

# Enchanted Lakes Estates

## "In the News" January 2006

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ELE Holiday Lights Contest, the Winners Are. . .

The results are in! And, the decorations throughout the neighborhood looked wonderful. We tabulated over 30 ballots and here are the winners and "honorable" mentions for Christmas 2005!

**Best Traditional** - The Jefferies at 3715 Lake Tahoe; runners up were the Carey's at 3519 Lake Powell

**Most Creative**- The Hibbs at 4006 Falcon Lake; with honorable mention going to the Moore's on Lake Pontchartrain

**"Griswalds"**- The Morrison's at 3705 Big Bear win again; no contenders here!

**Best SANTA** - This was by far the most competitive category, the winner being the Blacks at 3609 Lake Champlain;

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Honorable mention to the Wilson's at 7200 Big Bear for their dining room Santa.

Winners in each category should contact Lyn Maize to collect your gift certificate to Saltimbocca!

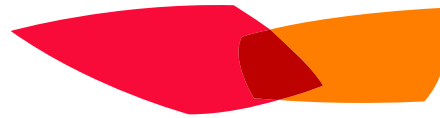
### 2006 News ELE Women's Club

**January 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am.** ELE Women's Club kicks off their Annual Community Service Project. The meeting will be held at 3517 Lake Powell. Every year we bond together to aid our community and this year we are supporting the H.O.P.E. Farms organization. This is a nonprofit organization for boys, and helps high risk kids make wiser decisions and become a more functional part of our community. We will be collecting NEW toys and NEW clothes for ages 5-15 as well as fun items like movie and sports tickets, any fast food gift certificates etc... Remember, these young men are living at home with not so outstanding role models and have free time when they are not at the H.O.P.E. Farms after school program. They are rewarded for excellent behavior with a trip to the "Store" located on the H.O.P.E. campus and that is where they can purchase these items with the credits they have earned. Help our neighborhood make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. If you can't make it to the meeting, please make a donation (any checks should be made out to H.O.P.E. Farms). Any questions call Marie Jordan at 817-561-9842.

The February meeting is going to be a self defense class. Location is will be announced shortly, but as always will be held on the **3rd Thursday of the month at 930am.**

The next meeting will be **March 23rd at 630pm** at the clubhouse. Our theme is Casino night and should be great fun. We will have prizes to auction off, and and snacks and beverages to help set the mood for our festivities. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

**The neighborhood garage sale is slotted for Saturday April 8th rain or shine.**



### Social Committee Update

"THANKS" to all who came out to the Christmas Party! I have never seen the clubhouse hold so many people!!! The kids enjoyed the bounce house and everyone enjoyed the hayride and Mr. And Mrs. Clause.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to set-up, clean-up and bring food. We could not have had such a successful event without your help.

We appreciate all of our ELE neighbors and are always interested in hearing your comments and suggestions for future events. Please contact Sandi Perez at (817) 483-9323 to volunteer.



**Tennis Anyone?** As some of you may have noticed our tennis committee has recently added netting to divide the courts, making the experience more fun for both experienced and novice players.

Unfortunately, persons unknown have tampered with this new netting causing Juan and others to repair repeatedly. We encourage everyone to be vigilant to this type of destructive behavior, and encourage those utilizing the courts to take extra care as they adjust them during play. Thank you from The Tennis Committee

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# CAUTION

## Tarrant County Executive Order banning all fireworks, welding and other combustibles extended.

Jan. 10, 2006. Due to a continued extreme fire danger due to drought conditions, County Judge Tom Vandergriff today renewed for the next seven days the Disaster Declaration and an Executive Order prohibiting the use of all combustibles in Tarrant County.

The executive order specifically states that the use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials include but are not limited to the use of all fireworks, the discarding of cigarettes or other flammable materials, activities such as welding and any other activity that could result in a fire. The new executive order does not completely ban welding, providing criteria for welding outdoors in a controlled environment.

- Areas where welding, cutting or grinding operations are being performed will be free of vegetation for at least twenty-five feet in all directions;
- Surface around welding area will be wetted down;
- All welding, cutting and grinding operations may be performed in a total welding enclosure, or "welding box", that is sufficiently high to control sparks, including a fire retardant cover over the top;
- Sub-surface, or "bell hole", welding and grinding operations within approved excavations are also allowed if all other mitigation efforts are included;
- A dedicated fire watch person will attend each welder, cutter, grinder and any activity that causes a spark;
- A minimum of one (1) water pressure fire extinguisher per fire watch person is required;
- Each site will have cellular telephone communications for emergency response; and
- Winds speeds must be no more than 15 miles per hour.

**Residents who have questions about specific activities related to the Burn Ban should contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 817-838-4660.**

*Around Arlington, Jan. 2006- From Dottie Tenney:*

Changes at Bowman Springs Park may impact our neighborhood. A new automated gate at the entrance is almost complete. Instead of police officers actually opening and closing the gate twice a day, the gate will be operated automatically. This change was done as part of cost cutting measures by the city. Obviously, this change will decrease police presence at the park. The park is officially closed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. But, with the installation of the new gate, cars inside the gate after hours will be able to exit by approaching the gate sensors which will then open the gate. Park officials state that 911 should be called if after-hours activity is observed. Police will respond on an as-called basis.

Park officials are concerned that the park remains safe and clean. They submit a quarterly report to the Park Board of police service calls for each park. This report can highlight patterns of developing problems as well as justify police presence. It is important that all of us report unauthorized or after-hours activity so that the quarterly reports will reflect any problems. This is especially important with lake levels low enough to allow easy access to our neighborhood from the park at night.

Park policy currently prohibits amplified sound at the pavilion or elsewhere in this park because the park is surrounded by residential areas. There have been repeated violations of this policy. At this time, however, this policy is not an official city ordinance and is therefore difficult for police to enforce. This spring, the Park Board will be assigning committees to review policies to recommend changes and determine what should be made into city ordinances. The Park Board meets second Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Bldg, 717 West Main.



## Neighborhood Watch!

December saw a slight escalation in "smash and grab" vandalism incidents within ELE, including at least 2 reported incidents of smashed car windows, and one more serious home invasion on Big Bear Lake. These were up slightly from the same period in Nov. Although our neighborhood remains one of the safest in the area, we should remain vigilant AND REPORT any activity that appears suspicious. Arlington Police tell us that the volume of logged incident reports is directly linked to the level of Police patrol in our neighborhood.

## The 2006 Directories are Out!!

**Thanks again to Martha Rew, Jan Brown and all the block captains** for all their hard work in getting our 2006 directory designed, published and distributed! If you have not received your directory, or have changes that need to be made for next year, please contact your local block representative.

For more go to, [www.elehoa.org](http://www.elehoa.org) Get Connected!

## Moving In and Moving On!

*Long time ELE neighbors Gerald and Marie Ostend of Sequoia Lake have relocated and would like you to have their new address. They can be reached at 3807 Park Flower CT, Arlington TX 76017 (same phone number)*

*The Ennis's of Lake Pontchartrain relocated to Columbus, Ohio in December. You can call Lyn Maize if you would like their new contact information.*

*If you have new neighbors, please let your block rep know so we can include them in upcoming newsletters!*