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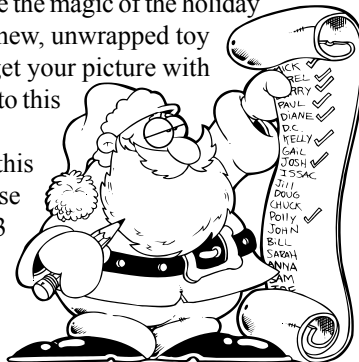
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LOE's Santa's Toy Drive Friday, December 16th

Santa will arrive in LOE by Fire Truck on Friday, December 16th at 6pm. The truck will circle the lake a couple of times and then stop at the clubhouse. Santa has made his list and checked it twice and knows that the LOE children have all been nice!!! So bring your little ones over to take a picture with Santa and his fire truck. There will be hot chocolate, apple cider and Christmas cookies to share as well as other holiday activities.

We also want to help Santa share the magic of the holiday with needy children. So bring a new, unwrapped toy or nonperishable food item and get your picture with Santa for free or make a donation to this worthy cause.

If you would like to help with this event or want more details, please contact Michelle at 832-731-0943 or mperez51@houston.rr.com.



Maintenance Fees

2006 Maintenance Fees are due January 1, 2006. Watch your mail for your statement. Your assessment funds the operation of the community such as landscaping, pool maintenance and repairs, insurance and reserving for the future major repairs or replacements. You may prepay your fees, or any portion of your fees, any time prior to January 1, 2006 due date. For more information contact AMI or mail your payments with your property address to:

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Annual Homeowners Meeting

The annual homeowners' meeting was held November 9, 2005 at Kirk Elementary. There were approximately 67 homeowners present. The board president highlighted the accomplishments from 2005 and the goals for 2006.

Some of the **accomplishments for 2005** included:

- Cleaning and refurbishing the tennis courts
- Replacing playground gravel with kiddy cushion mulch
- Replacing & upgrading landscape lighting
- Cleaning the Beach Club and gate house roof
- Updating outdoor bathrooms
- Replacing Beach Club commodes
- Painting and upgrading gates
- Painting Summerland Ridge fence
- Refurbishing decorative wall on Lake A
- Updating the pool to be in compliance with new regulations
- Painting and carpeting the Beach Club
- Adding motion detector lights at the Beach Club and a gate in the clubhouse tower to reduce vandalism
- Coordinating the creation of a storage room for the swim team
- Irrigation repairs and enhancements, upgrading of irrigation controllers
- Irrigation pump replacement (submersible pump also reduces noise)
- Upgrading several landscape beds and the adding of native plants
- Reducing size and weight of Ginger Ponds entry gate and adding dual-motor to limit malfunctioning & repairs
- Requiring all residents to have "LOE sticker" on car for easy resident identification
- Asking residents to complete forms to identify regular maintenance staff
- Implementing clear entrance admittance guidelines with gate attendants
- Increasing cooperation with LOE North guards (checking gates at

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LOE Board Of Directors

To contact a member of the Board of Directors, call Alex Taylor with AMI at 713-932-1122. Leave the number where you can be reached. Mr. Taylor will then forward your message to one of the following board members:

Nikki Favero	President
Bronson Clay	Vice President
Lindsay Buchanan.....	Secretary
Bob Adams.....	Treasurer
Michelle Perez	At Large

Visit the Association Website:
www.lakesoneldridge.net

Airport Noise

LOE is now in the flight pattern for both Intercontinental and Hobby Airports, which means air traffic has significantly increased. If you are concerned over the noise make a call to one or all of the numbers below. It is the number of calls and the people taking time to make them that make the most effective appeal for change for this situation.

- Houston Airport Noise Complaints Hotline: 281 233-3900
- Air Traffic Approach Number: 281 230-8441
- FAA Hotline: 1-800-255-1111

Do you know...

- Fireworks are NOT allowed in Lakes on Eldridge
- LOE amenities are for the exclusive use of LOE Residents. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
- Association facility keys may be purchased at the AMI office during office hours with ownership identification.
- Parks and playgrounds are open facilities for LOE residents and their guests to enjoy. LOE residents must accompany their guests.
- Please notify us of any unsafe conditions that need repair or maintenance via email.
- Please do not park in the Beach Club turn around area as this is a fire lane and must be clear at all time for emergency vehicles.
- Do NOT leave valuables in your vehicle and remember to lock your doors.
- Please try to avoid parking in the street. Not only is this a great inconvenience, it can be a potential safety hazard for your neighbors.
- Please keep your garage door closed. An open door may invite a thief to enter your property.

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Ginger Ponds)

- Implementing Sheriff's patrol
- Improving communication with Sheriff's department
- Reducing timing on gates to discourage "tail gating"
- Making a clear separation of visitors and residents at main gate entrance
- Succeeded in getting MUD #341 to improve drainage in common areas
- Succeeded in getting MUD #341 to take responsibility for maintenance of Turkey Creek
- Applied for tax exempt status
- Savings due to switching electric provider
- Commissioned study to determine insurable value
- Increased insurance coverage at a nominal cost to reduce risk exposure
- Updated and revised ACC guidelines
- Enhanced website
- Increased relevant content in Newsletter
- Gate signs to inform residents of relevant affairs
- Introduced "Yard of the Month"
- Many growing resident clubs (swim team, tennis league, LOE book club, Bible study, coffee group, LOE stitchers)
- Organized social events (potluck party, wine & cheese party, Santa Claus, Easter egg hunt, resident mixer party)

Financial Report

749 platted, occupied lots
 11 owners owe 2005 assessment
 98.5% collection rate

Financial Status at August 31, 2005

Operating Fund (Cash Balance)	\$ 182,950
Owed by past due owners	\$ 30,388
Replacement Fund (Cash Balance)	\$ 119,435

Income and Expenses at August 31, 2005

Total Income	\$ 604,398
Total Expenses	\$ 579,448
Operating Surplus	\$ 24,950

Priorities 2006

- Developing and staffing effective committees
- Keeping LOE a safe place to live
- Continued focus on community awareness and crime prevention
- Implementation of "Neighborhood Watch"
- Well maintained grounds & structures
- Updating of Clubhouse with new furniture & Window treatments
- Landscape improvements
- Enhance beds with native plants
- Update irrigation
- Continued focus on addressing maintenance needs
- Continued attention to caring for lakes and wildlife

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Annual Homeowners Meeting *-(continued from page 4)*

- Keeping turtles in check
- Maintaining healthy duck & swan populations
- Keep the pool and surrounding area clean and welcoming

All residents had the opportunity to ask questions. To see some of those questions, look at the website for questions and answers. Residents also had the opportunity to evaluate the performance of the board and management company. Here are those results from evaluations returned (for full results, go to website):

Satisfaction with Board	46% very satisfied	23% no response
Satisfaction with AMI	31% very satisfied	31% somewhat satisfied
	15% undecided	15% no response

What's working well?

Seasonal Planting, Front Gate, Grounds, Gate Repair/Maintenance, Newsletter, Mosquito control

What needs improving?

Crab Grass/Weeds, AMI Letters nit-picking, Flag at entrance, Time Warner for all, Increase patrols, Planting on interior walls

Concerns

Tanner road, Not responsive, Problem children, No concerns
There was an election of 2 board members. Bronson Clay returns for another term on the board and Deborah Dunaway will take Michelle Perez's position.

At the end of the meeting, 5 gift cards from Lowe's, CVS and

Kroger were raffled off for those that were present. Congratulations to CeeCee Parker, Sonia Roselle, Carol Adams, and Alphine Freeman for winning the gift cards. But most importantly, thank you to all the residents that attended the meeting. Your involvement and attendance is important to the success of our community. The board does a lot of work "behind the scenes" to keep the association running smoothly, and many homeowners call board members throughout the year requesting assistance and information. The board is always ready to help wherever possible, and in return, we ask that homeowners invest two hours per year to help out the board and attend the annual meeting for the benefit of your neighborhood. *(so keep in mind next September for the 2006 homeowners meeting)*

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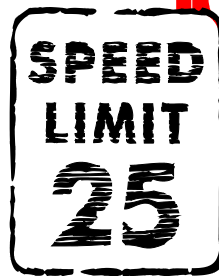
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The Texas Highway Drivers Handbook states that a red stop sign with white letters means that **YOU MUST BRING YOUR CAR TO A COMPLETE STOP. Slowing down is not enough.** The same Handbook states that a Speed Limit sign indicates the maximum speed permitted on the roadway for daytime or nighttime.

Your Board of Directors has received several complaints that some drivers are ignoring the LOE stop signs and the speed limits. The Board considers that these are an important part of the safety environment we all strive for within LOE and it will take whatever steps it considers necessary to ensure that everyone

driving within LOE complies with these requirements.

Please be safe and considerate of others in the LOE community by obeying the traffic rules. Give yourself a few extra minutes so you won't have to rush to your next appointment. It only takes a few seconds and bad judgment to turn a great day into a tragic one.



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Stitch & Chat



LOE stitchers celebrated their one-year anniversary on November 18, 2005. We are changing our name to LOE Stitch & Chat Group. We want to welcome all LOE residents to visit with us whether they stitch or not. We are at the "Beach Club House" from 9:30 am until 12:00 noon every Thursday.

We will be hosting a Christmas Open House for all ADULT residents on Thursday, December 8th. We will be displaying some of our handy work that we have made for our children, grandchildren, friends, etc., so, everyone can see what we accomplish on Thursday mornings. We will be serving coffee, homemade eggnog & Christmas goodies.

Come and join us!!!!

For more information, you can contact Catherine Spellings at CTSpellings@aol.com or 713-896-1652 or 713-628-7083.

Visit 'Lakes on Eldridge' Website and 'Be Informed!'

WEBSITE FEATURES...

1. Read Your Community news and the approved minutes of the Board Meetings
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Before you register, please obtain your password from your webmaster by calling 713-984-7252.

GETTING STARTED

1. Visit www.lakesoneldridge.net (Please bookmark this page for your future visits)
2. You can register (by clicking on 'Member Section'). While registering, you will be asked the community password. Type in the community password you obtain from your webmaster.
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In the last 12 months prior to November 10th, 2005 homes with a pool in LOEN and LOE sold for an average of \$5/sqft more than comparable homes without a pool.



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Yorkshire Academy

Yorkshire Academy recently presented 'It's NOT Just About the Turkey', starring 2nd Grade with Kindergarten and First Grades having supporting/chorus roles.

Help Keep Our Lights On

All residents of LOE pay a maintenance fee, a large part of which is spent on electricity to light our streets. The fee is billed to us whether the light is working or not. If you see a light(s) burned out, please help us by getting an address, or intersection, and the number on the pole. You should fill out the form available at www.centerpointenergy.com/outage.

You can call this information into CenterPoint at 713-923-3213, but the electronic form is much faster as you won't be put on "hold". You can also report dim lights, leaning poles, etc. on the form as well.

Please also copy the email to the AMI office at ami@amitx.com so they can keep a list of the lights reported.

Thanks for your help!!!

Delivery and Service Vehicles

Key Maps don't show the entrances on Tanner Road are gated. Because of this, delivery and service vehicles pull into these entrances and either can't or won't turn around. This leaves the next resident entering the neighborhood the choice going to another gate or letting in these vehicles.

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So here is a somewhat better solution. There will be black magnetic clips, and small poster board donated at the guardhouse. Type up your sign as usual, drop by the guardhouse, tape your sign to the poster board, and pick up 4 clips for each sign that needs to be posted. Use the clips at each corner of your sign and magnetically adhere to the gates. It's less messy, looks prettier and gives us a uniform style of posting information. When you are finished, please return all clips to the guardhouse.

If you need help typing up a sign, you can contact Michelle at 832-731-0943. If you would like to donate some clips or poster board, drop off at the guardhouse. (clips should be the black magnetic kind)

Also, get your information to the Webmaster to post your information on our website. See article about website for information.

Carpool

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Vehicle Decal

We cherish our life behind our gated community. It's quiet, pleasant, and private and it limits the amount of people who can come in. Therefore, all resident vehicles must display the proper LOE decal to enter the community. This is in effort to reduce the amount of unauthorized traffic in the community.

Vehicles that do not have a proper vehicle decal displayed will be asked to show identification to enter the community. If you need a decal, you can contact AMI at 713.932.1122.

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Quick Reminders

- Pet Owners – Please be courteous to your neighbors, clean up after your pets and walk your pets on a leash at all times.
- Please remember to place trash out on TRASH DAYS ONLY, and return cans to your storage location on the same day. Trash and trash containers should be visible on trash days only, and should not be set where they block the sidewalk. Trash should not be put out for extended periods of time.
- Vandalism is taken very seriously at Lakes on Eldridge. Anyone found vandalizing or causing damage to LOE property, including parks, playgrounds, nature areas, signs, lakes, etc., have and will continue to be prosecuted.
- Have you removed your holiday decorations? All holiday decorations must be removed within 30 days after a holiday.
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Volunteers needed

We are always looking for volunteers in the community. You drive the policies and procedures. But without your involvement, this is left up to a handful of people. So if you are interested in helping the community, please visit the website, register as a member and list your interests to volunteer and we will contact you.

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Free Better Breathers Support Group meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 10:30 am – 11:30 am in the hospital cafeteria. Presented by Mary Ann Kinart, RD, Better Breathers is a support group for individuals who suffer with chronic lung disease.

Free Diabetes Support Group meets the 1st Tuesday of every month from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the hospital cafeteria. Led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT, **the next meeting will be December 6th.**

Free Diabetes Teaching Classes

These 3 classes will be given the 1st Saturday of each month. They can be taken all at once, one at a time or whatever is most convenient for your schedule. Our 1st Saturday is December 3rd in the hospital cafeteria. All classes led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT

8:30 am – 10:30 am Introduction to Insulin Pumps

10:30 am – 12:30 pm Basics of Carb Counting

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Walking with a mission: 2,000 to change tomorrow, today, at this year's Heart Walk

Houston, TX – More than 2,000 area residents are turned out at Cy-Fair College on Saturday to bring awareness to heart health. On October 29th, local walkers participated in the American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk—taking a stand toward a healthier future.

The non-competitive, three-mile walk — which began at 8:00 a.m. with a warm-up by the Cy-Fair College Dancers — raised over \$175,000 to support heart disease and stroke research and educational programs in the Houston community. Teams were made up of employees of local companies, along with friends and family members of all ages. Participants who are heart disease or stroke survivors wore red caps that say "Fighting Back."

Walk Chairman, Terry Wheeler, CEO of Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, pledged that Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center would make a total contribution of \$25,000 to the event through a combination of employee fund-raising and corporate sponsorship. Wheeler's employees embraced the lofty goal and far exceeded it, raising over \$20,000. Combined with a \$20,000 Presenting Sponsorship from the hospital and the Tenet Foundation, Wheeler was able to nearly double his pledge, giving a total contribution of \$45,000 to the walk efforts.

"Everyone knows someone affected by cardiovascular diseases like heart disease or stroke" said Wheeler. "That's why it's so important for all of us to participate in the Heart Walk and do our part to help save lives. It has been so gratifying to see everyone working together on a common cause and knowing that their efforts are helping to save lives in our community."

Dr. David Anthony, Superintendent of the Cy-Fair Independent School District challenged all Cy-Fair ISD employees to get involved in the Heart Walk this year and they enthusiastically accepted his challenge. Over 1,000 Cy-Fair ISD employees registered for the walk and they raised a combined total of over \$35,000. Clad in neon green t-shirts, the ISD walkers turned out in droves and cheered each other on as they each crossed the finish line of the 3-mile walk.

Diseases of the heart are the country's No. 1 cause of death; stroke is No. 3. Together these cardiovascular diseases kill more than 927,000 Americans each year and cost the nation almost \$400 billion in indirect and direct costs. The Heart Walk, a national American Heart Association event that will take place in more than 150 cities this year, has raised almost \$500 million for research and education in its 12-year history.

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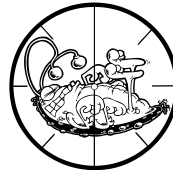
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American Heart Association-funded research has yielded many important discoveries such as CPR, life-extending drugs, pacemakers, bypass surgery, the heart-lung machine and surgical techniques to repair heart defects.

Subway is the national presenting sponsor of the Heart Walk. Local sponsors include: Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center, Houston Northwest Medical Center, Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, First Community Credit Union, Fred Fincher Motors, EmCare, Credit Union Acceptance Company, Chaparrel Management, Citibank Texas, Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, Resource One Credit Union, Tomball Regional Hospital, The Woodlands North Houston Heart Center, Carl's BBQ, Fox & Bubela, Hawes Hill Calderon, Signs Now, and Willie's Restaurants.

For information on participating in the Heart Walk, Houston area residents can call the American Heart Association at 713-610-5000 or visit walk.americanheart.org.

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