

# Grand Lake GAZETTE

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## 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](mailto:tammyperry@imcmanagement.net) or 936-756-0032.

The GLE POA website is [glepoa.com](http://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](http://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.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The 2018 GLE POA Annual Meeting is on Tuesday, September 25.

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE BOARD

June 2018

The GLE POA annual meeting will be held on September 25, 2018.

A landscaping bid totaling \$1,997.21 was approved. The bid is to fill in the vacant areas along the berms to help form a wall type look of shrubs. Twenty Yaupon Holly plans will be added. The frozen bottlebrush inside the median will be replaced. Bedding mix and mulch will also be added.

The bid for road striping was approved. One yellow center stripe will be painted down the new overlay on Grand Lake Estates and on Tiffany's Court. There will be white stop bars painted at each stop sign. The total bid was \$6,350.

A bid to fill a sink hole was approved. The sink hole formed under the main street at the entrance. The bid totaled \$750.

The committee organizing the Fall Festival received an approved budget of \$1,500.

The minutes and financials are available on the GLE POA website.

## GLE GETTING SOCIAL

Mark Your Calendars and Join the Fun!

The "GLE Getting Social" Facebook page includes the most up-to-date details, times, & locations. Not on FB check out the LED signs or email us at [grandlakesocial@gmail.com](mailto:grandlakesocial@gmail.com)

- Walking Club (Wednesdays 7:00 at the park)
- BUNCO (GLE ladies meet at various homes on the 2nd Friday of each month)
- GLE Playdate (multiple dates each month)
- Poker Night (Date/Location TBD – contact Geoff Goold)
- Family Fun Day - Patriot & Proud Reschedule (August 4th at the park)
- Back to School Ice Cream Party (August 19th at the park)

We are always looking for additional groups/events to add to our current calendar, if you would like to see offered in our community or are interested in getting involved with the planning efforts, contact Ellen Edwards to be a part of Getting Social in GLE at

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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!

### Flags Across GLE

Flags Across GLE has continued to grow with now over 200 flags flying across our neighborhood creating a beautiful and patriotic display. As our participation with Flags Across GLE grows, we are looking for 3-4 volunteers for each section to be a part of the team who puts out and picks up the flags. Not only are they an impressive display of patriotism, the funds from your subscription makes possible the Easter Eggstravaganza, Patriotic & Proud July 4th Celebration, the Welcome Wagon, Family Fun Night & Ice Cream Socials! Laurie Roberts has taken over as our new Flags Across GLE Chair and would love the opportunity to meet more neighbors who are willing to get involved with these efforts. Contact Laurie at grandlakesocial@gmail.com.

### Family Fun Night

We are looking for someone who wants to get involved with the GLE Getting Social Planning as a Chair of the Family Fun Nights/Days. These take place two times a year and have food & games planned for kids and adults. If you are interested, contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com.

### Back to School ICE CREAM PARTY



It is time for the Back to School ICE CREAM PARTY!

Bring your schedules/class assignments and see if you have a class with any of your neighbors and friends!

Sunday, August 19th  
2:00 pm at the Park

### GLE Patriotic & Proud Celebration rescheduled! Aug 4th

As you know our Patriotic & Proud festivities were dampened by the rains on July 4th. We are rescheduling the events for a Family Fun Day!!! Join us in the Park on Saturday, August 4th at 12:00

- There will be a Family Relay (4) people to a team and each team will complete a potato sack race, a three-legged race and carry an object on a spoon!
- Our 2nd Annual Corn Hole Tournament
- Hot dogs, nachos and Frito Chili Pies
- Snow cones from Funky Monkey
- Water Slide Inflatables

### National Night Out

Bring your lawn chair and get to know your neighbors at our Second Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, October 2nd 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Park.

National Night Out promotes police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, form unity, and a more caring place to live.

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# Grand Lake Estates

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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 by participating in the Montgomery County Sheriff toy drive, Operation Blue Elf. Bring a new unopened toy to National Night Out; you may also drop off one at 9099 GLE.

Contact Christi Gryder at 936-588-9757 to help be a part of this wonderful event.

## August Yard of the Month

The August 2018 Yard of the Month is the home of Garry and Sandra Kiker located at 8865 Brookes Drive. The Kiker's moved from Cutten Green, a small subdivision near the Willow Brook Mall and Champions area, to GLE in July 2005. They chose to live in GLE because of the lakes and the golf course. They have 2 adult children. Their daughter and her husband live in Seattle. Their son, his wife, and 2 grandchildren live in the San Francisco area.

Their landscaping includes Italian cypress, crepe myrtles, boxwoods, hollies, crimson loropetalum and Indian hawthorne. During the growing season, spring and summer, they spend between 15 and 20 hours per month maintaining their lovely yard. What

they enjoy most about their landscaping is the different textures and colors of the plants. Sandra enjoys using the greenery and berries in arrangements during the holidays or when having people over for dinner. Garry enjoys cooking outdoors on his new smoker and says the secret to a perfect brisket is to wrap it in pink butcher paper instead of foil.

The favorite part of their home is the back porch which looks out over the small lake. They see a lot of gulf coast birds like the Blue Heron, Egret, Great Egret, and Osprey as well as Bitterns and many types of ducks. They love the views of the sky in GLE; the sunrises, sunsets, clouds, stars, etc. They've never seen comparable views anywhere else!

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



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## THE TOP DOG

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Living just a few miles north of Houston, it's not uncommon for me to hear coyotes howling at night. I get a little nervous when I hear them because they have been known to attack domestic animals. I saw on the news a few weeks ago

where a coyote jumped a fence in broad daylight and attacked a small dog. Luckily, the owner was able to scare the coyote and no harm was done to the dog. Because natural habitats are disappearing, more and more coyotes are being sighted in urban settings.

TWRC only accepts coyote pups and we get very few of them but they are very interesting animals and I thought you might enjoy learning about them.

- They are about the size of a small German Shepherd. They have yellowish eyes.
- They are highly intelligent members of the dog family and are described by wildlife experts as clever, cunning and sneaky. They have a strong sense of hearing, smell and sight.
- Dogs run with their tails up; coyotes run with their tails down.
- They are classified as carnivores but will eat almost anything.
- The coyote is very vocal. A long howl lets others know its location. Short barks warn others of danger. They "yip" when reuniting with other pack members and will growl to establish dominance within the pack. They whimper and whine when bonding and make a high-pitched bark to call its pups.
- They can live up to 14 years in the wild.
- Some consider them a nuisance and attempt trapping and other nuisance-control measures. This will never eliminate them. Remove one and another one will move in to take its place. In The Woodlands, Texas, a few years ago several coyotes were removed. The result was that feral pigs moved in and destroyed lawns. According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, "The real solution and the greater need facing Texans right now is public education. We need to inform and empower people to take steps to coexist with coyotes and other urban wildlife."
- Coyotes can run up to 40mph.
- Coyotes are 100% monogamous according to a study by scientists at Ohio State University in 2012. "I was surprised we didn't find any cheating going on," said study co-author

Stan Gehrt, a wildlife ecologist with Ohio State's School of Environment and Natural Resources.

- Coyotes are great swimmers.

If you have questions about wildlife, please refer to our website at [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org). If you can't find the answers you need, give us a call at 713.468.8972.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS



The following health and safety tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Feel free to excerpt these tips or use them in their entirety in any print or broadcast story, with acknowledgment of source.

### MAKING THE FIRST DAY EASIER

- Parents should remember that they need not wait until the first day of class to ask for help. Schools are open to address any concerns a parent or child might have, including the specific needs of a child, over the summer. The best time to get help might be one to two weeks before school opens.
- Many children become nervous about new situations, including changing to a new school, classroom or teacher. This may occur at any age. If your child seems nervous, it can be helpful to rehearse entry into the new situation. Take them to visit the new school or classroom before the first day of school. Remind them that there are probably a lot of students who are uneasy about the first day of school. Teachers know that students are nervous and will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels as comfortable as possible. If your child seems nervous, ask them what they are worried about and help them problem solve ways to master the new situation.
- Point out the positive aspects of starting school to create positive anticipation about the first day of class. They will see old friends and meet new ones. Talk with them about positive experiences they may have had in the past at school or with other groups of children.
- Find another child in the neighborhood with whom your child can walk to school or ride on the bus.
- If it is a new school for your child, attend any available orientations and take an opportunity to tour the school before the first day. Bring the child to school a few days prior to class to play on the playground and get comfortable in the new environment.
- If you feel it is needed, drive your child (or walk with her) to school and pick her up on the first day, and get there early on the first day to cut down on unnecessary stress.
- Make sure to touch base with your child's new teacher at the beginning or end of the day so the teacher knows how much you want to be supportive of your child's school experience.
- Consider starting your child on their school sleep/wake schedule a week or so ahead of time so that time change is not a factor on their first couple of days at school.



### Ingredients:

1 18-oz can tomato juice  
1 tablespoon parsley flakes  
1 15-oz can tomato sauce  
3 tablespoons wine vinegar  
3/4 cup finely cut celery  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
3/4 cup finely chopped cucumber  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/2 cup chopped avocado  
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper  
1/8 teaspoon garlic powder  
5 or 6 drops Tabasco sauce

### Directions:

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Serve cold with toasted garlic rounds.



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## HEAD LICE



Head lice can become a problem brought home from summer camp or during the school year. These insects are small, tan to gray, and wingless. Eggs, also called nits, are glued to the hair shaft near the scalp. Nits are dark in color until they have hatched and turn white. It takes 7-11 days for eggs to hatch. Females lay 3-5 eggs each day and live from 7-10 days.

Head lice reside on the hairy part of the head. If they drop off, they only live for about 2 days. They are incapable of surviving on pets and are not known to transmit any diseases from person to person.

Several states, including Texas, now have what are being called "super lice". Essentially these lice are resistant to pesticides commonly found in over the counter lice treatments. If you are using an over the counter treatment for lice and they are not dying, then you need to see a physician. Doctors are able to prescribe other treatments that can kill the lice.

To manage lice:

1. Use an effective treatment. Head louse shampoos contain insecticides so they must be used properly and with care. Wash the infested person's hair in a sink or basin so insecticide does not come into contact with other parts of the body. The person shampooing should wear rubber gloves. Do NOT use off label products such as flea & tick shampoo, other insecticides, or gasoline. Only treat the infested person(s), but check everyone in the household.
2. Hair combing is an extremely important step in controlling head lice. Shampoos may not kill all eggs, so thorough combing can help remove eggs from the hair shaft. Wet hair and use a special metal louse comb to comb through small sections of hair. Remove debris from the comb with a tissue and place it in a plastic bag that can be sealed and disposed of when you are finished combing through all hair. Hair should be combed daily until no more lice or nits are found.
3. Clothing and bedding of the infested person should be washed in hot, soapy water at the same time as the treatment. If items cannot be washed, try dry cleaning. For items that cannot be laundered, place them in a sealed plastic bag in the freezer for at least 24 hours.
4. It's important to contact anyone your child has had close contact with to let them know of the head louse infestation. This can help everyone manage the problem at the same time so there is less chance of reinfestation occurring.

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## Banana Smoothie

### Ingredients:

4 bananas, peeled  
3 Tablespoons brown sugar (honey may be substituted)  
4 cups ice

### Directions:

Break bananas into large pieces and put in blender; add sugar. Blend until smooth. Blend in ice, a cup at a time, until a smooth, thick consistency.

Yield: 4 servings



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