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ENCHANTED LAKE ESTATES

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The Easter Bunny Pays a Special Visit to ELE's Festive Mailboxes

On April 3rd, residents got a very special surprise from the BBIC (big bunny in charge) who came by to deliver goodies to families with decorated mailboxes!

The winning mailboxes belonged to Andy & Tiffany Desloges (7206 Saquaro Lake) and John & Julie Landry (7008 Crater Lake). A big thanks to all 15 participants, HOA Social Chair Angie Woods for organizing the event and Scott Woods for "commandeering" the Easter Bunny!

Pictured clockwise from left: Julie Landry with grandchildren Landon & Kaitlyn, John Landry with the BBIC, some enthusiastic neighborhood supporters, family members admiring their "bunny in a tutu" and Marlowe & Max Desloges.



Yards of the Month

The April winner of the ELE Yard of the Month is the home of David and Barbara Brown, at 3608 Lake Tahoe. We love their emerald green lawn, and the precision of the plantings.



We're David and Barbara Brown and have lived here for 22 years. We have two adult children, one lives in Austin and the other in Keller. And we have 3 grandsons and a granddaughter.

I grew up in Dallas and commuted to TWU to get my degree in fashion merchandising and business and David is from Houston where he went to the University of Houston Law School.

He specialized in real estate law and I worked with him for many years before his retirement. We have 2 golden retrievers which a lot of you have probably seen as David religiously takes them for their daily walk through the neighborhood. For about 30 years, we showed dogs as a hobby, and a couple of dogs we bred have won awards at the New York Westminster Dog Show. We attend Pleasant Ridge Church of Christ and we both volunteer at a local food bank once a week. We love Arlington, and this neighborhood, and plan to stay here as long as our health permits!



Our May winner is the home of Tom and Karen Bonjour, at 3805 Falcon Lake. They are commended for all the hard work put into maintaining a beautiful residence year-round.

Karen and I have enjoyed living in ELE since 1976. We have been in our current home (which we designed and built) since 1980. We chose this lot because of the large oaks and only had to remove one for construction. Our yard and house are canopied by our trees, giving us cooling shade in the warm months. But, like so many of our neighbors, the shade presents problems with

the landscape, especially trying to maintain a nice lawn. Years back we gave up trying in the backyard and now have a large patio. We love shade tolerating flowers such as begonias, impatiens, coleus and calcium. We are honored to receive this recognition. There are so many beautiful yards in ELE. Amazing this year after the frigid February we endured!



hello spring

1

"May" is likely named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.

2

May's full Moon, the Flower Moon, occurs on Wednesday, May 26.

3

Summer solstice will occur Sunday, June 20, when the sun reaches its highest and northern most point in the sky, marking the start of summer

4

June in Arlington sees an average temperature of 91°F with about 5 days of rain

what a racket

WELL DONE!

Five ELE students were selected for the Young Junior High Tennis Team!

- Maxwell Culver
- Benton Van Duzee
 - Noah Ivy
- Conrad Jordan
- Omar Muhammad



TOURNAMENT WINNER

Benton Van Duzee and Noah Ivy (pictured above) represented Young at the city-wide Arlington Lamar tournament on March 27th.

Congratulations to Noah for his first-place win!

ELE Tennis Tournament

“Serving It Up for The Armed Services,” honoring our nations veterans, ELE will host a tennis tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

WHEN: Saturday, May 29 from 9-11 am

WHERE: ELE Clubhouse courts

WHO: Adults and kids are welcome

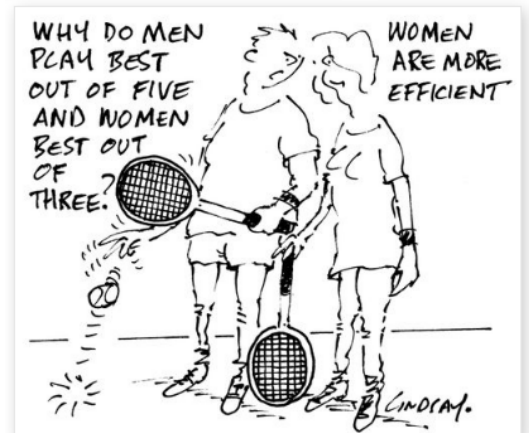
WHAT: Doubles elimination format

To register, email tennis@elehoa.com or text

Lisa Sawyer at 817 271-1059. After the tournament, stay for the “Splash Day” cookout and opening of the pool for the summer!

Tennis Lessons

If you'd like to learn to play or improve your game, the City of Arlington offers lessons for adults and juniors. In addition to group lessons, the Arlington Tennis Center offers private lessons, clinics, specialty classes, drills, tennis leagues and year-round tournament play. The summer programs schedule is not yet posted online. For more information call 817-459-6163 or visit arlingtontx.gov and search “tennis.”



Splash Day

SATURDAY, MAY 29

Cookout from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

**It's finally here!
Pack up your towels
and sunscreen for
opening day at the
ELE Clubhouse Pool!**



see page 5 for more pool details



From our HOA President

It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks our pool will be open again for the season. Covid changed many things last

year and some of our annual traditions could not happen. We are excited to be able to offer our annual events again this year like Splash Day and the Garage Sale.

Your board continues to meet monthly. We have met with the City of Arlington on several occasions and will continue to reach out to the city on all matters that have impact to our neighborhood. Board meetings are open to any ELE resident. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse – you are welcome to attend.

We are pleased to welcome two new board members. Scott Woods has agreed to serve as Boat/Dock Chair. He has been boating since he was a boy and is very passionate about water and boat safety and the responsibility of being a boat owner. This is a great new addition to our board. We also welcome Elisabeth O'Brien as Communications Chair. Lizzie and her family have recently moved to ELE from California. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this position and we are fortunate to have her join the board.

Our main job as a volunteer board, comprised of homeowners, is to manage and monitor the budget, ensure that all common areas are maintained and offer community events. And while we are certainly happy to respond to complaints, it is not our job to police the neighborhood. We respond to complaints that come to our attention. Most

times issues can be resolved by just talking to your neighbors and working out a feasible solution. Depending on the issue, the next step would be to contact the City of Arlington Code Compliance department at https://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/code_compliance/get_involved. Here you can find all kinds of resources that are available to City of Arlington residents.

As we noted at our annual meeting in September of 2020, the Board will be proposing an HOA dues increase. This dues increase will be voted on at the annual meeting on September 19, 2021 with the increase beginning in 2022. While we are currently meeting our budget, with increased costs and unexpected expenses it is difficult for the HOA to maintain our annual budget AND build adequate levels of operating cash reserves. We also know that improvements and upgrades like security cameras and Wi-Fi at the clubhouse are needed and will increase our budget each year. Aging capital systems and maintenance of the common areas require that we maintain the right level of operating cash reserves. We do not want to put the Association in a position where we would have to seek a special dues assessment. Proper planning and budgeting are paramount. Because of this we will be proposing an annual HOA due increase from \$450 to \$600. This will be a two-year increase of \$75 each year. Your proposed dues for 2022 will be \$525 and for 2023 annual dues will be \$600.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President. It is a pleasure to work along with so many great Board Members for the benefit of Enchanted Lake Estates.

Mary Lobban

house keeping

A recap of capital improvements and maintenance for fiscal year 2020 provided significant upgrades to our aging infrastructure.

Some of the major initiatives included:

\$17,743

New heating and air conditioning units in the clubhouse

\$34,000

Repaired flood damage on the canal between the clubhouse and common grounds

\$5,700

Hardware upgrade on the security gate to the boat ramp and parking area

\$4,000

New footbridge from the parking lot to our boat dock

\$4,300

New LED light fixtures at all three entrances to our neighborhood

\$2,000

Dead tree removal around clubhouse

\$2,000

Replaced ruptured main water line from the street into our clubhouse

Neighborhood Grant Update

The Arlington City Council has determined that “Champion Great Neighborhoods” is a priority for our city. Great neighborhoods contribute to a higher quality of life and investment in our economy.

The ELEHOA was offered an opportunity to apply for the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. Unfortunately, our first attempt at securing funds through this grant initiative for dock improvements was not approved. As a result of the City review, the proposed project was determined to be ineligible for

the following reason: The project is contained within a locked gated area and is not accessible to the general public, and not a public benefit. I assure you that we will continue to attempt to secure funds through this Grant opportunity and are currently working on defining eligible projects.

garage sale

JUNE 26 & 27

Start clearing out your closets and storage bins!

ELE will host a neighborhood sale on the last weekend in June.

All ELE households are invited to participate and each home is in charge of their own sale.

The HOA will place ads on local-interest websites, and will post signs outside the neighborhood.

There will be a map of participating homes and balloons for mailboxes. Contact social@elehoa.com or grounds@elehoa.com if you plan to participate.

Take advantage of this opportunity to spring clean! We've had a great public response in past years.

Summer 2021 Pool Information

2021 POOL HOURS

Monday 11:00am- 4:00 pm

Tuesday - Saturday 11:00am-8:30pm

Sunday- 1:00pm-8:00pm

Adult lap swim (M-F) 10:30-11:00am

Float day(Sunday only) 1:00-4:00

Bring your fun floats for a relaxing afternoon in the pool!

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.

SWIM LESSONS

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

POOL/CLUBHOUSE RENTAL FEES & PROCEDURES

Planning a summer party? The ELE pool is a fantastic option! Private pool parties can be scheduled during the following time blocks:

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

Tuesday-Friday: 9pm-Midnight

Saturday: 9am-11am

Sunday: 9am-Noon, 8:30pm-10pm



Security 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 is required for every 20 guests.

To book your party, first check to see if your date is available by going to www.elehoa.com. Click the "Pool" tab, then "online calendar". If your date is available, email scheduler@elehoa.com to confirm. Be sure to submit the required [rental agreement](#) with your date/time request.

ELE BOOK CLUB



ELE Book Club meets monthly. Come join us! This month's meeting is on May 20th at the home of Dorothy Tejada, 3502 Lake Champlain, at 1:00. We will be discussing *Hillbilly Elegy*. Call Sandy Smith at (817) 988-5775 for more details.

The Spirit of Holidays Past

Was it really six months ago that we decorated, baked and wrapped our way through the holiday season? Despite the months that have passed, we wanted to be sure to recognize the thought, care and hard work of our most festive neighbors!

This is the 4th year for this nice tradition. Here are the winners of the 2020 ELE Holiday Light Awards, pictured below from top to bottom:

The Griswald Award went to 4006 Falcon Lake (Hibbs). Honorable Mentions: 4004 Falcon Lake and 3626 Lake Ponchartrain.

Most Classic Holiday Award went to 3609 Big Bear Lake (Augeri). Honorable Mentions: 4005 Falcon Lake and 7200 Lake Tahoe.

Most Whimsical Award went to 4003 Lake Powell (Henneberry). Honorable Mentions: 3805 Falcon Lake and 4004 Falcon Lake.

Really great participation this year and so many great choices! We noticed that the 4000 block of Falcon Lake and the 3600-3700 blocks of Big Bear Lake had WAY more serious participation. Could it be neighborly competition spurred by recurring overachievers 3709 Big Bear and 4006 Falcon Lake? Whatever the reason, keep it up friends!



GRATITUDE FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS

A BIG thank you to the ELE Women's Club for their generous donation of \$2,000 to be used for new pool umbrellas, grills and a dock trash receptacle. Team work makes the dream work!



Flashback to February! Check out Kenny Bates (pictured above) clearing his second driveway for neighbors. Having such kind, exceptional residents is what makes ELE a very special place to live!

“Safety is a cheap and effective insurance policy.”



Keeping ELE Safe

Although we are fortunate to live in a low-crime neighborhood, there are times when issues arise. Please do your part and double check that your vehicles are locked and garage doors are closed. The more successful thieves are, the more likely they are to return. Avoid providing criminals with opportunities by following the guidelines listed at right.

Please continue to keep your eyes open and watch out for your neighbors and local businesses. If you see anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to call 911 and be the best witness you can be.

REMINDER: Call 911 or (817) 274-4444 (non-emergency number) for any issues that may arise.

ELE HOA ACCESS LINKS

[By-Laws, Covenants, Restrictions, and Conditions](#)

The governing document for the Enchanted Lake Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. Each homeowner has acknowledged agreement with the Declaration of Covenants at the time of closing at the title company.

[Guidelines for Architectural Control](#)

Maintained and published by the Enchanted Lake Estates Homeowners Association Architectural Control Committee.

[Improvement Permit Application](#)

The Improvement Permit Application, with instructions, is available via the link above and in the ELEHOA Directory.

These and other documents can be found at elehoa.com/legal

tell us about it!



Have a story idea or know someone who deserves to be recognized? We are always looking for interesting neighborhood news and reasons to celebrate ELE residents! Email the Communications Chair at communications@elehoa.com with a brief summary of your story. Accompanying photos are always appreciated!

1

Lock vehicle doors and check them before going to bed. Burglaries in unlocked cars are ELE's #1 reported crime.

2

Lock doors to your home and keep the garage door closed.

3

Reach out to your neighbors. Exchange phone numbers and communicate often.

4

If you are expecting a package, create a space where it can be placed out of sight. If it is an important package, talk to a neighbor about collecting and holding it until you get home.

5

Eliminate opportunity, keep ladders and tools locked up.

6

Utilize lights at night.