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## Community Garage Sale

Saturday, November 15th

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Attention Londonderry Residents:

As you clean up after the storm, start setting things aside for a community-wide garage sale.

**There is no cost to participate.**

The LHOA will run an ad in the local newspaper and place signs within the community.

All you have to do is place your items out on your property the day of the sale and let us know that you are planning to participate.

If you'd like to participate, please call Brandi at 281-923-4252.

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**Londonderry Homeowner's Association Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, November 11th

7:30 pm

Neighborhood Clubhouse at 8331 London Way

Are you a business owner? Interested in advertising in the Londonderry newsletter? Your information will go out to over 400 homeowners of Londonderry subdivision. It's easy to do.....just submit your information to [lhoanewsletter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhoanewsletter@sbcglobal.net) by the 15th of the month and your ad will appear in the following month's newsletter. There will be a price increase effective 9/1/08 to the following:

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months
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## Do these things every 6 months when you reset your clocks:

Twice a year, when **Daylight Savings Time begins** or **ends**, make it a habit to not only change your clocks, but do a few other semi-annual tasks that will **improve safety in your home...**

- **Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.** Replace any smoke alarms older than ten years. Replace any CO alarms older than five years.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit for your house (*water, food, flashlights, batteries, blankets*). Once you've created your home disaster kit, use the semi-annual time change to check its contents (*including testing/replacing flashlight batteries*).
- A COLD winter is coming! Make a "*winter car-emergency kit*" **now** and put your vehicle! (*Don't know what to include? Do an Internet search for "car emergency kit" and you'll find lots of ideas!*) *It's a good idea to carry a car-emergency kit in your car year-round, but be sure to add cold-weather gear to your general car-emergency kit each fall. (Having a separate duffle/gear bag clearly marked "Cold Gear" specifically for your cold weather emergency gear makes it easy to add or take out of the car, seasonally.) Like a Boy Scout, "Be Prepared!" In cold weather, even a very minor car problem or flat tire can be deadly serious, or at the very least, miserable to deal with, unless you're well prepared.*
- Check home and outbuilding storage areas for hazardous materials. Discard (*properly, please*) any which are outdated, no longer used, or in poor condition. Move any which are within reach of kids or pets.
- Check and discard expired medications - **those dates really DO have meaning** - some very common over-the-counter medications can cause *serious* problems due to change through aging.

## Presidential Pardon

The turkey that lives to see another day; 2008 marks the 19th anniversary of the practice

### Origins

Each year since 1947, the *National Turkey Federation* and the *Poultry and Egg National Board* have given a turkey to the [President of the United States](#) at a White House ceremony. Since then, presidents have been more likely to eat the turkey rather than give it a reprieve. A notable exception occurred in 1963, when President Kennedy, referring to the turkey given to him, said, "Let's just keep him." It wasn't until the first Thanksgiving of President George H.W. Bush, in 1989, that a turkey was officially pardoned for the first time.

### Confusing the Practice

Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have continued the pardons begun under the first Bush. Some confusion about the true origin of this practice has crept into recent presidential speeches though. One story claims that Harry Truman pardoned the turkey given to him in 1947, but the Truman Library has been unable to find any evidence of this. Another story claims the tradition dates back to Abraham Lincoln pardoning his son Tad's pet turkey.

### From Frying Pan Park to Disneyland

What's certain is that since 1989 a turkey—and its alternate—have been pardoned each year. An alternate is chosen just in case the first bird is unable to perform its duties. For fifteen years through 2004, the turkeys were given to Kidwell Farm, a petting zoo at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, Virginia. The turkeys would receive a last minute pardon before arriving, and were then led to their new home at the Turkey Barn after enduring a turkey "roast" full of poultry humor and history.

In 2005 and 2006, however, the turkeys were flown to Disneyland in California where they served as honorary grand marshals for Disneyland's Thanksgiving Day parade. After that, they spent the rest of their lives at a Disneyland ranch. A spot in sunny Disneyland seems immensely preferable to a place called Frying Pan Park if you happen to be a turkey who has just escaped from becoming the main course of someone's Thanksgiving feast.

### The People's Choice

On Tuesday, November 20, 2007, President Bush gave two turkeys named May and Flower a last-minute reprieve. The two hail from Dubois, Indiana, and were raised under the direction of National Turkey Federation Chairman Ted Seger. For the fifth time, the American public was allowed to vote for the turkeys' names on the White House web site. About 28,000 votes were cast online in 2007. 2006's turkeys were named Flyer and Fryer; 2005's were Marshmallow and Yam; 2004's were Biscuit and Gravy; and 2003's were Stars and Stripes.

Article found at [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com).

# Edward Jones

## Financial Focus: Best Investment Advice for Today? Stay Calm

When you're in a state of panic, you can do some things really well, such as run after a bus, think up an excuse or find a last-minute gift. Other tasks, however, require a calmer approach. You don't want to be panicky when you're slicing a tomato, pouring hot coffee or preparing your taxes - and you certainly don't want to panic when you're investing for the long term.

Yet, in the midst of the \$700 billion Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, the failure of some well-known banks and investment firms and the precipitous drop of stock prices, some investors are panicking. For them, the investment world has turned upside down.

But as an individual investor, your world hasn't really changed. You still have some long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement. You still need to invest to achieve those goals. And you still need to follow an investment strategy that's appropriate for your individual objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon.

However, with so much negative news, you might be tempted to make hasty, short-term --even panicky-- decisions. Don't. Instead, follow these suggestions:

**\*\* Be patient.** There's no denying that the markets are now extremely volatile. At the same time, if you avoid making sudden moves, such as putting all your money into "cash" instruments, your patience may well be rewarded. After all, we still have an enormously powerful and resilient economy.

**\*\* Stay invested.** In the past, the market has fallen sharply after a variety of events -- wars, assassinations, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, corporate scandals and so on -- only to regain its footing and move on to new highs. And since the biggest gains can occur in the early stages of a market turnaround, you could miss out on the possibility for considerable growth if you're sitting on the investment sidelines.

**\*\* Look for opportunities.** If you never planned on buying any stocks again, you'd probably have a good reason to be upset when you see the Dow Jones Industrial Average falling hundreds of points a day, which has happened several times recently. But if you are still investing for your future, you will be purchasing stocks, and that being the case, the market decline actually gives you some great opportunities to buy at lower levels. You may not be Warren Buffet, who invested \$5 billion in investment firm Goldman Sachs, but you can follow his long-held philosophy of buying quality

stocks and holding them for the long term, through good markets and bad. It's worked pretty well for him, and it may be a good idea for you, too.

One final tip: Don't go it alone. During these tumultuous times, you can benefit from the assistance of an experienced financial advisor -- someone who knows your investment preferences, risk tolerance, family situation and long-term objectives.

These aren't the easiest times for investors. But by showing patience and discipline, keeping your eyes open for opportunities and getting the help you need, you can get through these days with your investment goals intact - and still attainable.

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## FENCE REPLACEMENT HOMEOWNERS

**New fence height recommendations:**

**6' wood picket with a 6" treated rot board at the base**

**Overall height - 6' 6"**

Purpose of using a 6" rot board is to extend the life of your pickets. When the water runoff drains under your fence it will deteriorate the "rot" board instead of your fence pickets. It will also take longer to do so because the "rot" board is treated to a higher grade than a standard picket. It is less expensive to replace only the "rot" board than to replace all of your pickets. The second advantage is raising the height 6" will also increase your privacy.

Remember to fill out an architectural approval form available on the Londonderry website (below) and mail it to the address on the website or it can be emailed to [londonderryacc@aol.com](mailto:londonderryacc@aol.com). The email link is also available on the website.

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# Londonderry Homeowners Association

Meeting Minutes ~ October 21, 2008

## The LHOA Board of 2008

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 Secretary: Robin Haney  
 (281) 255-2009  
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 Sergeant-At-Arms: Brian  
 Zultowski (832) 419-8386  
 Newsletter Editor: Brandi Morgan  
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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*  
 Clubhouse: Lori Heidenreich  
 (281) 255-2016  
 Deed Restrictions: Susan  
 Wheeler (281) 255-2016  
 Fishing Pond: Roy Alford  
 (281) 357-4367  
 Improvements: *Open position*  
 Pool Liaison: (281) 255-2016  
 Swim Team Liaison: Vanessa  
 Gnatzig (281) 255-3187  
 Website: Brian Conrad  
 (281) 255-2016  
 Welcome: Bob and Jimmie  
 Carlton (281) 351-4358

Visit the LHOA  
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[www.londonderry-hoa.org](http://www.londonderry-hoa.org)

### Attendance

Board Members: Guy Chason, Pat Strike, Brandi Morgan, Brian Zultowski, Heather Moureau, and Robin Haney  
 Residents: Lori Heidenreich, Amy Rush, and Susan Wheeler  
 The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. The September LHOA meeting minutes were read and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

A. Checking account balance \$12,880.16; savings account balance \$102,454.50; giving a total balance of \$115,334.66.  
 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 Back to School Party was cancelled due to and complications from Hurricane Ike. The Children's Committee is now looking towards planning our Christmas Celebration. We would like to coordinate with Swim Team to co-host the event. Further details will be made available on the website and the Dec. Newsletter.

*Deed Restrictions:* Animal Control has been notified about loose animals in the neighborhood. Residents are reminded that pets need to be on a leash or in the back yard. Home Owners are encouraged to contact Animal Control Officers at 281-999-3191 to report loose or stray animals.

No letters were sent out in October to home owners. The Committee has sent letters of violations to banks and realtors of vacant/foreclosed homes regarding maintenance and lawn care issues. 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:* On November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm, the LHOA Adult Committee is planning a community Garage Sale day. The committee will be placing ads in local papers and placing signs around the neighborhood. Any residents interested in participating can contact Brandi Morgan at 281-923-4252. Any and all residents would be welcome to participate in the community garage sale.

*Architectural Committee:* There is now a new email link on the LHOA website for residents to post questions or email forms. **Homeowners are reminded to fill out an Architectural Request Form and have it approved prior to any home improvement projects that affect the outside of the home.** Request forms will be posted in the newsletter intermittently and can be found on the Londonderry website (<http://www.londonderry-hoa.org>).

*Clubhouse:* There will be a meeting with Scout Leaders who are using the clubhouse to review rental usage agreements. Lori Heidenreich has done a wonderful job for 2 years and we want to extend our gratitude to her. Lori is resigning from being 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

A Motion was made and passed to accept Molly Maids bid for bi-monthly cleaning for standard maintenance.

Fencing around the air conditioning units was delayed due to the hurricane.

The Fire Station Chief stated they would see to repairing the fence.

Mulch bid was accepted and approved from May Recreation Equipment and Design.

A replacement panel for the toddler playground was approved up to \$1000.00. The new panel would replace the bubble that has repeatedly been kicked out by older children.

The bids for pool slides are pending.

The LHOA Community Garage Sale is set for Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm.

Pole lights are up and working; however, a new electrical line still needs to be run to the playground pole. This delay is due to the hurricane.

The new LHOA directory is scheduled to go out with the November Newsletter. Our thanks to Brandi Morgan for undertaking this project.

### New Business

A motion was passed to pay Recycle Lawn Care an additional \$1000.00 for emergency clean up of the pool and clubhouse lawn.

A motion was passed to pay ADF for tree work and removal after Hurricane Ike.

A motion passed to hire Harris County Sheriff's Office for additional security patrols through the end of the year.

Brian Zultowski has agreed to coordinate the volunteers decorating the clubhouse for Christmas.

***Meeting adjourned 9:57pm.***