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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 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.

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

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE BOARD

July 2018

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

The landscaping project has been approved and is awaiting installation.
The cameras have been installed and are working.

The notices for the annual meeting have been sent out.

The 2018 – 2019 budget was reviewed.

A \$600 budget was approved for the Cookies with Santa event.

The Board is investigating the work that needs to be done for the Sebastian's Run
Drainage easement.

The Board is seeking bids for the Water Well Enclosure.

The project for road repairs continues. Phase 2 is planned to begin in early
October.

Officer White was introduced at the meeting and was available to
discuss any issues in the subdivision. Owners should contact the
property management group with any issues/concerns.

The entire 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

- **Walking Club resumes in September** (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)
- **National Night Out** (October 2nd at the park)
- **Fall Festival** (October 27th 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

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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!

Flags Across GLE

Our next Flag Holiday is Patriot's Day (September 11th). We are we are looking for a few volunteers from each section to be a part of the team who puts out and picks up the flags (it only takes approximately 30 minutes!). Contact our Flags Across GLE Chair, Laurie Roberts, at grandlakesocial@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.

National Night Out



Bring your lawn chair and get to know your neighbors and work to make our streets safer 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.

We will have visits from local law enforcement, meet the firefighters who are stationed outside the front gate. Texas Children's Hospital, Health Education Specialist, Center for Childhood Injury Prevention will be sharing with us about child safety.

We will have Thank You cards to write a quick note of appreciation to law enforcement and fire fighters.

A Nacho bar will be served. Feel free to bring your favorite dessert to share.

This is brought to you 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.

Our community will be giving back by participating in the Montgomery County Sherriff 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.

Fall Festival

MARK your Calendars for October 27th to be a part of this year's Fall Festival. All of the plans are underway and we are looking for volunteers. Please contact Hollis Jackson at hollyajackson@live.com to be a part of making this year's Fall Festival another incredible event for GLE!

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Most Boo-tiful Halloween House



Time to have a little fun! Dust off your decorations as we will be judging the BEST house decked-out for HALLOWEEN.

Judging will take place after dark until 10pm October 23-24."

The winner will be announced on the Getting Social FB page and will receive a special TREAT as well as bragging rights

for your ghosts, ghouls, witches, and zombies!

Photos of the Most Boo-tiful Halloween House and other spooktacular homes will be posted. Get ready, get set, and decorate.

September Yard of the Month

The September 2018 Yard of the Month is the home of Randy and Laurie Roberts located at 15562 Jerry's Way. Having lived all over the US, the Robert's first landed in Cypress, TX then moved to GLE in July 2017. They chose this community because the spacious country living amongst the trees is exactly what they wanted. They have 2 adult children, Maegan and Jarred, and 9-year-old, Rylie, who is a 4th grade student at Keenan Elementary.

Their landscaping includes several Ligustrum bordering the sides of the property and 15 crape myrtles along the front. Additionally,

they have 20 oak, holly, maple, and red bud trees planted throughout the property and at least 15 southern magnolias can be found too! Randy and Laurie maintain the property themselves, spending at least 20 hours each to keep everything beautifully manicured. They love both their front and backyards because each offers its own unique peaceful view of trees, flowers, and wildlife.

The Roberts love the space of their forever home. They want to share they have several great neighbors who all take great pride in their homes. They love the Grand Lake Estates community and the friendships they have made since moving here. They really enjoy being active in all of the great activities that the neighborhood has to offer.

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



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History of Labor Day

Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor Day Legislation

The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During 1887 four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Founder of Labor Day

More than a century after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the

holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.



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- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 3/4 cup Karo syrup

DIRECTIONS

Mix first four ingredients together and put over a low flame until butter starts to melt. Add eggs. Mix.

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans

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A BROOD PARASITE

BY CHERYL CONLEY, TWRC WILDLIFE CENTER

For me, everyday at TWRC is a learning experience. I recently saw a post on our Facebook page about a Cowbird and a Cardinal hatchling sharing a nest. I was intrigued so did some research on this and I think you'll find it as fascinating as I do.

The Brown-headed Cowbird is called a "brood parasite" because they don't bother to build nests but rather lay their eggs in the nests of other songbirds. The female will watch other birds who have nests and when the other female is away from the nest, the cowbird will lay one or two eggs in her nest. The cowbird female may even go so far as to damage or push out some of the other eggs to make room for hers. The cowbird lays an average of 40 eggs per season. The host birds then raise the cowbird chicks as their own. Cowbird eggs have a relatively short incubation period and often times hatch sooner than the other eggs. The chicks grow quickly and are usually larger than the others so they can command most of the food. They demand a lot of attention from their foster mom and therefore the other chicks often get neglected. The cowbird chicks have even been known to push the other chicks out of the nest. This is perhaps one reason the songbird numbers are declining.

The Yellow Warbler is one species that has learned to recognize cowbird eggs. Most often, they will build a new nest on top of the oddball egg. New evidence suggests that some bird species that recognize the cowbird egg in their nest will accept it to just to avoid total destruction of the nest by an angry cowbird.

The Brown-headed Cowbirds are native to the US and are a member of the blackbird family. The adult male has a metallic green-black body and a brown head and are about 7.5 inches long. The female is slightly smaller and is dull grey with streaking on the underside. They can be found throughout the United States.

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ASPS/PUSS CATERPILLARS

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Did you know that some caterpillars are able to inflict a painful sting? Various caterpillars have urticating hairs or spines that are connected to a poison gland. When part of your body comes into contact with the hairs, they can stick in the skin, injecting venom, and sometimes causing a rash.

Asps, also known as puss caterpillars, are about an inch and a half long when fully grown, teardrop-shaped with long, silky hair. They are usually tan, but can be anywhere from pale yellow to grey. Smaller instars (stages of the caterpillar) are yellow in color while later instars turn pale green to white. Spines containing venom are concealed in later instars by long, soft-looking setae (hairs). Asp caterpillars are typically found on trees and shrubs around homes, and generally do not cause long-term harm to plants.



If stung, pain will immediately be felt and blood-colored spots may form at the sting site. Other symptoms that may occur are nausea, headache, vomiting, or respiratory distress. To remove spines from the skin, cover the sting area with strong tape and peel tape off to pull out spines from skin. Repeat tape process as needed to remove all spines. Applying an ice pack to the sting area may help to soothe the skin. An oral antihistamine may also be taken to relieve itching. If respiratory distress occurs, seek medical attention.

If you have large populations of these caterpillars and want to manage them, you can try *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (this targets caterpillars only, but will also kill "good" caterpillars). You may also look for active ingredients such as spinosad or azadirachtin (both naturally-derived products). These products tend to work best on smaller instars. Another option would be a residual pesticide labeled for caterpillars that is also labeled for use on plants.

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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