Enchanted Lakes Estates "In the News" November 2005



Save These Dates for Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 17, Women's Club 9am, US Bureau of Engraving
- ELE "Parents' Night Out"- Dec. 2, 6pm-10pm (see form on page 3)
- ELE Women's Club Holiday Auction! Monday Night Dec. 5
- Family Christmas Party Dec. 11, 6:30pm
- > ELE Holiday Light Contest!- (see page 3)

October was a great month for ELE Social Events!

Early last month, ELE hosted its first ever *Oktoberfest!* Over 100 neighbors attended, enjoying the music, dancing, and traditional fare. Thanks go to Phil & Eileen Carey, and all the others on the social committee for all their efforts to make this a big success!

A Great Big "Thanks" to all of the youth in service and volunteers who helped with the **ELE Halloween Party!** We had a great turnout! The kids played games, made goo, and launched rockets. We had 7 entries in our pumpkin contest and hope to have more next year. First place went to Emily E., second to Christina P., and third to Erica E. Way to go girls!!!

If you didn't get to join us for Halloween, mark your calendar for the Christmas Party and Parents' Night Out in December!

Beautification of ELE Grounds and Clubhouse Continues!

For those of you that have not seen the new decks and arbor at the clubhouse you are in for a treat! The construction has concluded and the new decks look wonderful. The Pool Committee, in conjunction with the ELE Womens club, has requested bids from a few builders for renovating the inside of the clubhouse. More to come.

Our grounds committee has finished two major projects budgeted for 2005. The resurfacing and painting of our common ground parking lots has been completed, with two new designated handicap spots by the pool. The Grounds

Committee has also completed the renovation of our boat dock. As many of you know, this has been deteriorating over the past few years and has now been rebuilt providing better, safer access to the lake. If you see any other projects or improvements that are needed, please bring them to the attention of Ryan Barish or any member of the Grounds Committee!

*****Lake Arlington will remain closed indefinitely to boating *********

due to dangerously low water levels. Aerial views of the lake showed dozens of docks and boat houses were high and dry as the shoreline receded. The City of Arlington said the lake will remain closed until water levels rise to a 542.5 foot pool level. Go to wwwelehoa.org for updates.

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Oct. 2005- From Dottie Tenney

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BOWMAN SPRINGS ROAD

The current master plan for future development of Arlington roads shows that Bowman Springs will become a four-lane divided road from I-20 to Enchanted Bay. From Enchanted Bay, the new Bowman Springs Road will connect to Pleasant Ridge Road near Miller school (see map on <u>www.elehoa.org</u>) following the proposed pathway shown on the map. This will also be a four lane divided road. Going south from I-20 on Bowman Springs, the master plan for roads shows that Treepoint Road will be cut through to connect with Bowman Springs. Looking at a map, it appears that once Treepoint is cut through, the Bowman-Treepoint route could provide a convenient back way into the new Walmart to be built at I-20 and Little Road It appears that the expanded road will carry a substantially increased amount of traffic. But it also appears that if the current proposed path of the road is followed, this traffic will veer away from ELE at Enchanted Bay.

The current I-20 exit at Bowman Springs Road will be also reworked in the future by the Texas Department of Transportation. A recent article in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram reported that Kennedale mayor Jim Norwood hopes "to create a new major entrance into Kennedale" at this exit. The development "might include offices, shops, restaurants and perhaps some upscale condominiums."

Currently, the proposed Bowman Springs expansion is being studied by a 15 member project selection committee which will decide if the project meets the selection criteria for being included in the May 2006 bond election for Tarrant County. Members of the committee include city council members Steve McCollum and Katherine Wilemon and Arlington Director of Public Works, Robert Lowry. If the committee recommends selection of the project and funding is approved in the May bond election, work on the road could be accelerated. The committee will probably finalize its recommendations by January 2006.

ELE Women's Club Update

November 17th we are going to the US Bureau of Engraving. Meet at the clubhouse at 0900. This is free and everyone is welcome, including the hubbies! There are a few people that will be going out to lunch afterwards but this is optional. Please contact Linda Pucket at 817-516-7931 to sign up. **December's annual Holiday Auction** will be held

December the 5th at 7pm. It will be at Julie Pompa's house 7203 Lake Havasu Ct. Please check the marquis in case of any last minute changes. **(Women's Club continued next column)**

In Memoriam for an ELE Neighbor (From the Dallas Morning News, Oct. 23, 2005)

Army Spc. Russell H. Nahvi could have remained at Camp Paliwoda in Balad, Iraq, away from the dangers in the field. But his desire to be on the front lines, to help where he was needed, was what attracted Spc. Nahvi to the military. "He wanted to be helpful in a meaningful manner," said his mother, Nancy Nahvi of Arlington. Spc. Nahvi, 24, of Arlington, and two other soldiers died in Balad on Wednesday when their vehicle was struck by enemy fire. Spc. Nahvi was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat team, 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Ga.

"He e-mailed his sister the day he died, and he told her not to tell us that he would be going in on patrol. That's where it all happened," Mrs. Nahvi said. Inspired by the miniseries *Band of Brothers* and his mother, who is a nurse, Spc. Nahvi joined the Army as a medic in November 2003. Mrs. Nahvi said: "He thought maybe Air Force, maybe Navy, but he said in the Air Force you were flying above it all. But after he saw *Band of Brothers*, the love for his fellow soldiers is what drove him into the Army. He wanted to help his fellow Americans, and he did. He also helped Iraqis. Whoever was wounded, he helped."

Just two weeks after his deployment to Iraq in February 2004, Spc. Nahvi was called into action. One of the Humvees in his platoon misjudged a turn and flipped into the Isaki Canal. Spc. Nahvi and his platoon braved the frigid water to recover the bodies of four soldiers. When Mrs. Nahvi last spoke with her son by telephone, she said, he was excited about coming home in January. Spc. Nahvi graduated from Arlington Martin High School in 1999. He studied at the University of Texas at Arlington, Texas Tech University and Texas Christian University before deciding on a career in the military. In addition to his mother, Spc. Nahvi is survived by his father, Sam Nahvi, and his sister, Nina Nahvi.

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.

Please keep in mind that we will **need new officers for next year**. This is my third year as President and it is time to let some one new take the reins. This has truly been an amazing 3 years and the friendships that I have made are priceless. It is a fantastic way to get to know your neighbors! If you are interested please let myself or another board member know. We will be inducting the new members in April at the end of the year luncheon. *Cheryl Eichenauer, President*

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