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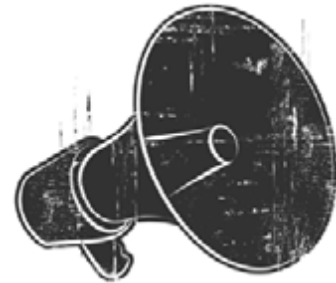
December 2016



Cookies with Santa!

Santa is coming to GLE! Come to the park Sunday, December 4th from 2pm-4pm to enjoy cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Bring your kids, cameras, and don't forget your list for Santa.

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.



Community Announcements

Missing out on the GLE newsletter? Go to <http://www.peelinc.com/residentsNewsletterSubscriptions.php> and sign up to have the newsletters sent directly to your mailbox. Prior versions of the newsletter may be found at the Peel website, as well as, on the GLE POA website.

GLE's Property Management Company is IMC Property Management and our property manager is Tammy Perry. Tammy can be reached at tammyperry@imcmanagement.net or 936-756-0032.



A big thank you to Holly Jackson and her wonderful volunteer team for another successful Fall Festival. Everyone had a wonderful time.

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News and Notes from the Board

October Board News Summary

POA Board Officers were elected at the October meeting. Thomas Clare was elected President, Damon Scott was elected Vice President, Diane Melroe was elected Secretary and Ryan Blair was elected Treasurer. Jimmy Adkins, Don Harp and David Martin are all Directors.

Thomas covered the pending projects that have been put on hold and also stated that additional asphalt repair bids are being reviewed. The public hearing for the replat is scheduled for December 13, 2016.

The Board is seeking bids for camera installations to enhance security.

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This time in 2015 there were 203 homes for sale in our area, and this year, there are 146. Average days on the market last year was 95 days, but this year there is a decrease with 67 days on the market, which is a strong sign our market is stable.

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Use this QR Code to join the new "GLE GETTING SOCIAL" Facebook Page where you can learn more about the various events & how you can participate. A preview of what is coming in 2017:

Monthly: Book Club, BUNCO, Men's Poker Night, Welcome Wagon (Group to welcome new GLE residents), Mom & Me Playdates

Quarterly: Movies/Picnic in the Park, Dinner Club, For the Kids... Service Projects & Games Nights

Annually: Easter Eggstravaganza, School Time Ice Cream Socials, Patriotic & Proud in GLE (July 4th Celebration), Farmers Market & Craft Fair, Fall Festival & Trail of Treats, Turkey Trott, Cookies with Santa, Luminaries & Santa Stops

Join the FUN, PARTICIPATE and GET INVOLVED. We are

looking for individuals who want to get involved and lead/participate in making these initiatives reality, contact the Volunteer Team for more information at grandlakesocial@gmail.com

Flags Across Grand Lake



Our team of volunteers have an incredible, patriotic & GLE beautification plan to fund the new events for 2017! "Flags Across Grand Lake". Pay \$40 per year and have a flag placed in front of your home on 6 patriotic holidays: President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriots Day (9/11) and Veterans Day.

Imagine the streets of GLE lined with American flags while supporting the tremendous plans for brining our community together! Check the FB page for additional information or contact us grandlakesocial@gmail.com

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Take mental safety precautions: Your sanity is as important as your family's physical safety. Expect some amount of stress and plan ahead as much as possible to keep it to a minimum. Organize your shopping list and spread your shopping activities out over a few weeks. Have the holiday dinner at someone else's house if having it at yours is too much stress.

Involve your children in the preparation of the festivities: Have your children help you with all of the various aspects of preparing for the holidays. Brainstorm menu items from a stack of holiday recipes. Make holiday decorations together from ideas gathered in family magazines or special holiday craft books. Some craft ideas

make excellent gift ideas. Start a holiday memory box. Save all of the cards, bits of wrapping paper, special pictures, and other odd assortments to review later in the year. Get excited about looking in the mailbox for Christmas cards and let the children help decide the best location for them. Make up a list of people to send your holiday greeting. If you're really ambitious, make them up by hand.

Create special traditions and rituals: Traditions and rituals are patterns of behaviors that have symbolic or spiritual meaning. They build firm foundations and reduce children's holiday hyperactivity by creating a sense of family identity. Dinner menus, religious observances, advent calendars, gift wrapping parties, ornament collecting, sing-a-longs, and special holiday stories are just a few ways that parents can develop more intimate relationships with their children.

Reduce your expectations: If you expect to have no problems, perfect children, or accident proof holidays you will be in for a major disappointment. Remember that children are often overstimulated by the sights, sounds, and incredible number of television commercials about the holidays. Think positively, optimistically, and rationally.

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Mommy & Me PlayDate

Come and meet new mommies every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am!

Meet Morgan Booth, Holly Yen & their kiddos at the park to slide, swing and meet new playmates!

Dinner Club

Quarterly gathering at different homes with themed dinners, mini cooking classes and/or wine pairing. Leave having met new friends, along with recipes shared by the host and drink ideas/wine pairings. Our inaugural Dinner Club will take place in February hosted by Ellen Edwards.

Check the FB Group for the "Dinner Club" event invite; RSVP required for planning purposes.

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Give yourself a gift: The greatest gift you can give yourself is the gift of taking care of yourself. You have to take care of yourself before you can start taking care of everyone else. Delegate some of the shopping and preparations to other family members and take frequent breaks to regain lost energy. Do something for someone else that doesn't involve writing a check. It's amazing how doing a selfless act can renew your inner strength. Call a few nonprofit organizations in the phone book to see how you can help. Valuing yourself and help others less fortunate is also a good model for your children of what the holidays are really about!



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