

December  
2008

# Pictures with Santa

## December 14th



Bring the kids and pets by the Londonderry Clubhouse on Sunday, December 14th between 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for pictures with Santa. There will also be a moonwalk, pony rides, craft table, cookies and punch. There is no cost to Londonderry residents for any of these activities!

Santa will even have a gift for the good girls and boys!

Parents are asked to stay with children 10 years old and younger during this event.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. We ask that you only stay for 30 minutes to one hour. If you can help us out, please contact Robin at 281-255-2016.

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**Londonderry Homeowner's Association Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, December 9th

7:30 pm

Neighborhood Clubhouse at 8331 London Way

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- 1/3 cup of Maxwell House Coffee
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/4 cup orange marmalade
- 3 cups cold water



**Make It:**

Place coffee, cinnamon, and cloves in filter in brew basket of coffee maker. Place marmalade in empty pot of coffee maker.

Add water to coffee maker and brew. When brewing is complete, stir until well blended.

**Kraft Kitchen Tips:**

Jazz It Up

Serve with sugar and cinnamon sticks.

Find this and other holiday recipes at [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com).

**ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS:**

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**Christmas Decorations at the Clubhouse**

The LHOA will be decorating the clubhouse and front of the neighborhood on **Sunday, December 7th**. If you enjoy the decorations and would like to help, we'd love to have you join us. Please call the clubhouse and leave a message with the time that you are available and someone will follow up with you. Let's all pitch in to make our neighborhood look great this Christmas season!

# Merry Christmas

## And the Happiest of New Year!

### *Dont Forget Jesus*

Christmas is a speical time  
To reflect on Jesus Christ  
The wonder of his lowly birth  
Brings meaning to our lives

There really is no other reason  
We celebrate this day  
The birth of God's precious son  
And the life He willingly gave

But so much seems to distract us  
In the busy-ness of our lives  
We lose our focus in all the happenings  
Not knowing, we leave out Christ

We lose sight of the true meaning  
As we endlessly rush about  
Trying to find the perfect gift  
Seems to cloud our Savior out

We need to stop and reflect awhile  
Remembering our precious Lord  
His birth, His life and sacrifice  
And all that he stands for

For though the world may celebrate  
It seems though for other reasons  
Let's keep in mind that Jesus Christ  
Is the true meaning of the season



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# Edward Jones

## Financial Focus: Here's a Financial "Checklist" for Surviving a Financial Crisis

Over the past few weeks, the news has been almost incomprehensible. It's hard for many of us to make sense of the failure of major Wall Street firms and large banks and the \$700 billion bailout of the financial sector. And it's hard for investors to be calm when stocks have fallen almost 30 percent from their all-time high a year ago. What can you do to cope? Consider the following "checklist" for surviving a financial crisis:

\_\_\_\_Close your ears -- but open your eyes. These days, you may hear some so-called "experts" talking about end-of-capitalism scenarios. Try not to listen to these doomsayers. We still have the most powerful economy in the history of the world and we will recover from these setbacks. However, even if you close your ears, you should keep your eyes wide open. Specifically, look for opportunities. Stock prices are down now, but they won't always be -- and, all else being equal, investors who buy into the stock market at lower prices are likely to earn higher returns than those who buy stocks when prices are higher.

\_\_\_\_Focus on things you can control. During a financial crisis, your success at weathering the storm depends on your ability to stay calm and concentrate on the things you can control. For example, you can control your emotions so that you aren't panicked into making unwise, short-term decisions, such as putting all your money under your mattress. And, to a certain extent, you can even control your portfolio's ability to withstand volatility. How? By diversifying your holdings as broadly as possible. The wider your range of investments, the less you'll be hurt by downturns that primarily affect one asset class. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

\_\_\_\_Review and rebalance your portfolio. During this market decline, some of your holdings have probably fallen more than others. As a result, you may now own a lower percentage of a specific asset class than you had originally intended when you built your portfolio. Consequently, you may want to meet with your financial advisor to determine if you should rebalance your portfolio by adding more money to those asset classes that have fallen the most. You may also want to rebalance if your risk tolerance or long-term goals have changed.

\_\_\_\_Look for quality investments. In this economic environment, it's more important than ever to focus on quality investments. If you buy stocks, look for those companies with strong balance sheets. If you're purchasing bonds, stick with those that receive high credit ratings. If we are entering a prolonged economic downturn, these types of investments will, in all likelihood, fare better than lower-quality stocks and bonds.

\_\_\_\_Be patient. No one can predict when a bear market will end, but history has shown that turnarounds can happen quickly and unexpectedly. So be patient. The most successful investors have the courage to stay the course and take advantage of opportunities while others are "bailing out" of the financial markets.

We may still have some rough roads ahead of us. But if you can check off every item on this list, you may be able to smooth out some of the bumps you'll encounter on your journey toward achieving your long-term goals.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local financial advisor, Kevin Martin, 24910 Kuykendahl, Ste D Tomball, Tx. 77375 Phone: 281-357-0838

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During this holiday season and every day of the year,  
we wish you all the best.



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**2008 Londonderry****Committees**

Adult's Activities: *Open position*  
Architectural: Joe Perez  
(281) 516-7729  
Ball Field: Darrell Schulze  
(281) 351-2008  
Children's Activities: *Open position*  
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Gnatzig (281) 255-3187  
Website: Brian Conrad  
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Welcome: Bob and Jimmie  
Carlton (281) 351-4358

## Londonderry Homeowners Association Meeting Minutes ~ November 24, 2008

**Attendance** Board Members: Guy Chason, Brandi Morgan, Brian Zultowski, and Robin Haney  
Residents: Sagar Alexander, Joe Murphy, Wayne Kleypas, Amy Rush, and Susan Wheeler  
The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm.

The October LHOA meeting minutes were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** A. Checking account balance \$3,306.23; savings account balance \$102,454.50; giving a total balance of \$105,760.73. B. There are 25 homeowners, who have not paid 2008 dues and have been turned over to the attorney.

**Committee Reports:**

**Children's Activities:** *The LHOA Children's Christmas Party is set for December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm. Santa will be there to take pictures with children and pets. Pictures will be developed on site. We will have pony rides, a craft table, cookies and punch, and a moonwalk. Please come help us celebrate the season! Santa has a gift for all our good LHOA boys and girls. Parents are asked to stay with their children under 10 years old. Volunteers are needed in 30 minutes to 1 hour sessions to make this event a success for our children. Those willing to aid and assist prior to, during, or after the children's party; please contact Robin Haney at 281-255-2016.*

**Deed Restrictions:** *Three notices were sent out in October and 14 violations were resolved. If residents have any questions regarding deed restrictions or violations, they will need to contact the Deed Restriction Committee or the LHOA Board (281-255-2016 or the LHOA website <http://www.londonderry-hoa.org>).*

**Adult Committee:** *The community garage sale was a popular success with at least 40 homes participating. The committee plans to host another community sale in the spring and if participation remains high, they would like to make these sales an annual event. A LHOA Scrapbooking Night will be held at the clubhouse in January for any and all residents who are active scrap bookers or interested in learning. More information regarding date and times will be decided soon and posted on the LHOA website and in the newsletter. For those interested in helping host the event or setting up a display, please call 281-255-2016.*

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**Clubhouse:** *A special thank you to Lori Heidenreich for all her hard work as clubhouse manager. We are actively seeking a new manager; any one interested in this position can contact any LHOA Board Member, the website, or leave a message at 281-255-2016.*

**Old Business** *Additional security patrols by Harris County Sheriff's Office will continue through the end of the year*

**New Business**

1. *New drinking fountain bids for the pool area are being sought for the December board meeting.*
2. *EJC Farms will be hired to provide pony rides for the Children's Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm.*
3. *Architectural Committee needs 30 days prior notice for approval on all requests.*
4. *A motion to raise homeowner dues to \$385.00 failed.*
5. *A motion to raise homeowner dues to \$375.00 passed.*
6. *The board will investigate offering a bill matrix type of payment option in addition to the 3 month payment agreement for residents.*
7. *See Blue Pools' bid for electrical work plus a trench to the playground pool was approved.*
8. *Lawn care and landscaping issues were tabled until the December meeting.*
9. *A motion to accept A Beautiful Pools Inc. bid to handle pool maintenance and operations passed.*
10. *Brandi Morgan and Amy Rush will temporarily relieve Lori Heidenreich as clubhouse manager until a new manager can be found.*
11. *The possibility of LHOA Newsletter going green and being published on line with monthly emails to all residents is being investigated.*

*Meeting adjourned 9:33pm.*

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