



# ELE Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 8—Oakridge back to school
- Jan. 9 — AISD back to school
- Jan. 15 — Martin Luther King Holiday no school

What are you celebrating this joyful season? Christmas? Kwanzaa? Eid? Divali? Hanukkah? Boxing Day? Around the world, this is the season for remembering the past and looking forward to the future. If some of these terms are not familiar to you, ask your neighbors. Enchanted Lake Estates is truly a diverse community and we only have to talk with our neighbors to learn about other

cultures, other customs and other traditions. It is also a good time for children to broaden their horizons.

As part of your holiday celebration, be sure to take a ride through the neighborhood; the display of lights is especially beautiful this year. Thank you to those homeowners who have chosen to share this tradition and brighten up our neighborhood. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

—Barbara Prabhu

*Barbara Prabhu and her husband, Vasant, are constants around the neighborhood, as well at many cultural events in Arlington and Fort Worth. Barbara has previously worked as a television host, author and art teacher. She and Vasant have traveled extensively, so have many interesting tales to share. Thank you Barbara for your words during this season of celebration.*

## CANDY CANE MAILBOX STORY

You can thank these ladies from the 1984 ELE Garden Club for the Candy Canes that still grace a number of the mailboxes around ELE. It was awfully pretty when most of the homes had these decorations out every Christmas.

Carol Luckert remembers it being the idea of Lynn Strench, previously



of ELE. She said she believed the cost was about \$10, and a choice of messages was available.

Perhaps someone will have a similar idea in 2018 ??

## YARD OF THE MONTH

December's *Yard of the Month* belongs to Mary and Michael Holloway. Both Mary and Michael have a hand in this beautiful yard, with Michael taking on the grunt work, while Mary gets to play on the creative side planting and trimming. However, Mike has been taking on more recently as Mary recovers from wrist surgery.

Mary works at Moncrief Oil Co, and Mike works at ONCOR, both in Fort Worth.



They have lived on Lake Tahoe since 2008 and love the neighborhood.

This Spring will see the couple working to make the back yard as lovely as the front.

## SANTA VISITS ENCHANTED LAKES

A good time was held by all at the annual ELE Christmas Party—Chillin' With Santa..... And Mrs. Claus. Social Chair, Angie Woods deserves a special nod for her hard work, especially working around construction.

Jennette Woodard was at the keyboard once again as she has been in the past, playing beautiful Christmas music. Thank you Jennette for bringing such joy to so many.



In the middle, Brandi and Haley Wrights son, Graham, was not particularly excited about seeing Santa. Some of the kids weren't too sure about Santa, but most were happy to share their list with the big man. (There were more pics, but without names and permission we could not print them. ) There were lots of



kids of all ages, however.

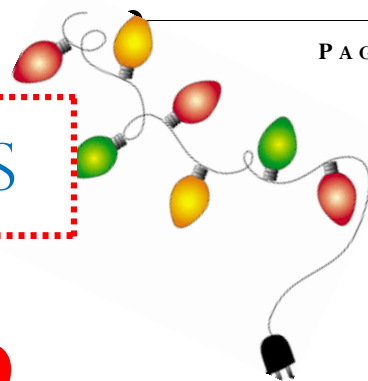
Below, everyone chats while chowing down on Texas chili, PB&J sandwiches, and of course, Christmas Sweets.

The hayride made two complete trips around the ELE streets so we could see and cheer the wonderful light displays. On our ride there were carols and plenty of comments from the peanut gallery.

See Ya'll next year!!







# CHRISTMAS LIGHT WINNERS

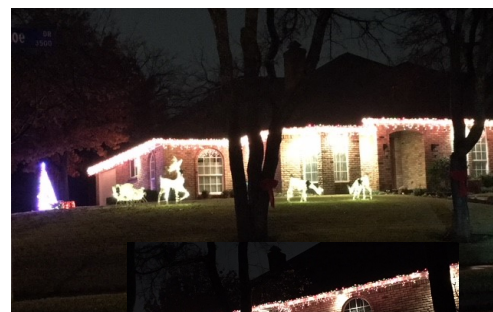
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**riswald Award 2017** went to the Hibbs Family at 4006 Falcon Lake Drive. This was just a wonderland to behold!



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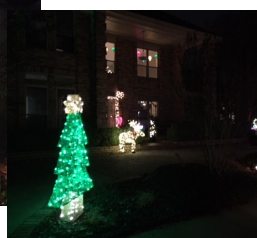
**lassical Winner** for 2017 was found at the Billingsley home at 3520 Lake Tahoe Dr.



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**himisical** was the word of the night for this festive home at 3903 Powell. Thanks to the Montez family for their hard work creating fun for us all.

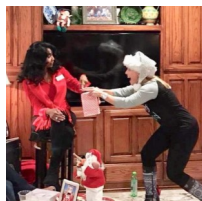
*We went around the neighborhood and were so excited to see so many houses with great holiday lights. I hope this tradition continues and more neighbors will join in. And can't wait to see who wins the best lights house. You all should drive around and check it out and especially Mr. Hibbs... he has done such a wonderful job. Tasneem Ebrahimji Next Door ELE*



## ELE WOMEN'S CLUB AUCTION

The ELE Women's Club Christmas Auction lived up to its reputation recently. Much fun, laughter and food was enjoyed by a large crowd of ladies, ready to shop.

Rebecca Wells was the model fantistique of the evening, and



Helped to bring in an unofficial total of over \$3,000 to be used to support local schools an libraries, ELE, and a service project to be chosen later in the year.

The party and auction was held at Kathleen Valentine's home.



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Becky Turney lost her mother on December 16, 2017. Our condolences go out to Becky, her husband Dave, sons David and Dan, and the rest of the family.

### Long Time ELE Postal Carrier Retiring



Patricia Stowe has been delivering mail to our neighborhood for over 15 years. If you have been here for over a year, she probably knows your name, business and favorite color. She checks on neighbors if anything is out of order, and worries when people are sick. For many of us, she is one of us. But after 28 years in the U.S. Postal Service, she is hanging up her mail bag. Her husband will continue to work for USPS as Postmaster in Crowley. She says that she will really miss this neighborhood, especially the little one and their letters to Santa. She enjoyed answering the letters and sending little bracelets and books to the kids. Her last day was Friday, December 22. She'd love to keep up with you - 817 Horseshoe Trail, Crowley, TX 76036

## CLUBHOUSE REVEAL IS A SUCCESS



New floors, walls, kitchen!



New lights, fans, windows and doors. Restrooms updated and new paint throughout.