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2022 ANNUAL HOA MEETING

The annual meeting for the ELE Homeowners Association (HOA) was held on Sunday, September 18 at the neighborhood clubhouse. There were more than 60 homeowners attending the meeting which featured an Arlington City Councilman, Arlington city officials, and a vote for the 2022-23 ELE HOA Board of Directors.

Andrew Piel talked about a number of issues: The most important part of making Arlington a place to which people want to come is the housing (appearance of neighborhoods, values of

homes). He thanked ELE for keeping up the neighborhood.

The Economic Development Corp of Arlington (approved in the 2020 general election) has about \$22M to work with. (Funding is through an additional ¼ cent city sales/use tax. It is working on (1) Upgrading shopping centers- Many are eyesores. Town North at Randol Mill/Cooper is the 1st project and is underway. (2) Building the Senior Center on Green Oaks; Costs have risen, but city pulled \$1M from other projects and

the construction should start early 2023 and be finished by end of 2024. (3) Completing flood plans. (4) Demolishing old decrepit buildings. Doing this by land banking- buying property, demolish, rebuild and resale. (5) Working on old apartment complexes to get owners to improve property

.He does not approve of the proposed low cost over-55 project at I-20 and Bowman Springs and urged everyone to let their voices be heard. The City has hired 24 new public safety officers in en-

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COURTS

The tennis courts were recently resurfaced. This task was one that the Board of Directors had in the budget for the past several years, but each year it was set aside for more pressing matters. Now, the courts are resurfaced and new wind screens installed. And, because of the popularity of

pickleball, both courts were striped for tennis and pickleball. Mike Meeks, from the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association came out and gave instructions to a large group of ELE residents. Since that time, the courts have been in almost constant use.

A reminder, the courts, as are all of ELE facilities, are for the use of ELE residents. Outside guests are always welcomed, but the homeowner must be present during the use of the amenities.

It is hoped that a new lock, perhaps electronic, will soon be

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Andrew Piel, Arlington City Councilman

Arlington City official admitted that "traffic (on Pleasant Ridge) will be ugly for a little while!"

forcement and mental health areas.

Regarding the upcoming vote on term limits, he said that Arlington was the most restrictive terms (limit of 3 2-yr terms, then barred for life) in our population category. The proposal is to increase terms from three 2-yr terms to two 3-yr terms. He said this would allow councilmen to be more effective by gaining a stronger knowledge base.

Sabino Martin, Project manager for the Poly Webb Rd project from Miller to Bowman Springs Park discussed the upcoming work. He said Ninety-percent of the design plans for Poly Webb are finalized. The bid date is January with construction starting in March. He expects a 1 ½ year project. They will have Poly Webb Rd as one-way for a while, and said that traffic would get ugly then. The Bowman Springs project has run into delays. They should open a one-way lane starting in November and two-way in March. The plans for extension of Pleasant Ridge are about 30% complete. However, there has been opposition from homeowners whose property backs up to the

proposed roadway. Therefore, it was not submitted for the next bond package. Again, if anyone does approve of the extension, they need to let the City hear from them. In answer to a question about ELE road conditions, Andrew Piel acknowledged that Lake Powell for sure has some issues that need to be addressed. However, the city must allocate the available dollars evenly over the entire city, and currently we are getting a large share with the Bowman Springs and Poly Webb projects.

Maureen Maidlaw provided a bottle of wine, at her cost, to Ronnie Barker as the resident living the longest in ELE (since 1976), and also to John Moreno as the shortest term resident, moving here in June.

The board members continuing on for next year were introduced, and CB Charles Boyer will fill the position of Architectural Chair.

TREASURER:

Andy Cox presented the financials for the year, and some historical references to back to 2009. He said that the 2022 budget had income at \$204K, but projections indicate that it will

be about \$5,000 less than that. But, the expenses will also be less than budgeted. He reminded everyone that we are on year-one of a two-year dues increase. Overall, he had budgeted a total of \$70,915 for end of year cash balance this year but the projection to the end of the year is less than that at \$63,529. Cash reserves for unexpected expenses is an important aspect of the budget. Currently the funds are less than what he would like to see, but it is building and expects to end 2023 with a surplus after the second half of the dues increase.

He said that we probably went way too long without a dues increase. There was no increase in dues for the first 20 years of ELE. Then the dues stayed at \$375 for 13 years, and at \$450 for four years before this latest increase.

GROUNDS:

Mike Tejada reported that the common area was hurt by the summer heat and drought. He also said that the utility gate will be moved further to the south when the Poly Webb Rd project extends down through the park. Suggestions included a privacy

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barrier for those residents on Enchanted Circle from the traffic using the utility gate, and the addition of at the steps on the east side of the canal bridge.

POOL:

Nicole Thomas reported that some work on the pool will be needed within a few years.

Right now, falling tiles are being replaced by the lifeguards a needed. A storage shed will be purchased for the storing of the new pool furniture in order to keep it in good condition.

There was a request for a longer pool year, and it was suggested that after school hours be added. Staffing is a big problem as life guards go off to University and high school. Another suggestion suggested longer adult swim in the early morning hours prior to general opening of the pool. Nicole said all these suggestions would be taken into consideration.

TENNIS:

Chris Summers talked about the resurfacing of the courts, the addition of pickle ball striping, and the newly installed wind

screens. He would like to install an electronic key pad on the gate and refinish benches.

There was discussion about non-homeowners using the courts. That will be investigated.

SECURITY:

Rob Brown said that the security cameras have aided apprehension of vandals and added security to the common areas.

There was a question regarding using Bluetooth in the clubhouse during events. Nicole Thomas said that there may be a donation of a speaker for use in the clubhouse.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Elisabeth O'Brien said that there is a new Facebook page "Enchanted HOA" for those interested. She is also hopeful for a website upgrade soon.

SOCIAL:

Angie Woods reported on the Christmas and Easter parties for the kids. The much-loved Santa will not be able to make ELE's party this year. Angie also plans to add some adult activities to the agenda. There was a suggestion to revive the pro-

gressive dinners.

BOAT DOCK:

Scott Woods reported that the boat dock gate has been vandalized twice. After the second occurrence, he replaced the magnetic lock with a more powerful one. Striping of the parking lot is still in the plans. Any large improvements to the boat dock require a lot of permits and fees. (Andrew Piel mentioned previously that he will try to get some of the permits and fees streamlined if needed.) The code to the gate is 1984#.

Questions from the audience:

Jeannette Woodard said that there are many people running the stop sign at the corner of Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Tahoe and there are often children playing in the area. She wondered if that could be made a 4-way stop.

Josh Swanson asked about the trees in the neighborhood growing over the road. It was suggested that that is a city code violation, and the city needs to be notified

"Enchanted Lake Estates and Interlochen are the two best HOAs in Arlington, Texas." – Andrew Piel, Arlington City Council, Dist. 4

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installed. If you need the code for the tennis courts prior to that, please get in touch with Chris Summers.



Also, any Board member should be able to help if Chris cannot be reached.

TIME TO DECORATE

HALLOWEEN & CHRISTMAS HOME COMPETITION

5TH ANNUAL DECORATING CONTEST

Don't forget, with Halloween just around the spooky corner, it's time to release all those goblins, spiders and skeletons from the attic to romp and play on the front lawn. The past years have seen some spectacular displays, and some have already been spotted around the neighborhood. Don't dally- Judging will be October 22nd, and winners will be notified on October 23 with signs posted the next day. As before, categories are CUTEST, SPOOKIEST, and BEST OVERALL. Any winner in one category for two years running will not be eligible for the third year, but subsequently eligible again after that.

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LEARN TO PLAY

WEDNESDAYS - 7 PM – CLUBHOUSE

For those interested in learning to play the Chinese tile game, Mahjongg, beginning classes will be held at the ELE clubhouse on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Nothing is required, but the desire to learn this fun game. If you know how to play the American version, come on out and join a table that's playing. Or, help the newbies learning the game.

If anyone has other games they would like to teach and/or learn, we can add whatever is wanted. See you then!

ELE YARD OF THE MONTH

Recent Winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2022 WINNERS:

January	Greg & Gaye Moritz	7209 Saquaro Lake Court
February	John & Julie Landry	7008 Crater Laie
March	Lisa Patterson	7204 Saquaro Lake Court
April	Gary & Janice Aspelin	3611 Lake Champlain
May	Tim & Gale Pileggi	3804 Lake Powell
June	Gene Gehrig & Lisa Sawyer	3506 Lake Tahoe
July	Dan and Glynda Dudley	3603 Lake Pontchartrain
August	Art & Jodi Leichner	7008 Lake Powell
September	Bill and Donna Rosenberry	3609 Lake Powell
October	Rob and Judy Johnson	7202 Lake Mead



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The ELE Board of Directors is listed on the first page of this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, you can email any of these people at their respective chair location. For example, Dorothy Tejada, Secretary can be reached at secretary@elehoa.com. Likewise, Lisa Sawyer can be reached at president@elehoa.com. Allboardmembers@elehoa.com will connect you with all members at once. Please reach out collectively or singly to any one of the board members with questions, suggestions or offers of help. We would be glad to hear from you. As always, this is your association. Board meetings at the clubhouse on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm are open to residents

Important Dates for Upcoming Elections

Texas' November 8 general election includes races for U.S. House state House and Senate governor and several other state offices. The state's primary was March 1 and its primary runoffs were May 24.

The last day to register to be eligible to vote in this election is Tuesday, October 11 and deadline for application for mail ballot is October 28 (received by election office by October 28.) Early voting in person is October 24-November 4.

Early voting hours the first week if 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. First week Saturday hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. First week Sunday hours are 10:00 am—4:00 pm.



This is the only week to vote on Saturday or Sunday. The second week voting is Monday-Friday, 7:00 am—7:00 pm.

You can vote early at numerous locations in Tarrant County. Miller Elementary will be the voting site for the ELE Neighborhood.

Further information can be found at tarrantcounty.com.