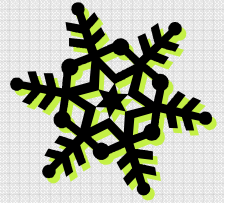




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From The President

Submitted by Mike Gerro, ELE President



Happy New Year to all. Once again we start fresh and new. The Board met this past week to prepare for the year to come, looking at expenses, budgets, and needed repairs for the coming year. We work hard to plan, but have learned to expect the unexpected. Accordingly, in the coming months you will notice repairs being conducted on our pool and the area behind the tennis court. All unexpected but manageable.

Many of you probably already know this, but for those that do not, Enchanted Lake Estates has always been managed by ourselves internally. Volunteers from our neighborhood assume a board position with responsibility for a major area, and work with a volunteer committee to provide the oversight and management of that area. The pool is the largest and accounts for the majority of our budget, while grounds maintenance is second. We are not a typical homeowners association. Many HOAs hire a management company to handle these tasks. This can be expensive and yield a very poor result in comparison to what has been my experience as an ELE resident. In addition, our dues are a fraction of what other HOAs charge. Most other neighborhoods don't have nearly the amenities we have, yet their dues are substantially higher. Your current board, as did those before us, will continue to work hard to manage and maintain the high standards set by our predecessors and you the neighborhood. We want you all to feel just as vested as we do because this is your neighborhood, just as much as ours. Never feel that your feedback does not matter or goes unnoticed. In addition, we always welcome you to be a part of the process, whether as a committee member, block representative, or as a board member. We can always use your help and support. .

Wishing you all a wonderful 2011

Mike Gerro
Board President

Women's Club Baby Shower for Cooks Children's Hospital

The Enchanted Lake Estates Women's Club will be hosting a "BABY SHOWER" for Cooks Children's Hospital on January 27th at the home of Kathleen Valentine, 3517 Lake Powell (817-478-6230). Enjoy an evening with friends, and visit with representatives from Cooks. They will be providing information about the miracles and accomplishments that take place there everyday. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. See page 4 for a list of donation needs. Contact Kathleen Valentine (keds56@gmail.com) or Julie Landry (jlandry40@tx.rr.com) for more information.

Social Things by Bill Zacharias, Social Board Representative



The Christmas party was very much a success with approximately 60 kiddo's showing up and having the opportunity for a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. I want to thank all of you who contributed soup for the event and others who assisted in setup or cleanup. A special thanks to Cheryl Eichenauer who went above and beyond to help me with my first event as the new social chairman.

Next Up: Chili Cook-off!

ELE CLUBHOUSE

Sunday, February 13th 4:00 pm

I'm looking for at least 8 to 10 entries. Please call 817-734-3717 and let me know if you will make chili for this awesome annual ELE event or would like to help in any other way. Hope to see you at a social event soon!

Directory Additions

OOPS!

Our apologies to the Elder Family for not including their information in the new directory. Please add this information to your directory:



Don & Faye Elder

7007 Lake Mead Blvd

(817) 516-5109

Don E. Elder II

ELE Neighborhood Book Club



The ELE Book Club meets the Third Thursday of Each Month.

Newcomers are welcome, but should RSVP to

Linda Puckett (817-516-7931) or to Ronnie Barker (817-478-0880).

Do you have a neighbor you would like to nominate for

Going Above and Beyond

Email the info to
jean@christenberry.com

Ode To ELE Directory by Martha Rew



The New Year is here, we've spread our good cheer
And again our directory, has arrived in E-L-E.
So how do these books get to your door?
Our Block Reps make sure, and they're on Page Four.
Please thank them, for you will soon see
They help make our neighborhood feel like family.

Jan's so creative and Dwain so precise
They make sure your directory arrives quite nice.
No errors for sure, it takes several tries
Then off to the printer, before it arrives.

Now Micki she's quick, a few strokes and some clicks,
Will make sure your computer stays on and not sick.
To whiten your teeth, see Ed down the street
Duncanville, you know, is just part of the Metro.

Hair out of whack and need coloring too,
Pam at Burt Grant will surely help you.
Not Bill – he's retired, but John you will see,
Will make sure your ankles and feet are pain free.

Selling your house or just changing your street,
Our Realtors four are really quite neat.
Patt, Jean, Leanne, and Roberta too,
Can close your deal for the ultimate steal!

Upgrading your home is what we all do,
So many vendors from which to pursue.
Try Arbor for carpet, Go Under for tile,
Painting by Southern, Mid-Cities will clean
with a smile.

Got Passion for landscapes including a stream,
Dianne and her team will create your true dream.
In need of some cash, Frost Bank has the stash,
Just tell Mike Gerrro that your money must grow.

Having some problems or things going wrong
Call Ellen, our lawyer, with Steve she's quite strong.
Need some insurance, Walt Buttrill's your man
Auto or home, he's got the plan.

Your jewelry is broken and your watch is all
scratched
See Mike on Big Bear, our jeweler unmatched.
Your kids need some help with their English or math
Call Larry to get them on the right path.

So when needing a service or something to buy
Don't Google or Tweet or Facebook guys
First give your ELE neighbor a try.
They're friendly and patient and generous too
This book is FREE – 'cause they care about you!
So open your wallet and give them your dough
Support our dear neighbors all year – HO, HO!

I think you can see to share some of this clout
Just purchase an ad and there'll be no doubt
It's simple and quick, call Martha or Jan
They'll save you a space for your FABULOUS AD!



Are Your Pets Safe?



Recently our neighbors, Fred & Martha Smith experienced a tragic fire at their home. Thankfully, no one was injured and our fire department responded quickly. Following this event, Dottie Tenney wrote me with the following information: Many of us keep animals in the house and it is now clear that a bad fire can break out even when you are right in town (not away on vacation) and that any animals could be trapped. The SPCA recommends putting a sign in a couple of windows alerting the fire department to the fact that there are animals inside. I made my own sign (big enough to read from the driveway) that says "three cats inside".

Are You A Good Neighbor? by Bill Maize, Architecture Chair



Living in the relatively tight confines of a neighborhood can be challenging. Every homeowner has widely different interests, hobbies, tastes and beliefs. We all have a stake in maintaining high standards that make ELE a desirable place to live, while adopting a bit of tolerance for those whose lifestyle is different than ours. The Architectural Committee exists to help maintain these high standards, advise homeowners on improvements within the covenants of the neighborhood, and, where necessary, arbitrate differences when conflicts arise. One of our greatest challenges is trying to undo what has already been incorrectly done.

It has been my experience that most homeowners are extremely cooperative, and want to work within the neighborhood guidelines. Mostly, they are just unaware what changes to their property require approval. Most changes to the exterior of your property, whether new or replacement, require architectural review. We are not here to tell you how to do things, only maintain the legal covenant we all accepted when we bought a home in ELE. I ask you all to be our eyes and ears. We are few volunteers, and it's a big neighborhood. Kindly suggest to your neighbor they may need to check with the neighborhood association before erecting their windmill. Or contact us if you have a question, or see something you believe might not be right. I am well aware that there are several deficiencies and violations currently, as many of you have informed me. But as we collectively resolve to participate in improving our neighborhood, it will happen, and ELE will be an even greater place to live. Keep in mind, a little tolerance is always a good thing.

Lastly, Top five projects most homeowners are unaware that require Architectural Review

1. Roof replacements
2. Fences, new or replaced
3. Repainting your house exterior when changing existing color
4. Erecting a utility/storage shed
5. Any renovation which changes the footprint or exterior look of your house

Please contact me via email if you have any questions. Put "Architecture" in the subject line.

duodesign@sbcglobal.net

COOKS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BABY SHOWER ITEMS NEEDED:

Exersaucer (x2), Crib Music Box (Fisher Price Aquarium or Rainforest are favorites!)
Boppys and Covers(x2) (they make plastic covers so if we can get those that would be awesome!)
Bumbo Seat and trays, Rattles, Toddler Musical Toys, Umbrella Strollers(x2)
Stacking Toys, High Chair
Laugh and Learn Musical Table, Teethers
Shape sorting toys, Walkers, Playpen
All plastic mobiles (cannot have any cloth on them)

Non Infant Needs:

CD/Radio Players, Card games
Craft kits (any types), Trouble board game(x2)

No cloth items for toys and no food items. A drop box will be on the porch at 3517 Lake Powell for early drop offs if you are unable to make it to the baby shower. Thank you for your donation!