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From the President

Another year has flown by here at ELE. In the rush of our daily lives, many of us may not have noticed some of the changes in our neighborhood. But our volunteer board members have made several improvements in ELE, while remaining careful stewards of our HOA's resources.

The extreme weather of the past couple years has taken its toll on some of our mature landscape. The Grounds committee has done an excellent job in replacing many of the dying shrubbery that aesthetically enhances our neighborhood, and added sprinkler capabilities to ensure their survival. Additionally, we have a new set of picnic tables under the trees of the common grounds across from the pool, which will make a perfect spot for a picnic or children's party.

I've also notice that there has been another record breaking year of attendance at the community pool. It must be because everyone is enjoying our newly refurbished pool furniture. For those of you who haven't utilized the pool, I strongly recommend it next spring. The pool is one of ELE's most valued assets, and a great way to meet your neighbors.

Speaking of neighbors, we have three new board members this month, who have all graciously volunteered to help ELE remain the wonderful place we all enjoy. Tracy Bush, Jane Helppie, and Denise Harrington, have all recently joined the board. All are relative newcomers to ELE, and we should all thank them for their service, in bringing new life to our neighborhood.

I've had the pleasure of living here for over 17 years, and have enjoyed seeing the evolution of new families moving in, raising their children to leave the nest, and eventually, to move on. Only to be replaced by fresh new faces. However, I must admit being a bit disheartened by the eroding sense of community here at ELE. The past couple of annual meetings only achieved the measly quorum requirement of 10%, by board members soliciting proxies from their neighbors.

I encourage you all to take a small part in improving this unique neighborhood, **your neighborhood**, that we all enjoy. Granted, we all lead busy lives during quite stressful times. If not a board position, get on a committee, at the cost of only a few hours per month. Or call a committee chair to help them out on an individual event you have interest in; or you, or a family member may even attend. You will likely even make a friend or two. One who accepts a sign-for-delivery parcel when you're at work, watches your house when you're out of town; or drops your kid at school when you have a conflict. **That's community**, many hands do indeed, make light work.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge and thank Guy Donaldson, Cathy Nordman, and Bill Zacharias. All have just left the board after three years, and many hours of service to our community. If you spot them in the grocery store, or working in the yard, please thank them as well.

Bill Maize

Grounds Report

This is my final input to the newsletter as Grounds Chairman. Gene Gehring has moved into this position and I am moving to the Vice-President position for my final year on the ELE Board. Please direct any future requests for gate codes, or issues on the grounds to Gene. He is very capable and I look forward to transitioning along with Gene into our new positions.

We have one proposal for installing irrigation on the west side of the tennis court (near sidewalk and Lake Tahoe Drive). We are awaiting another proposal for comparison before we move forward to compare bids and then get the installation complete and new Wax Myrtles installed.

Fall and winter plantings have already been installed at the entrances and the clubhouse. This year's theme is a mix of jewel tones with red thrown in for the holidays.

We are experiencing problems with the lights on the north side of the Lake Mead entrance. There may be a need for a new transformer. This is currently being looked into.

Competitive bids for installing the Christmas lights that we own are being sought after in order to save a bit in this area.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ELE RESIDENTS:

John Burris would like to be relieved of his duties overseeing the canal pump, which he has been attending to for several years. He would like to turn over this responsibility to another homeowner, or ELE **will need to pay a service to come in to check it periodically**. If we have to pay a service, there is the possibility that our annual dues would need to be increased. Please, spread the word, and if you know of anyone who would like to volunteer their time for only a minimal commitment to check the canal pump, please contact Gene Gehring or John Burris directly for an explanation of exactly what is involved. **We need your help!**



Women's Club Happenings

The ELE Women's Club is in full swing. As of this writing we have 35 ladies whom have joined for the year. If you were unable to make the first two meetings, know that we would love for you to come to the next meeting on Nov. 15th at Sharon Zacharias's house, 3900 Falcon Lake. The guest speaker for the evening will be the Watchdog from the Star Telegram. In Dec. (date to be announced) we will be having our annual Christmas Auction, this is always a great time. The hostess for this meeting will be Kim Simpson, 3905 Lake Powell. A huge thank you to Heather Baresh for volunteering her talents to head the auction this year! We will soon have a private Facebook page for any women in the neighborhood who would like to join. Questions or comments please contact, Cathy Nordman 817-239-5363 or email at c.nordman@sbcglobal.net .

Cathy Nordman

President



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Please welcome our new neighbors to ELE!

Lee and Andrea Lewis who live at 7210 Lake Mead. They have three children, Luke (4), Abel (3) and Leah (1). They moved here from Lewisville, but are originally from New Orleans and moved to Texas due to Hurricane Katrina. Lee is the pastor at The Village Church and Andrea is a stay at home mom.

Ryan and Lyndsay Mitchell who live at 3609 Lake Tahoe. They are expecting their first child, Owen Thomas, in early December. Ryan is a physics teacher at Mansfield Frontier and Mansfield Timberview High Schools. Lyndsay is a City Planner for the City of Arlington. They moved here from just up the street off of Shorewood, but Ryan actually lived in the neighborhood, on Lake Tahoe, when he was younger. He never imagined that after living in Missouri and Indiana, that he would be back in Arlington living on his old street.

Are you new to the neighborhood? Send us your information so we can get to know you! Email Emily Swanson at communications@elehoa.com.

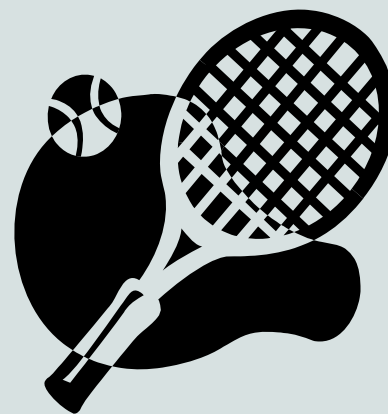
Junior Tennis Drills

Great news for children who enjoy tennis! We have wonderful tennis facilities here at ELE, and in the best interests of using them more effectively, we have endeavored to provide a tennis program for our neighborhood children. Our own Kasi Nichols will be providing tennis drills for kiddos from ages 5-16 every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. on the ELE courts. Tuition is complimentary, since this is one of Kasi's service projects.

We would encourage all of you parents to bring your children out to learn this lifelong sport which promotes socialization and adds to your child's physical development. An added benefit is that you will also get to know your neighbors!

If you have questions, please contact Lavell McCollum, 817-483-6199, or email, jttsoutheast@yahoo.com. Even simpler, just bring your racquet and show up at 7 p.m. on Thursday evening at the ELE courts. If your child has no racquet, let us know because we have a few racquets available for your use.

I look forward to seeing you on the courts and getting to know you and your kiddos!!



Do you have something to share with the neighborhood?

Submit your neighborhood news to Emily Swanson at communications@elehoa.com or call 817-480-0462

Fall is here and temperatures are cooler (most days!).
It's time to think about our favorite fall ingredients.

Acorn Squash Bisque

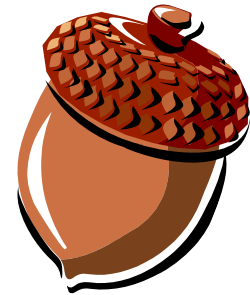
The smooth texture of acorn squash gives this pureed soup its character; only a little half-and-half and butter are needed.

Serves 4

Everyday Food

Ingredients

- 2 acorn squash (3 pounds total)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- Coarse salt and ground pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, plus more for garnish
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1/2 cup half-and-half



Directions

Place squash on a paper towel and microwave on high just until tender when pierced with the tip of a paring knife, 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the microwave, and halve each squash lengthwise (to speed cooling). When cool enough to handle, scoop out and discard the seeds. Scrape out flesh into a bowl; discard skin. (To prepare in oven, preheat oven to 450 degrees. Halve squash lengthwise; scoop out and discard seeds. Place squash, cut side down, on a rimmed baking sheet; cover tightly with aluminum foil. Roast until almost tender when pierced with a knife, 15 to 25 minutes. When cool enough to handle, scrape out flesh, discard skin, and proceed with step 2). In a large saucepan, heat butter over medium. Add onion; season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Add squash, thyme, broth, and 2 cups water. Bring to a boil over high heat; reduce to medium, and cook until squash is very tender, 10 to 12 minutes.



News from Arlington

Automated Recycling to Launch in 2013

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Republic Services will begin delivery of wheeled 65 gallon recycling carts to residents within the next four to six months as the City of Arlington converts to an automated recycling program. The plan was approved at the August 7th city council meeting. Based on survey results from residents who participated in the pilot program, the city council voted 6 to 3 to approve the program.

Residents will each receive one 65-gallon cart with wheels and a lid, to increase recycling capacity. The switch from bins to carts will also allow for easier maneuverability and decrease litter on windy days.

As part of this transition, Republic Services will switch to CNG collection vehicles, but all other aspects of recycling services will remain unchanged. Residents won't see any additional charges on their utility bills until the new carts are delivered.

Residents with additional questions may call 817-459-6778 for assistance.