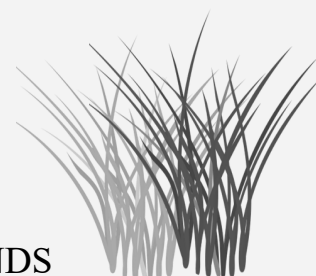


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THE OFFICIAL *Newsletter* OF EAST LAKE WOODLANDS

## A message from our President Jermaine Jenkins

*Keeping Our Community Safe,  
Beautiful & Connected*

Happy summer, ELW! I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July holiday and found time to relax, recharge, and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

As we continue through the summer, we are pleased to share updates on several recently completed projects, along with new updates and progress underway across the community.

### Community Tree Trimming & Common-Ground Maintenance

The Board remains committed to ongoing clean-up, safety, and maintenance efforts throughout East Lake Woodlands. Tree trimming and common-ground work continues across ELW, with a current focus on:

- Canopy lifts and trimming along the parkway leading to the **East Lake (North) Guardhouse** entrance
- Removal of heavily decayed and dead trees along the parkway between Ardea and the Truist entrance, and along Sunflower Drive
- Trimming and removal of overgrowth along Woodlands Boulevard near Stonebriar Drive

The Board will continue identifying areas where overgrowth removal and safety-focused landscaping are needed, making these projects a priority as part of our ongoing commitment to the appearance, safety, and long-term care of East Lake Woodlands. As we enter peak hurricane season, proactive landscape maintenance plays an important role in reducing potential hazards, improving storm preparedness, and

protecting our community.

### Tampa Road Wall — Construction Complete

The Board is pleased to share that construction of the Tampa Road wall is now complete! Final painting is scheduled to begin in August, following the required 30- to 45-day cure period for the new stucco.

This has been an important priority for the current Board, and we've remained committed to moving the project forward as efficiently as possible while ensuring all required approvals were properly addressed. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding throughout the process.

### Greenhaven Sidewalk, Road & Infrastructure Preservation Project Completed

The Board is pleased to share that this project is now complete! Trees that were significantly impacting nearby roads and sidewalks have been removed, new sidewalks have been installed, and new sod has been laid wherever it was impacted during the work.

Thank you to the Greenhaven III Board and residents for their excellent collaboration and support throughout this process. This initiative reflects our shared commitment to long-term safety, accessibility, and the overall appearance of our neighborhood.

### Drainage Improvement Project Completed

After several months of work, the drainage improvement project near the golf cart crossing on East Lake Woodlands Parkway by Hunter's Crossing is now complete.

The project included modifications to the golf cart crossing, installation of underground drainage pipes, restoration of

the swales and cart path, shoulder regrading, debris removal, and hydroseeding. The work extended along the south side of East Lake Woodlands Parkway from Hunters Drive west toward the Silverthorne entrance.

These improvements were designed to reduce standing water following heavy rain, improve drainage flow, and enhance safety and accessibility along one of our community's most heavily traveled corridors. The completed project has created a safer cart path, improved the overall appearance of the area, and represents a step forward in strengthening our drainage infrastructure.

### Community Sod & Island Landscaping Update

As part of our ongoing efforts to raise the standards of the community's main entrances, additional new sod has been installed on the first island at the Tampa Road (South) entrance and the first island at the Truist entrance. New sod has also been added along a section of the Tampa Road entrance.

The Board will continue evaluating sod conditions throughout the islands from Ardea to the Truist entrance and will move forward with additional improvements as needed.

### New Lakeside Benches Installed

To create a new place for residents to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of East Lake Woodlands, two benches have been installed along South Woodlands Drive near Woodridge Court, overlooking the lake.

Whether you're out for a morning walk, an evening stroll, or simply looking for a peaceful place to unwind, we hope these benches provide residents with a comfortable spot to relax, enjoy the scenic lake views, observe local wildlife, and connect with neighbors.

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### Community Safety Reminder

Please be mindful of your speed when driving throughout our community. The safety of our residents, guests, and pets is vitally important. Remember, once you enter the community gates, you are essentially in your own driveway — and the same level of care and attentiveness should be applied when driving.

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### Speeding & Traffic Safety — A Friendly Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that traffic safety continues to be a top priority for our community. The Board **continues to work** closely with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to monitor and address speeding throughout East Lake Woodlands, so residents can expect to continue seeing law enforcement throughout the community as part of this ongoing effort.

We're asking all drivers to stay mindful of posted speed limits and take extra care while getting around the neighborhood, especially near crosswalks, intersections, amenity areas, and anywhere you might encounter pedestrians, cyclists, golf carts, or children at play.

Keeping East Lake Woodlands safe starts with all of us. A little extra care and a little less speed go a long way toward keeping our community safe and welcoming for everyone.

### New Landscape Maintenance Partner

Following a thoughtful and comprehensive RFP and evaluation process, the Board has selected RedTree Landscape Systems as East Lake Woodlands' new landscape maintenance partner.

RedTree earned exceptionally high marks throughout the selection process and has built a strong reputation for quality, responsiveness, and attention to detail. They currently provide landscape maintenance services for several premier communities in our area, including Westchase, Champions Club, Lansbrook, and Esplanade at Starkey Ranch.

This transition reflects the Board's continued commitment to enhancing the beauty and curb appeal of East Lake Woodlands while being fiscally responsible stewards of the community's resources. The new agreement delivers greater overall value and an enhanced level of service while maintaining our current budget.

RedTree is scheduled to begin service in August, and we look forward to partnering with them as we continue to strategically invest in the appearance and long-term beauty of our community.

### Sidewalk & Hedge Trimming — A Friendly Reminder

As a friendly reminder, Florida law places responsibility on property owners to keep hedges, shrubs, and other vegetation trimmed so they don't obstruct sidewalks or create safety hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. Vegetation that grows onto a public sidewalk can become a code violation, so we ask all residents to help by keeping plantings trimmed back from walkways and property lines.

While a neighbor may trim branches or hedges that cross onto their side of the property line, the responsibility for maintaining the landscaping ultimately remains with the property owner. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our sidewalks clear, safe, and looking great throughout East Lake Woodlands.

### Hurricane Season Preparedness

As we move through hurricane season, the Board wants residents to know that we have remained focused on taking proactive steps to strengthen East Lake Woodlands and reduce potential storm-related risks wherever possible.

Over the past year, the Board has made key investments in drainage infrastructure improvements while maintaining a disciplined approach to inspecting our drainage system on a quarterly basis and promptly addressing issues as they are identified. As promised and routinely communicated, we have also continued removing dead, decaying, and structurally compromised trees, as well as clearing overgrown vegetation throughout the community.

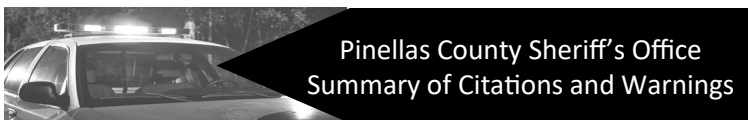
These proactive efforts help reduce the risk of falling trees and large limbs during high winds, minimize the potential for damage to homes, vehicles, roads, and utility infrastructure, and improve access for emergency responders should a storm occur. Restoring overgrown areas has also helped improve drainage flow and reduce potential obstructions.

While no community is immune to the impacts of severe weather, we believe these efforts have positioned East Lake Woodlands as well as possible for this hurricane season. Our focus remains on reducing risk, improving stormwater flow, protecting our infrastructure, and enhancing the overall safety and resilience of our community.

### A Message From Your Board — Looking Ahead

This edition reflects the steady progress taking place across East Lake Woodlands and the Board's continued focus on the priorities that matter most to our community. From infrastructure and drainage improvements to landscaping, beautification, safety, and security, each initiative represents another step toward strengthening and enhancing the community we all call home.

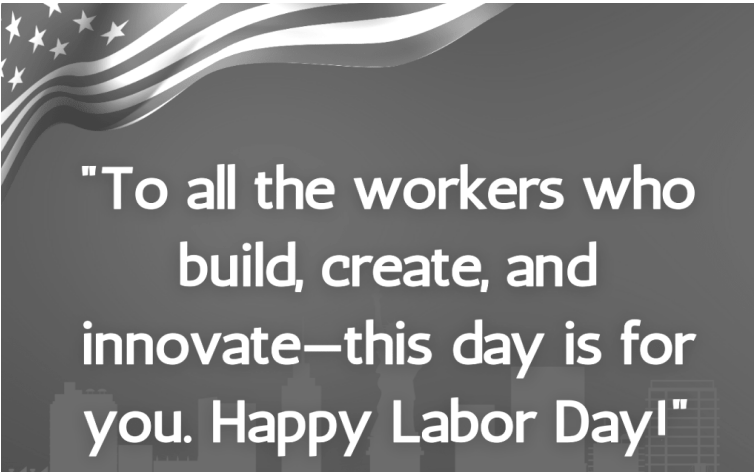
Thank you to our residents, fellow Board members, management team, and community partners for the cooperation, patience, and support that help move these efforts forward. We look forward to continuing this work, building on the progress already underway, and identifying new opportunities to make East Lake Woodlands even better in the months ahead.



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#### JUNE 2026

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| 1                        |          |                | Improper Passing       |                    |   |
|                          | 11       |                | Speeding Over 1-15 MPH |                    |   |
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The band rehearses and performs at the Dunedin Community Center. Rehearsals take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:45.

So if you've been thinking of pulling that dusty instrument case out of the closet and doing something enjoyable for yourself and the community, here is an opportunity to get started. By the way, you'll note from the websites that both of these groups perform under the baton of a distinguished Music Director, Dr. Martin Seggelke.



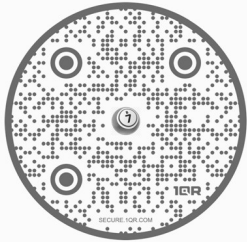


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### East Lake Woodlands Water - 2026

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- Homework is important for student success and most nights there will be homework. Each family has to find a time, place and way to ensure homework is done well.
- Reading is the most important skill for success in school and life. Each family should set aside some time for children to read. Visiting the library together is a great family activity. Research documents that every student should read at

least twenty five books every year, besides textbooks.

- Know the rules of the school and each classroom and follow them. This is part of being a good student. Parents should support these rules with their children. This is as much a part of learning as book studies. Support the teachers and principals.
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### CNCN News • Dr. Ken Peluso



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#### CNCN PROPERTY TAX AMENDMENT FORUM

Please join CNCN on Monday, September 21st at 7:30 PM at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Academy, 35209 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, as we host a community forum focusing solely on the Property Tax Amendment which will appear on our ballot in November.

Our speakers will be our State Representative Adam Anderson who will provide legislative overview, along with Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty, who will present the facts, dispel some myths and discuss possible unintended consequences.

We will also broadcast live on Facebook on the Council of North County Neighborhoods page. Please try to attend either in person or online so you can make an informed choice on election day.

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As our altitude changes a pressure difference can build up across our eardrums, and this pressure difference can cause discomfort or even pain in some people. This effect often occurs when an airplane is descending and the

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One way to reduce the pressure or pain that we feel is by forcing the eustachian tube to open. To do this, close your mouth and hold one nostril tightly closed and GENTLY try to exhale through that nostril. Since the air cannot flow out of our nostril, it will be forced to flow up the eustachian tube, forcing it to open and equalize the pressure across the eardrum. Then repeat with the other nostril to clear the other ear. Some people are able to open up the eustachian tube simply by chewing gum or yawning, but this does not work for everyone.

### History of Labor Day

#### Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

#### Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

#### Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Car-

penters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

#### The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

#### A Nationwide Holiday

The greatest rescue is the one that doesn't have to happen. This thought is particularly relevant July 5th-10th. The rescue lines were swamped with calls regarding hurt birds. We received a call on the 5<sup>th</sup> about a hawk that was down in Holiday on a school property. We were very lucky Ed Bokor decided to go looking for the hawk. The bird he rescued turned out to be a juvenile bald eagle. Yikes... The eagle looked to be about 16 weeks old. He was found about a mile from Fred Howard Park where eagles have nested for decades upon decades. The young eagle was likely affected by fireworks, somehow fracturing the tip of the wing. Dr. Murphy at the Animal and Bird Medical Center of Palm Harbor placed a pin in the broken bone and the outlook is hopeful but guarded. We are so grateful to all of the veterinarians and technicians that help us day in and day out with the large volume of injured wildlife we see.



Intake seems to never slow down. *If you would like to volunteer to help rescue and transport birds of prey please reach out to us at 727-798-2385. Texts are preferred.*

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American





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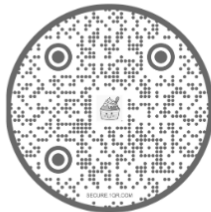
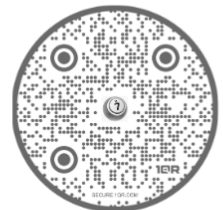


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As summer comes to an end and students prepare to head back to school, East Lake Fire Rescue would like to remind our community that safety starts before the first school bell rings. The beginning of the school year brings changes to daily routines, increased traffic around schools and neighborhoods, and busy schedules for families. Taking a few moments to review safety practices can help ensure a successful and safe start to the season.

#### Back-to-School Safety Tips

Whether children walk, ride their bikes, take the bus, or are driven to school, it's important to practice safe habits every day.

- Review your family's route to school and identify safe places to cross streets.
- Remind children to always look left, right, and left again before crossing and to use designated crosswalks whenever possible.
- Encourage students to stay alert and avoid distractions such as phones or headphones when walking near traffic.
- If riding a bicycle or scooter, always wear a properly fitted helmet and follow traffic laws.
- Teach children to wait for the school bus to come to a complete stop before approaching and to stay at least ten feet away from the bus while waiting.
- Drivers should slow down in school zones, remain alert for children who may unexpectedly enter the roadway, and avoid distracted driving.

The return to school also means more activity in neighborhoods during the morning and afternoon hours. Please use extra caution when backing out of driveways and traveling through residential areas.

#### Fall Prevention for Children and Older Adults

As we transition into the fall season, East Lake Fire Rescue encourages residents to take simple steps to prevent falls—the leading

cause of injury for both young children and older adults.

For families with young children:

- Use safety gates near stairs and ensure handrails are secure.
- Keep floors clear of toys, shoes, and other tripping hazards.
- Supervise children on playground equipment and encourage age-appropriate play.
- Make sure backpacks are not overloaded and are worn properly using both shoulder straps.

For older adults:

- Remove loose rugs and clutter from walkways throughout the home.
- Ensure stairways and hallways are well lit and equipped with sturdy handrails.
- Wear supportive, non-slip footwear indoors and outdoors.
- Consider installing grab bars in bathrooms and using assistive devices when recommended by your healthcare provider.
- Stay physically active to improve balance, flexibility, and strength.

As fall decorations begin to appear, remember to keep pathways clear and avoid creating tripping hazards with extension cords, decorations, or outdoor lighting.

#### A Safe Season Starts With All of Us

Safety is a shared responsibility. By practicing safe transportation habits, staying alert around schools, and taking steps to prevent falls at home, we can help protect our children, families, and neighbors throughout the season.

East Lake Fire Rescue is proud to serve our community and remains committed to promoting safety every day. We wish all students, teachers, and families a successful school year and encourage everyone to make safety part of their daily routine.

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### **Revolutionary Ideas: An Introduction to AI Fri, 8/7/26 | 10:30am**

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### **Cello Rocks! with Theresa Villani Wed, 8/12/26 | 6pm**

Join us for a ramped-up, high-energy "happening" that will urge you onto your feet! Using as a foundation the unique compositions for solo cello by jazz/rock cellist/composer, Aaron Minsky, in the genres of jazz, pop, blues, rock n' roll, Broadway and even the Grateful Dead, Ms. Villani has conceived and created an expanded version of this music. She has done this through advanced cello writing, employing multiple concurrent sounds and advanced bow techniques, all within an acoustic framework. You will be delighted and surprised to watch and hear this type of cello playing up close! This concert is being offered in conjunction with and enhancement of Ms. Villani's colorful and energetic exhibit of her cut-paper collages currently on view.

### **Bookbinding: Junk Journal Workshop Wed, 8/19/26 | 6pm**

Learn the fundamentals of bookbinding while creating a one-of-a-kind "junk journal." Participants will explore simple binding techniques and creative ways to repurpose paper, cardboard, and other everyday materials into a functional, handmade book. This workshop is suitable for beginners and emphasizes creativity and accessibility.

### **Beat the Heat: Fresh & Flavorful Summer Menu with Chef Debbie**

Thu, 8/20/26 | 3:30pm

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Discover fresh summer flavors at our upcoming live cooking demonstration! Watch these seasonal dishes come to life, enjoy samples of every recipe, and take home new inspiration for your kitchen. Space is limited. Please register to secure your spot!

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Chef Bio - Debbie McGiffin is a chef and co-

owner of Palate Culinary Services with over 25 years of experience. She teaches simple techniques and fresh, flavorful dishes that anyone can recreate at home.

### **Teen Advisory Board Open House (9th-12th Grade) Sat, 8/22/26 | 1pm**

Summer may be over, but the fun doesn't have to end! Join us in the Community Room to learn how you can be a part of the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). This groups give you a chance to share ideas, plan events, and make a difference in the library community. TAB is open to students in 9th - 12th grade! Walk-ins are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend! Applications to join will be available, and current members will be there to share their experiences. Enjoy snacks, refreshments, and crafts while you learn how to get involved.

### **Middle School Advisory Board Open House (6th-8th Grade) Sat, 8/22/26 | 2pm**

Summer may be over, but the fun doesn't have to end! Join us in the Community Room to learn how you can be a part of the Middle School Advisory Board (MSAB). This groups give you a chance to share ideas, plan events, and make a difference in the library community. MSAB is open to students in 6th - 8th grade! Walk-ins are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend! Applications to join will be available, and current members will be there to share their experiences. Enjoy snacks, refreshments, and crafts while you learn how to get involved.

### **Quilted Star Ornament Wed, 8/26/26 | 1pm**

Join library staff as we make a beautiful quilted star ornament; no sewing required! You will be guided step-by-step as you create a colorful masterpiece. All supplies will be provided; registration is required as space is limited.

### **A Practical Magic Crafternoon: Book Bedazzling Wed, 9/2/26 | 2pm**

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### **Teen(y) Tiny Art for Teens Thu, 9/3/26 | 6:30pm**

Large canvases feel too daunting? Don't worry! Join other teens for a Teen(y) Tiny Art Workshop! Create a small masterpiece or a silly creature painting. The world is your canvas! Open to students in grades 6th - 12th

### **Chef Warren - Cuban Cuisine Wed, 9/9/26 | 6pm**

Cuban Cuisine - Robust and Tasty! Learn why this Spanish, Caribbean and African influenced cuisine is getting raves beyond the strongholds

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### **Adult Field Trip - Regional 9-1-1 Communications Center Thu, 9/17/26 | 10:30am**

ELCL Adults: Join us for this unique experience as we visit a local 9-1-1 communications center! After we walk through the center, there will be time for some Q&A. We will also be given handouts explaining some resources available to all Pinellas County Residents. When you walk into a 9-1-1 dispatch center (Public Safety Answer Point), you enter a secure, high-tech, and fast-paced environment.

### **Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (6th-12th Grade) Thu, 9/17/26 | 6:30pm**

Can you answer these questions? True or False:

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Solve:  $-15 + -7 + 2$  What does X stand for in Roman Numerals? How did you do? Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Work in teams or play independently and see if you can answer basic questions heard in a 5th grade classroom.

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### **Storytime and Crafternoon Sat, 9/19/26 | 10am**

Join local youth author, Aaliyah Alderson, age 11, for a special reading from her newly published book, Curious Adventure Faith. The story celebrates a brave hamster as she has a magical adventure and meets new friends. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation. All registered youth are also invited to make their own friendship bracelets to share in the spirit of the story!

### **Inside Out 2 (Hosted by Psych Club) Sat, 9/19/26 | 1pm**

Join us during a fun start to the school year! Make stress balls to help relieve academic stress, and enjoy the critically acclaimed movie, Inside Out 2. Join the first meeting of the Psychology & Neuroscience Club for the 2026-2027 school year. New members welcomed! Open to students in grades 6th-12th.

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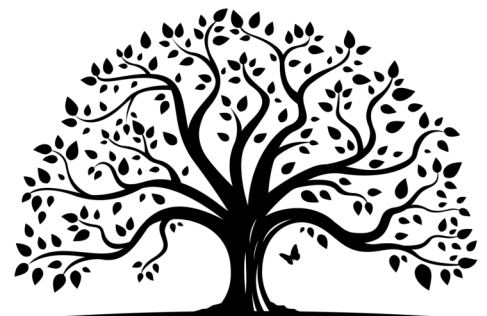
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