

ELE Newsletter

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Letter From the President

I want to start this letter by first letting you know that the board has appointed me to serve one more year as president. I want to take this opportunity to thank our new board for their support and for their confidence. I also want to express our deepest gratitude to Hal Puckett, Randy Rew and Bruce Olson for their dedication to our community over the last few years on the board. With your service, you have made our community a better place.



The last couple of months have been interesting times at ELE. In August and September, the board was very busy putting together our budgets and making sure that we were absolutely convinced that we had to request an increase in dues. Once we agreed that we had to do it, we diligently documented our reasons for that request in preparation for our annual homeowner's meeting in September, but we did not get to even present the information.

The meeting in many ways was a great success. The level of participation encouraged me. We had the largest attendance of any annual meeting I have attended in the last five years; almost a third of the neighborhood was present and we had some very lively dialog about the issues that we, as a neighborhood, face; however, we unfortunately had to table the issue of the dues increase because we needed at least two hundred participants either in person or by proxy to hold that vote, and we only had one hundred and ten present. As a result, a second meeting will have to be called to address this issue. You will be receiving a notice for a second homeowner's meeting, which is scheduled for November 16, 2003 at the clubhouse. The increase in dues will be the only topic for discussion at this meeting so it should be fairly straightforward.

At our annual meeting we decided, among other things, that we needed to be more proactive in enforcing our architectural rules. We also decided that we needed to be more aggressive in col-

lecting delinquent dues and to appoint an ad-hoc committee to update our by-laws. As a result of the first initiative, we will start including articles in our newsletters explaining a portion of the architectural rules and the architectural committee will continue to send reminder letters to homeowners that are in breach of the rules to request they take corrective action. As far as the second initiative, we are still deciding our strategy and are consulting with attorneys on how to pursue those past dues. The Ad-Hoc committee will be appointed this month and will begin working on the revisions. Any changes to the bylaws will have to be approved by 2/3 of the homeowners.

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Halloween Party

Calling *Ghouls* and *Goblins* of All Ages!

Come join your fiendish friends for the annual ELE Halloween Party

No one is too young, too old, or too spooky for us!

When: Friday, October 31st from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: The ELE Clubhouse



There will be plenty of games, prizes, tricks, and treats for everyone, including a "guess the weight of the pumpkin" contest. This year, we will also add a new event, a Devilish Dance Party for the creepy kid set where you can dance under the black lights and show your friends your fiendish moves.

If you would like to bring cookies, help the day of the event, or be part of our diabolical decorating committee, just give Lyn Maize a call at 817-483-1425



Currently, the board is busy prioritizing projects and putting together budgets for the coming year. Some of the projects that are on the table are: pool and clubhouse security, common areas landscaping, resurfacing the parking lots by the boat dock and the tennis courts, repairing the boat ramp and the dock, updating the clubhouse and re-plumbing the pool pump room. These are only the major projects we are considering for next year. In addition, there are several other items that will require our attention.

I believe we have an excellent board and that we will be able to accomplish a great deal over the next year. I look forward to working with the board as well as with all the members in our association to continue to improve our community and make sure that it continues to be one of the premier neighborhoods in Arlington.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to come out to our annual ELE Halloween party. I am sure that, as always, it will be a fun, spooky time. I wish all of you a happy and safe Halloween

Tony Pompa
President

Friendly Reminders

Arlington requires bicycle helmets for those under 18 years of age.



Please do not leave trash at the curb earlier than the evening before scheduled pickup. Although the crows don't agree, it is unsightly.



Directory Updates and Advertisements

It's that happy time again when our friendly Block Reps will be calling to get directory information updated for your family. Everyone really enjoys having their ELE Directory, so please update your information as soon as you are given that opportunity. Did you know? Most of the expenses for publishing the directory are paid for by the generous support of friends and neighbors in our community. We appreciate everyone who has listed their place of business in the past and we encourage everyone to purchase an ad in the 2004 ELE Directory. Please contact Martha Rew at 817-572-9538 if you have questions or would like to submit an ad. Also, if you have had success with vendors who have done work in your homes, please ask them if they would like to purchase an ad with us. When you need a painter, plumber, landscape or interior designers, etc. it is sometimes helpful to know whom your neighbors have used in the past. Thanks for your support!

Ad Size	Price
Business Card	\$30
Double Card	\$50
One-Half Page	\$100
Full Page	\$150
Inside Cover (half)	\$125
Inside Cover (full)	\$200
Outside Cover (full)	\$225

The New ELE Board

It is the time of year to welcome a new board to our homeowner's association. We are fortunate to have such willing volunteers to keep our neighborhood amenities maintained. Please call on them if you need assistance or if you would be interested in serving on a committee. Several homeowners agreed to serve on committees at the annual meeting, but more are needed. Board members can be reached by telephone or via the ELE website (elehoa.org).

President	Tony Pompa	817-561-0379
Vice President	Charles Kosub	817-483-3883
Secretary	Liz Ennis	817-561-6340
Treasurer	Bill Greene	817-483-6422
Architectural/Rules	Rick Billingsley	817-563-2045
Newsletter/Directory	Jan Brown	817-478-5715

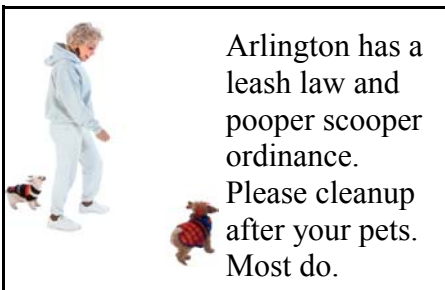
Pool—Wally Koehler—817-572-9702: The pool committee is responsible for year-round maintenance of the pools and pool house, issuing pool tags, and scheduling operations and special events. It takes an active group of volunteers to keep the pool operating. Please contact Wally if you can serve on this committee.

Grounds—Ken Eichenauer—817-366-1976: The common grounds committee is responsible for recommending improvements to the common grounds areas and screen/supervise contractors hired to perform jobs under the committee's jurisdiction. This committee plans and actively involves homeowners in our annual Clean-up Day. Volunteers on this committee greatly improve the appearance of our amenities and are always welcome and appreciated. Call Ken and get ready to roll up your sleeves, get dirty, and be rewarded with an improved ELE.

Tennis—Jim Killebrew—817-572-2213: The tennis committee is responsible for maintenance of the tennis courts, preparation of tennis rules, sponsor tennis competitions, and authorize tennis lessons. If you have tennis skills and would be willing to "serve" on this committee, please "let" Jim know.

Social—Lyn Maize—817-483-1425: The social committee schedules and holds periodic social events for ELE throughout the year and can always use creative ideas, good cooks, and volunteers willing to help with set-up and clean-up. Call Lyn and be a part of a really fun committee!

Friendly Reminders Continued:



Grass clippings left or blown into the street get washed into Lake Arlington through the drainage system. This excess organic matter (probably including fertilizer) damages the ecosystem.



ELE Women's Club

We have had a great start this year already with many new recruits and a huge success at our first meeting on September 18th. The turnout was overwhelming and our gracious hostess Kim Simpson, put on a splendid welcoming. Our second meeting was just as divine with the talents of Sue Ann Pior helping us become less "holiday challenged" in terms of decorating. The next meeting will be November 20th at 9:30 a.m., and we will have Kelly Flowers, Personal Chef, entertaining us. Those of you whom have never been to a meeting, I encourage you to venture out and see what we are all about. We are more than a social organization. A majority of the money we raise at our various events is donated to needy charities, and also given back to our ELE community in the form of funds for the pool, grounds, and children's parties. This year we have planned four meetings during the day and four meetings in the evening to better accommodate all of our neighborhood women. We are still looking for a volunteer to help spearhead the yearly garage sale, which is held in April. Anyone interested, please contact me. **So mark your calendar with the dates and time listed below**, come network with neighbors, and experience the ELE Women's Club

Cheryl Eichenauer

ELEWC President (817-366-1976)

Nov 20th, 9:30 a.m. at
Lisa Patterson's Home
7204 Saquaro Lake

"Dinner Tonight!"
Kelly Flowers, Personal Chef Services

Feb 19th, 9:30 a.m. at
Eileene Carey's Home

"Spring Into Your Garden!"
Redenta's Gardens

Dec 3d, 7:00 p.m.
location to be announced.

Annual Christmas Auction

Mar 11th, 7:00 p.m.
location to be announced

Health Issues for Women of All Ages
Barbara Jefferies, Nurse Practitioner

Jan 15th, 7:00 p.m. at
The ELE Clubhouse

Community Service Project

Apr 15th, 9:30 a.m. at
Kathleen Valentine's

Spring Fashions by Chico's

Reminders Cont'



No lawn mowing,
etc before
7 a.m.

Please observe speed limits in the neighborhood. Impress on your teen age driver that there are younger children in the neighborhood who may be at risk.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Name: _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone #: (817) _____

*New families to ELE, please complete and send to Jan Brown at
3508 Lake Tahoe for inclusion in the next newsletter.
We want to officially welcome you to the neighborhood!*