



# In The News

*Enchanted Lake Estates Newsletter*

## *From the President*

Dear ELE Residents,

I hope to see you at **ELE's annual membership meeting on Sunday, September 18 at 4 p.m.** I am very excited that Mayor Jeff Williams is going to join us and tell us what's happening in Arlington. Sgt. Dana Richerson and several APD officers will give us an update on crime in our area. Immediately following the meeting, join us for a hamburger/hot dog cookout and one more chance to swim this season. The pool will be open until 8 p.m.

There are a couple of items on the meeting agenda that require your vote. The board is proposing to increase HOA dues to \$450 per year. Our last dues increase was in 2004, and expenses have gone up over the past 12 years. With our current dues income, we are not able to properly maintain the public areas of the neighborhood and build reserve funds for unexpected expenses. You will soon receive a formal meeting notice in the mail. **If you are unable to attend the meeting, please fill out the proxy voting form and give it to any board member or neighbor who is attending the meeting.**

You will also hear about plans to renovate the clubhouse. In June, the board appointed a committee of highly qualified neighbors to come up with a cost-effective plan to improve the appearance of the clubhouse. They will present their recommendations at the membership meeting.

As we wrap up the 2015-16 year, I want to thank all of the board members who generously volunteered their time to serve on our HOA board. It has been a pleasure working with this great group of neighbors! A big thanks to Rob Cronin, Social Events; Patrick Dunn, Pool; Robert Pacleb, Tennis; Michael Tejada, Grounds; Hailey Weems, Communications; Brandi Wright, Secretary; Mike Wyant, Architecture; and Andy Cox, Treasurer.

I hope you will consider joining the 2016-17 board. We will have openings for social events coordinator, pool coordinator and communications. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact me, or one of our board members. You can reach me at 817 271-1059 or by email, [president@elehoa.com](mailto:president@elehoa.com).

Lisa Sawyer

### *Board of Directors*

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# **ELE Annual Meeting**

## **Sunday, September 18, 2016**

### **4:00 pm at the Clubhouse**

We hope everyone will attend the Enchanted Lake Estates Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at 4:00 pm! Bring your families to enjoy one last swim at the pool and eat dinner together as a neighborhood following the meeting. A brief overview of the agenda is below:

- Mayor Jeff Williams will share his vision for Arlington
- APD neighborhood update
- Approve the Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting
- Board members will give their reports and answer any questions
- Presentation of Clubhouse renovation plans
- Vote on HOA dues increase
- Accept nominations for three new Board members (Social, Pool, and Communications)

## *Proposed Dues Increase*

The Board is proposing a dues increase to \$450. We will discuss and vote on the proposed increase at the membership meeting, but we want to share with you our rationale.

Our last dues increase was in 2004, and it was a \$75 increase. Over the past 12 years, expenses such as landscaping maintenance, life guard salaries, pool, tennis court and boat dock maintenance, utilities, insurance, etc., have increased. In addition to anticipated expenses, every year there are unplanned events such as the several floods last year that each required professional cleanup.

It is not realistic to go 14 years without an increase in income to offset increased expenses. We were very fortunate that we received a substantial payment when we signed our oil drilling contract. That money covered major maintenance that was done several years ago such as plastering the pool, replacing the pool deck, resurfacing the tennis courts, and some maintenance to the boat dock area.

To minimize the amount of the proposed dues increase, the Board has made efforts to reduce operating expenses. In the last few years, we lowered the cost of our electrical service by changing utility providers, and we recruited volunteers to install the holiday lights at the three neighborhood entrances rather than paying for professional installation.

Our intent is to be fiscally responsible by holding a reserve amount that will cover unplanned expenses. We also want to ensure that the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, boat launch, dock and landscaped areas are well maintained, which helps protect the property values of our homes.

## *Architecture*

If you would like to serve on the Architectural Control Committee and assist with approval of plans and specifications for proposed new construction and improvements to existing structures, please contact Michael Wyant at [architecture@elehoa.com](mailto:architecture@elehoa.com).

## Women's Club Happenings

I am honored to be the 2016-2017 ELE Women's Club President. Women's Club has been a source of pleasure for me from the first day I moved into the neighborhood and never fails to provide a welcoming place to meet new neighbors and build relationships. It is one of the main things that sets ELE apart from other Arlington neighborhoods. Being a member of Women's Club is a good way to be an integral part of the neighborhood as well as a great place to build friendships. I hope you will plan to join us as we kickoff our new year with our annual Meet and Greet. **This year's kickoff meeting will begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the home of Melissa Culver, 7005 Lake Louise.** A baked potato bar and scrumptious desserts will be provided so come out and enjoy a fun evening with your neighbors.

I look forward to seeing everyone then!

Sharon Zacharias

## Pool

The pool will be open on the weekends through Labor Day Weekend, but will close after Monday, September 5. Please use these last couple of weekends to enjoy the pool and thank the lifeguards for their services this summer!

## Communications

### *New to the Neighborhood!*

- ❖ Vladimir and Danielle Konobeevsky at 7004 Crater Lake Dr. They have Ella and Alexei and moved from Cedar Hill.
- ❖ CJ and Claire Reddig at 7005 Big Bear Lake Dr. They have Caitlin (12) and Bennett (10) and moved from within Arlington.
- ❖ Jim and Codi VanDuzee at 3504 Lake Pontchartrain. They have Caden (12), Will (10), and Benton (8).

### *Corrections to the 2016 Neighborhood Directory!*

- ❖ Please change Carol Lukert's phone number to 817-478-8679.

**The 2016 Neighborhood Directories are here! If you did not receive a directory, or if you have any changes to make, please email Hailey Weems at [communications@elehoa.com](mailto:communications@elehoa.com).**

Do you have something to share with the neighborhood, or would you like to receive the neighborhood emails? Email Hailey Weems at [communications@elehoa.com](mailto:communications@elehoa.com).