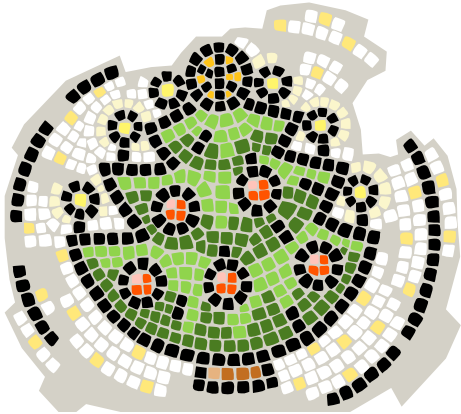


Enchanted Lakes Estates

"In the News" December 2005



ELE Holiday Events!

**Family Christmas Party –
Sunday Dec. 11, 6:30pm
ELE Clubhouse**

Join us in celebrating the holiday season. The whole family is sure to enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones over dinner and Christmas cookies.

Kids and adults of all ages are sure to enjoy the **ENCHANTED LIGHTS** decoration tour on our festively decorated trailer "sleigh!" The "sleigh" will take families around the neighborhood to view Christmas lights.

Other activities include a bounce house and a special appearance from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. This is a great photo opportunity. Parents-don't forget your camera; and Kids, don't you forget your list for Santa!

Please call Sandi Perez at (817) 483-9323 if you are able to volunteer or have any questions. See you there!!

Presidents Letter:

Whatever your faith, this time of year is very special as we celebrate moving from the colors of fall into the light of the holidays. We rejoice in the promise and miracle of new life and the sharing of light.

With New Orleans and the Texas and Mississippi coast devastated by hurricanes, this holiday season takes on great significance as we work hard to help our friends and relatives to rebuild from these natural disasters. Out of flooded landscapes and water damaged rubble, we experience new life and light coming from the many volunteers who have given aid to those in need. With so much lost, this year it's about finding the holiday spirit inside of us, for the things of spirit truly are invisible. This season we are discovering the gifts of grace and the gifts of spirit that burn bright through these tough times.

Don't forget to take time to ask yourself,

"What or who in your life/world/home brings you light?"

"What or who uplifts your spirit?"

A Holiday story: Kisses

One Christmas morning as the family reached the end of the present opening, the little five year old daughter handed her dad a brightly colored package which she had obviously wrapped herself. She waited with glee while he carefully took off the sticky tape and the crooked bows. When the present was finally opened, he looked inside, tipped it upside down and finally exclaimed, "But honey, it's empty. There is nothing in it!" The little girl looked at him with surprise and then answered, "Oh no daddy. It is not empty. The box is full of kisses!"

The father kept that box in a special place on his desk for many years.

Have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ken Eichenauer



***ELE Women's Club
Holiday Auction! –
Monday Night Dec. 5, 7:00pm***

The annual event will be held
Monday eve at the Pamna home at

7203 Lake Havasu Ct. As always the Holiday Auction is a fabulous event and the money raised goes to our local charities and neighborhood. Don't forget to bring an item to be auctioned off!! If you or a friend owns a business, gift certificates and such are perfect for the silent auction portion.

www.elehoa.org
President, Ken Eichenauer
VP, Scott Slover

Secretary, Dottie Tenney
Treasurer, Glen Smith
Pool, Wally Koehler

Communications, Lyn Maize
Architecture, Larry Veal
Grounds, Ryan Baresh

Social, Sandi Perez
Tennis, Juan Corominas



ELE 2nd Annual Holiday Lights Contest

*Decorate and show your Neighborhood Spirit!
Prizes and Yule Tide Cheer will be distributed to
our winners!*

Prizes will be awarded in the following 4 categories (gift certificates). The Ballot is in your mailbox, and posted on the ELE website. Please return votes to the main ballot box on the porch of the clubhouse, or drop off at either 4007 Lake Powell or 7005 Big Bear. Voting Ends Dec. 23.

Join in the Fun and exhibit your holiday spirit!!!!

Best Traditional Decorations

Most Creative

"Griswalds" (best over the top)

Best SANTA display (for the kid in us all)



Our ELE Grounds Committee has completed repairs to the railing on the canal in the common grounds. The railing was damaged last year by vandalism. The original rails were salvaged from the lake, needing only welding and painting to bring the canal area back into safety code. Also, planning for the renovation of the clubhouse continues, led by a committee of talented neighbors working with the Pool Committee. If you would like to help, call Wally Koehler at 817-572-9702

Neighborhood Watch!

ELE has experienced an increasing number of vandalism incidents over the past few weeks, spanning the destruction of mailboxes, "egging", to puncturing vehicle tires.

Help out your neighbors by being extra vigilant this time of year. Make sure you call 911 if you see anything that looks suspicious. The more our Police Department hears from ELE residents, the more patrols we'll have on our streets.

Also, please go to our website www.elehoa.org, to post any incidents, comments or observations. With your help we can create a safer and more secure neighborhood environment for all of us.

Handy Holiday Reminders

Leaf Recycling Program - Nov. 12 through Feb. 20

- Water South Service Center Parking Lot at 1100 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd.
- Parking Lot - Richard Simpson Park at 6300 W. Arkansas Lane.

Christmas Tree Collection - January 5, 6 and 7

Recycle your Christmas tree.
Place it at curbside.

Garbage Collection Holidays - Thursday, November 24, Saturday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Garbage collection will not occur on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.