

Grand Lake GAZETTE

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE BOARD

April 2018

Projects Report

The final draft for the clubhouse has been completed. It will now be sent out to contractors for quotes.

Cameras will be installed on April 30th.

Road overlay/repairs will be done over five days beginning May 14, weather permitting.

Reserve Property:

Six reserves were purchased for \$12,000.

New Business

The Terpstra legal settlement – information regarding the settlement will be sent to all owners through the mail.

The management company is working on the last step of the 2016-2017 audit. Once approved, it will be posted in the financial section on the website.

A bid of \$344,000 was unanimously approved to overlay the road from the entrance to the stop sign at the park and also include the side street areas running off of GLE. A notice will be sent out when the repairs will begin.

The mowing contract was renewed with no increase in expenses.

The property management contract will be renewed.

Bids for roadside ditch inspection and repair will be sent out. Property owners will receive a notice when the repairs start.

A modification was made to the ACC requirements to ensure that builders build culverts to properly drain and that any disturbed roadside be dressed and sodded upon completion.

A bid of \$9,779 for cameras at the two gates was unanimously approved.

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.

The GLE POA website is glepoa.com. If you have any questions concerning the new website, please contact Tammy Perry at IMC Property Management.

Board minutes and financials are located at the POA website. Go to glepoa.com and select the board meeting tab. The password is GLEBoardMins&Fins. You must enter the password exactly as written with the same upper and lowercase letters.

REMINDER: Do not dump any type of materials such as dirt, landscaping supplies, etc. in the easement areas that the POA maintains.

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GLE GETTING SOCIAL

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 6:00 at the park)
- **Mommy & Me Playdate** (June 20th at the park)
- **Poker Night** (June Date/Location(s) TBD)
- **GLE Patriotic & Proud** – July 4th Celebration (July 4th at the park)

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!

GLE PATRIOTIC & PROUD JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

It is that time again and summer is just around the corner. Before we know it, our 2nd Annual **PATRIOTIC & PROUD** GLE Independence Day Celebration will be upon us! Mark your calendars for July 4th we will have a day of fun for the residents of GLE.

We will have the **PATRIOTIC & PROUD** Golf Cart & Classic Car Parade! There will be food, snow cones and lots of fun for a **PATRIOTIC & PROUD** Party at the Park.

If you would like to be a volunteer to help with the July 4th **PATRIOTIC & PROUD** Planning or be an **EVENT SPONSOR** contact Ali Eichenberg at grandlakesocial@gmail.com.

MEN'S POKER NIGHT

In March, the men started Poker Night again and they are meeting at homes in the neighborhood. If you are interested in joining them and/or hosting an evening, contact Geoff Goold at g2goold@yahoo.com.

JUNE YARD OF THE MONTH

The June 2018 Yard of the Month is the home of Tom and Pam Atkins located at 15672 Connie Lane. The Atkins moved to GLE in June 2017 from Valley View, Texas. They chose the area for the golf

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amenity and large lot size. They have one adult son who is 30.

To keep their yard looking good, they spend about 10 hours each month maintaining the landscaping. They have beautiful pine and majestic oak trees framing the perimeter of their fully fenced yard. The front elevation of their home is showcased by geraniums and bottle brush with foxtail accents all surrounded by a natural stone border. The yard is low maintenance, making it one of the many things the Atkins enjoy about their home.

A lovely covered back patio makes it a favorite place to listen to nature and take in the beauty of the property.

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



SINGLE SOURCE TRASH SERVICE

In order to better serve the community and in an attempt to reduce the wear and tear on our roadways the POA has entered into an agreement with Town and Country Garbage, LLC to be the provider of choice for Grand Lake Estates for all residential services, including but not limited to, Trash and Recycling. The POA will no longer allow other service providers access to our private roadways effective July 1, 2018. We request that you begin the transition to Town and Country Garbage by cancelling your current provider contracts no later than June 30, 2018 and begin using the new service provider by July 1, 2018 in order to continue receiving trash services. If you are already a Town and Country Garbage customer there is no action needed at this time and you should see the new rate reflected on your bill effective July 1, 2018.

There are numerous benefits of having a single source provider within the community both for maintenance and aesthetics purposes. The first benefit will be the reduction of excess heavy trucks on the roadway since we currently have trash trucks in the community 5-6 days per week and the new service will only be 2 days per week. The second benefit is the fact that we will have standard trash days throughout the community so we will not have the unsightly view of trashcans at the end of driveways for the entire week.

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For more than 200 years, the American flag has been the symbol of our nation's strength and unity. It's been a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens. And the American Flag has been a prominent icon in our national history. Here are the highlights of its unique past.

On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army was reorganized in accordance with a Congressional resolution which placed American forces under George Washington's control. On that New Year's Day the Continental Army was laying siege to Boston which had been taken over by the British Army. Washington ordered the Grand Union flag hoisted above his base at Prospect Hill. It had 13 alternate red and white stripes and the British Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner (the canton).

In May of 1776, Betsy Ross reported that she sewed the first American flag.

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Between 1777 and 1960, Congress passed several acts that changed the shape, design and arrangement of the flag and allowed for additional stars and stripes to be added to reflect the admission of each new state.

- Act of January 13, 1794 – provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.

- Act of April 4, 1818 – provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.

- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 – established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.

- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 – provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.

- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 – provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

Today the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red alternating with 6 white. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies, the stars represent the 50 states of the Union. The colors of the flag are symbolic as well: Red symbolizes Hardiness and Valor, White symbolizes Purity and Innocence and Blue represents Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.



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Hard Scale.



Soft Scale.

Scale insects lay eggs which hatch into crawlers. Eggs are usually hidden under the female's body, but some may be placed under a cottony or waxy covering secreted by the female. The first instar is called a "crawler" because when they emerge from the egg, they move around on the plant to locate a place to settle down and feed. Crawlers may be transported to other plants by wind, people, or animals such as birds. After they choose their spot, the insects typically do not move for the rest of their life.

Scale insects cause damage to plants by puncturing and removing plant juices via their piercing-sucking mouthparts. This can lead to yellowing, wilting, leaf drop, or sometimes killing sections of the plant. Soft scales produce honeydew which can lead to growth of a black fungus called sooty mold that can further stress your plant. Depending on the type of scale, they may be found on foliage, stems, or even roots of the plant.

Tips for managing scale insects:

- Prune sections that contain scales from the plant and discard in sealed bags.
- Try spraying the plant with a high pressure water spray to knock the insects from the plant.
- Try treating the plant with insecticidal soap or horticultural oil.

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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WHAT'S LIVING IN MY CHIMNEY?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



If you're hearing twittering followed by rapid, high-pitched chirps in your fireplace, you've got Chimney Swifts but before you call an exterminator to have them removed, it's important to know that the birds have the

law on their side. They are protected by federal law under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It is illegal to remove or disturb their nests, eggs or young during the breeding season. Any knowledgeable, respected exterminating company won't touch them. Once the babies are old enough to chirp, they'll only be around for a couple of weeks before they leave the nest so hang in there and leave them alone. They cause little to no damage.

Sadly, according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey, Chimney Swift populations have decreased by 72% since 1966. Their favorite nesting places are old hollow trees and masonry chimneys. With urban sprawl many of the trees are being removed and newer homes and buildings are being constructed without fireplaces. If fireplaces are being built, newer materials such as metal liners are being used making it impossible for the Swifts to cling to the sides.

Once a nesting site has been found, Mom and Dad Swift construct a half saucer-shaped nest made of twigs. The twigs are held together by glue-like saliva from a gland under the bird's tongue. The nest is "glued" to the side of the chimney.

Chimney Swifts fly almost constantly except when roosting overnight and nesting. They even bathe while flying. They fly down to the water, hit the surface with their body, bounce up and shake off the water. When it is time to rest, they don't sit on perches. They have long claws that cling to textured walls and other textured vertical surfaces such as the walls of your chimney.

Swifts are very beneficial. They gobble up thousands of mosquitoes, flies and other insects while in flight. Two parents along with their nestlings will consume up to 12,000 flying insects every day.

Come fall the birds migrate back to the Amazon River Basin.

Chimney Swifts are admitted to TWRC Wildlife Center every year. As part of our mission, we want to educate the public to the laws regarding this species as well as many other migratory species. If you have Chimney Swifts in your chimney, please leave them alone and don't risk the fines and possible jail time associated with disturbing them. If you have questions, please give us a call at 713-468-8972 or check our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

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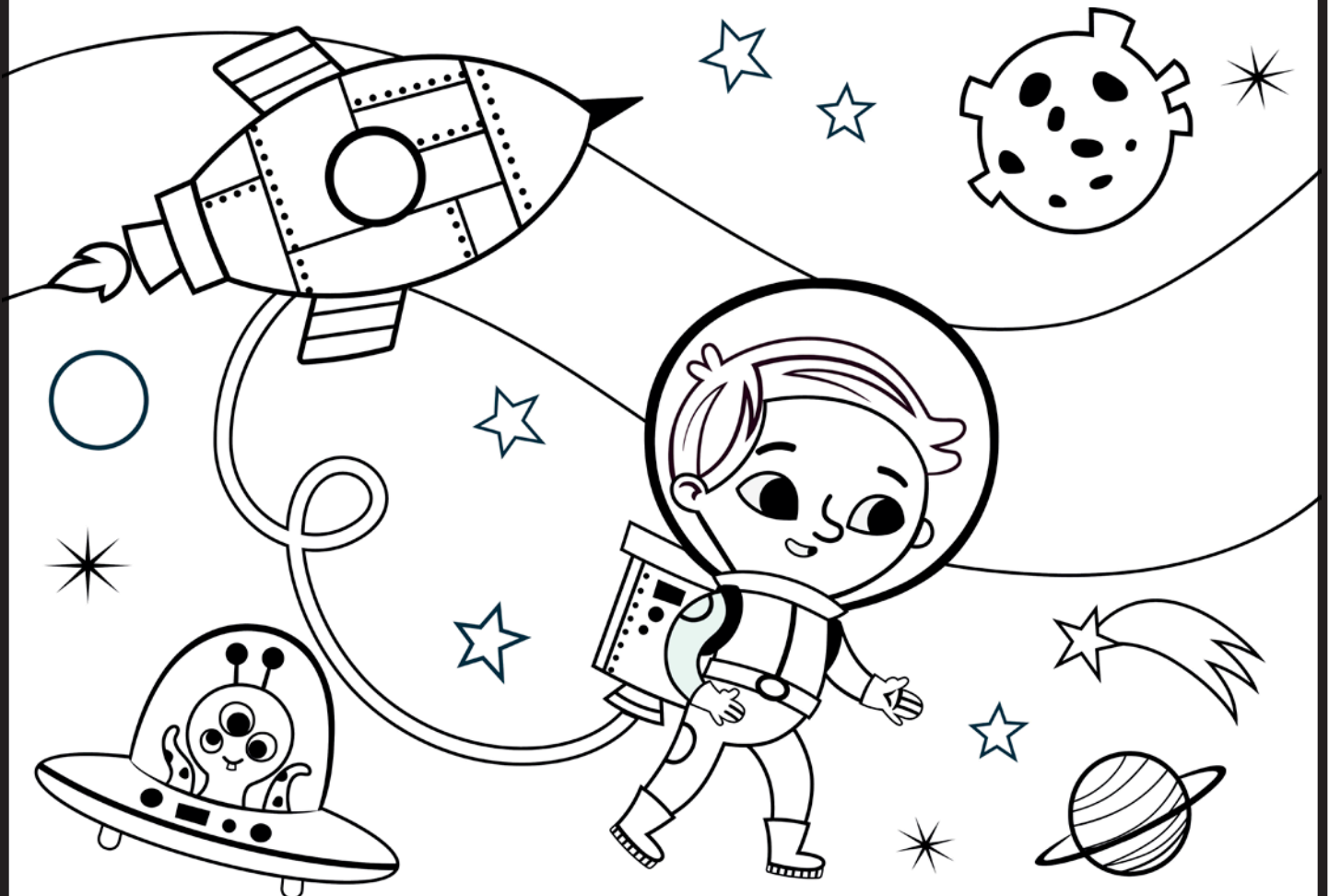
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