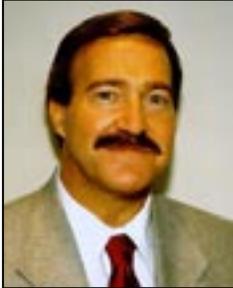


*Lakes on Eldridge North Resident
(w/ 2 show pools)*

Call for Free Estimate...
(713) 875-3838

#1 In LAKES ON ELDRIDGE SALES

★ LAKES ON ELDRIDGE HOMEOWNER ★



STEVE HARDCASTLE

RE/MAX Westside Realtors

281-925-3047

www.stevehardcastle.com



- **RE/MAX Westside TOP PRODUCER for 16 years ('89 - '04)**
- **Top Twenty Realtors in Houston-out of over 20,000 HAR members (Per Houston Business Journal)**
- **Top 1% of all Realtors in North America (1989-2004)**
- **Top Twenty RE/MAX agents in Houston Area (out of 1700 agents)**
- **Platinum Club; Hall of Fame; Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **Certified Residential Specialist (held by only 4% of Realtors)**
- **Broker; Relocation Expert; 25 years of real estate experience**

Peel, Inc.

P.O. Box 886
Littlefield, Texas 79339

Presorted Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Littlefield, Texas 79339
Permit #59

☎ Voice 806-385-6444

💻 www.PEELinc.com