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# In The News

*Enchanted Lake Estates Newsletter*

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## From the President

Now that spring has begun and summer not far behind, I hope all of us are planning to participate in some of the neighborhood events, or use some of the great amenities we all have here at ELE.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was quite a blow-out. It looked to me like the largest turnout we've had in several years. It must have been the bounce house. The ELE women's club is organizing our annual neighborhood garage sale for early this May. So start going through your closets and attics and get rid of that clutter. Watch the entrance signs for details and more details inside the newsletter.

The grounds committee has recently cleared out the dying bushes on the west side of our tennis courts, and we've had a French drain and swale installed to combat the surface water flow that has plagued the tennis courts for years. Hopefully this will alleviate the ground movement stress on the courts. We will soon be repairing and resurfacing the courts.

Another improvement project for this month will be the resurfacing of the southern end of the pool deck. With all the tables and foot traffic, this area gets the most use, and is in great need of repair. Barring too many spring rains, all should be completed in time for Splash Day. Speaking of which: **SPLASH DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 25TH!** Mark your calendars. For all you new residents, ask around, this is not one to be missed, especially for the kids. See you at the pool!

*Bill Maize*  
President

### FOUND

A girl's silver ring. The ring was found on the sidewalk on Lake Champlain. If you are the owner, please contact Dorothy Tejada at 817-561-2210 or 817-228-8200.

## Social Committee Update

### Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mission Arlington will be at the Clubhouse to pick up any remaining items you want to donate. Items must be dropped off before 2 p.m.

We will distribute a list of participants. Please call Carol at 817-478-8679 or Jean at 817-504-4338 to add your address to the list.



### Cinco de Mayo Celebration Saturday, May 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

After you have worked hard at the garage sale, come join your family, friends and neighbors for a Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Clubhouse. Festive food, drinks and music for all!



Mark your calendar! A Fourth of July Celebration and cookout at the Clubhouse.  
Details to come!



## Women's Club Happenings



A HUGE thank you to all the past board members of the ELE Women's Club. On behalf of the neighborhood we would like to thank you for your service to our community. Our last meeting was held April 18. Thank you to Kandie Anderson and Beth Hellier for hosting our Installation Dinner. The Women's Club will be meeting again starting in September with some returning Board members and several new ones. We hope you all have a great summer and we look forward to another great year next year!

*Cathy Nordman*

President

## Grounds Report

Spring is here. The Christmas decorations have been put away for another season. The weather has been hard on the landscape in the common areas the last couple of years. As a result, we removed the last few remaining Red Tip Photinias that lined the southern edge of the tennis courts.

We also lowered the grade below the edge of the tennis courts and installed a French drain to prevent rain-water from flowing across the courts. The soil that was removed was placed in a berm along the sidewalk to redirect rainwater that flows over the curb during major storm events. A retaining wall was installed to hold back the slope, and a gravel dry creek bed was installed to help facilitate water movement. This was done in advance of planned improvements to the tennis courts.

In addition, a dead willow was removed from behind the courts, and the post oak was pruned away from the tennis courts. Other brush was removed from around the boat ramp and from the lights around the boat ramp area.

There is an electrical problem with the gate at the boat ramp. The breaker continues to trip. I have contacted an electrician, and the gate should be repaired by the time this newsletter is published. A lawn service has been mowing and maintaining the beds at the entrances and club house for several years. If you see anything that needs attention, please let me know.

*Gene Gehring*

Grounds chair

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### *In Memory of...*

ELE lost a long time friend and neighbor on March 4, 2013 with the passing of James Bryan Killebrew at age 86. Jim not only lived in Enchanted Lakes for decades, but was a builder of homes here (BRU-BUILT Homes), including his own. He was a highly decorated U.S. Air Force officer of 27 years retiring as Colonel, and had subsequent successful careers as a flight instructor for American Airlines and in real estate with Ebby Halliday. He was a devoted Aggie, and the family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in his name to: The 12th Man Foundation, Texas A&M Letterman's Association Facility Fund, honor of James Killebrew, Box 2800, College Station, TX 77841-2800. Jim is survived by his wife Jeanette Smith Killebrew, his children Kyle (Misty), Keith (Melissa) and Jill (Mark), his stepchildren Elizabeth, Thomas (Christy) and Victoria, and 9 grandchildren. We will remember Jim's smiling hospitality at memorable Christmas parties and his service to our country, to Arlington and to our community. Jeanette will continue to reside in ELE as our neighbor.

## Why Hire an Arborist?

An arborist, by definition, is an individual trained in the art and science of planting, caring for, and maintaining individual trees. Arborists are knowledgeable about the needs of trees and are trained and equipped to provide proper care. Hiring an arborist is a decision that should not be taken lightly.

Proper tree care is an investment that can lead to substantial returns. Well-cared-for trees are attractive and can add considerable value to your property. Poorly maintained trees can be a significant liability. Pruning or removing trees, especially large trees, can be dangerous work. Tree work should be done only by those trained and equipped to work safely in trees.

### What Is a Certified Arborist?

Certified Arborists are individuals who have achieved a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience and by passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation's leading experts on tree care. Certified Arborists must also continue their education to maintain their certification and adhere to a Code of Ethics. Therefore, they are more likely to be up to date on the latest techniques in arboriculture.

Becoming an ISA Certified Arborist is a voluntary process through which individuals can measure their knowledge and competence required to provide proper tree care. ISA Certification is not government-sponsored or government-endorsed; it is administered by the International Society of Arboriculture as a way for tree care professionals to demonstrate their commitment to the profession and the industry.

Certification is not a measure of standards of practice. Certification can attest to the tree knowledge of an individual but cannot guarantee or ensure quality performance.



### For More Information

Learn more about proper tree care at [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org).

*Article from International Society of Arboriculture.*

## Safety Reminder!

Please use our sidewalks. Everyday we see people walking in the streets in groups, alone, with pets and even strollers. This poses an unnecessary safety hazard for all involved. Drivers not only have to navigate through parked cars, but the people too.



Have you turned in your pool tag form?  
Make sure you are ready for a fun summer  
at the ELE Pool!

See your directory for more information.