



# In The News

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## **From the President**

It's the new year and your board continues to work to keep the neighborhood a place we can all be proud of. The board started the new year by adopting a budget. All of the board committee chairs worked hard to plan for and manage expenses appropriately. The grounds committee faced a particular challenge in developing a plan to address the damage to the landscape from last year's drought but not breaking the budget. We are committed to being good stewards of your money.

Another activity I want to recognize is the publication of the new directory. I think it's one of the best looking directories ever. The directory is some of the best evidence that this neighborhood is more than a place to live but a community. These directories can't be put together and delivered without the hard work of volunteers. I want to recognize Martha Rew and Jan Brown and all of the block reps for all of their efforts to make this happen.

Guy Donaldson  
Board President  
president@elehoa.com

## **Chili Cookoff**

Join us for our annual Chili Cookoff

**Sunday, February 26**

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the ELE Clubhouse

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Please call Bill Zacharias at 817-483-2287  
if you plan on bringing chili.



## Door-to-Door Solicitation– Be Careful!

It's that time of the year, when door-to-door solicitations begin to occur more frequently. School fundraisers, Girl Scout cookie sales, and youth sports group fundraisers are just a few of the more common neighborhood solicitations.

But how do you know when you should or shouldn't answer the door? And what's legitimate or not?

The City of Arlington Police Department offers these tips:

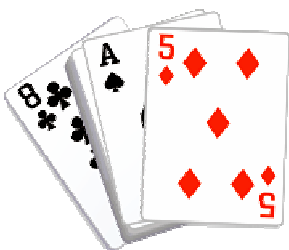
- If you don't feel comfortable or don't want to answer the door, then don't. Tell them you are not interested through the door.
- If you are unsure if a solicitor is legitimate, ask for identification verifying that they are employed by the company they claim to work for. If they don't have any I.D., don't give them any money and tell them to leave.
- Ask to see a solicitor's license. City ordinance requires a license for persons engaging in door-to-door selling. The license should be carried by the salesperson and shall be submitted to any police officer or citizen for examination upon request. Police Records handles the application process and issues the license.
- **Door-to-door selling is prohibited, by City ordinance, after 8 p.m. unless there is a prior invitation from the occupant of said private residence.**
- If a solicitor refuses to leave after being asked to, or becomes irate, shut the door. If they still don't leave, call 911.
- If you don't feel comfortable giving the solicitor any money DON'T! Do not let anyone "guilt" you into giving them money or buying their product.
- Do not believe stories such as "I live in your neighborhood", or "My car is broken down just around the corner." If you don't recognize this person as one of your neighbors, they're probably not. If their car is truly broken down, offer to call 911 for them.

**At no time should you let any of these people in your house! Not even to use the phone.**

It's important to listen to your "gut feeling" and don't do anything that makes you feel uncomfortable. Door-to-door solicitation is not against the law as long as solicitors follow the law and City ordinances. Residents who don't want any type of solicitation on their property are encouraged to post a "No Soliciting" sign near the doorbell or in plain sight at the front door to indicate that solicitations are not welcome. And remember; when in doubt always call 9-1-1.

*City of Arlington website*

## Bridge Anyone?



Several neighbors are interested in starting a bridge group that would play once a month, possibly on Friday or Saturday night. So far, five people are on the list, so individuals or pairs are welcome! Please call Lee or Sandy Smith at 817-478-2402. Feel free to leave a message, and we will return your call.

## Women's Club Happenings



Want to catch up on the neighborhood news or just visit with friends? The Women's Club is the place to be! We've planned a variety of meetings that are sure to please everyone's interests.

### February 16, 7 p.m.

Feel the joy that helping others truly brings. In February, the club "gives back" with its annual service project benefiting Cooks Children's Hospital. This special evening will be hosted at the home of Julie Landry, 7008 Crater Lake.

### March 22, 7 p.m.

Dress to be your best! Join us for a fashion show with guest speaker Anna Valentine. Anna will share with us the latest trends and teach us how simple changes can spice up a wardrobe. This meeting will be held at the home of Beth Hellier, 7012 Crater Lake.

### April 19, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the year with pampering and partying! We will start at Labella Nail Salon for a manicure or pedicure. We will finish the night at Rio Mambo Restaurant, both located in the shopping center at 6401 S Cooper. Reservations required for salon services.

## Grounds Report

### Canal Wall Update

After completing the repairs to the tennis court canal last summer, retaining wall last summer, low water levels (due to the drought) revealed some additional damage on the opposite wall (park side) of tri-lock concrete that was in need of repair. These repairs were completed in the fall.

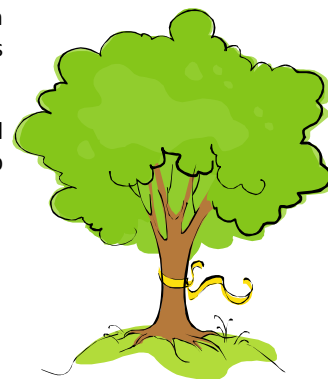
### Grounds Plantings

It was an extremely difficult year for ELE plants as a result of the record heat and drought conditions. Ten of the med-large Photenia along the Bowman Springs park drive fence succumbed, were removed and will be replaced soon with Wax Myrtles. Temporary irrigation for the new plantings will be put in place for one year to 18 months.

Mature shrubs were also removed from the raised planters at the back of the clubhouse which also succumbed to the drought. Drip irrigation was added to the planters and new Abelia shrubs were planted in October. They are thriving nicely.

Additionally, dead Photenia were removed and new Wax Myrtles were installed to replace around the tennis court in front of the electrical transformer box. They are being hand watered with drip hose from clubhouse. Thanks to Jan Brown for doing the duty in my absences!

Diane del Cid  
Grounds Chair  
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### Recycle Your Leaves



Just a reminder you can take your bags of leaves to Bowman Springs Park. The dumpsters will be there until February 19.



### Join Us!

Learn the latest in ELE happenings!  
Join our group.

Search **ELE (Enchanted Lake Estates)**

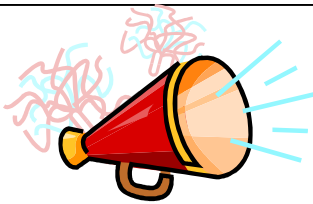


# Happy Valentine's Day!

## Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the 2013 directory. If you are interested in helping, please contact Emily Swanson at [communications@elehoa.com](mailto:communications@elehoa.com) or 817-480-0462.

A **BIG** thanks to Jan Brown and Martha Rew for their hard work and dedication in completing our directory! It looks fantastic!



Do you have something to share with the neighborhood?

Submit your neighborhood news to Emily Swanson at [communications@elehoa.com](mailto:communications@elehoa.com) or call 817-480-0462

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