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April 2017



Community Announcements

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

GLE Garage Sale April 21 - 23 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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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.

News and Notes from the Board

February Board News Summary

Board President, Thomas Clare, reported on current projects as follows. The security camera bid will be rebid to minimize cameras. The spillway is still waiting on bids.

There was a motion made and passed to install ten (10) speed humps. These humps are within the American Disabilities Act guidelines.

The Board is working to get the LED signs a both gates functioning properly.

There was a motion made and passed unanimously to approve the bid for the mowing and landscaping contract.

ANNUAL GLE EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA



SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH
2:00 P.M. AT THE PARK
(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Grab the baskets and the kids and hop on over for our first annual GLE Easter Egg Hunt at the Park. Take a picture with the Easter Bunny and join in the fun for all ages!

EGG HUNT TIMES

2:00-2:15	Ages 7+
2:15-2:30	Ages 4-6
2:30-2:45	Ages 0-3

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS TO MAKE IT EGGCEPTIONAL:

We are in need of egg fillers-bags of WRAPPED candy/treats such as:

gummies, chewy candies, Skittles, jelly beans, Starburst, Twizzlers, Smarties, stickers etc., but no chocolate please as it will melt

We would like donations by no later than APRIL 2nd.

Please drop off donations at 11412 E Kristina Cir. There will be a bin on the front porch for donations to be dropped at your convenience. you have questions or would like to help contact Holly

Yen at holly_yen@yahoo.com.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!!!

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GLE Getting Social Schedule

GET
INVOLVED!

- **Mommy & Me** Playdates are in the park, twice a month (Tuesday/Wednesday)

- **BUNCO** GLE ladies meet at various homes on

the 2nd Friday of each month (April 14th)

- **Poker Night** is on the 3rd Friday of every month (April 21st)
- **Family Movie Night** is in the Park each month
- Dinner Club April 27th
- **Easter Eggstravaganza** Sunday, April 9th (NOTE the DATE CHANGE)

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 for all of 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!

GLE Dinner Club

April marks our second GLE Dinner Club night! 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 are found on the GLE Getting Social Facebook Page, note space is limited and reservations required. (If you are not on Facebook, but would like to attend contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com and we will get your space reserved.

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

Attention GLE Teens & Parents of Teens

Now is the time to start thinking about the service project hours that you or your child needs to complete. Is there a college application letter going out? Want to be more involved in your community? All event coordinators for the Social Group are happy to provide documentation for volunteer hours performed. There are several opportunities available all year long from installing and picking up flags, helping with games at the Easter Eggstravaganza to helping with the Fall Festival!

Contact Brandie Joy at grandlakesocial@gmail.com with the subject line "Service Project Volunteer" to see how you can help today.

Flags across GLE



Our initial flag flying holiday, President's Day, was a success with 199 flags being flown. We were able to raise funds to kick off events such as the Easter Eggstravaganza and a Teen Game Night.

Even if you missed President's Day, you still have time to participate and purchase a yearly subscription for a flag. Simply contact Brandie Joy at grandlakesocial@gmail.com with "Flag Fundraiser" in the subject line. The deadline is April 28th to have a

flag for Memorial Day.

The cost is \$40/year for 1 flag OR for \$65/year for 2 flags. If you have one flag, but love the look of 2 flags, you can also upgrade your subscription for \$25 – be sure to contact Brandie as soon as possible (again the deadline is April 28th).

The Easter Bunny

The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit. The Germans brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America. It was widely ignored by other Christians until shortly after the Civil War. In fact, Easter itself was not widely celebrated in America until after that time.

The Easter Egg

As with the Easter Bunny and the holiday itself, the Easter Egg predates the Christian holiday of Easter. The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Eggs were often wrapped in gold leaf or, if you were a peasant, colored brightly by boiling them with the leaves or petals of certain flowers. Today, children hunt colored eggs and place them in Easter baskets along with the modern version of real Easter eggs — those made of plastic or chocolate candy.



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FAVORITE BANANA CREAM PIE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small package (8 oz.) sugar-free vanilla pudding (cook type - it has better flavor/texture)
- 1 3/4 cups nonfat milk
- 4 oz. nonfat vanilla yogurt (sweetened with artificial sweetener)
- 26 vanilla wafers
- 2 bananas, about 7" each, sliced (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup light whipped topping

DIRECTIONS

Prepare pudding according to package directions, except use only 1 2/3 cups of milk. Cool slightly before adding the yogurt. Line the bottom of an 8" pie pan with 12 vanilla wafers (not crushed). Arrange banana slices over the vanilla wafers. Place remaining 14 vanilla wafers standing up around the rim of the pan. Pour in cooled pudding. Top with light whipped topping. Refrigerate for two hours before serving so pudding will be firm. When serving, cut each piece to include two of the standup vanilla wafers.



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They're Coming!

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Without the benefit of Google maps or Waze, they travel thousands of miles every year and know exactly where they're going. Who are we talking about? Migratory birds, of course. About 40% of the total number of birds in the world migrate. Bar-headed geese are the highest flying and can reach heights of 5.5

miles above sea level, the altitude needed to clear the Himalayas in India. The Arctic tern travels the farthest—around 50,000 miles/year.

Why do millions of birds risk their lives to fly to different locations each spring and fall? Simply stated, it's for survival. Food availability is the number one reason but migration is a risky business. Billions of birds are killed along their journey. Harsh weather conditions is one reason but urban sprawl tops the list. Up to one billion die every year due to window collisions and about 7 million die from strikes with radio and TV towers.

But how do they know where they're going? Researchers believe that birds have a mineral substance above their beaks called magnetite. It helps them determine the earth's magnetic field so they can find true north. They also use sunrise and sunset to distinguish between east and west. Night flyers will use the moon and constellations to help guide them. Birds also learn to recognize landmarks like mountains and rivers. And how do they know when to go? Birds can "feel" when it's time to go. Outside temperatures and shorter daylight hours trigger a hormone in birds. For a couple of weeks prior to leaving, they eat more than usual and often times will double in weight. The extra weight will help them survive their long journey.

Spring is in the air and many species of migratory birds are headed our way to spend the summer. They'll be busy building nests and raising their young before heading out in the fall.

TWRC Wildlife Center has a great opportunity for all those interested in feeding and caring for baby birds. It's a wonderful experience! For more information, go to www.twrcwildlifecenter.org and click on "VOLUNTEER." There you'll find the Baby Bird Program listed.

Assassin and Ambush Bugs



Assassin and ambush bugs are predators and are considered beneficial insects. They are generalists that attack a variety of caterpillars, flies, and other bugs. These predators either stalk their prey or wait to ambush prey when they come to a plant. Prey is stabbed with tube-like mouthparts, paralyzed with a toxin, and body fluids sucked up.

Assassin and ambush bugs have 3 segmented piercing-sucking mouthparts. These bugs come in a variety of colors with assassin bugs usually being darker in color than ambush bugs. Assassin bugs also have a more elongated head compared to ambush bugs. Ambush bugs have thickened front legs used to capture and hold prey. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to the adults but do not have fully developed wings. Eggs are usually deposited in masses and are cylindrical in shape.

While most assassin bugs are beneficial, the kissing bug or cone-nose bug is considered a pest. Kissing bugs feed on blood of mammals, including humans.

For assassin bugs that are feeding on insects, control is not required. For more information on kissing bugs see this site <https://kissingbug.tamu.edu/>

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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Some Helpful Tips For Reducing Stress

1. Before going to bed, set out breakfast items and lay out everything you'll need for work or school so you simply pick-up-'n-go in the morning.
2. Get up 20 minutes earlier so you can have a non-rushed breakfast. (if you need an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning, you aren't going to bed on time, say sleep experts).
3. Walk whenever possible (take the stairs instead of the elevator, hand-deliver work papers, etc.)
4. Plan grocery shopping, banking, and post office visits so you hit the non-chaotic times (e.g. don't grocery shop on Saturday afternoon, don't go to the bank on Friday afternoon, and don't try to mail a package on Monday morning).
5. Go to the bathroom before leaving home or work (simple, but amazing stress reducer.)
6. Look for the humor in every situation. Humor allows you to jump out of the picture so you can get a grip on things.
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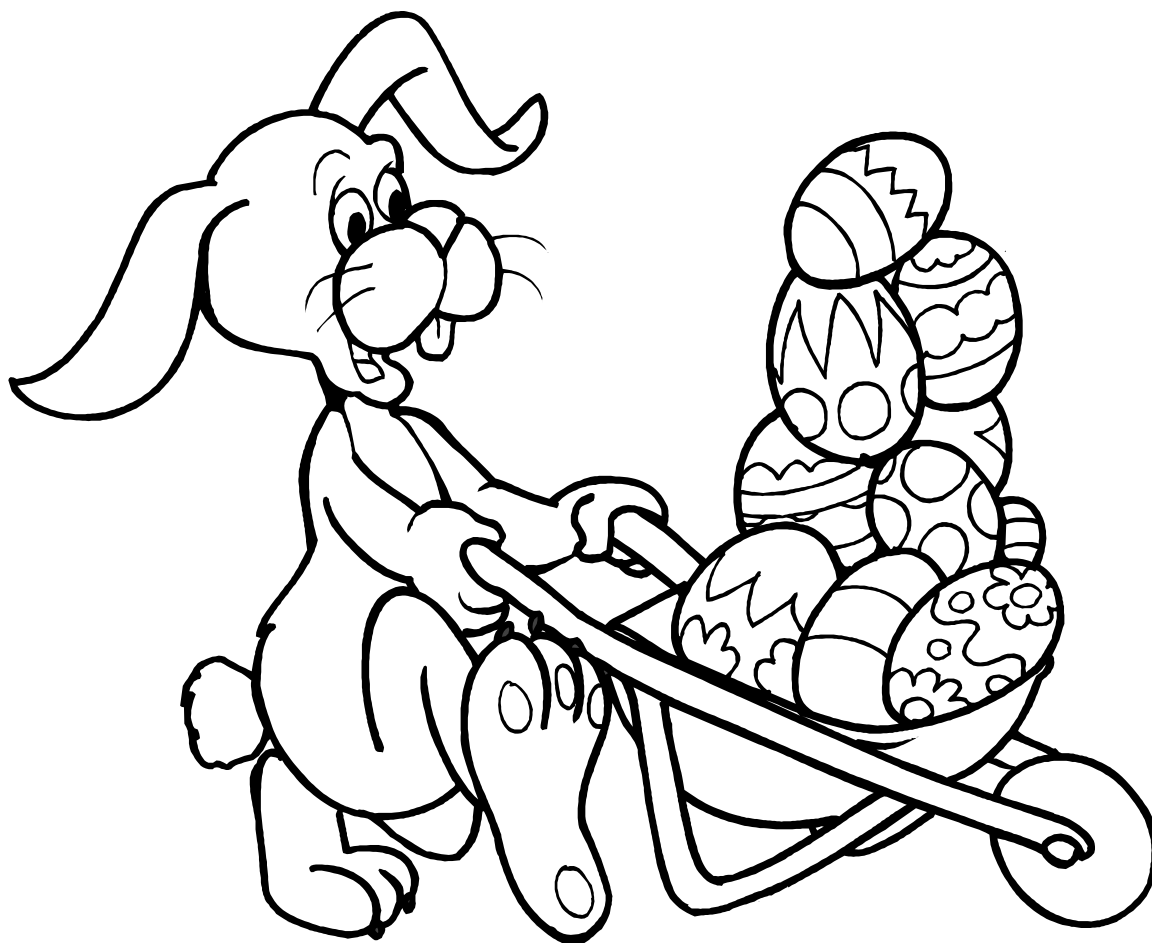
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