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News and Notes from the Board

March Board News Summary

Don Harp got a bid for the repair to the spillway for \$12,000, which was half the cost for an engineering firm to review the repairs.

David Martin is working on the financing options for the capital improvement plan.

The Board has voted unanimously to list the residential lots for \$59,900 for six months and re-evaluate at that time if the lots have not been purchased.

Repairs to the water well were approved at \$1,500.

Jimmy Adkins resigned from the Board as he has sold his home. A notice was sent out to homeowners to see if there was interest from anyone in filling this vacancy.

Movie night at the park has been very successful and continues to grow.

The Social Committee has welcomed new residents and have subscriptions for 126 flags throughout the neighborhood.



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.

GLE Getting Social

Two new Initiatives have been started this spring thanks to two amazing ladies that we would like to express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude!

- Our 1st GLE Easter Egg Eggstravaganza was planned, coordinated, decorated, and a special trip from the Easter Bunny made possible by Holly Yen. Thank you so much Holly for all of the hard work and for making this a special event for the children of GLE; you did an Eggeptional job and we all appreciate you very much!
- The GLE "Welcome Wagon" is led by the efforts of Morgan Borths and she is already making a difference, welcoming the

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new residents of GLE once they move to the neighborhood. Morgan and her team provide new residents with helpful information as well as an apple pie from Pie in the Sky. We have welcomed 10 new families to GLE this year and are striving to create a place people are excited to call home. Thank you Morgan for creating the materials, working with Pie in the Sky, coordinating with the management company to be that warm, welcoming presence to the new residents of our community!

It is an ICE CREAM PARTY!



Celebrate the end of the school year and enjoy some ice cream with your friends!
Friday, May 19th / 5:00 pm / at the Park



WE are PATRIOTIC & PROUD and will be all RED, WHITE & BLUE at our Inaugural GLE Independence Day Celebration!

Mark your calendars on July 4th we will have a day of fun for the residents of GLE.

Begin planning your golf cart decorations for the PATRIOTIC & PROUD Golf Cart Parade!

We will have food/ice cream trucks for a PATRIOTIC & PROUD Party in the Park.

If you would like to be a part of the July 4th PATRIOTIC & PROUD Planning Party contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com.

BABY BOOM

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Spring is the time when animals are looking for secluded locations for giving birth and raising their babies. Sometimes these sites aren't so "human-friendly" like attics, chimneys or in your garage. The BEST solution when this happens is to leave them alone until they move out but if you must move them, please use HUMANE methods to do so.

If possible, postpone your tree trimming until later in the season. Squirrels, birds and raccoons nest in trees and you could easily displace baby animals by cutting down limbs and trees.

Here are a few tips to help save the babies this spring:

RE-NEST BABY BIRDS – If you're like me, I was told growing up that one should never touch a baby bird because the mom will reject it. This is a myth. If you find a baby bird and it appears uninjured, place it back in the nest. If you can't reach the nest, you can place the bird in a shallow basket or box and hang it as close to the nest as possible. In most cases, mom will continue to care for it. If the bird is injured or the mom isn't feeding the baby, it's time to intervene. Place the baby in a small, covered container and bring it as soon as possible to TWRC Wildlife Center. Do not attempt to feed it or give it water!

RACCOONS IN THE ATTIC – If you can't wait until mom

moves out on her own, you can "encourage" her to move by leaving lights on in the area all night. Place a radio in the area and play it loudly. It may take a couple of days but she will soon tire of the light and the noise and move her little ones. Then MAKE SURE you repair the opening where she got in.

One other helpful information about raccoons. During late spring



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FIRECRACKER RUBBED PORK LOIN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tbsp. fresh sage leaves, finely chopped
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 tsp. onion powder
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 tsp. dry mustard
- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper
- 1 (4 to 5 lb) boneless pork loin, not rolled or tied

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix herbs and spices in small bowl; rub over all surfaces of pork. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight (can be stored up to 2 days).
2. Prepare grill with a banked medium-hot fire. Unwrap pork and place over indirect heat. Grill for 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until thermometer registers 150F to 155F. Remove from grill; let rest 10 minutes before slicing.

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Thanks to Diane Melroe for the submission

My Friend,

Throughout all of history there have been very few true symbols of freedom in the world. You, my friend, have been one of the most well-known symbols of that freedom.

There are hundreds of nations in the world, each with its own flag. Of the billions of people in the world, very few can identify more than a half dozen of the world's national flags. However, nearly everyone in this world today can recognize you, you red, white and blue flashing as a true beacon of freedom. Your spirit waves for all men of this world who would be free. You may be ours in America, but in a larger sense you belong to the world, because you are the symbol for everyone in the world who yearns to be free.

I remember when I was a child, two of the most exciting days of the year were Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. When these holidays rolled around you were always there waving proudly from the homes, the flagstaffs along Main Street, the businesses, and nearly every building in town. You were also there waving proudly from the graves of all the veterans buried at the cemetery. Hundreds of small flags fluttering in the breeze. I was so proud to be a part of the country that you represented. We could always look forward to a parade and seeing you pass over and over again during that parade. Nearly everyone carried a flag when they marched in those days. Why have we changed so much? It's hard to even find a parade anymore.

When the parade ended on Memorial Day, (in those days it was called Decoration Day), it was always at the local cemetery. We had the privilege of being part of a memorial service every year for those men and women who had fallen to allow you to continue to fly.

I can still see you flying gracefully over the graves of those men and women. I can still see the rows of neat white stones commemorating their final resting places, and I can still see the tears of the old folks who were remembering the loved ones who rested so peacefully under your waving colors. You moved so gracefully in the breeze at half mast.

You flew there to place your own final blessing on those fallen ones, and yet, no one who was ever there at the services, and not a single person buried in that hallowed ground would have changed what had happened. They were all proud to have done their part to keep you flying from that flagstaff even though it meant they could die and be buried beneath that same flagstaff.

I remember how proudly I stood when they played the national anthem and then raised you to the top of the staff at noon. It was always a thrill to see you catch the breeze and stretch yourself out and flutter free and alive.

You seemed to have a message to all who were watching that if they did their art to keep you flying, that you would continue to be the inspiration to men everywhere that freedom was still here and that you would always represent that freedom. Where have those parades and wonderful memorial services gone? How can I teach my children what I felt as a young boy when I say you flying so proudly? I don't

know the answers, but I promise you that I am going to find them.

I have seen you when you waved so proudly and stood so tall. I have also seen you when you have been treated with contempt. I have seen you burned and you were still proud when the flames consumed you. Some of that pride was burned into me when you were in flames that day. I have seen you trampled underfoot into the dust by those who cannot appreciate or understand their freedom to do that very thing.

Yet, you have risen from that dust to fly again and preserve that freedom that allowed them to mistreat you. I have seen you sewn on the seat of a pair of dirty jeans, and even then, there was pride in those red, white and blue colors. It is not easy to maintain your pride when there are those who treat you badly, but you have always done so and have been an example to all of us that have tried to serve you. You are so rich in your heritage.

I can remember you flying to welcome home the men from Viet Nam. There are those who said you did not fly so proudly then, but I didn't see it that way. You were still there for those who cared. I can remember seeing you flying to welcome home the Prisoners of War, the Hostages, and on so many other important occasions. I have seen you flying in glory to welcome me and my family home when we have returned from serving overseas. I want you to know that at those times I was not able to hold back my emotions and neither were many others. Some of us are very proud of you and what you stand for.

You have flown so proudly for many years and yet you seem to be so tireless in continuing to be a beacon for men everywhere. I am worried though, for so many of us who have lived under your protection have begun to take you for granted. We have begun to treat you badly and this generation is not the same as those past.

What have we done? How can I and others like me make these wonderful young people understand what you are trying to tell them? How can we instill in them some of the love for you that we have? What's that? Oh, you want me to be an example?? You want me to be there when you pass by and stand tall and proud?? You want me to tell anyone who will listen what I have told you today?? What will people think of me??

You're right, I guess. That's a small price to pay for all of those memories I've been talking about. It's not too much for you to ask compared to those lines of graves beneath you. I don't care what they think of me and my old-fashioned feelings.

I'm proud of those feelings. I want these your men and women to know how I feel. If they laugh, so be it. You have endured much worse than that and I can certainly do this small thing. You are a symbol of all that freedom means to me and I will do all I can to keep you flying. Thanks again, my friend

A. Ross Cunningham

Grand Lake Estates

Teenage Job Seekers

Name	Age	Baby Sit	Pet Sit	House Sit	Yard Work	Phone
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Blaise #.....	13.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	936-447-6496
Ema.....	15.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	414-759-4305
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Paris*+.....	16.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	936-499-7677
Sadie^.....	19.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	•.....	281-961-2571
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and summer, you may see raccoons out during the day. Raccoons are nocturnal EXCEPT if they are nursing moms. It is not uncommon for females to be out during daylight hours looking for food. It does NOT mean she has rabies.

FAWNS – It's normal for a doe to "park" her fawn and leave it there for hours while she goes off to eat. The fawns instinctively know that they must stay there until she returns and unless she has been injured, she WILL return. Since fawns are odorless, predators are unable to pick up their scent. When the fawn is about a month old, it will begin traveling with mom but in the meantime, please LEAVE IT ALONE!

BABY RABBITS - If the babies are not injured and the nest is intact, leave them alone. Just like a mama doe, rabbits only visit their young two to three times a day. Here's a good test if you think the babies really have been orphaned. Use sticks or yard and make an "X" over the nest. If, after 12 hours, the "X" is still in place, the bunnies are probably orphans and you need to bring them to TWRC for care. Do not attempt to feed them or give them water!

If you have questions about wildlife, please call TWRC Wildlife Center at 713-468-TWRC. They are available to answer your questions and give you guidance on living in harmony with our furry and feathered friends.



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Mosquito Repellents

As mosquito season is ramping up, everyone is (hopefully) aware of possible disease transmission by mosquitoes. It is important that you protect yourself when spending time outside.

Activity times for mosquitoes can vary. Most people are familiar with the four D's- DRAIN (standing water), DEET (wear some repellent), DUSK & DAWN (stay indoors during dusk and dawn to avoid peak populations) and DRESS (wear long sleeves and long pants). While this is still good advice, it may be a good idea to spread the dress and repellent advice for anytime you spend time outdoors.

When outside, wear long pants and a long sleeved shirt in light colors to reduce the number of mosquitoes that can reach your skin. Repellent should only be applied to clothing and exposed skin. Do not apply repellent underneath clothing! If you want to apply repellent to your face, spray your hands with repellent and rub it onto your face. Do not spray repellent directly into your face or near eyes or mouth. Make sure to apply repellent outdoors. Do not allow children to handle repellents. Wash hands before eating, smoking or using the restroom.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends using a product registered with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) containing one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535 and some of the products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus.

DEET, also known N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide or N,N-dimethylbenzamide, was developed by the U.S. Army in 1946 to protect soldiers in insect-infested areas. Pesticides containing DEET have been used by the general public since 1957. Products containing DEET should not be used on children younger than 2 months of age (read the label and check with your pediatrician if you have questions). DEET has a slight odor and may have a greasy feel to some people. It may damage plastic, rubber, vinyl or synthetic fabrics. DEET may be irritating to the eyes and skin for some people. DEET comes in a wide variety of concentrations, so choose the one that will work best for your situation.

Picaridin was first made in the 1980's and resembles a natural compound called piperine (which is found in plants used to produce black pepper). Picaridin has been used in Europe and Australia for many years, but has only been in the U.S. since 2005. Picaridin is non-greasy and is odorless.

IR-3535, or 3-[N-Butyl-N- acetyl]-aminopropionic acid, ethyl ester, was developed in the mid- 1970's and became registered for use in the U.S. in 1999. It is registered as a biopesticide by the EPA because it is functionally identical to a naturally occurring substance (an amino-acid). It may dissolve or damage plastics and may be irritating to the eyes.

Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or PMD (para-menthane-3,8-diol) are essentially the same thing; PMD is the synthesized (lab created) version of oil of lemon eucalyptus. "Pure" or "essential" oil of lemon eucalyptus is not labeled as a repellent and has not undergone testing and should not be used as a repellent product. OLE/PMD has been on the market in the U.S. since 2002. OLE/PMD should not be used on children younger than 3 years of age. The natural product (OLE) has known allergens within it while the synthetic version (PMD) has less of a risk to allergens. This product is classified as a biopesticide. OLE/PMD has a varying range of residual, some offering about 20 minutes of protection while other products may last up to two hours.

Many factors play into how long a repellent will last for a person. Some of these are:

- The concentration (or percent of active ingredient) of the product. You can find the percentage on the product label.
- Person's attractiveness. Some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others (and no scientific research has proven that it is because of eating garlic, taking vitamin B, using tobacco products, etc.). A person's genetic code plays a large part on what makes a person so attractive to mosquitoes.
- Frequency and uniformity of application. In other words, how often is the repellent applied and how good of coverage did you get?
- Activity level of the person. The more active the person is, the more sweat they produce which can cause the repellent to wash off the surface of the skin.

As a word of caution, there are products that combine sunscreen and insect repellent. The CDC recommends that if you need sunscreen and repellent, that you choose two separate products. Sunscreen should be applied more often than repellents.

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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