

ELE Newsletter

MARCH 2019

PARKS TO GET UPGRADES

ELE will be hosting Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams in April for a meeting with homeowners at the Clubhouse, along with representatives from Arlington Police and the Arlington Parks, to discuss the upcoming improvements to Bowman Springs Park. There was a public meeting about these improvements last November. Some of the work to be done centered around the playground, the paved lot and the basketball goals.



Land for Bowman Springs Park, named for the Bowman family that settled in Arlington in 1852, was acquired on January 9, 1959. Originally referred to as "Feather Beach" the 14-acre park takes advantage of its location

perched on the southeastern edge of the lake. Paddlers can enter an 11-mile paddling trail that is the first of its kind in the DFW area and the first flat-water trail in Texas. The park also features a fishing pier, a floating dock, an eight-lane boat ramp and, of course, beautiful sunsets.

Flyers will be posted at the entrances and an email will be sent out with info on this meeting as soon as it is set.

And, while we are talking parks, The Southwest Nature Preserve continues to improve through the efforts of *Friends of SWNP*. The Preserve is a 58-acre tract just south of Interstate 20 and adjacent to Bowman Springs Drive just south of our neighborhood. It has one large and two smaller ponds, several significant native plant communities and a high bluff located on sandstone outcroppings with dra-



matic views.

The *Friends of SWNP*, a volunteer group works at habitat restoration, trail and erosion management and invasive exotic plant management.

On April 6, join Master Birder Walter Berk for a free beginners' bird ID class which will show you which birds are in our area now, what they're up to, where to look for them, their habitats...and more! Meet in the SWNP parking lot at 8:30 am for a guided walk. Check www.swnp.org for more information.

March 30 is Lake Arlington Clean-up day. See back page for more details. Everyone come out to Bowman Springs Park, 9 AM.

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Important Dates

- March 30— Lake Arlington Clean-up Day
- April 13— 30th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta
- April 14— Easter Party at Clubhouse
- TBD— Meeting re. Bowman Springs upgrades
- May 18— ELE Garage Sale

-The Arlington Life Shelter- ELE Women's Club Service Project

Thanks to everyone who supported the ELE Women's Club Service Project by donating items most needed by the Arlington Life Shelter this past February. These items included hand sanitizers, Kleenex, disinfecting sprays, and Adult/Children's cold and flu medications. Approximately 25 ladies attended a presentation by Jim Reeder, ALS Capital Campaign Manager and former ELE (Big Bear Drive) resident.

For many people, the image of "homeless" is a scraggly middle aged man standing on a street corner. Sadly, women and children have become the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, in both Arlington and across America. Jim estimated that at least 45% of the ALS residents come from this group. He also stressed that the number might be understated because the shelter has to turn away families almost nightly due to space limitations. Jim explained that many economically disadvantaged people today don't have family relationships or a support system to help them through a setback, so a traumatic life experience (loss of a job, illness or domestic dis-

pute) can have devastating results.

A few years ago with the help of an anonymous donor, the ALS purchased an adjacent property for a price well below fair market value. Plans were drawn up for a 12,642 foot expansion. Included in the plans are an upgraded kitchen, classrooms, an outdoor playground (in an enclosed courtyard), three separate age-appropriate playrooms, and seven new family bedrooms. The family bedrooms will help solve a major problem. Currently when a young boy arrives at the shelter with his mom, he must stay in the men's wing. The same is true in reverse for a father with a young daughter.

Hurricane Harvey hit the coast about the same time that the shelter was preparing for its expansion. Labor and building costs were in short supply and the estimated completion costs almost doubled. Not to be deterred, the ALS applied for and was rewarded a challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation. The terms state that if the ALS can raise \$4,450,000 by April 10, 2019, the Foundation will grant \$750,000 which will al-

low the campaign to reach its goal of \$5.2 million.

Throughout the past 11 months, the ALS has aggressively worked to raise the necessary funds. The deadline is April 10, 2019 and the ALS believes they will successfully complete their campaign.

The ELE Women's Club donated \$1000 from money raised at its annual Holiday Auction. Members were delighted to learn that because of their donation, the club's name will be listed on the ALS donor wall for perpetuity.

Anyone interested in further information can contact Jim Reeder at 817.548.1670 or by email at jreed-er@arlingtonlifeshelter.org.

The organization's website is:

www.arlingtonlifeshelter.org

Beth Hellier – ELE Women's Club Service Project Chair

Welcome New Neighbors

IVY

Richard and Stephanie Ivy moved into 3626 Lake Pontchartrain at the end of 2018.

Stephanie works in behavioral health pediatrics and specialized in autism. Her husband, Richard, is retired but will sometimes work with Stephanie at her office.

They have three children Noah, Duncan, and Caroline. Their daughter Caroline is a 7th-8th grade school teacher.

They do own a ranch in South Arlington, but prefer to be here in the Enchanted Lake Estates. They LOVE their neighbors Scott and Angie Woods. Stephanie would love to be a part of the Crime Watch on her block.

BELTER

Terry, Michael, and Laura Belter, 3503 Lake Pontchartrain, are originally from Southern California. They had a two year layover in Salt Lake City Utah, where Laura could not handle the cold weather. They moved here to Arlington, Texas for the warm weather.

They love ELE and the people around them. Everyone says hi when Terry walks their great dane and golden retriever.

Terry is and FDIC Bank Examiner, Laura is a student, and just recently accepted an internship with the Inspector General Office, along with volunteering with APD.

Their son Michael, is attending culinary

school at TCC Southeast Campus.

Other new neighbors include and will be introduced soon:

Stephen & Jean Burke at 3618 Lake Powell Dr.

Michael Snow at 3705 Falcon Lake Dr.

Sephanie Mounger at 3626 Lake Pontchartrain

John & Beverley Hill, 3600 Lake Pontchartrain

Robert & Rainy Miller at 3605 Lake Tahoe Dr.

Mark & Deanna Kratovil at 3606 Lake Pontchartrain

Roxanne Pena at 7007 Lake Mead Blvd.

Angela Cassol, at 3621 Lake Tahoe Dr.



ELE REPRESENTED IN ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

For the first time Enchanted Lake Estates will have their very own boat entered into the Arlington River Legacy Cardboard Boat Regatta held on April 13th at Hurricane Harbor.

Thanks to Scott and Angie Woods for the countless time (Scott's built the boat by hand and logged in over 400 hours on the project), energy and effort put into creating the unsinkable



"Cardboard Kicking Aspergers" vessel!

The cardboard yacht will be manned by patients from Dr. Ivy and Dr. Mounger, with Brainchild Labs, & Arlington Behavioral Health. The Special Needs entry will be the first of its kind!

We would love it if many of you came out to cheer us on. We are entry #42.

—Stephanie Ivy



EASTER EGG HUNT

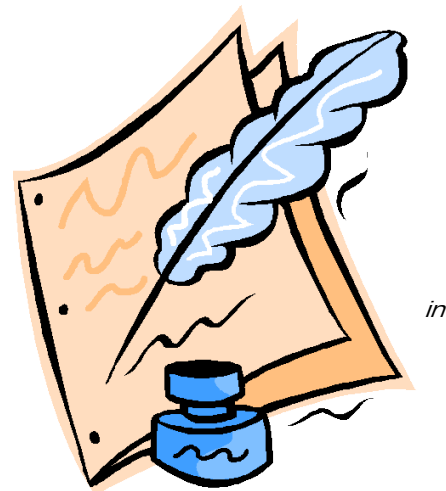


Join friends on the hunt for Easter Eggs at the Clubhouse on April 14th from noon until 2 PM. There will be refreshments, crafts for the kids, and a balloon man making a barn-full of balloon creatures for one and all.

ELE ORIGINAL WORK

Note: I have asked ELE Youth to provide me some of their original work, relevant stories about their lives, or interests in this newsletter. Here's one- It's from an older 'kid' approaching adulthood, but with some insights. Do you recognize the special place ELE that is described? Looking for more! dt

The sun shown hot on the top of my head. It made sweat gather on my forehead and on the tip of my nose. Under my feet, the ground was hard and in some places grass didn't grow and the baked, red clay of the earth was the only surface. A small creek ran down the middle of the area in front of me. On one side it was guarded by patches of clover that constantly had bees bussing around its newly budded flowers. On the other side of the creek was a tall concrete retaining wall that kept the neighborhood pool from draining into the creek. Thirty or so feet up from where I was standing was a large rock-field set in concrete for water to flow down. The creek only slid down a narrow passage in the middle of the man-made river bed. It forever stained the rocks it touched with the moss and algae of slow-moving warm water. The concrete rock-field had its own small retaining wall that led up to a foot bridge that was inches above the water and was never used anyway. Next to the smaller retaining wall the ground softened and the grass grew thicker. There were huge, red sand-stone boulders set in this small green area. They should have been closer to the water, so the little kids could sit on them and fish for fish that weren't really there. They would be good sitting rocks. The bank of the creek was pocked with holes. Some belonged to crawdads. Others belonged to the snakes. A light breeze ripped the surface of the water against its current. The breeze felt good against moist skin. And, it smelled like a snake. And somewhere a fish had died. Anywhere else these scents would not fit. But they belonged here. Next to the large retaining wall there were stairs leading up into the real world. The bottom of the stairs were once cracked. Piece by piece they fell into nothing and were carried away by water. The more they crumbled, the harder it was to get back to that place. The older I get, the harder it is to go back to that place. I climbed the stairs. While I stood on the solid top step, just before I reentered reality, I looked back into my past. Into my childhood, into my imagination. I memorized what it looked, smelled and felt like. Then I left. -Anonymous



ELE BOARD NEWS

Olegario Sanchez has replaced Gary Hughes as Chairman of the Architectural Committee on the ELE Board of Directors. Olegario, or Ollie as most know him, and his wife Nancy have lived at 7001 Big Bear Lake for about 20 years. He was a Graduate Master Builder for his career, and so will be well suited for this position. He and Nancy have 3 children, 9 grandchildren, all in the Metroplex, and one brand new great-grandbaby. The couple will have been married for 50 years this October. Wish them a happy anniversary when you see them.

The Board still has two vacant positions that need to be filled. The position of Vice-president is still open, as is the Tennis Chairman. The tennis courts have been repaired and are looking good. It's about time to organize some tennis tournaments—bring back some old rivalries.



Looking for 2018 graduates! May's Newsletter will be dedicated to the graduates of ELE. Please send me your pics and bio as soon as you can. Special days deserve special recognition!

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ELE Neighborhood wide garage sale is coming up May 18th. Start cleaning out those nooks and crannies. More info will follow. ELE takes care of advertising and signs. All you have to do is put out your 'valuables'.



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Lake Arlington Clean-up Day

is Saturday, March 30. Volunteers are asked to meet at Bowman Springs Park at 9AM. Participants, who must be at least 18 years of age or have a parent/guardian with them, will be provided with gloves, trash bags, trash grabbers, water and other supplies. Volunteers, both groups and individuals, are asked to register to participate in the event by emailing andrewq@drive.ai.

The Keep Texas Waterways Clean program is sponsored by H-E-B, Central Market and Keep Texas Beautiful.

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A big Thanks You to all those who contributed to this month's newsletter. Angie Woods, Lynn Healy, Stephanie Iy, Beth Hellier, Laura Belter and our unknown contributor. Hope is that this newsletter will grow and become more of a community project belonging to everyone. Any suggestions or contributions are appreciated. Thank you!!