

ELE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2019



EGRETS THREATEN TO BECOME BIGGER PROBLEM FOR ELE

While the egrets have left our neighborhood for a few months to find warmer places, the experts tell us that they will begin to come back by February, looking for old nesting areas and adding new ones nearby. Because of their love of ELE, they will be returning and expanding unless we as homeowners take steps to prevent that happening.

The city is having an information meeting regarding our ELE Egrets and how to disperse our egrets in 2020 is scheduled for November 13th at 6:00 pm at the Arlington Animal Services Building at 1000 SE Green Oaks Blvd.

It is important that interested homeowners attend. You can see from the map on Page 2 what happened to homeowners in the city of The Colony. The large yellow circle shows 4 homeowners significantly impacted by egrets in 2018. The city worked with the homeowners and

they were very proactive in dispersing the egrets before the first egg was laid in 2019. Unfortunately, the homeowners in the purple areas were not as proactive and they had to endure a season of egrets in their yards. This means that ELE will need to have a concerted effort to disperse the egrets from our HOA so no homeowners are impacted in 2020.

You will be seeing more about this meeting soon. Please mark your calendars and make every attempt to attend. If the homeowners on Lake Tahoe are successful, the egrets will try to move into your trees and bring their friends and offspring

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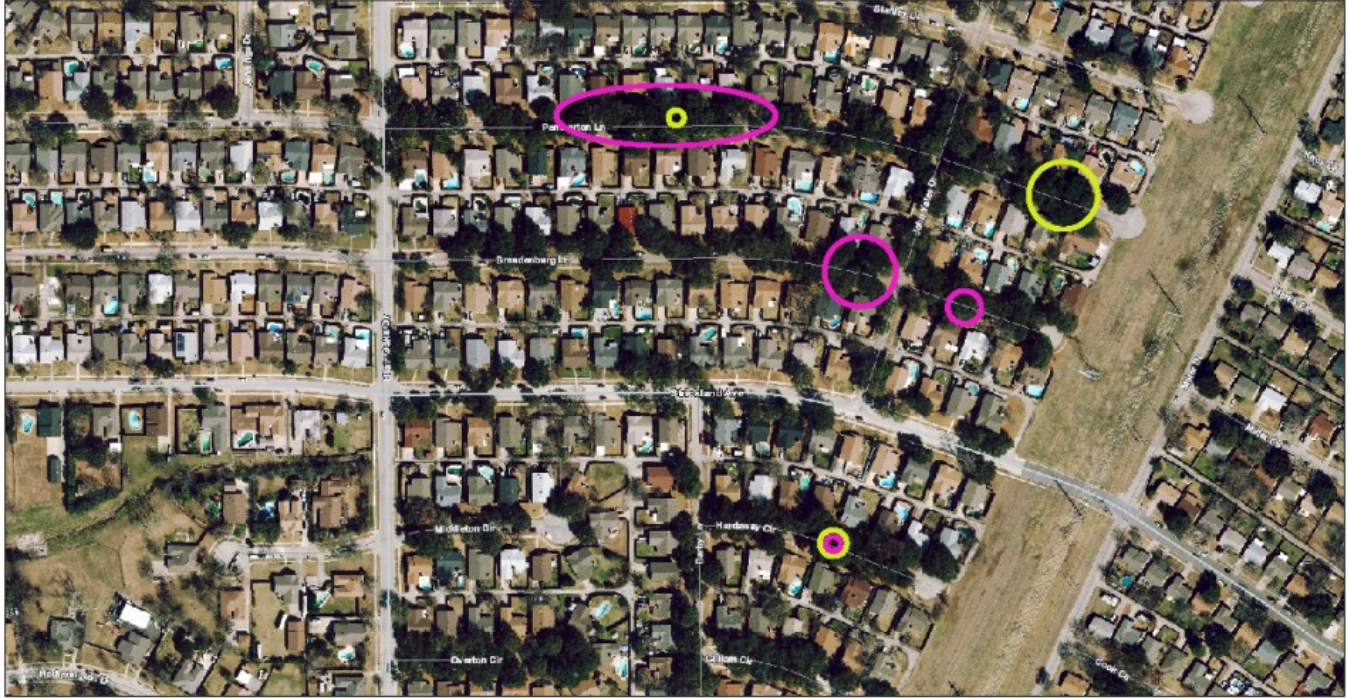
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IMPORTANT DATES

EGRET DISPERSAL MEETING	<u>NOV 13</u>
DIRECTORY FORMS TO BLOCK REPS	<u>NOV 16</u>
CHILI COOKOFF	<u>NOV 17</u>
THANKSGIVING	<u>NOV 28</u>

THE COLONY EGRETS

The Colony Egrets 2018-19



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SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 17
6:00 PM

Notify Heather Baresh, Social Chairman, if you'd like to bring your world famous chili, or if you'd like to help with desserts or other items.

CAROL V. LUKERT



MAY 29, 1932 –
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019



ELE has lost one of the original and oldest neighbors with the passing of Carol V. Lukert on 9/10/19. She had been in Hospice care at her home on Lake Pontchartrain for 8 months. Carol was one of the three original ELE Board members, was a president of what was then the ELE Garden Club (now the ELE Women's Club), was on the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels for 25 years, was a docent at the Kimball for 20 years and loved sharing her love of art and history with school children. She was a long time member of Trinity United Methodist Church and sang in their Choir. Carol was active in two ELE bridge and Book Club groups, Mensa, and was an active alumna of Vassar College. Her late husband Ed did so much for ELE in the early years, from running the pool to designing the ELE Directory to raising the flagpole at our entrance. Carol is survived by four sons (all West Point grads and servicemen like their Dad), five grandchildren and two great-grands. A Memorial service was held at TUMC on 9/28, and a reception at the ELE Clubhouse followed

for family and her many friends. Gifts in her memory can be made to the Kimball Museum, with "In memory of Carol Lukert" in the memo line, designated for a future children's Docent program. Her passing is the end of an era in ELE history.

GOOD NEIGHBOR SHOUT OUT

A month or so back, a long-time neighbor, Melba Todd was caring for her husband who was ill, when she heard a knock at the front door. She was curious, because of the hour she was not expecting anyone.

It was another neighbor, Chris Summers out walking with his family. He wanted to let her know that apparently a sprinkler head had broken off, and she was helping to fill the lake with the runoff. She had no idea where to begin and Jerre was not able to take care of things as usual. So Chris headed home, and shortly returned with his son, Christopher, along with the proper tools to get the water turned off. They both worked in mud up to their knees to stop the water.

What an impression they made on Melba. But it's wonderful when neighbors look out for neighbors, whether you know them or not. So a **HUGE Thanks to the Summers**

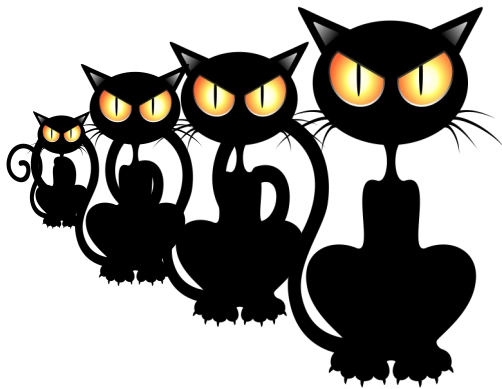
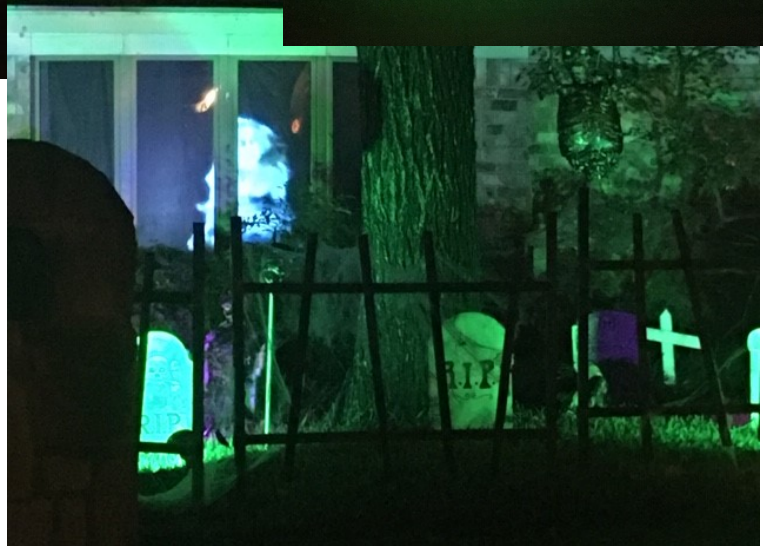


HALLOWEEN HAUNTS

SPOOKIEST



The home of Josh and Emily Swanson, at 3611 Lake Tahoe was hands down the spookiest home this year. With graves in the front, spirits floating thru the windows and headless creatures lurking, the home was a winner with young and old.



CUTEST



Roxanne Pena, 7007 Lake Mead had the Cutest scary house for 2019. She had skeletons in the yard, but they were just playing around and greeting folks, the spider was way up high and the skulls were just hanging out, happy for the fresh air and sunshine!



BEST OVERALL

Stephanie and Richard Ivy took on the egrets this year, with a rewrite of "Sleepy Hollow" by the family. The oversized horse and the headless horseman must have been trying to save the little girl (mannequin) in an upstairs window holding a sign which read "Help! Egrets"

The Legend of Enchanted Hollow

About a diabolical bird, an Egret, not a Swallow...
And so the legend goes as follows...

The birds came by the dozen and invaded all the land,
The people were determined that they should be banned.

These birds made such a big mess,
That the entire kingdom was in distress!

At long last, and with no regret...
A strange, horseman took away the awful Egret!

And before the rest of the kingdom lost their heads,
They all were gone, lost, or left for DEAD!!!



In order to encourage more neighborhood participation, winners in any category for two consecutive years will not be eligible for another two years. Our ongratulations to the Woods at 3619 Lake Tahoe and the Millers at 3709 Big Bear (Don't Drink and Fly!) who have won previously in two consecutive years. Also to the Wells at 3508 Lake Champlain: members of the selection committee are not eligible for wards.

A big THANKS to all the neighbors that put so much effort into the Halloween decorations this year. It really was exciting to see so many. Just a few shots of some of the others that could not be missed. A huge hairy spider looking to eat anything near the front door, The Purple Man, who guarded the neighborhood at night, and the Swamp Monster that surely came from our canal- hopefully to eat the egrets!



YARD OF THE MONTH



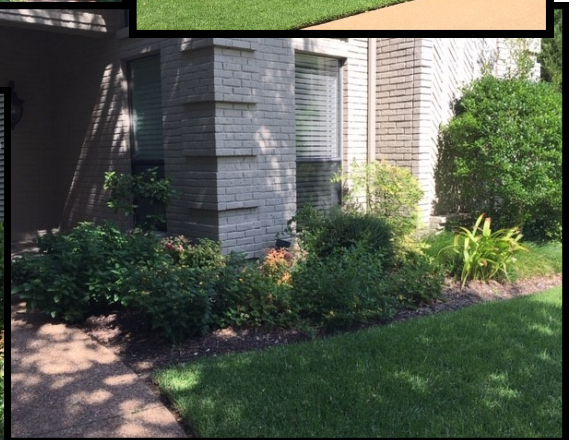
OCTOBER



The October Yard of the Month award goes to **Gib and Roberta Meyer** at 3504 Lake Powell. The yard is neatly manicured all year long, and the entrance courtyard runs over with seasonal color.

AUGUST


Margorie and David Lou had the yard of the month for August. However, the award was never mentioned in this newsletter. But the landscape is beautifully maintained throughout the year. The home at 3902 Lake Powell, is surrounded by evergreen shrubs of varying textures and sizes to add interest. Color is added with Begonias, Geraniums, lantana and nandinas. There is definitely an artist's hand at work here.





MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 30
TURKEY SHOOT DOUBLES
TENNIS TOURNAMENT**



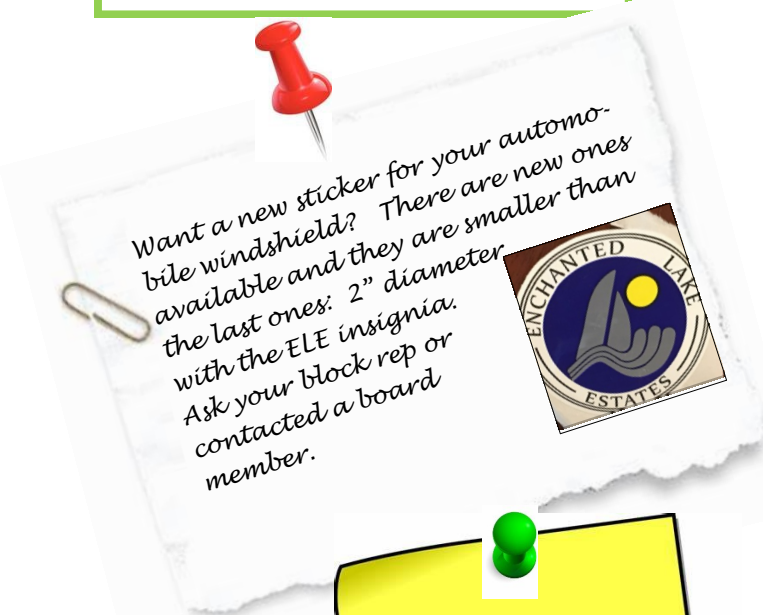
Check your mailboxes soon for three notices:

ELE Directory Information Request Form:


This is VERY important! Everyone wants a directory that is up-to-date and free of errors. To make that happen, we need information that is correct. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out these forms. Check the 2019 directory to see if your information in there is correct. If you want more or less shown, note that on the form. If your son or daughter wants to babysit or be called for odd jobs, please provide their contact information. Return these to your block rep ASAP, and no later than November 16. Your block rep should be noted on the form. If not, the name can be found in the current directory, or you can call Dorothy Tejada, 817-228-8200.

Egret Informational Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, at 6 PM at the Arlington Animal Services, 1000 SE Green Oaks Blvd in the Community Room.

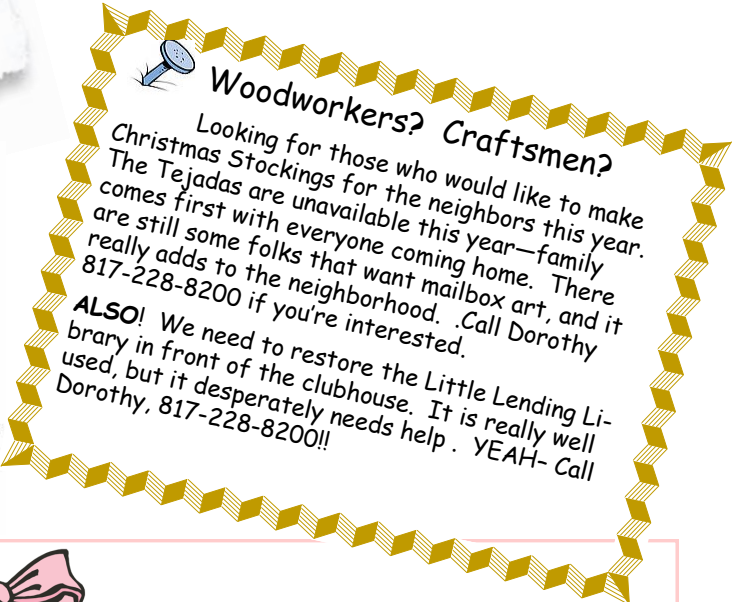
Chili Cook Off: Sunday, November 17, 5-8 PM at the ELE Clubhouse



Want a new sticker for your automobile windshield? There are new ones available and they are smaller than the last ones: 2" diameter with the ELE insignia. Ask your block rep or contact a board member.




WANTED:
Advertisers for the ELE directory. Contact Jean Christenberry, 817-504-4338.



Woodworkers? Craftsmen?

Looking for those who would like to make Christmas Stockings for the neighbors this year. The Tejadas are unavailable this year—family comes first with everyone coming home. There are still some folks that want mailbox art, and it really adds to the neighborhood. Call Dorothy 817-228-8200 if you're interested.

ALSO! We need to restore the Little Lending Library in front of the clubhouse. It is really well used, but it desperately needs help. YEAH- Call Dorothy, 817-228-8200!!




Neighbors need to turn on their porch lights. Police say it deters crime and it helps to light the area at night for walkers.



Wedding bells rang for Alex Heisterkamp and D'Laine Pulliam on September 14, 2019.

Alex is the son of Gary and Karen Heisterkamp on Lake Portchartrain. D'Laine is the daughter of Scott and Landra Pulliam on Antares Way.

ELE DIRECTORY INFORMATION

It's that time again to add/correct/edit the information on your family for the 2020 ELE Directory. **PLEASE**, a completed form from you lets us know that the information we have is correct, or that changes should be made. Return this form to your block rep listed at the bottom of the page before **NOVEMBER 16, 2019**.

The information will be used **only** for the directory and to update the ELE email database. You decide what information you want printed in the directory. At a minimum, there will be the name of the home owner and address. If you have anyone that would like to be added to the Babysitter List, or the Odd Jobs list, please note below. Please complete this request no later than **November 16, 2018** so the directories will be ready in January.

DIRECTORY INFO: (Call your block rep, or 817-228-8200 with questions)

Occupants' Names _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Cell Phone(s) *Add initials next to cell phone numbers to identify to whom the number belongs.*

Children's names & ages _____

Email address _____

Name/age – looking for **BABYSITTING JOBS:** *This list will start fresh in 2020*

Name/age–looking for neighborhood **ODD JOBS:** *This list will start fresh in 2020*

EMAIL UPDATE: *Not to be used in directory- only for ELE records:*

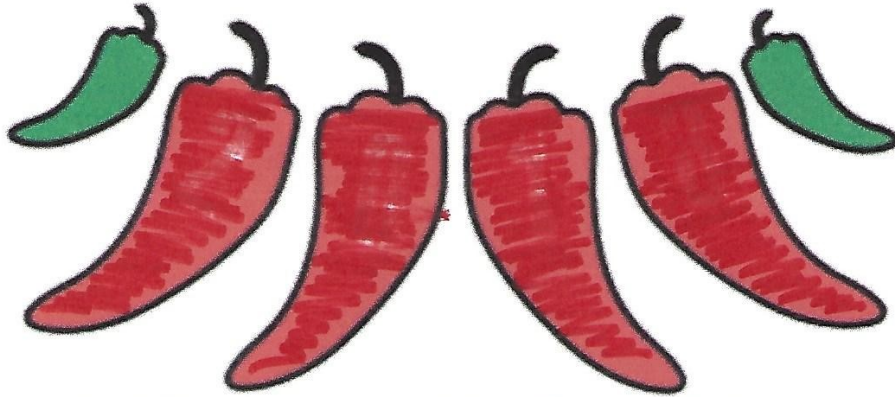
Do you know someone interested in Advertising in the directory? _____

Are you interested in an ELE Sticker for your car window? _____

BLOCK REP: _____



Steve Kaye



CHILI COOKOFF

**ELE CLUBHOUSE
SUNDAY
NOVEMEBR 17TH
5:00-8:00 PM**

Bring your Best Crockpot of **CHILI
* if you want to be a contestant*
Or come with an appetite and judge**

*******Prizes Awarded*******

***Text Heather (682-365-8628)
If you want to participate**