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News and Notes from the Board

There was no quorum present for the March board meeting so no business could be conducted.

If you would like to see past board minutes and POA financials, please go to the website at glepoa.com and select the board meeting tab. This information is password protected. The password is GLEBoardMins&Fins. You must enter the password exactly as written with the same upper and lower case letters.

If you have any questions, please contact the POA property manager, Tammy Perry.



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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.

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SQUIRRELS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



What do these three words have in common—grey, fox and flyer? If you guessed they are all in the squirrel family, you would be correct. Squirrels are the most widely known and recognized of mammals and inhabit all continents except Antarctica and Australia.

Squirrels have 4 front teeth, two on top and two on the bottom, that continue to grow throughout their lives. Constant gnawing helps to keep them short and sharp.

At TWRC Wildlife Center, we have two non-releasable grey squirrels that are used as Animal Ambassadors. These squirrels don't have access to the outdoors so TWRC must provide them with materials they would find in the wild to keep their teeth trimmed. One of the squirrels has a malocclusion, the result of a fall when he was a baby. Because of the injury, we must file his teeth every month. If not done, it would eventually cause his death because he would be unable to eat.

Grey Squirrels (*Sciurus carolinensis*)

- Predominantly grey in color with a whitish belly.
- They are about 14 to 20 inches long with a 7 to 10 inch tail.
- They have 22 teeth.
- Tend to give birth twice a year.

Fox Squirrels (*Sciurus niger*)

- This is the largest tree squirrel.
- They have a reddish-orange belly.
- They are 18-29 inches long not counting their tail which is about a foot long.
- They have 20 teeth.
- Can have two litters per year but typically only have one.

Flying Squirrels (*Glaucomys volans*)

- There is a membrane, called a patagium, between their front and back legs that allows them to glide from tree to tree. They can glide up to 150 feet.
- They are nocturnal. This is the reason so few people ever see one.
- They are about 9 inches long with a 4 inch tail and weigh about 3 ounces
- Their preferred den sites are holes in stumps and cavities in trees.

Spring babies are already being brought to TWRC Wildlife Center. If you find squirrel babies, we are here to help. During business hours, we're happy to answer your questions over the phone—713-468-TWRC. If it's after hours, go to our website for helpful information: www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

GLE GETTING SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars & Join the Fun! The “GLE Getting Social” Facebook page includes the most up-to-date details, times, & locations.

- BUNCO GLE ladies meet at various homes on the 2nd Friday of each month
- Walking Club (Wednesdays at the park)
- Mommy & Me Playdate (April 18th at the park)
- Painting Party (May and June Dates/Locations TBD)
- Dinner Club (May Date/Location(s) TBD)
- Family Fun Night (May Date TBD)

We are always looking for additional groups/events to add to our current calendar, if there is something you would like to see offered in our community or if you are interested in getting involved with the planning efforts, contact Ellen Edwards to be a part of Getting Social in GLE at grandlakesocial@gmail.com or 936-777-3464. Our planning team is a wonderful group of volunteers, we get together each month and in addition to getting work done, we have a lot of fun together!

APRIL YARD OF THE MONTH



The April 2018 Yard of the Month is the home of Geoff and Tonya Goold located at 15576 Guinevere Lane. The Goold's moved to GLE in September 2017 from Incline Village, Nevada which is the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe. They have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren. They chose the area for its large lot size, wide open spaces, and to live closer to their grandchildren.

They have beautiful Japanese magnolia trees which are currently in bloom, crepe myrtles, sago palms and Texas white redbuds in addition to a lovely fountain which lights up at night. Large shrubs showcase the front elevation of their home and community fence. Old Glory waves proudly on a permanent in ground lighted flag pole.

The Goold's are especially fond of their pool and outdoor living space. They enjoy relaxing in the backyard listening to the birds and making s'mores with the kids around the firepit. Their number one criteria for selecting a home was finding a place where their grandchildren would love to visit and not want to leave. They said they found that home in GLE!

Congratulations Geoff and Tonya and thank you for helping make Grand Lake Estates a wonderful place to live.

A Special Thank You for ALL Involved with the 2018 Easter Eggstravaganza... Holly Yen, her team of volunteers and Savannah Manhold Realtor!

Holly again led the efforts for this year's event, she and her team of volunteers worked diligently to plan and organize a special event for the children of GLE. Thousands of eggs were stuffed and hidden, the park decorated, Holly added a fun Easter craft, and she searched the ends of the earth to find The Easter Bunny! An incredible addition this year of the professional photographer to capture beautiful Easter memories was made possible by the sponsorship of Savannah Manhold Realtor, THANK YOU so very much Savannah.

THANK YOU Holly for all of the time you put into our Easter Eggstravaganza and THANK YOU to all who helped Holly make it a memorable event!

NEW FOR 2018...

Family Fun Night will replace Game Night. During Family Fun Night, you can expect to have games/tournaments for the entire Family such as a Football Toss Tournament, Corn Hole Tournament as well as board games. Time/Date/Game Details of our Spring Family Fun Night will be posted on the GLE Getting Social Page. If you are not on social media and have any questions, send Nikki Martin an email to grandlakesocial@gmail.com

Painting Parties began in February and over 25 ladies attended the event hosted at a home here in the neighborhood and painted various signs. The best part was meeting neighbors and sharing a glass of wine or soda getting to know one another AND we left with beautiful, personalized signs.

In May and June, we will be offering the next Painting Party to make wooden trays, they will be 17 or 23 inches and display the family last name, initial and established date. They will also have beautiful iron handles. The 17-inch tray will be \$30 and the 23-inch tray will be \$40 (23-inch shown in picture). Reservations and pre-payment is required to attend. Dates/Times/Locations will be posted on the GLE Getting Social Page. We will offer 2-3 dates depending on the interest and all locations will be homes within GLE – if you are interested in being a hostess of one of these evenings send an email to Jessica Blair at grandlakesocial@gmail.com. If you are not on social media and have any questions, want additional details send an email to grandlakesocial@gmail.com

Dinner Club is making a comeback in 2018 and this year we will have various types of Dinner Club Evenings offered to include more casual dinners, progressive dinners going from home to home – one for appetizers, another for dinner and another for dessert as well as “sip and strolls” where heavy appetizers and desserts are offered along with various adult beverages at multiple homes throughout the evening. Dinner Club is an evening out for the adults of GLE. Our plans are to offer the first Dinner Club Night this spring, a second at the end of the summer and a third in the fall. If you and any of your neighbors are interested in hosting an evening or part of one, contact Savannah Manhold at grandlakesocial@gmail.com

THE TRADITIONS OF EASTER

As with almost all "Christian" holidays, Easter has been secularized and commercialized. The dichotomous nature of Easter and its symbols, however, is not necessarily a modern fabrication. Since its conception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side. In fact, Easter was originally a pagan festival.

The ancient Saxons celebrated the return of spring with an uproarious festival commemorating their goddess of offspring and of springtime, Eastre. When the second century Christian missionaries encountered the tribes of the north with their pagan celebrations, they attempted to convert them to Christianity. They did so, however, in a clandestine manner. It would have been suicide for the very early Christian converts to celebrate their holy days with observances that did not coincide with celebrations that already existed. To save lives, the missionaries cleverly decided to spread their religious message slowly throughout the populations by allowing them to continue to celebrate pagan feasts, but to do so in a Christian manner. As it happened, the pagan festival of Eastre occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. It made sense, therefore, to alter the festival itself, to make it a Christian celebration as converts were slowly won over. The early name, Eastre, was eventually changed to its modern spelling, Easter.

The Date of Easter, Prior to A.D. 325: Easter was variously celebrated on different days of the week, including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In that year, the Council of Nicaea was convened by emperor Constantine. It issued the Easter Rule which states that Easter shall be celebrated on the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox. However, a caveat must be introduced here. The "full moon" in the rule is the ecclesiastical full moon, which is defined as the fourteenth day of a tabular lunation, where day 1 corresponds to the ecclesiastical New Moon. It does not always occur on the same date as the astronomical full moon. The ecclesiastical "vernal equinox" is always on March 21. Therefore, Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22 and April 25.



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1 can tomato paste (plus 3 cans water)	
½ tsp. pepper	1 tsp. chili powder
1 pkg. taco mix	½ small pkg. cooked Minute Rice

Brown ground beef; add onion and garlic and cook until tender. Add all other ingredients except rice. Simmer for 30 minutes.

In separate dishes, serve the following:

Fritos	Diced tomatoes
Shredded lettuce	Chopped onion
Diced olives	Grated cheese
Taco sauce	Sour cream

Use Fritos for first layer on each individual's plate. Add meat mixture. Top with other ingredients as desired by each individual.



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PILLBUGS

Pillbugs, or roly-polys, are crustaceans, more closely related to crayfish and shrimp than insects. Crustaceans usually live in aquatic environments, but pillbugs are terrestrial. Even though they live on land, they still require moist environments for survival. Pillbugs do not bite, sting, transmit diseases, or cause physical damage to the home or its contents.

Pillbugs are ¼- ½” with dark grey coloring. Their oval bodies are convex above and either flat or concave underneath. Pillbugs have seven pairs of legs and two pairs of antennae and roll up into a ball when disturbed.

Pillbugs are scavengers, feeding mainly on decaying organic matter. They may occasionally feed on young, tender plants, but damage is typically not significant. They can be found under mulch, leaf litter, flower pots, compost, stones or other items resting on the ground.

Pillbugs may invade crawl spaces and homes at ground level with common points of entry being door thresholds and expansion joints. When these pests are seen indoors, there is usually a large population breeding outside of the home near the foundation. Since pillbugs require moisture, they do not survive indoors for more than a few days unless there are very moist or damp conditions.

To manage infestations inside the home, rely on sanitation and exclusion techniques. Repair or replace door thresholds and seal expansion joints where pillbugs may be entering the structure. Pesticides are not usually needed indoors to manage these occasional invaders. They soon die on their own from lack of moisture and can be swept up using a broom and dustpan or a vacuum.

Outdoors, move any piles of debris away from the foundation of the home. If there are high numbers in and around landscape beds, turn the mulch to allow it dry out which makes the area uninhabitable. Any leaky faucets or irrigation lines as well as leaking air conditioning units should be repaired to eliminate moisture buildup. You may choose a pesticide to treat mulched areas or other areas that are harboring large pillbug populations. Look for products labeled for pillbugs, sowbugs, or isopods.

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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performance,
Celebration of
Dance, featuring

professional guest artists and HRB alumni Elizabeth Keller as Aurora, and Andrew Vecseri, Houston Ballet, as the Prince, along with Twisted Tangos, also featuring pianist and ballet accompanist Tarana Taylor, plus three additional pieces.

Performances will be held on Saturday, April 21 at 2 pm and Sunday, April 22 at 2 pm at the Tomball High School Theatre, 30330 Quinn Road, Tomball, Texas 77375. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org. Tickets are \$14.50 for adults and \$12.50 for youth & seniors.

Celebration of Dance 2018 features Aurora's Wedding – Act III of the ballet classic *The Sleeping Beauty*, with fairytale favorite characters, such as Puss-in-Boots & the White Cat, Little Red Riding Hood & the Wolf, as well as all the fairies of the realm, as they celebrate Aurora's wedding. Also, presenting the premiere of *Twisted Tangos* by Artistic Director Victoria Vittum, featuring Houston pianist Tarana Taylor with selections from famous Argentine tango composer Astor Piazzolla; and *Stained Glass Windows* (choreographed by Victoria Vittum), a visual delight set to the haunting music of Philip Glass, and two premieres by HRB resident choreographer Kristy Nilsson and Ballet Center of Houston faculty member Kristen Newsom.

HRB dancers are committed to sharing the arts with the community. Community engagement events include costumed appearances at various nursing homes, group events, and at Arts & Education performances. HRB brings two matinee performances to Tomball ISD third grade students, fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. Introduced in 2017 was the Mother Ginger Experience, where select Tomball ISD students experienced the life-cycle of a theatrical performance from audition to performance

in front of their peers at HRB's Arts & Education performances. To inquire about an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye to serving the needs of the community. Since 1994, HRB has contributed to the cultural fabric of Harris and Montgomery Counties by providing excellent dance training to the area's young ballet stars and dance educators of tomorrow, while also presenting high-quality productions at affordable prices.

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