

Grand Lake GAZETTE

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GRAND LAKE ESTATES POA

November 2017

News and Notes from the Board

September 2017

ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were approved.

Damon Scott and Ryan Blair were reelected to the Board of Directors.

Questions from the floor requested information regarding the Connie Lane project and current road repairs. Updates were given by the board members.

A POA member thanked the person following up on the Consolidated Communications fiber optics project. Work has begun on laying the new cable beginning in the back of the neighborhood.

The Board presented three potential projects to the homeowners: updates and relocation of the park, a club house and running and bike trails. The Board said that these enhancements would add value to the neighborhood, as well as, enjoyment to the families living here. It was emphasized that these projects will be scoped out and again presented to the community before any work is begun.

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.

GLE POA's new website is up and running. Just go to glepoa.com to check it out. If you have any questions concerning the new website, please contact Tammy Perry at IMC Property Management.

GLE Getting Social
GET INVOLVED! *Schedule*

Mark your calendars & join the fun!

- **BUNCO** GLE ladies meet at various homes on the 2nd Friday of each month
- **Family Movie Night** (November 11th - weather permitting)
- **Mommy & Me Playdate** (November 15th)
- **Turkey Trot** (November 24th)

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- **Cookies with Santa** (December 3rd)

The “GLE Getting Social” Facebook page includes the most up-to-date details (times & locations).

If you have an event or special interest that you want to see offered to our community or are interested in getting involved with any activities we have planned, contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com **Be a part of Getting Social in GLE**

2018 FLAG SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

\$40 for (1) flag \$65 for (2) flags. Flags are placed and picked up at the entrance to your drive way 6 times a year on patriotic holidays (President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriot's Day (9/11) and Veteran's Day)!

Not only is this a patriotic beautification project for GLE, but 100% of the proceeds go directly into the social activities for the neighborhood.

In 2018 we are looking for 1-2 individuals per section to help with the Flags Across GLE. If you are interested in helping in your section, please contact Brandie Joy at grandlakesocial@gmail.com



MOVIE NIGHT is starting back in November on November 11th! Bring the family, your chairs/blankets and drinks and join the fun watching a movie in the park! We are looking for adults who will help with the set-up and with popcorn, if you are interested in being a part of this or have any questions, contact Hollis Jackson at hollyajackson@live.com or 936-588-1007

MOMMY & ME PLAYDATES are back on and will take place monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Are you a mommy of pre-school kiddos and would like to get together at the GLE park to meet others in the neighborhood? Plan to be at the park every 3rd Wednesday and join Morgan Borths and the others at Mommy & Me Playdates.



NOVEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH 15609 WESLEY'S CT

November's Yard of the Month is 15609 Wesley's Ct, the home of Jason & Ellen Edwards. They have lived in GLE two and a half years and have two boys now in college. Jason's secret to green

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grass plenty of time on the mower and Scott's weed & feed. For color you will find blue plumbagos, red bottlebrush dwarfs, yellow lantana and decorative grasses. There are also Japanese blueberry trees, decorative evergreens, along with an array of shrubs and just behind the lantana you will also find fresh rosemary herbs so that it is both visually appealing and functional. Stop by and say hello to the Edwards family and thank you Jason & Ellen for doing your part to make GLE a beautiful place to live.

Nominate your neighbor by sending the address to grandlakesocial@gmail.com!

DECEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH

It's the most beautiful time of the year! December's Yard of the Month will be the most festive Christmas Decorations. We will be judging the BEST house decked-out for the holidays.

Judging will take place Sunday, December 9th and Monday, December 10th.

The winner will be our December Yard of the Month – the winner and pictures will be on the Getting Social Facebook Page!!



Put on your best Turkey Shirt & Running Shoes, grab the family and join us at the park for an 8:00am Turkey Trot Fun Run on Thanksgiving Morning! Join your neighbors and burn a few calories before you begin your Thanksgiving Feast. Bring canned goods to be donated to the Montgomery Food Bank.



Cookies with Santa!

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting Grand Lake Estates on Sunday, December 3th from 2-4pm.

Parents bring your children to meet Santa and make sure to bring your cameras for this special and memorable occasion!

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, during the event, and break down. You are welcome to donate Cookies or any Christmas items.

If you can help, please send Adriana Swanson an email to grandlakesocial@gmail.com.

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THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING AND ITS CELEBRATIONS

Throughout history mankind has celebrated the bountiful harvest with thanksgiving ceremonies. Before the establishment of formal religions, many ancient farmers believed that their crops contained spirits which caused the crops to grow and die. Many believed that these spirits would be released when the crops were harvested and they had to be destroyed or they would take revenge on the farmers who harvested them. Some of the harvest festivals celebrated the defeat of these spirits. Harvest festivals and thanksgiving celebrations were held by the ancient Greeks, the Romans, the Chinese, and the Egyptians, to name a few.

The Greeks

The ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. Their goddess of corn (actually all grains) was Demeter who was honored at the festival of Thesmophoria held each autumn. On the first day of the festival, married women (possibility connecting childbearing and the raising of crops) would build leafy shelters and furnish them with couches made with plants. On the second day they fasted. On the third day a feast was held and offerings to the goddess Demeter were made - gifts of seed corn, cakes, fruit, and pigs. It was hoped that Demeter's gratitude would grant them a good harvest.

The Romans

The Romans also celebrated a harvest festival called Cerelia, which honored Ceres their goddess of corn (from which the word cereal comes). The festival was held each year on October 4th and offerings of the first fruits of the harvest and pigs were offered to Ceres. Their celebration included music, parades, games and sports and a thanksgiving feast.

The Chinese

The ancient Chinese celebrated their harvest festival, Chung Ch'ui, with the full moon that fell on the 15th day of the 8th month. This day was considered the birthday of the moon and special "moon cakes", round and yellow like the moon, would be baked. Each cake was stamped with the picture of a rabbit - as it was a rabbit, not a man, which the Chinese saw on the face of the moon. The families ate a thanksgiving meal and feasted on roasted pig, harvested fruits and the "moon cakes". It was believed that during the 3-day festival, flowers would fall from the moon and those who saw them would be rewarded with good fortune. According to legend, Chung Ch'ui also gave thanks for another special occasion. China had been conquered by enemy armies who took control of the Chinese homes and food. The Chinese found themselves homeless and with

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no food. Many starved. In order to free themselves, they decided to attack the invaders. The women baked special moon cakes which were distributed to every family. In each cake was a secret message which contained the time for the attack. When the time came, the invaders were surprised and easily defeated. Every year moon cakes are eaten in memory of this victory.

The Egyptians

The ancient Egyptians celebrated their harvest festival in honor of Min, their god of vegetation and fertility. The festival was held in the springtime, the Egyptian's harvest season. The festival of Min featured a parade in which the Pharaoh took part. After the parade a great feast was held. Music, dancing, and sports were also part of the celebration. When the Egyptian farmers harvested their corn, they wept and pretended to be grief stricken. This was to deceive the spirit which they believed lived in the corn. They feared the spirit would become angry when the farmers cut down the corn where it lived.

The United States

In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits, vegetables, along with fish which was packed in salt, and meat that was smoke cured over fires.

They found they had enough food to put away for the winter. The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They built homes in the wilderness, they raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, and they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians. The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress. In 1817, New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

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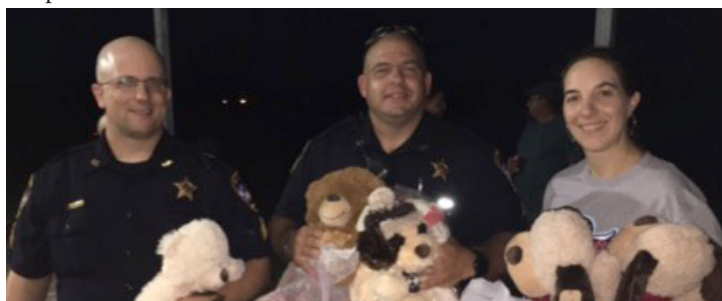
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THANK YOU all who came out to our **First Annual National Night Out**. Over 70 neighbors came out and got to know one another, despite the rain. It was a wonderful event. Our community was able to donate 15 teddy bears to Montgomery County Sheriff Office. We got to know Montgomery County Constable, Montgomery County Hospital District EMS, and Lake Conroe Fire Department. The kids faces lit up while checking out police cars, fire trucks, and the ambulance.

Big thanks to Zazza Pizza Cafe in Conroe for donating pizzas, gift certificates, and kids meal coupons. If you would like a kids meal coupon contact Christi at 281-455-1978



CHOCOLATE PUMPKIN BREAD

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/3 cups flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup milk

TOPPING

- 2 tablespoons light cream
- 1/2 tablespoon butter
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease & flour a 9x5 loaf pan.
2. Combine flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and baking powder in a large bowl. Set aside.
3. Cream butter and sugars together until fluffy. Stir in eggs, pumpkin, and milk. Add pumpkin mixture and chocolate chips to flour mixture. Stir just until combined.
4. Spread into prepared pan
5. Bake 40-50 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean.

TOPPING

1. Heat cream and butter in the microwave for about 20-25 seconds or until it just comes to a boil. Remove and add chocolate chips. Let sit for minutes without stirring.
2. Whisk together and drizzle over bread.



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HARVEY

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Just as Hurricane Harvey displaced thousands of people. Harvey also displaced thousands of wild animals. Compassionate residents have brought birds, snakes, squirrels and even an alligator to TWRC Wildlife Center for care.

Although there is no way of knowing the actual number of animals affected, the numbers are, no doubt, very high. It is human nature to want to help these animals but in some cases, it is better to leave them alone.

- **DEER** – Many deer were forced to move to higher ground. People are seeing deer in their yards, in the streets and other areas with dry land. It is for your own safety that you do not try to catch these animals. Make sure that gates are open so they have a way to exit your yard. Sadly, there's nothing else you can do.

- **ALLIGATORS AND SNAKES** – It seems silly that we would have to warn people to stay away from them but sometimes curiosity gets the best of people. Keep your distance. If you need help identifying a snake to find out if it's venomous, call us and we can help. We can also refer you to a professional who can assist with the removal of snakes. For help with alligators, we recommend you call your Game Warden. To find the Game Warden for your area, go to the Texas Parks and Wildlife website.

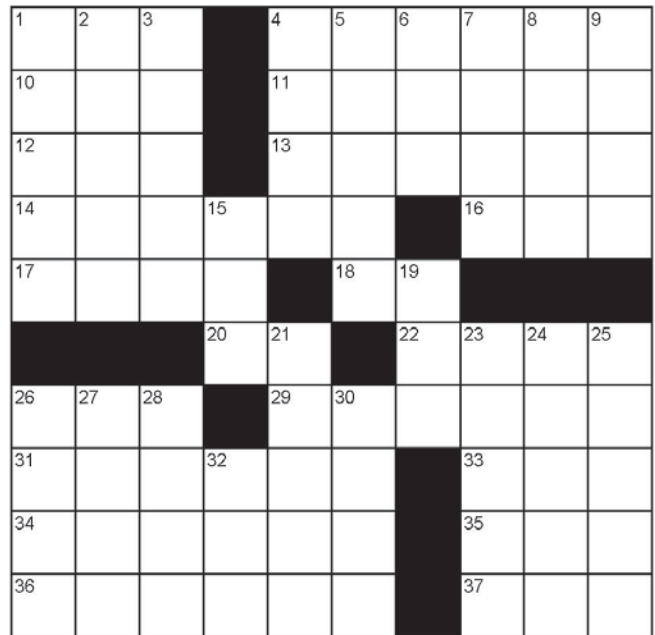
It is baby squirrel season right now and in the case of these animals, your intervention may be needed. If you find a baby, you will first need to try to reunite the baby with its mother. You can do this by placing the baby in a small container near the area where you found it. Make sure the container is safe from dogs and cats. Watch to see if mom comes to get her little one. If, after a couple of hours, the mom has not returned, you will need to intervene. The most important thing is to keep the baby warm. You can accomplish by placing the baby in a box along with a soft cloth and place the box on a heating pad set to low. Do NOT attempt to give the baby food or water. Bring the baby to TWRC Wildlife Center as soon as possible.

Chances are very low that you will encounter any other wildlife babies at this time of the year. You may encounter injured adult raccoons, opossums and birds, however. We advise that you do not try to rescue these animals. Their intention is not to hurt you but they may bite or scratch because they are afraid.

If you have questions about wildlife, we are available from 10am to 2pm to help you. Before attempting to rescue an animal and before bringing it in to us, we suggest you give us a call first. After hours, our website can provide you with many answers.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Bad (prefix)
4. Asks for legally
10. Monkey
11. Author of "Sense and Sensibility"
12. Gross national product (abbr.)
13. Plan
14. More humble
16. Swab
17. Retired persons association (abbr.)
18. Education (abbr.)
20. Headquarters (abbr.)
22. Cool
26. Poisonous snake
29. African country
31. Penzance is this (2 wds.)
33. MD
34. Build
35. Kimono sash
36. Walk quietly
37. Misty

DOWN

1. Lava
2. Sleep disorder
3. Biblical outcast
4. Casing
5. Money
6. Tree
7. Detail
8. Business note
9. Metal fastener
15. Kilometers per hour
19. Cell stuff
21. Capital of Ecuador
23. Give
24. Mud brick
25. Inferred
26. Account (abbr.)
27. Dress
28. Secondary
30. Rejoicing
32. Grain

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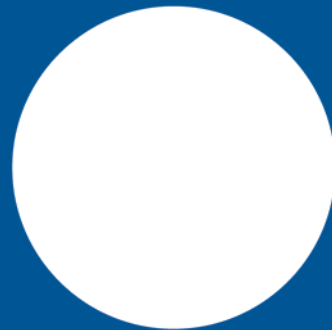
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