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News and Notes from the Board October Board News Summary

Minutes were reviewed for August 25th and September 29th meetings and passed and financials reviewed for September. (visit GLE website for recent minutes and financials at www.glepoa.com - Documents - 2015 Minutes and Financials).

- In 2 separate meetings on Tuesday, October 13th and Tuesday October 27th, the board held officer elections, gave progress reports on several current projects, and took some new actions primarily concerned with board policies and maintenance issues.

- Progress Reports: The board reported that owners of 200 acres adjacent to GLE are seeking access to GLE roads through legal means and that potential for a lawsuit exists. The board will be relying heavily on Association counsel as the matter moves forward and wishes to make clear that the board is against any use of the roads by the developer and the only reason the board would consider permitting some use of the roads by the developer would be to avoid being forced to allow a greater use. The board will try to make monthly updates available at meetings and through the website with Townhall meetings the intent of the board before any major decisions are reached.

- Improvements at Sandy Beach park were reported - fencing along one side of parking area is complete and some dirt for leveling on back side of park was brought in, with all electrical and water taps at park now functioning but under lock to avoid unauthorized use.

- The new LED sign is awaiting fabrication of a harness to attach it to the back gate and electrical wiring, slated for completion in early November.

- The 2012 and 2013 Audit is still delayed and Mr. Skrabanek has not been responsive to phone calls. Management will attempt to pick up the records as soon as possible and determine next steps to complete the past audits. The current 2014 and 2015 audits are now being planned and quotes are being solicited by management.

- Progress to complete the nuisance traffic fencing project is stalled until a welder or volunteer welders are identified to help fabricate the pipe that was obtained into the needed fencing. Volunteers

interested please contact Ali Eichenberg at ali@glepoa.com and also email locations for fencing needed to block nuisance traffic from private property and reserves in GLE.

- Replat for front reserves is progressing and more quotes from surveying companies are being sought with public hearing expected by year end.

- New sound and video equipment has been approved by board and should be in place by year end to support movie night and POA events.

- Management was instructed to inquire on warranty of some recent road repairs in 3 trouble spots along GLE Drive, Zoe Loop and Kristina that appear to be failing and report back to board whether suitable settlement with Rock-Tec can be negotiated.

- Erosion issues along GLE Drive at 9044 GLE and Guinevere Spillway are being researched by the board for repairs to minimize further erosion.

- The board named a new project coordinator for the Connie Lane project, Damon Scott, and announced its intent to continue seeking way erosion control solutions and ways to make the project more aesthetically pleasing and safer long-term. Some caution signs are slated for installation and debris removal and cleanup of the site should be completed by month end with Damon Scott coordinating vendors.

- The board passed a blanket policy for projects going over budget which allows project coordinators field latitude of up to 5% overage on project up to \$50,000.

- The board will be addressing ATV policy/enforcement development, reviewing of resolutions, ACC policy development and long-term property acquisition/capital improvement plans in working meetings slated for early November.

- The board is awaiting new quotes on liability insurance and an umbrella policy from management.

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- **Significant Discussions:** The board passed action to launch a 3-month pilot project to place stop signs and movable, temporary speed bumps at 3-4 locations along GLE to test whether this reduces speeds and improves neighborhood traffic safety. A neighborhood survey on the www.glepoa.com website is soliciting owner feedback on the issue during the pilot program to inform the board on future decisions.

- During open forum, several guests from the community expressed concerns and issues for the board's consideration in question and answer sessions in each meeting of approximately 30 minutes.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

FENCING COMMITTEE VOLUNTERS: If you have an interest in serving on a committee to identify and/or help install fencing to prevent nuisance access (mudding and trespass) please contact ali@glepoa.com. Those with welding experience (no equipment necessary) are needed to install fencing.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: GLE owners and residents are encouraged to report all incidents of vandalism or theft to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept. at 936-760-5871 or 5800 and notify a board member so they can meet Sheriff Dept. personnel to file reports. Several board members have agreed to be available to take your calls 24/7 and they can be reached at the numbers below to file reports and press charges for vandalism or trespassing on GLE POA property. Lonna Hord: (305) 905-0483 - Ray McCrea: (281) 914-1544 - Chris Kisling: (832) 689-4889. During regular business hours, you can also phone or email GLE Association Management Offices of Spectrum Association Management (281) 343-9178 or email management@glepoa.com.

FALL FESTIVAL APPRENTICE SOUGHT: Holly Jackson is seeking a special volunteer who would like to be trained next year (2016) to take over the Fall Festival in 2017! She will work closely with a volunteer to teach them all they need to know during next year's activities so they can be ready to launch out on their own by 2017. If you are interested in working with her on this important project, please call her at (713) 502-5328 or email hollyajackson@live.com.



Connie Lane Phase I & III Completed!

September and October saw much work being completed on the Connie Lane Drainage project. As photos below show, the functional work to relieve water build-up along Connie Lane has been completed, with 5 homeowner driveways/culverts removed and 4 concrete driveways replaced. Large culverts have been placed under Connie at Adela to divert water along Adela and behind Connie homes to the Section 6 detention pond. Recent rain events have indicated that water is flowing to the detention ponds significantly better than previously, but erosion control on the existing dirt work is still an issue. The board is researching options to improve erosion control as well as address some of the safety concerns and maintenance issues brought up by owners and will be exploring these options in recent weeks, with plans to involve Connie homeowners in planning as more ideas are vetted for feasibility and cost considerations.



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Winner & Fall Decorations

Congratulations to the owners Deborah and Dean Thornton @ 9047 Grand Lake Estates Drive. Their yard was chosen for best fall decorations. Be sure and drive by to see! This yard was also selected as our November Yard of the Month.

A home will be chosen based upon Best Christmas Decorations! Judging will take place the first week of December so get your decorations up early! The winner will be announced in the January newsletter – maybe it will be your house!



Cookies With Santa!

Come Join us on Sunday, December 6th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Park to enjoy cookies with Santa Claus! Bring your children and cameras to snap some great holiday pictures as your children have a chance to sit on Santa's lap and discuss their Christmas lists!

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, serving and to provide cookies.

If you are interested in helping, please send an email to newsletter@glepoa.com and let us know how you would like to help – baking cookies, providing milk or with the setup and/or serving. HO! HO! HO!



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Fall Festival Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with our successful fall festival! We could not have done it without our volunteers! The floats were creative, the costumes were great, the food was yummy and the hayride a blast. Our special appreciation to Holly Jackson who coordinated this fun time again!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the GLE Women's Book Club will be our holiday celebration. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom will be reviewed. We will also be exchanging "white elephant" gifts. This is a great opportunity to meet other ladies in our neighborhood and share a little food and wine and a lot of laughs! If you would like to join us, please contact us at newsletter@glepoa.com.

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- 1 hen
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- 1 - 1½ cups chopped bell peppers
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- 7 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups green onions, with tops
- ½ - 1 cup chopped celery
- 1-2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 2½ cups milk
- ½ - 1 stick butter
- 3 heaping tablespoons flour
- Salt and pepper, to taste

On the day before serving: place a hen in a slow cooker with water and cook all night. In a separate bowl, mix 3 cups of yellow cornbread mix according to the package directions. Add ½ cup chopped onion and ½ cup chopped bell pepper to the mix. Bake in a deep skillet for approximately one hour at 325 degrees. When done, store overnight.

On the day to serve: Debone the hen and set aside (save the broth). Crumble the cornbread into a large baking container. Add 2 cups of seasoned stuffing mix. Pour in the broth, reserving two cups for the gravy. Beat 5 eggs and add them to the mixture.

Add 1 cup chopped green onions with tops, ½ to 1 cup chopped bell peppers and ½ to 1 cup chopped celery. Add 1 or 2 cans of cream of chicken soup with ½ can of milk. This makes a very moist mixture (if the broth is not sufficient to make the mixture moist, then add the second can of soup). Stir in the boned chicken, reserving the giblets for gravy. Bake at 300 degrees until browned (about 35-45 minutes).

Gravy: While dressing is baking, hard boil two eggs. Melt ½ to 1 stick of butter in a heavy skillet. Add 3 heaping tablespoons of flour and mix with the butter until well coated. Add the 2 cups of reserved chicken broth, stirring constantly. Add 2 cups of milk, continuing to stir until mixture thickens to desired consistency. Stir in ¼ cup chopped green onion tops, chopped giblets, salt and pepper to taste. Just before serving the gravy, pour into a serving bowl and add the chopped boiled eggs.

Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Free Registration Breakfast

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 29th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 6th, 2016. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

All boys and girls who wish to join the team for the 2016 spring/summer track season must attend the orientation, which will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF).

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USATF, that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

Park Improvements Planned

Numerous park improvements are planned for Sandy Beach Park this Fall. Director Chris Kisling heads up the project and has been diligently working to add portable fans, handicap ramps, fencing, a parking area, and a water tap to the park in the next few months. In the final stage of the project, Kisling plans to address the erosion of the park land on the lake side and fill some park areas with soil for and put landscaping in place. Chris is seeking volunteers who are interested in helping with small weekend or weeknight projects at the park and can be reached at chris@glepoa.com.



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