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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

From The President

Submitted by Julie Pompa, ELE President



A couple of flyers are coming your way in this newsletter regarding seismic testing in our area. Seismic testing, as it was explained to the Board by Nancy Farrar of Vantage Energy, is a standard process that allows the driller to gather information to help better position the wells prior to drilling. It is like "taking x-rays before doing surgery". The testing that is done will not invade our property and is to take place on public rights-of-way – streets, sidewalks, etc. In order for this to be done, 90% of all of the property owners in the drilling area will need to submit

a Seismic Consent Form. These have been mailed to your home at the beginning of the month and you should have already received one. We have enclosed a copy with this month's newsletter in case you overlooked it. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to take a moment and submit your *Statement of Support and Permit To Conduct Geophysical Survey*, (both on one page) to the address provided. Your support will help them reach their 90% and most likely help in maximizing your natural gas royalties. It is crucial that your form be submitted by the end

of the month so that the entire process continues to move forward towards the actual drilling. As of now, the estimated time for beginning the drilling is in the 4th quarter of 2010. If you have any questions pertaining to seismic surveys, please contact Gateway Permit Services at (817)944-3859.

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The Above and Beyond Award

submitted by Elizabeth & Merrill Nelson



Just a note to recommend Sandy and Lee Smith for your neighbors that have always gone above and beyond friendship to help others.

My husband and I have

had various problems with lengthy hospital stays and recovery times. The Smiths have brought food and given of their time when we have needed help. I could not have gotten my husband into the

house after his last surgery without their help.

Thanks Neighbors for Making our ELE Neighborhood such a Great Place To Live!



Need A New Roof? Submitted by Bill Zacharias, Architecture Board

An ELE resident recently submitted an application for a new roof. The materials did not comply with the requirements of the by-laws. The architectural/rules committee informed the applicant of the problem. The homeowner was able to negotiate with their roofing company and was able to upgrade to a roof that exceeded by-law guidance and incurred no additional cost as a result of the changes. (DISCLAIMER – results not necessarily typical but a darn good result for someone who was trying to do the right thing!)

This is my first attempt to help us help ourselves and make sure we are using the covenants of the by-laws in the manner intended. Over the next several months I will highlight the most common issues of the Architectural Committee. If you have specific questions for the committee or are submitting an application for a project please email me at Architecture@elehoa.com.

Many ELE residents are unaware of the application requirements for a replacement roof and various other home improvements. At closing you

received a copy of the ELE by-laws. I encourage you to please view them on our website at www.elehoa.com, click on the “legal” tab and you can then link to the full 28 page by-law document or link to a 7 page “Guideline for Architectural Control” that more directly states the process. Various projects or improvements that must be reviewed by the committee are covered in section 7.01 of the covenants and restrictions and include but are not limited to structures, walls and fences. Roofing requirements are addressed under building material and in Section 8.0117(b) states that:

b. Composition Shingles. All roofing materials other than those constructed of wood, tile, aluminum, Decrabond or Corona material **shall require approval** by the Architectural Committee.

Composition shingles, whether asphalt, fiberglass, organic or other based shall not be approved by the Architectural Committee unless they meet the following minimum requirements:

- i.) Be of a Laminated Architectural Grade;
- ii.) Have a weight equal to 310 pounds per one hundred (100) square feet (310#/square);

iii.) Have a manufacturer’s warranty extending for a period of not less than forty (40) years; **and**

iv.) Be of a color of medium to dark gray with high definition shading which most closely resembles weathered wood or slate, or such other color as may be approved by the Architectural Committee.

The complete removal of the existing roof shall be required in all instances in which composition shingles are to be installed over any existing roofing, including other composition roofing materials. The burden of proving that the material used complies with the requirements of this section remains at all times upon the Owner.

There is a new application form that can be emailed to you, that is in the 2010 directory and will be available on the website. The old Improvement Permit Application is on page 35 of the previous ELE directory. Please fill it out and include a letter to the committee stating the necessary details of the project and in the event of a composition shingle roof include the above mentioned requirements. Email me and I will coordinate with you to get your permit processed and back to you as quickly as possible.

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On a more informal note, I hope that everyone is enjoying the final days of 2009. It is easy to get caught in the hustle and bustle of this time of the year, believe me I am guilty of doing it myself! Make sure you take some time to relax, enjoy your time with family

and friends and most of all look forward to a new year ahead! I truly wish everyone a warm and loving, joyous and peace filled holiday season!

SOCIAL UPDATE

Thanks to all our neighbors who came to the Christmas party and brought food! It was a great turnout!

ELE 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off
Coming Up In February!