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News and Notes from the Board

June 2017

The Board voted unanimously to accept a bid for speed hump signs. The Board also agreed to extend the speed humps to twelve feet. Road repairs were approved as well.

The Board voted unanimously to accept a bid for pressure washing the front entrance.

The Secretary of the Board, Diane Melroe, presented a budget for movie night and for the fall festival. Both budgets were approved unanimously.

The Board approved, again unanimously, to pay for officer patrols on Friday and Saturday, four hours each night. The office will be in uniform and the patrol cars will be marked. The hours will be random.

The new website, which will be administered by our property management group, will be up and running by the end of July.

The POA insurance plan covered the cost of replacing the vandalized park equipment, less the deductible.

There will be two open positions up for election at the annual meeting in September. There are also two openings on the election oversight committee as well.

Thomas Clare, Board President, made a statement that the Board has not authorized any postings on any social media site. Any postings on these site, even those by a Board member, are personal statements/opinions and not approved by the Board.

The POA only owns the property around the park. All other areas around the lake belong to either individual owners or the golf course. The police should be contacted if anyone is seen driving in these areas as neither the Board nor the property management group can do anything since the property does not belong to the POA.

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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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
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GLE Getting Social Schedule

- **BUNCO** GLE ladies meet at various homes on the 2nd Friday of each month
- **Back to School Ice Cream Social** (August 17th) at the Park
- **National Night Out** (October 3rd) at the Park
- **Fall Garage Sale & Famer's Market/Craft Sale - NEW!!** (October 20-22nd)
- **Fall Festival** (October 28th) at the Park
- **Cookies with Santa** (December 3rd)
- **Family Movie Night**

The "GLE Getting Social" Facebook page includes the most up-to-date details - for all activities look for the Facebook event invites for times, locations and indicate if you will be attending.

GET INVOLVED!

Do you have an event or special interest that you want to see it offered to our community? Are you interested in getting involved joining the volunteers with any activities we have planned? Contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com to be a part of Getting Social in GLE.



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Our 1st Annual PATRIOTIC & PROUD July 4th Celebration



was a tremendous success with over 150 residents in attendance! A short down-pour and electrical outage may have slowed us, but it didn't stop the inflatables, snow cones or our parade in which we had 15 golf carts, jeeps & classic cars decked out in Red, White and Blue, Flags, Stars & Stripes as well as stars a Statue of Liberty.

Our 2017 Cornhole Champions are Bobby Englishbee and Shawn Smith.

All of this could not have been possible without our incredible volunteers who helped plan and arrived early to set everything up! A special thank you to Ali Eichenberg who was the master planner; Kamber McElrory, Brandie Joy, Jason Edwards and Tammy Waddle who helped set up at the Park and cook hot dogs. Thank you all for participating and making this such a wonderful celebration! ~Ellen Edwards

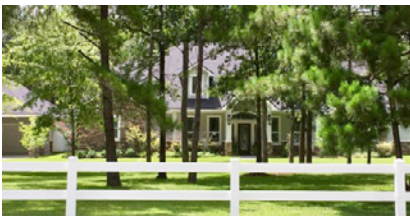
July Yard of the Month



July Yard of the Month is the Home of Larry and Maria Shamburger at 11546 Sebastian's Ct. You will find multiple flower beds filled with beautiful lilies, decorative grasses, shrubs, flowers and trees. In the front bed there is a

pair of Adirondack chairs that overlooks the beautiful green grass. The Shamburgers have been residents of GLE for the past 2 years.

August Yard of the Month



August Yard of the Month is the Home of Louis and Pam Kendziora at 11530 Lauren's Way. A beautiful covered porch with rocking chairs looks out at shrubs, decorative

grasses, crept myrtles and lush green grass.

Thank you to both The Shamburgers and the Kendzorias for making GLE a beautiful place to live.

Nominate one of your neighbors for Yard of the Month by sending a picture and address to grandlakesocial@gmail.com with the subject "Yard of the Month".

Ice Cream Social

The Back-To-School Ice Cream Social will be Thursday, August 17th at 6:00 pm at the Park.

Bring your schedules and see if you share a class with a neighbor!

National Night Out

National Night Out is a community-police-awareness raising event that takes place across the US. It has been held nationally since 1984 with over 38 million residents across 20,000 communities.

Join your GLE neighbors for our 1st Annual National Night Out Tuesday, October 3rd 6:00-8:00 at the Park.

We will have visits from local law enforcements, a Fire Truck tour and a helicopter as well as hot dogs for the family!

Contact Christi Gryder at 281-465-1978 to find out how you can be a part of this new event. vendors, contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com for your reservation.

Fall Festival

MARK your Calendars for October 28th & SAVE the DATE.

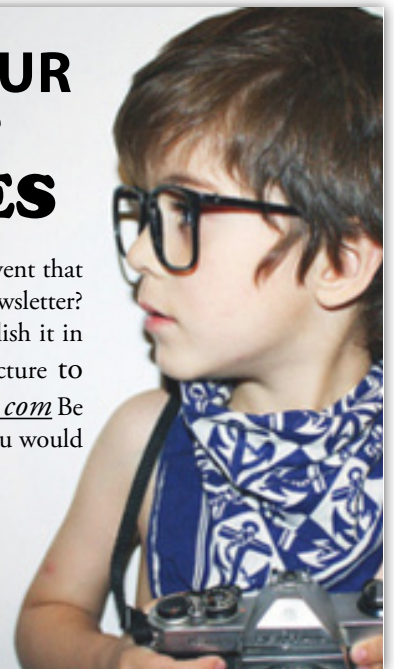
The Fall Festival plans are underway and we are looking for volunteers.

Contact **Crystal Ward** at grandlakesocial@gmail.com to be a part of making this year's Fall Festival another incredible event for GLE!

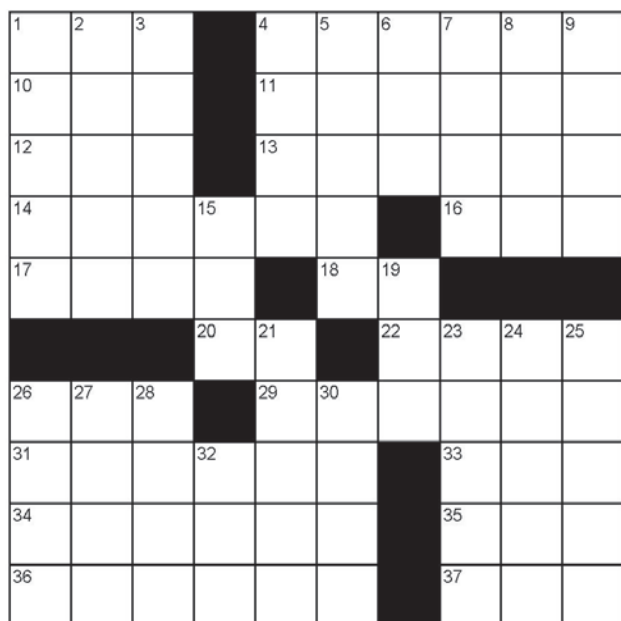
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4. Hype
10. Really cool
11. Hateful
12. Sailor's yes
13. Dissolved substance
14. Replacement car
16. British drink
17. Flower start
18. Book of Samuel abbr.
20. Arkansas
22. Fish lifting hood
26. Popular president's initials
29. Portugal's peninsula
31. Elicit
33. Titan
34. Destroyer
35. Single
36. Stretched circle
37. Little bit

DOWN

1. Toothbrush brand
2. Marsh
3. Utopian
4. Tights
5. Bad smells
6. Lube
7. Mope
8. Stringed instrument
9. At sea
15. BB association
19. Stage of life
21. Got up
23. Jargon
24. Female singer ____ Apple
25. Colorless
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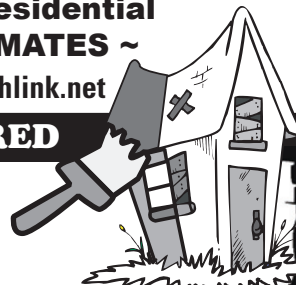
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DID YOU KNOW THIS IS ILLEGAL?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Little did Ernesto Pulido know that he was breaking the law when he disturbed the nests of egrets and black-crowned night herons while trimming trees for the U.S. Postal Service in 2014. He was charged with a misdemeanor violation of the

U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and because he showed remorse, was only fined \$3,000 to cover the cost of rehabilitating the injured baby birds. He could have been fined \$15,000 and faced six months in jail.

Most people are totally unaware of the Act and that it is one of the oldest wildlife protection laws on the books. Simply stated it's a law that protects birds from people. In 1916 the United States entered into a treaty with Great Britain (acting on behalf of Canada) whereby the two countries agree to end the hunting of insect-eating birds and established hunting seasons for game birds. In order to implement the treaty, the Migratory

Bird Treaty Act was passed in 1918 by Congress which makes it illegal to "pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill," or "sell" a migratory bird or any of its parts, including nests, eggs, and feathers except under the terms of a valid permit issued pursuant to Federal regulations. The Act mostly came about because birds were needlessly being killed for their feathers which made great fashion accessories. Entire birds were stuffed and attached to the tops of hats. Birds were also being served in restaurants.

In 1936, the USA signed a similar treaty with Mexico. Japan and the Soviet Union were added in the 1970s. In 1972 an amendment to the Act added protection for an additional 32 families of birds including eagles, hawks, owls and corvids. Since then more species have been added to include almost every native species in the USA with a few exceptions like the House Sparrow, the European Starling and the domestic pigeon. Some of the birds don't actually migrate but are still protected under this Act. For a complete listing of protected birds go to:

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/migratory-bird-treaty-act-protected-species.php>.

It wasn't until 2013 that the Department of Justice enforced the Act for the first time by penalizing a wind farmer for killing Golden Eagles and other birds at two sites in Wyoming. The farmer was fined \$1 million. A second wind farmer was penalized a year later and fined \$2.5 million.

So what does all of this mean to you? Let's say a bird builds a nest above your front door and drops poop everywhere. Can you remove the nest? NO—it's illegal. Can my son take bird eggs to school for show and tell? NO—it's illegal. We collect bird feathers. Is this okay? NO—it's illegal. I found a nest and I brought it in the house. ILLEGAL. We found a dead Blue Jay and we want to have it "stuffed" for display. Guess what? ILLEGAL. We live on a farm and randomly shoot birds for fun. Is this legal? NO, NO, NO. In July 2007, a man was sentenced to six months in a federal halfway house, five years probation with no contact with firearms, and a fine of a \$65,000 fine for killing protected birds on his property.

Although this law may seem a little silly to the average person, it does serve a purpose. It reminds us that we must learn to live in harmony with wildlife and not purposely disrupt or cause harm to other living beings.

TWRC Wildlife Center serves a great purpose as well. We help wildlife that has been injured, orphaned or displaced and return them to the wild. Your donations help us keep the doors open and allow us to provide this service to the public free of charge. Please see our website for more information on what we do and how you can help. www.twrcwildlifecenter.org

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Are You Prepared?

It doesn't matter whether it's a hurricane or a severe storm – being prepared will give you peace of mind when you need it most.

Home Supplies

Flashlights
Battery-operated lanterns
Weather radio
Batteries (different sizes)
First aid kit
Duct tape
Wind-up or battery-powered clocked
Fire extinguisher
Plastic garbage bags
Scissors
Portable cell phone charger
Extra clean clothes
Heavy gloves
Generator (only run outside)
Matches
Extra blankets
Rain gear
Insect repellent spray

Food Supplies

Bottled water (1 gallon per person/day)
Nonperishable food
Cooler for long-lasting perishables
Bottled drinks/juice
Manual can opener
Cooktop/portable grill
Disposable dishware/utensils
Separate cooler for drinks
Dry/small canned pet food
Water for pets
Portable pet dishes

Remember:

- Have copies of important documents in a waterproof folder or container
- Have enough of any prescription medications you and your pet take
- Remove outdoor items
- Move furniture away from windows
- Fill gas tanks and extra containers
- Board up windows
- Trim dead branches from trees
- Get extra cash



DARK CHOCOLATE COCONUT OATMEAL COOKIES



Ingredients

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| 1 cup butter, melted | 1 tsp baking soda |
| 1 cup brown sugar, packed | 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 cup shredded coconut |
| 2 eggs | 1 1/2 cups extra dark chocolate chips (or just dark) |
| 2 tsp vanilla | 2 1/2 cups old fashioned oats |
| 2 cup flour | |
| 1 tsp salt | |

Directions

Preheat oven to 350. Line baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

Melt butter and let cool for several minutes (to room temp)

In a stand mixer, beat sugar and butter for several minutes until creamy.

Mix in eggs and vanilla and beat for another minute.

In a separate bowl combine flour, salt, soda, cinnamon, and coconut.

Slow mix dry ingredients into wet ingredients and beat until combined.

Stir in extra dark chocolate chips and oats.

Place one inch balls of dough on cookie sheets lined with parchment paper and bake for 10-12 minutes. Let cool for several minutes then move cookies to cooling rack.

CHIGGERS

Chiggers are the immature stage of a mite. They climb onto people walking through infested areas, crawl upwards, and wander around the body seeking a good site to settle down and feed. Feeding preference for these mites is in areas where skin is thinnest or where clothing fits tightly, such as the ankles, waist, behind the knees, and the groin area.

Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so “smothering” them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas
- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously with a washcloth
- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared
- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

For chigger bites:

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

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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