

ELE Newsletter



June / July 2019

Lake Tahoe Egret Rookery

Egrets have taken over the trees in our neighborhood along Lake Tahoe drive for the last couple of years. Each year their colony has grown. This year more homes are at the mercy of these birds.

In February, herons begin coming back to our area followed quickly by other water birds, including the cattle egrets. All egrets are protected birds, so once they have begun to build nests they cannot be bothered –meaning no removal tech-

niques. They lay their eggs and raise their young in our trees until they leave in October. In the meantime, they leave droppings, feathers, dead rodents and rotting fish on roofs, sidewalks and everywhere else around these homes. The homeowners try to use power washers, to get rid of all of this, only to find it back the next day. Lawns are ruined, shrubbery dying because of feces or because the birds eat the leaves. Plus the smell and the noise extend beyond the rookery itself.

Andrew Peal, City Counselman for our area, came out to talk to the ELE Board on Wednesday, July 17. While the city cannot do anything this year to rid us of these birds, he does say there are strategies that the neighborhood can implement and the city will also be able to come out and harass the birds before they nest. This means there will be noise, -lots of noise– for a period.. Signs will be put up to alert when this will occur. The city may also use street cleaners to aid in that effort. The city has dealt with the Egrets in the past in a North Arlington Community and had success in helping the

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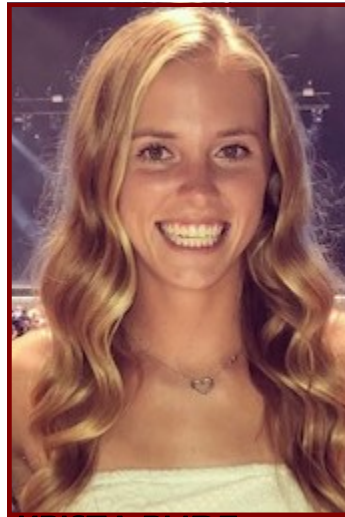
LIFEGUARDS OF ELE



HILLARY JORGENSEN

I am a freshman in college studying allied health for nursing. I have type 1 diabetes and this is my second year at ELE!

These folks do a lot more than safe guard our kids. They play with the kids and mentor them. They also clean the pool area and clubhouse. Say "THANKS"!



KRISTA RUDE

I am in my final semester at UTA and will graduate with a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics and a 7-12 Mathematics Teacher Certification. I played softball for 4 years at UTA and this will be my 5th year as a lifeguard.



RYAN WISBROCK

I am a senior at Martin high school and this is my first year as a life guard.



TREY WATSON

I am a senior at martin high school. I have been a lifeguard for 2 years, but it is my first year at this pool.



ASHLIN JAIME

I attend Martin High School and I also play on the golf team there. This is my second year guarding





CAMERON SHAYMAN

I am a senior at Martin High School. I play golf and I've won the Arlington city tournament the last 2 years. This is my second year guarding.



JAXON LINDELL

I am a senior at martin and I play football. This is my first year as a lifeguard.



ADAM NIX

I'm a senior at Martin High School. I'm on the football team and I wrestle. I have been lifeguarding for two years.



Courtney Shank

Head Lifeguard and pool manager. She graduated from Martin High and is currently teaching at Young Jr. High. She has been a lifeguard for 11 years.



EGRETS



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neighbors get the birds to relocate. Another thing that can be done to discourage the egrets is to trim trees drastically, making them less appealing to the birds. Trimming trees is not a cheap endeavor, and not a DIY project for most homeowners. Some of the neighbors are looking into finding a tree trimming firm that will bundle multiple neighbors into one job in order to provide a significant savings in cost. Trimming will have to be done in the short time-frame between October and February.

This issue will be discussed further for all homeowners at the HOA meeting in September as this impacts the entire neighborhood. The birds could expand the rookery further into the neighborhood and the damage caused affects home values for all.

A Facebook page has been added for residents to join so resources can be shared. [Lake Arlington Neighborhood Egret Relocation Effort](#). Please feel free to join the group and add your voice.

Below are several web sites that provide more information about the birds.

<https://www.fws.gov/laws/lawsdigest/migtrea.html>

<https://www.arlingtontx.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=14481146&pageId=14974331&fbclid=IwAR2Ri8MRxJlzcLJxowPmD4fb6HEeZAXDrFxxHonsRwZAsUYKhusLYNWmE>

http://www.fox4news.com/news/arlington-helping-residents-with-egret-nesting-prevention?fbclid=IwAR3tzJ2Lx_ZjxZjiCF8UtUMkNbdUQcJOgMMrRLtIEd1cxyGI_sZNL2-vQo

https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Arlington-Helps-Neighborhood-Plagued-by-Egrets-477485603.html?fbclid=IwAR11v5n3O3U0AuP4oT3CY8rID8fXGIYlvhBdjhatoxUyMH-NaNNISxn_uuM

ELE BOARD NEWS

There have been a number of turnovers on the ELE Board recently. New Elections will be coming up at the September Homeowners' Meeting, so think about serving.

Mary Lobban has filled the chair of Vice-President. She is the Business Administrator at the First United Methodist Church.

Stephanie Ivy is the new Tennis Chairman and has already waded into the deep end by setting up a tennis tournament.

Former Social Chairman, Angie Woods, stepped down and **Heather Baresh** will be filling her seat.

Dorothy Tejada took over as Secretary.

INFORMATION ON I-20 / BOWMAN SPRINGS PROPOSAL & EGRETS

Representatives from the Arlington City Counsel and the Architect firm of ARRIVE ArchitectureGroup (architects for the proposed Senior Resident Center) provided information on both issues: The Egrets and the Senior Living Center. This information has been left in the Clubhouse for anyone that may want to learn more.

The Clubhouse is open every day during regular pool hours. The information has been left on the kitchen counter area. Please feel free to stop by, but with the limited supply, please leave the information for others who may be interested. Thank you.

P.S. Expansion to 3 lanes with curbs of Poly Webb from Miller Elementary to Shorewood, along with expansion of Bowman Springs down to I-20 frontage road was mentioned at the meeting. The surveying for the first of this work has begun.

ELE REINSTITUTES TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

The Freedom Tennis Tournament, held on the Fourth of July, was the first in Enchanted Lake Estates for years and was a great success.

One team was undefeated– a two-generation ELE team consisting of Kevin Kelly and mom Lally Kelly, both who live on Lake Tahoe. ELE President, Ryan Baresh and wife Heather participated in the tournament as well as Heather's sister and brother-in-law. A father-son team, Austin and Greg Wright who live on Big Bear Lake, joined Kim Simpson and others in the tournament.

This tournament was so well received that a second one is planned in September. Detailed plans have not been disclosed, but it is rumored to be the Tennis and Tequila Tournament. C'mon September!



JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH

Jim and Micki Jacobson, 7105 Lake Powell, moved into their house on the lake about 28 years ago. Here they raised three children and are now enjoying retirement. They love the Enchanted Lake Estates neighborhood, and ELE loves them back!



JULY YARD OF THE MONTH



This lovely home at 7200 Grand Lake Court is one of the newest homes in ELE. The owner of the home and its yard that complement the house so perfectly is Beth Haugh.



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