

ELE Newsletter

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The ELE Annual Fourth of July Parade

Sunday, July 4th at 1:45 p.m.



Join your friends and neighbors in an old fashioned celebration of our Country's birthday—yes, it's time for our annual parade.

As always we are looking for your decorated floats, boats, bikes, wagons, and of course our very patriotic dogs to start our July fourth out with a bang. Prizes will be awarded to our most creative, patriotic and , of course, just plain silly groups and individuals. We'll even have prizes for our most enthusiastic parade viewers. The ELE Women's club will have ice cream for everyone right after the parade.

We'll gather in front of the club house no later than 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, July fourth (rain or shine) to organize our parade goers. A fire truck from Arlington Station #7 will arrive at 2 p.m. to lead our paraders around the neighborhood. In case of torrential rain, prizes and ice cream will still be provided at the clubhouse. Hope to see you all there!

Lyn C. Maize

Tennis at ELE

The tennis courts are bright. Toward the end of May, a couple of members from our tennis committee, together with Terry Haris and his son, Ryan, spend a hot Saturday afternoon cleaning the surface of the tennis courts with the community's water pressure machine kept by Brad Maidlow.

The slime and the weeds are gone, and playing on our courts is ever more delightful. Special thanks to Terry Harris for bringing a shovel to dig out a temporary canal between the fence and the bushes. Lots of dirt would wash into our courts

with every Spring shower. Not anymore!

Now the time and place are right. So, come out to see the tennis courts, play a set or two and meet a neighbor.

Last, there seems to be an interest in having a tennis clinic for children. Call Juan Corominas for more information.

See you at the courts.
The Tennis Committee



News from the Women's Club:

The Women's Club will again provide ice cream for neighbors after the Fourth of July Parade. If you have not attended the parade, please do so this year. It is a lot of fun. The kids can be very creative with their decorations and such. It is also very uplifting to see all the people who are involved and let loose. Hope to see you there.

The Women's Club will be taking a two month sabbatical during the summer. Our next meeting is in September. It is traditionally the welcoming of new friends and the return of old friends (certainly no reference to age here ladies!). We are very excited about next year. We have a lot of fun events planned. There are eight meetings, four of which will be during the day and four at night. This is to better accommodate all women of ELE. I work full time and cannot always get away during the day. Meetings will continue to be the 3rd Thursday of the month unless it falls on a holiday or school spring break. So read the Marquee carefully just in case the date has changed.

Please remember we have a sunshine committee and would love to hear about any news affecting our neighbors—happy or sad—we want to show our support. Kelli Nichols is our contact person.

I would like to welcome Miss Zella Ryan Baresh. She graced us with her presence on May 28th at a whopping 8 lbs. 8 oz. The proud parents are my new neighbors Ryan and Heather Baresh and big sister Ivy. Congratulations to the whole family and I know some GREAT sitters when you're ready!

Yours truly,
Cheryl Eichenauer
President

Are You Cool Yet?

Looking for a way to beat the Texas heat? Head down to the ELE Pool. It offers the three pool C's—Cool, Clear, and Clean. Our well trained staff of lifeguards will provide a safe and fun environment for your entire family and friends.

Operating hours vary by day of the week:

Monday:	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tues-Sat:	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday:	1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Adult Lap Swimming (MWF): 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Private parties can be booked by calling Kathleen Valentine (817-572-2745). Check your neighborhood directory for details about private use of the pool and facilities.

We will be offering swimming lessons conducted through the YMCA Backyard Swim Program. The next scheduled date is July 26th—August 5th. We will offer two class sessions; ages 3-5 yrs. old and ages 6+ yrs. old. The cost per child is \$62 for a total of eight 50 minute sessions. See the lifeguard staff for more details and sign-up sheet.

There is plenty of free parking and you can invite up to 5 guests per residence. If you have more than five guests please call one of the Pool Managers.

Come on down and beat the heat!!! We offer the coolest place in town.

Please direct your questions, concerns, or comments concerning our pool and clubhouse operations or the lifeguard staff to our email address:
(pool@elehoa.org).

You can find a web link to a photograph of our lifeguard staff and their names on the "announcement Page" of our web site elehoa.org.

Thank you for your continued support of this valued benefit to the neighborhood.

Tips for Summer Planting

You can plant perennials, annuals, herbs, and shrubs all summer long!

Just because spring is over, it doesn't mean that the gardening season is over as well! Years ago, if you wanted to procure new plants, you had to dig them out of a garden, either at a nursery or from a friend. That was only done in the spring or fall. Those days are long gone. In today's modern horticultural world, most plants are produced in containers. This allows for ease of handling, shipping AND planting! Consequently, a wide range of exciting plant material is now available all summer long.

There is absolutely no reason why you can't continue adding new plants to your gardens every month of the growing season. You can plant every day from April through early November!

Many people are very visually oriented. If they try to plan a garden on paper, they have trouble envisioning what it will look like. They have to see the plants growing and blooming in real life. These people create their gardens over the course of many growing seasons, constantly observing and adding plants as they go along. Many people just wander around with a blooming plant in hand, placing it in many different spots in the garden until they find the perfect location. This is an ongoing process that takes place all the time, spring, summer, and fall.

You must realize that you're never really "DONE" when you are making a garden. New plants constantly appear that you can't live without. You may also fall out of love with other plants as you grow as a gardener. The changes and additions that you envision should be acted on right away, before your great idea slips away.

When you transfer a plant from a POT to the ground, there is essentially no transplanting shock. Follow these easy steps to assure success when planting in the summertime:

1. When planting in the summer, dig a generous hole, amend it well, fill the hole with water, let it drain, plant the plant, and then water it again. This technique is called "puddling".
2. Plan on watering your newly planted plant every day for the first 2 days, every other day for the first week after that, and then, once a week or as needed for the rest of the growing season. Water plants deeply, allowing the water to soak down into the root ball. Surface watering does more harm than good as it encourages surface roots that dry out quickly.
3. Water your newly planted plants with a dilute solution of either liquid seaweed or ROOTS during the first week to help it establish quickly.

THAT'S IT! IT'S SO EASY!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Name: _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Occupation(s): His _____ Hers _____

Special Hobbies/Interest: _____

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