

ELE Newsletter

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ELE Pool News

We will kick-off our pool season on May 26th. The pool will be opened from 2:00pm — 8:00pm. Listed below are the operating hours for our 2004 pool season. Please pay particular attention as some changes have been made.

May

May 27 – 28: 11:00am – 8:00pm
Splash Day - May 29th – 11:00am – 8:00pm
Splash Day Activities: 11:30am – 1:30pm
May 30 – 1:00pm – 8:00pm
May 31- 11:00am – 8:00pm

August 1 - 15th

Sunday: 1:00pm – 8:00pm
Monday: 11:00am – 8:00pm
Tuesday – Saturday: 11:00am – 8:00pm
Adult Swim (M, W, F): 9:30am – 10:30am

–August 16th, School Starts Pool Closed

June - July

Sunday: 1:00pm – 8:00pm
Monday: 11:00am – 4:00pm
Tuesday – Saturday: 11:00am – 8:00pm
Adult Swim (M, W, F): 9:30am – 10:30am
July 26 – Guard Appreciation Day

August 17th – September 6th

Sunday: 1:00pm – 8:00pm
Monday: Pool Closed
Tuesday: Thursday: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday: 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday: 11:00am – 8:00pm August 16th
Sept. 6th – 11:00am – 8:00pm, Labor Day

Sept 7^h – Sept 30⁰ Private Pool Parties Only

October 1st Pool Officially Closed

Pool/Clubhouse parties during the pool season (May 26th — Sept 30th) can be arranged through both Kathleen Valentine & Ryan Storck. Please see the 2004 Directory for party details.

Once again we will implement the pool tag system. Pool tags will be distributed at the Landry's residence (7008 Crater Lake) on May 1st from 9:00am — 1:00pm. You will be issued one pool tag per family member listed in the 2004 ELE Directory provided you submit the pool tag form (see Page 31 — 2004 Directory) and your annual dues (\$375.00) are current. If you fail to get your pool tags on May 1st then you must make personal arrangements with Julie Landry to secure the pool tags. Please remember — the Landry's are providing a valuable service to the neighborhood by taking on this task. Be considerate of their time as you would your own. We strongly recommend you obtain your pool tags prior to May 26th — Opening Day. The lifeguard staff has been instructed to enforce the Pool Tag system. Residents will only be admitted into the pool with their pool tags — you will not be allowed to enter as a guest of another ELE resident. Additionally, if you or a family member's pool tag is revoked during the 2004 pool season those individuals will not be allowed entrance into the pool as a guest of another ELE resident.

Please contact the Pool Committee via email (poolnelehoa.org) should you have any questions or comments concerning the upcoming pool season. We look forward to servicing you and your family during this summer season.

ELE PET NEWS

Please Comply with the City of Arlington Leash Laws

Dogs are beloved members of many families in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, I have received numerous complaints from neighbors regarding some of these beloved animals. There are dogs in our neighborhood that are continually let out without a leash. They aggressively greet and scare children and adults they encounter. They leave droppings in other neighbors' yards, and even on their front porches. They tear and scatter trash. Some of the dogs are not let out to roam, but are instead left in their fenced in yard for countless hours where they bark the entire time.

The purpose of this article is to ask our ELE community to help eliminate these problems. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

If a neighbor who has a stray is identified, he will receive a letter requesting that he restrain his dog. Arlington Animal Control will also be notified to start the tally necessary for fines and confiscation.

Please be aware that cats are also subject to the City of Arlington leash laws and, therefore, cat owners can also be fined and their cats confiscated.

Sincerely,
Rick Billingsley

FACTS OF LIFE (AND DEATH) FOR DOG AND CAT OWNERS

If your dog or cat escapes from your yard by accident and is caught and sent to the shelter, these are its odds---64% of animals sent to the shelter have to be killed. If you think of your pet as a family member, consider this: If your child faced a 64% chance of being killed each day he went to school, you would find a way to keep him safe. If you faced a 64% chance of crashing each time you boarded an airplane, you would probably stop flying. These are the odds of dying that your pet faces if it ends up at the shelter.

And how fast will your dog or cat be killed? If your pet loses its collar by mistake and is not tagged---it will live 3 days. If you are on vacation and the teenager feeding your pet forgets to shut the gate and you are gone 3 days, you will probably not return to find a living pet. If the pool man leaves your gate ajar and your pet gets out while you are out of town, it's the same thing.

IF YOU LOVE YOUR CAT, WHAT IS THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO?

Realize that, although you love your cat, not all your neighbors love cats. The most loving thing you can do for your cat is to keep it inside and safe. In fact, the Arlington City Code requires those animals (including cats) be confined to the premises of their owner. Cats that go outside live only an average of 3 years compared to inside cats that live an average of 12-18 years. Cats can die from poisons on chemically treated lawns or licking auto anti-freeze (which tastes good to them) leaking from cars. Cats who roam at night often come into contact with nocturnal creatures such as raccoons that carry rabies. There has also been an instance in the neighborhood of a pet cat trapped and sent to the shelter.

If you absolutely cannot keep your cat inside, be sure to put a collar on it with a City of Arlington tag on the collar. If there is a city tag, the city will try to return the cat to its owner, although you will still have to pay a fine.

Information on cat safety can be obtained from The Humane Society of the United States at www.safecats.org or the City of Arlington at www.ci.arlington.tx.us.

IF YOU DON'T LOVE CATS WHAT CAN YOU DO AND STILL BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

There are ways to keep cats out of your yard and protect your birds without endangering the cats or bringing heartbreak to your neighbors. Please remember—it's not the cat's fault. Pet stores and lawn and garden shops sell yard sprays to deter animals. Look for ingredients like black pepper oil and mustard oil. Straight cayenne pepper dusted directly on plants near flowerbeds or bird feeders will help. Mulch areas where you do not want cats with pinecones or other **very** rough material that won't be pleasant on the cats' feet. We all live very close together in our neighborhood and the more we can work cooperatively together to solve problems, the better a neighborhood we will have.

NOTE:

This newsletter has been edited for the ELE Web Site. Items, such as the Annual Garage Sale have been eliminated since it is no longer applicable — i.e. overcome by events (OBE)