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# In The News

*Enchanted Lake Estates Newsletter*

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## From the President

The last couple of months have been exciting in ELE. There were several reports of break-ins and attempted break-ins in the neighborhood. As a result, we asked the Arlington police department to speak at the clubhouse. Deputy Chief Jeff Mathews spoke on April 29<sup>th</sup> to a standing room only crowd.

Splash Day was a big success! On May 2, about 100 people enjoyed hot dogs on the new cool deck and swam in crystal clear water in our newly plastered pool. The pool is open for summer. Pool hours are posted by the door of the clubhouse. The pool and clubhouse are available to rent for private events. For more information, see your neighborhood directory.

Kayla Allums is organizing a new group for ELE parents with young children. Look for information about upcoming activities for "ELE Mommy and Me" in this newsletter.

We will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with an event at the boat ramp. Details will be posted on Nextdoor.com and in a special email blast later this month.

Wishing you a fun and safe summer!

*Gene Gehring*  
President

## Summer Newsletter Details:

Grounds Update  
4th of July Celebration  
New Mommy and Me group  
Crime Prevention Update  
Details about the Little Free Library  
New Neighbors  
Pool information  
and MORE!



## Social Committee

# ELE 4th of July Celebration!

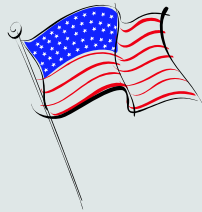
Friday, July 4th

7 p.m.

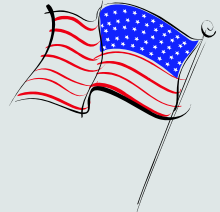
Boat Dock

Hot dogs, chips, and water provided

Please bring a dessert or side dish to share!



For more information, contact  
Sam Salyer



## ELE Mommy and Me Group

We are starting a new group for moms and their young kids. ELE Mommy and Me! We are just getting started , but would love to have you join us!

We are planning play dates and other events so let us know if you are interested and if you have any ideas.

For more information, contact Kayla Allums at  
[kayla.allums@gmail.com](mailto:kayla.allums@gmail.com)



## Grounds Report

The summer colors are starting to fill in nicely. As you may have noticed, we recently decided to replace the landscaping at the main Shorewood entrance. While the work was being performed, the brick wall was repaired and drip irrigation was installed. The new system conserves water and is more efficient by being located under the mulch. It is also much more pleasing to the eye.

As some may have seen, we have a wonderful free library in the front of the clubhouse. Feel free to drop by and pick up some summer reading or leave a copy of your favorite book to share.

A big thanks to Mario Llama, Life Scout Troop 222 for making, building and installing the free library.

*John Nohinek*

Grounds chair



## Little Free Library

Now available at the pool clubhouse! Kathleen Valentine is happy to be the steward for the ELE Little Free Library on behalf of our neighbors and our community!

How it works:

- The LFL was initially stocked with a variety of good quality books that we hope will interest our neighbors.
- Stop by and take a book that interests you.
- Return the book and bring books to contribute.

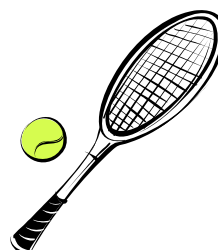
LBL books are always a gift— never for sale!

If you have many books to contribute, leave on Kathleen's porch and she will restock!

*It's all about sharing the love of a good story!*



Calling all tennis players! If you are interested in helping with the kids tennis club please contact Denise Harrington. We have a lot of kids in the neighborhood interested in being a part of the Kids Club and who want to play, but we are in need of instructors!



## Crime Prevention Update

Unfortunately, we have had several break-ins in ELE over the last several months. We had a very informative meeting with the Arlington Police Department in April, but it is up to us in the neighborhood to be vigilant and watch for crime happening in our neighborhood

### What can you do?

- If you see any suspicious activity, please call 911.
- Join the website Nextdoor.com to get neighborhood updates
- Keep your home safe– see the safety tips below.



**Thanks to continuing to help make ELE a great, and safe place to live!**

### Safety Tips

Burglaries are often crimes of opportunity. To reduce your risk:

Get to know your neighbors. Be familiar with the types of vehicles they drive, whether they have out of town guests or if they will be having hired services performed at their homes. This can be one of the best ways to deter crime.

While many ELE residents are gone during the day, our neighborhood is full of activity. Tell your housekeepers, lawn companies, pool service professionals, etc. to be on the lookout for suspicious activity. For example, on 4/14 the police received valuable information about a suspect from someone who was working at a nearby home. The worker saw a young African American male run and get into an older model white SUV, possibly a Dodge Durango or Ford Explorer. He attempted to follow the suspect to get a license plate number but was not successful.

Never open your door to anyone you don't know.

Trim shrubbery that hides the doors and windows of your house.

Illuminate your yards and entranceways. Consider using motion-detection lighting.

Keep your doors locked whether you are at home or away.

Keep your garage door closed and locked, even when at home or in the backyard.

Lock your vehicle if it is not in your garage. Never leave valuables in a vehicle in view.

Half of all home burglaries occur during the day. Be alert to any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area. If anything seems out of place, notify the police to check it out.

Be observant of repair personnel, construction workers, or service workers who might be thieves. If their behavior or location seems out of the ordinary, notify police.

Consider installing an alarm and cameras. Monitoring technology has come down in price, and some cameras can be monitored from an app on your phone or computer.

Take a look around your house and prepare yourself in the unlikely event you are a victim. Take photos of your property for insurance and recovery purposes. Back up your computer files. Download photos from your cameras. Store your backup in a safe location, possibly away from your home. Insurance can replace your devices, but not precious photos and documents.

## Nextdoor.com

It's exciting to see so many of you on the ELE site on Nextdoor.com. At this point, 128 of 337 households have joined. If you haven't signed up, I encourage you to do so!

Nextdoor.com offers a terrific opportunity for us to share information about crime, neighborhood events, pool and tennis court information, women's club news, recommendations, ideas about how to improve our neighborhood and more.

One of the benefits of the site is that we all have the opportunity to communicate. We can send news and information to each other immediately.

The ELE site on Nextdoor.com is private. Only residents within our neighborhood boundaries can join our site. You may also participate on the broader "Lake Arlington" site. That includes all of the neighborhoods near ELE, and it is a good source of information as well.

Nextdoor.com is recommended and used extensively by the Arlington Police Department. The crime prevention team posts regularly on site, and they are counting on us to post information they can use to help solve crimes.

Please tell your ELE neighbors about the site, and invite them to join. We want as much participation as possible. If you have any questions about Nextdoor.com, please call me at 817 271-1059.

Thanks,

Lisa Sawyer Crime Prevention Coordinator

## Communications

### New Neighbors!

Please welcome Ron and Chris Reeves! They live at 3907 Big Bear Lake. They have four children, Savannah (15), Annika (12), Ava (6), Juliette (2). They moved here from Dallas.

### Directory Update

Please note the update to the directory:

Dianne del Cid 214--418-4754 and Donald del Cid 817-875-5875, 3906 Lake Powell

If you did not receive a directory, please contact Emily Swanson at [communications@elehoa.com](mailto:communications@elehoa.com)

### Don't miss ELE News and Events or Share Events with Others

Get the newsletter and ELE updates in your inbox or send announcements to share!  
Send your email address or news to [communications@elehoa.com](mailto:communications@elehoa.com)



## Pool Update and Information

### Pool Tags

Don't forget to fill out and turn in the form in the directory so you can enjoy the pool this summer! See page 33. If you do not have a directory, contact Emily Swanson at [communications@elehoa.com](mailto:communications@elehoa.com)

### Pool Hours

Monday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Adult Lap Swim M-F 10:30-11 a.m.

Float Day (Sunday) 1-4 p.m.

### Pool Clubhouse Rental

Did you know you can rent the pool and clubhouse for your next party? Please refer to the directory (pages 29-30) for full details, but a few items to note:

- Private use of the pool is limited to after open pool times.
- You must have ELE lifeguards on-duty during your pool party. (\$17/hours)
- Clubhouse is available year-round at any time.
- A deposit is required.

For reservations or clubhouse/pool rental questions, contact Kathleen Valentine at [keds56@gmail.com](mailto:keds56@gmail.com)



A BIG thanks to the lifeguards who have taken on the responsibility of maintaining and cleaning the canal filter.

THANK YOU!