



News and Notes from the Board

January Board News Summary

Updated builder guidelines and ACC applications are available on the website.

The annual audit is being conducted.

The Board voted and approved a fence to be constructed at the entrance to block the old construction entrance.

Some of the community signs have been damaged. If anyone wishes to volunteer to help repair the signs, please contact the property manager, Tammy Perry, at tammyperry@imcmanagement.net.

The Board will be researching options for bank financing of large expenditure items.

The Social Committee will be using funds raised from the flag program to finance items for the welcome team to present to new residents, the Easter Egg Hunt, a children's game night, two ice cream socials and a July 4th event.



Community Announcements

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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.

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GLE GETTING SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Check your calendars & join the fun!

- GLE Getting Fit Walking Club meets at the Park on Monday mornings & Thursday evenings
- Mommy & Me Playdates are in the park, twice a month (Tuesday/Wednesday)
- BUNCO the GLE ladies meet at various homes on the 2nd Friday of each month (March 10th)
- Poker Night is on the 3rd Friday of every month (March 17th)
- Family Movie Night is in the Park each month
- Dinner Club April 27th
- Easter Eggstravaganza April 8th

The "GLE Getting Social" Facebook page includes the most up-to-date details. You will find Facebook event invites to indicate if you will be attending/are interested in the various activities.

Do you have a group or event that you are passionate about and want to see it offered to our community or are you interested in joining the volunteers leading what has begun? Contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com to get involved!

Easter Eggstravaganza



The Easter Bunny is coming to the GLE Park on Saturday, April 8th for an Easter Egg Hunt and fun for whole family.

We are in need of filled eggs with wrapped candy & volunteers willing to help set up and participate during the Easter Eggstravaganza to ensure it is a success!

Please contact Holly Yen at grandlakesocial@gmail.com for additional information on how you can help make our first Easter Eggstravaganza a memorable one.

GLE Dinner Club



Our kick-off Dinner Club in February was a wonderful evening...FABULOUS FOOD & FRIENDS! Don't miss out on one of the 4 remaining Dinner Clubs in 2017; the next is April 27th

Dinner Club is an evening out for adults, both individuals and couples are welcomed! It is hosted at a different home throughout the year and the hosts will create an evening to remember given their culinary

delights. Details of each Dinner Club can be found on the GLE Getting Social Facebook Page, note space is limited and reservations required.

We are looking for a couple more hosts, contact Ellen at grandlakesocial@gmail.com for details on hosting a Dinner Club evening.



An extra special thank you goes to Brandie Joy!

Brandie organized all of the efforts for our Flags Across GLE Fundraiser. There was a tremendous amount of planning that went into this: she researched the various companies, created the flyer and delivered them across the neighborhood, kept track of those interested and coordinated what had been mailed to the management company. She assembled the team who installed the flag holders and those who set-up & removed the flags for President's Day. Brandie, her husband Mike and their two daughters have been residents in GLE for two years.

At the time of this newsletter, there were 114 flags ordered and the money raised from this will allow us to have an Easter Egg Hunt, a July 4th Celebration, a Welcome gift for new residents who move to GLE in 2017 as well as Game Nights & Ice Cream Socials for our school-aged kids. Please reach out to her on our FB Group and join in extending our appreciation to her for the fantastic contribution to our community!

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BIRDING

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



There are many different levels of bird watching from the casual observer to professionals whose goal is to see as many of the 8,850 species as possible. In North America there are approximately 800 species. Some people use nothing more than the naked eye to observe and others spend thousands of dollars on binoculars, telescopes, cameras, video and audio equipment, tripods and field guides. "Birding", as it's sometimes called, is also a competitive event and there are both national and international organizations.

Some of the best bird watching, perhaps in the world, is in the Houston area. Approximately 570 types of birds either call this area home and are permanent residents or are migratory and just pass through on their way to some other destination.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a great resource for anyone

interested in birds. If you ever have a problem identifying a bird, their free Merlin Bird ID app is a must-have. According to Cornell, "If you can snap a bird photo with your phone—or even take a photo of another photo—chances are Merlin can help you ID it."

Birds face the same threat as almost all other wild animals and that is habitat loss. Trees, brush and grasslands are being destroyed to make way for roads and buildings. The best way to help our feathered friends is to replace some of what has been lost. Plant trees and shrubs using native plants, minimize pesticide use, set up nest boxes, provide water and keep your cats indoors. Leave some dying and/or dead trees on your property. Many species depend on cavities in these trees for nest sites. Next to habitat loss, the next highest cause of bird deaths is collisions with windows. Covering windows with screening or applying decals or tape to windows can help significantly. Make sure to check the web for instructions on how to apply these safeguards.

TWRC Wildlife Center is gearing up for another busy spring. If you'd like to help us feed and care for orphaned baby birds, details will be available soon on our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or you can call 713-468-TWRC for more details.



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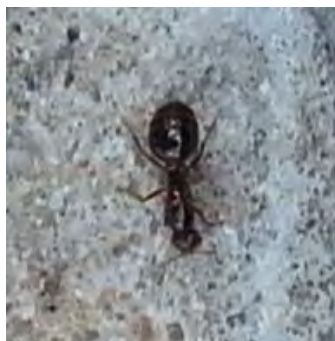
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I was making dinner the other night and my kiddo was outside playing. He came rushing in panicked. He discovered the fire ants of the season. While I knew it was inevitable, I was hoping that it would occur a bit later in the year. But, it's true. Fire ants have begun to yet again, dot the landscape with their mounds.

Spring time is usually when people see fire ants swarming (although it can also happen in the fall). Swarming is a reproductive process that usually occurs on warm days after a rain event. Winged males and females leave the mound and fly into the air to mate. After mating, they fall to the ground where males die and females break off their wings and search for a location to establish a new colony. Mated females dig a small chamber in soil, lay a few eggs and rear those young by themselves until the young become mature worker ants. At that point workers take over colony functions and the queen continues to expand the population of the colony by laying more eggs.

While searching for a new colony location, many mated fire ant queens are killed by lizards, birds, spiders, other ants, and often my shoe stomping on them. Queens that survive can be managed by broadcasting fire ant bait over your entire property. New colonies are usually very small and may not have substantial mounds for locating easily for individual treatment. When worker ants forage for food, they would have the opportunity to locate, pick up, and carry fire ant bait back to the colony to share with other ants including the queen.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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- 1 lb Chinese cabbage (Napa)
- 2 stalks celery
- 1/2 lb cooked shrimp
- 1/2 lb cooked pork or chicken livers
- 10 water chestnuts
- 1/3 cup bamboo shoots
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- liberal dash pepper
- 1/2 tsp light soy sauce
- 1/4 tsp sesame oil
- 1 beaten egg
- 10 egg roll skins
- 3 cups oil



Preparation:

Boil cabbage and celery until tender. Drain & squeeze out excess water. Shred very fine, set aside. Parboil shrimp and fry or bake pork/chicken. Mince both. Shred water chestnuts and bamboo shoots. Mix all ingredients together except egg. Beat egg. Wrap filling in egg roll skins and seal with egg. Cooking: Heat oil in wok or fryer

to 375 degrees and drop in egg rolls. When skin turns light brown, remove and drain. Take out and cool in refrigerator. When ready to serve, drop again into hot oil and fry until golden brown. (Two step cooking assures inside will be moist and not overcooked and outsides crisp). Serves 10.

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Some dogs will roll over and play dead on command. Others will fetch your slippers and newspaper. Some canines have even been known to traverse incredible distances to be reunited with families who were lost in a move. However, one thing that our bowzer buddies are unable to do is to clean up after themselves.

If you have a canine collaborator, please do pick up his droppings for him-remembering that he doesn't have opposing thumbs with which to handle a pooper-scooper. Failure to do so is not only inconsiderate of your neighbors, or disconcerting to the landscapers, but can you imagine the embarrassment Fido would feel if it ever got out that it was his droppings that all his puppy pals were discovering out in the open like that?

Sensitivity: It's a dog thing.

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Ema	15.....	414-759-4305
Lydia^.....	18.....	936-447-6496
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