

Grand Lake GAZETTE

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News and Notes from the Board

July 2017

The Board is deciding whether to lower the sales price on the residential lots or keep the lots for future amenities.

Plans are to start road repairs in early August.

The Hasara Connie Lane project is expected to begin in the first week of August.

President Thomas Clare reviewed the items for the criteria to qualify and the rates of any loan with terms under the Capital Improvement Plan and Financing project. A discussion followed on the "wish list". Some suggestions were to keep it for emergency funds or use it for current repairs to the infrastructure.

The new website, administered by our property management group, is up and running.

Lighting is being installed in the park.

Announcements for the upcoming annual meeting will be sent out on July 26, 2017. The Election Oversight Committee is in place.

A motion was made and approved unanimously to change the gate codes and to remove all old codes. Owners will be notified of the new gate code numbers. The Board expects the new numbers to go into effect on October 15, 2017.

Pressure washing has been completed on the signs at the entrance area. Additional bids will go out to pressure wash other areas within the subdivision.

The Board unanimously approved to raise the annual dues to \$700. The additional funds will be used to cover the cost of the patrols, ditch maintenance, road maintenance and reserves.

One of the GLE POA property owners is working with Consolidated Communications on fiber optics – this should improve the internet reliability. Consolidated told the homeowner that they would begin running the fiber optics within the next 120 days per each customer home if the homeowner chose to use this service.

Community Announcements

Missing out on the GLE newsletter? Go to Peel, Inc. Newsletter Subscription 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.

GET INVOLVED!

Mark your calendars &
join the fun!

GLE Getting Social Schedule

- **BUNCO** GLE ladies meet at various homes on the 2nd Friday of each month
- **National Night Out** (October 3rd) at the Park
- **Fall Garage Sale** (October 20-22nd) with the Farmer's & Artisan's Market -NEW!!
- **Fall Festival** (October 28th) at the Park
- **Cookies with Santa** (December 3rd)
- **Family Movie Night** is in the Park Nov-April, weather permitting

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.

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Ambulance.....	911
Montgomery County Sheriff.....	936-760-5800

AREA HOSPITALS

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Montgomery Middle School	936-276-3700
Montgomery Junior High	936-276-3300
Montgomery High School.....	936-276-3000

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Do you have an event or special interest that you want to see 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.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Bring your lawn chair and get to know your neighbors at our First Annual National Night Out on October 3, 2017 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Park Pavilion.

National Night Out promotes police-community

partnership and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, form unity, and a more caring place to live. Neighbors throughout Montgomery are invited to join over 38 million people taking part in this annual event in the US territories, Canadian states, and military bases.

Our community will be giving back to law enforcement by hosting a Teddy Bear drive for officers to hand out to children in need of comfort during police calls. If you would like to help, bring a NEW teddy bear on the evening of the event. We will have Thank you cards to write a quick note of appreciation to law enforcement, fire fighters, and medic nurses.

Hot dogs and light refreshments will be offered, through the funds we receive from the Flag subscription, our National sponsor Dietz & Watson, as well as our GLE resident Bert Leyva, who has generously donated drinks and ice. Bert owns Sonic on 105 and McCaleb Rd.

There will be visits from local law enforcement, meet the firefighters who are stationed just outside the front gate, and a medic Helicopter to tour who save people's lives every day.

If you are able to volunteer for this event, please contact Christi Gryder at 281-455-1978

FALL GARAGE SALE & NEW FARMER'S & ARTISAN'S MARKET

October 20th-22nd

This year we are expanding upon the Fall Garage Sale and offering a Farmer's & Artisan's Market on Saturday, October 21st as a way to support our community of local businesses. Do you make salsa, holiday signs, personalized items, refinished furniture or something else? Then set up a booth at the Park for our neighborhood and others to come, learn about your business and do some early Christmas shopping! The cost is \$25 per booth for vendors, contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com for your reservation.

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SEPTEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

September Yard of the Month is located at 15703 Connie Ln the Home of David & Dianna Moreno. They moved to GLE (3) months ago from Montana (WELCOME!!). The secret to their yard is David does weekly maintenance, it is his "pride and joy" caring for the lawn. Their yard has beautiful, lush grass, lots of trees shading their home and yard as well as beautiful shrubs and decorative grasses and plants.

In the evenings, they enjoy sitting on the porch, relaxing and enjoying the view. Tucked between two trees is a hammock where you may find their teenage daughter.



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!



Pumpkin Patch

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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

SLOW DOWN: BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD

School days bring congestion: yellow school buses are picking up their charges, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

IF YOU'RE DROPPING OFF

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location according to the National Safe Routes to School program. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

SHARING THE ROAD WITH YOUNG

PEDESTRIANS

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they are walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

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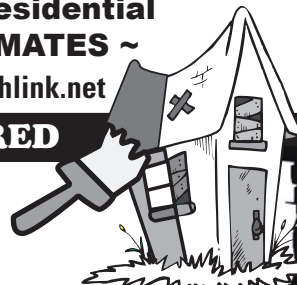
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President's Day (Feb) Memorial Day (May)
Flag Day (June) Independence Day (July)
Labor Day (Sept) Veterans Day (Nov)

For only \$40/year 1 flag will be placed at the

entrance of your driveway OR \$65/year for 2 flags, one on each side of your driveway.

This initiative is sponsored by your GLE Social Group and 100% of the proceeds will be used to fund community events.

To subscribe, send your payment with the bottom portion of this paper:

Your name:

Your address:

I would like to subscribe to (check one):

☐ 1 flag for \$40/year ☐ 2 flags for \$65/year

☐ I already have my own personal flag, but would like to sponsor a flag for \$40/year to be displayed in the front of the neighborhood with a sign in honor of _____.

Mail to:

IMC Property Management
ATTN: Tammy Perry,
3500 W. Davis St, Suite 190,
Conroe, TX 77304

Make checks payable to: Grand Lake Estates POA

****Please put "GLE Social Flag Fundraiser" in the subject line****

To have your flag arrive for President's Day, we need your check sent no later than Mon, Dec 18, 2017

For questions contact grandlakesocial@gmail.com

Teenage Job Seekers

Name	Age	Baby Sit	Pet Sit	House Sit	Yard Work	Phone
Alexa^	17	•	•	•	•	713-231-6553
Blaise #	13	•	•	•	•	936-447-6496
Ema	15	•	•	•	•	414-759-4305
Lydia^	18	•	•	•	•	936-447-6496
Madelyn	15	•	•	•	•	713-703-4091
Paris*+	16	•	•	•	•	936-499-7677
Sadie^	19	•	•	•	•	281-961-2571
Grace	15	•	•	•	•	936-446-0762
Natalie*	13	•	•	•	•	936-524-9670
Lydia J.*+	13	•	•	•	•	337-344-2484
Gabe	15	•	•	•	•	414-759-4305
Chloe^	16	•	•	•	•	936-827-9679

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Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Grand Lake Estate teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to newsletter@glepoa.com by the 9th of the month!

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SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a school bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

SHARING THE ROAD WITH BICYCLISTS

On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and thy cyclist
- When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass
- If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals
- Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods
- Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars
- Check side mirrors before opening your door

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.



BALLOONS ARE DANGEROUS!

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Really?

I can remember in grade school how we all attached notes to balloons before letting them go in hopes that the balloon would be found by someone far, far away. It was exciting to think that maybe someone from New York

or California would find it and contact me. It never happened. I've been to weddings and graduations where helium balloons were let go as part of the celebration. What I didn't know is the enormous amount of damage these balloons can do to our environment. I know now. If you think about it, helium balloons are nothing more than floating litter. Would you throw a deflated balloon with string on the ground? Most people

would not. It makes for ugly trash especially on our beaches.

According to an article in February of this year on the Huffington Post website, balloons are among the top 3 most harmful pollutants threatening marine wildlife but they also harm domestic animals such as cattle, dogs and sheep.

Seabirds are most at risk. Deflated balloons are mistaken for jellyfish or squid and are eaten by the birds. Not able to digest the balloon, it will clog the bird's stomach and the bird will eventually die of starvation. Choking is also a threat.

The ribbons or strings that are attached to the balloon are a hazard to birds because they can become entangled in them when the balloon lands in a tree. They may also use the materials to build a nest causing a risk factor for the hatchlings.

In its natural state, latex is biodegradable but when processed for balloons and treated with chemicals, plasticizers and dyes, it can no longer be classified as natural. It can take a balloon from 6 months to 4 years to decompose. Think of the damage it can cause in that time. Shiny mylar balloons can take even longer.

How can you help? Explain the dangers of releasing helium balloons to your children. Don't plan balloon releases at any of your celebrations and if you know of someone who is planning this, please discourage them from doing so.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a non-profit organization located in Houston. We provide emergency care for Texas wildlife and offer educational and training programs for adults and children focused on wildlife and the environment. Your donations are greatly appreciated. www.twrcwildlifecenter.org

Quick and Easy 7 UP Biscuits



INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups Bisquick
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup 7-up
- 1/2 cup melted butter

DIRECTIONS

- Mix Bisquick, sour cream and 7 up. Dough will be very soft - don't worry.
- Knead and fold dough until coated with your baking mix.
- Pat dough out and cut biscuits using a round biscuit / cookie cutter.
- Melt butter in bottom of cookie sheet pan or 9x13 casserole dish.
- Place biscuits on top of melted butter and bake for 12-15 minutes or until brown at 425 degrees.



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