



# In The News

*Enchanted Lake Estates Newsletter*

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## From the President

Swim season kicks off with "Splash Day", Saturday, May 27, from 12-2 pm. The pool will be open all afternoon, but come early and enjoy the cookout! Pool hours are listed in this newsletter. They will also be posted at the clubhouse and on the ELE website. The pool and clubhouse are available to rent for private events. For more information and current rental rates, check your 2017 neighborhood directory or visit the website.

By now you should have received your 2017 ELE Neighborhood Directory. If you haven't received your copy, contact your block rep. If you don't have that information, call Lisa Sawyer, 817 271-1059.

Mark your calendars for ELE's annual HOA meeting. It will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 4 p.m. Even though the pool is normally closed after Labor Day, we will hold a cookout and neighborhood swim party following the meeting.

One of the initiatives of the HOA board is to improve security and safety in the neighborhood. We are in the process of developing security signage for the neighborhood entrances and improving the lighting in the common areas. We've received increased reports of high speed drivers racing through ELE, and we are working with APD to reduce the problem. Be sure and check your speed, and remind teen drivers to do the same.

The ELE HOA board meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. If there is an item you would like the board to discuss, contact any board member. You can reach me at 817 271-1059 or by email, [president@elehoa.com](mailto:president@elehoa.com).

*Lisa Sawyer*

# SPLASH DAY!

Saturday, May 27  
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamburger and hot dog cookout! Pool opens for the summer!



# Pool

Everything you need to know about the pool this summer!

## 2017 Pool Hours

Monday	11 am - 4 pm
Tuesday-Saturday	11 am - 8:30 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 8 pm
Adult lap swim M-F	10:30 am - 11 am
Float Day	1 pm - 4 pm
(Sunday only– bring your fun floats for a relaxing swim in the pool)	



## Swim Lessons

Pool Manager Courtney Shank will offer private swim lessons at the ELE pool for a fee. For more information, contact Courtney at 817-996-2541.

## Pool Tags

Pool tags will be passed out by the lifeguards during regular pool hours. To be eligible to receive pool tags, HOA dues must be current.

## Pool/Clubhouse Rental Fees & Procedures

Planning a summer party? The ELE pool is a fantastic option. To make your party more fun, consider incorporating a theme. For inspiration, search online for pool party ideas.

Private pool parties can be scheduled during the following periods:

Monday, 4pm - 6:30 pm and 7:30pm – 10 pm

Tuesday through Saturday, 9 pm – midnight

Sunday, 8:30 pm – 10 pm

Deposit: \$200 refundable damage deposit (refunded within 48 hours after the party less any applicable charges)

Private Party Fees: \$25 base fee plus \$10 per hour

Lifeguard Fees: \$25 per lifeguard per hour (one lifeguard required for every 20 guests; two lifeguards minimum per party. For children's parties, one adult chaperone required for every 20 guests.)

To book your party, first check to see if your date is available by going to the ELE web site, <http://www.elehoa.com>. Click the "Pool" tab, then on "online calendar". If your date is available, email [scheduler@elehoa.com](mailto:scheduler@elehoa.com) to book your party.

# Homeowners Reminders

## Security Reminder

ELE requires that all homes be equipped with security alarm systems. Don't forget to set your alarm when you leave your home. Even if police can't respond in time, a sounding alarm might get the attention of neighbors. (*Bylaws, Covenants, Restrictions & Conditions 8.0118*)

## Maintenance Reminders

### Lawn & Landscape

ELE's Bylaws, Covenants, Restrictions & Conditions require that trees, grass, shrubs and other plantings be neatly trimmed and maintained. Landscaping should be free of trash, weeds and unsightly materials.

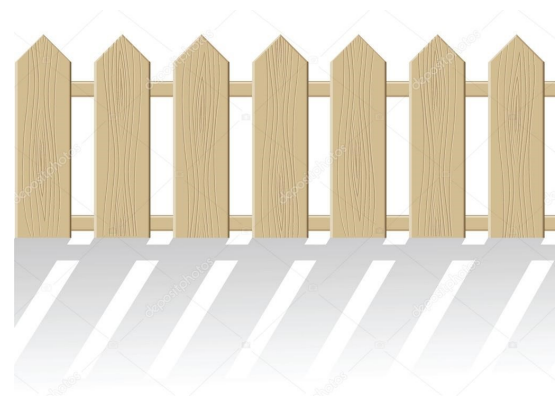
The City of Arlington requires that all trees, bushes and other vegetation be maintained to provide a clearance of seven feet above sidewalks and 14 feet above all street surfaces. All vegetation should be trimmed to at least one foot from the edge of the roadway to prevent obstructions for motorists and pedestrians.

If a property is vacant for 45 days, the ELE HOA has the right to have the grass mowed and at the expense of the homeowner. If a lawn exceeds 12" in height, the City of Arlington may have the property mowed by a city-hired contractor. The homeowner is billed for the service plus a \$200 administrative fee.

### Dilapidated Fences

The City of Arlington requires that property owners maintain their fences in structurally sound condition. A fence that has more than 20% damage to any eight-foot section is in violation, as well as a fence that is leaning more than 15 degrees at any one point. A fence is considered dilapidated if 10% of its pickets or structural posts are damaged, missing or rotted.

The city requires that owners repair or replace fences in violation. When installing a new fence, the posts and rails must not be exposed to an adjacent street. In other words, the smooth side of the fence must face the street. Fences constructed after 2009 must have metal posts.



# Homeowners Reminders continued

## Nuisance to Neighbors

Garbage should be kept in standard covered containers and should not be stored where they are visible to a neighboring property, except when put out for collection. The City of Arlington requires that garbage be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of collection and not before 7 p.m. the evening prior to collection.

No trash or debris of any kind is permitted to accumulate. No odors are permitted to arise that are offensive or detrimental to any neighboring lot. No sound nuisance is permitted that is offensive or detrimental to any neighboring lot, with the exception of security alarms used for security purposes.

For more information, City of Arlington Code Compliance rules can be found at <http://www.arlington-tx.gov/codecompliance>. Click on "Single Family Residential".

ELE's Bylaws, Covenants and Restrictions are available in full on the ELE web site, <http://www.elehoa.com>. Click on the tab marked "Legal".

## Barking Dogs

Barking dogs are a common problem in neighborhoods. Dog barking becomes a problem if it is persistent, keeps people awake at night and starts other dogs barking. Continuous barking can also be harmful to a pet.

If your pet is the one making the noise, try and determine what is causing the dog to bark. Is the dog lonely, bored and needing attention? Does the dog bark at passersby such as walkers, children or other animals? Is the dog ill, cold, hungry or injured?

Try these suggestions offered by the City of Arlington:

- When possible, remove visual barriers so the dog can see.
- If the dog is bored, obedience training and more attention will help.
- If the dog is barking at neighbors in their yards, training will help. The dog needs to understand that you do not need to be protected.
- Basic training rule: Stop bad behavior by vocally showing your displeasure and praising good behavior.
- If you are at home, hush a barking dog with a strong "No!". Do not soothe the dog. Quiet, soothing sounds encourage bad behavior. Let the dog know you are in charge.
- If the barking occurs when you are gone or at night, the best solution is to confine the dog indoors. Dogs can better protect you if they are with you and not in the backyard. If the dog must remain outside, consider using a "bark collar" that emits a noise or mild shock that is attention getting or irritating to the dog when it begins to bark.



If your neighbor's dog is disturbing others, try to resolve the problem through open communication. If that is unsuccessful, you can file a noise complaint with the City of Arlington Animal Services. After reviewing the case, Arlington Animal Services can recommend the issuance of a citation.