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From the President

As we conclude another successful year, on behalf of the entire ELE board, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our neighbors an enjoyable, fulfilling and safe holiday season.

Don't forget to take your kids to the annual ELE Christmas party later this month. There's always plenty of tasty treats and refreshments, which prove a sure draw for Santa Claus every year. Additionally, I've heard rumors of organizing a hay ride to see some of the grand lights and decorations in the neighborhood. Also, the ELE Woman's Club will be holding their annual Christmas auction for charity. Be sure to attend, or send a donation if you can.

The HOA board will be finalizing their budgets for 2013 over the next few weeks. If you have any ideas on something we've missed that needs to be done, or an event that you would add to the neighborhood, be sure to contact the appropriate committee chair to share your thoughts. We are always interested in new ideas, particularly when they are accompanied by volunteers committed in those ideas enough to pitch in and help get them done.

Lastly, in this season of goodwill towards all, I ask that you make a commitment to meet one of your neighbors you don't know. Whether it's the new family down the block, or the couple around the corner you hardly ever see. Knock on their door and introduce yourself. This bit of extra effort will strengthen the sense of community that will help ELE thrive in the future.

Bill Maize
President

The women of the ELE Book Club honored their deceased friend and ELE former resident Young Park, by planting a Memorial tree in the pool area.. Throughout her long struggle with cancer, through all the surgeries and experimental chemo regimes, Young remained steadfast in her faith and joyful to her friends. Truly an exceptional example of a life well lived. The red crape myrtle tree, as it grows and flourishes in our common area, will remind those who knew and loved her to emulate her example.

The tree was planted in late October with a bed of pansies surrounding. Ronnie Barker, who was instrumental in the efforts for the memorial tree, hopes in years to come that the area of planting can be enlarged with additional plants and perennials to fill out the corner and perhaps also the addition of a concrete bench. A weekly watering schedule is in place to assure the one year warranty by Designs in Nature. We appreciate the support of Dianne del Cid in this project and Gene Gehring's approval on the siting of the tree .



Santa is Coming to ELE!

Join us for our Annual Holiday party!

Sunday, December 16

4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the ELE Pool House

We will have an assortment of finger foods, soups, and refreshments ready for consumption--so come hungry! If you have children or grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be arriving promptly at 5:00 p.m. for pictures and to read a story. If you can not arrive until later, Santa will leave after an hour so keep that in mind if you need a picture with him. To top off the wonderful evening, there will be a hay ride around the beautiful neighborhood to enjoy the holiday decorations.



Decorations Contest!

To make the hayride fabulous, we encourage every neighbor to decorate. Each neighbor can vote on the best decorations. There will be three categories: Best Santa, Best Lights, and the Griswold Award.

The winning houses will be announced in the next newsletter and each will receive a prize. See the ballot and voting deadline on the back page.

Women's Club Happenings

The ELE Women's Club will be having their annual Christmas auction on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at 3905 Lake Powell. All ladies of ELE are invited and please bring a friend. Everyone is welcome. An item valued at \$25 is requested for the auction.



In January, we will be having our Community Service Project and hostesses will be Kathleen Valentine and Julie Landry. More information will follow. Questions, please call, Cathy Nordman at 817-239-5363.

Cathy Nordman

President

Just a friendly neighborhood reminder! If you are out walking your dog, please make sure to bring a plastic bag or pooper scooper to clean up your pet's waste. Thank you for your cooperation!



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Please welcome our new neighbors to ELE!

- Matt and Joanna Cook who live at 3617 Lake Tahoe. They have a 5 year old daughter, Emery and a son, Jackson, who is 19 months old. Matt is a customer service rep for Colonial National Mortgage and Joanna is a Juvenile Probation Officer for Tarrant Co.
- Jim Maher who lives at 4003 Lake Powell. He is the owner of All Seasons Pool Service. Jim has two grown children and four grandchildren: Jessi (10), Addison (9), Riane (9) and Buster (7). He moved here from Sanger, Texas. He enjoys swimming, boating and water sports. He wants to invite everyone to enjoy his Christmas lights to music show. When you drive by his house, tune your radio to 92.3 FM.
- Patrick and Rhonda Dunn at 7200 Saquaro Lake. Patrick is a teacher and wrestling coach at Martin HS and Rhonda is an English teacher there as well. They have four children, Parker (9), Peyton (3), Presley (3) and Paxton (1). They have lived in Arlington for 8 years after previously living in Houston.

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

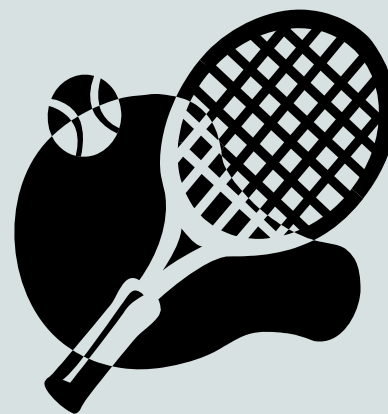
Junior Tennis Drills

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



Holiday Decorations Contest Ballot

Best Lights _____

Address

Best Santa _____

Address

Griswold Award _____

Address

Please vote by December 20. Drop off your ballot to Tracy Bush at 3502 Lake Pontchartrain or email your votes to social@elehoa.com.

News from the Social Committee



I appreciate everyone who took time to decorate for Halloween and make the neighborhood a fun place for the trick or treaters this year. I tried to take notes on all the houses with Halloween decor and if I miss one, please forgive me. Thank you to: The Mitchell Family; McGinty Family; Rexinger Family; Wilson Family; Johnson Family; Heisterkamp Family; Bush Family; Urso Family; Monica Family; Waczak Family; Tauzel Family; Hayden Family; Reza Family; Decker Family; McDonnell Family; Smith Family; Gerro Family; Maidlow Family; Smedema Family; Nordman Family; Jordan Family; Patterson Family; Dyer Family; Pompa Family; Mixon Family; Spears Family; Swanson Family; Cowman Family; West Family; and Hibbs Family.

The Social Committee is looking for yards (front and/or back) that could be highlighted for a neighborhood garden tour this spring. If you are proud of your landscaping, worked hard on growing roses, or made significant improvements to your yard, please let us know so we can include your lawn on the tour. However, if your yard is not a work of art (like mine) but your neighbor has a yard that you would like to nominate, please let me know. I will call the nominated homeowners and let them know that a neighbor thinks their yard is so extremely wonderful they should volunteer for the garden tour. Please call Tracy Bush at [817-333-9637](tel:817-333-9637) to volunteer or nominate another yard for the tour.



As always, the social committee is looking for volunteers for desserts, ideas, and spreading the word about each event. I am currently looking ahead at future events and will graciously accept any volunteer to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, Casino Night, and an Ice Cream Social.

I am looking forward to the 2013 Social Calendar, and I hope each of you are too. We have many great events planned!

Tracy Bush

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