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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.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE BOARD August 2018

Project Report – bidding process is still being worked out on digging out ditches and culverts. The approved road resurfacing bid will begin in October and work will be done from the back stop sign to the back gate.

Thomas Clare, Damon Scott and Ted Sharp were voted on to be members of the ACC committee for a one-year term beginning September 1, 2018. There will still be a third-party consultant that will review all new construction applications.

A unanimous vote was passed to approve a \$4,000 cap for a water well enclosure.

The Board will be scheduling a meeting with a designer to go over the construction of a building. The building will be ADA compatible. A question has been asked if it is possible to add a dock. This and other issues are being considered by the Board.

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 at the Park (Every Tuesday evening at 6:30)
- National Night Out at the Park (October 2nd)
- GLE Playdate (October 2nd and October 19th) each 1st Tuesday and 3rd Friday
- Sign Painting Parties (October 4th, October 28th and November 9th)
- BUNCO (October 12th) Ladies Night Out at various homes on each 2nd Friday
- Fall Community Wide Garage Sale (October 19-21)
- Fall Festival at the Park (October 27th)
- Turkey Trot (November 22nd)
- Cookie Decorating Class (November 29th)
- Christmas Wreath Class (December 1st)
- Cookies with Santa (December 9th)
- **Poker Night** (Date/Location TBD contact Geoff Goold at g2goold@yahoo.com.)

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	
Fire	
Ambulance	
Montgomery County Sheriff	

AREA HOSPITALS

Conroe Regional Medical	936-539-1111
Memorial Hermann-The Woodlands	281-364-2300
St. Luke's – The Woodlands	936-266-2000

SCHOOLS

Montgomery ISD	936-276-2000
Lone Star Elementary	936-276-4500
Montgomery Intermediate	936-276-4700
Montgomery Middle School	936-276-3700
Montgomery Junior High	936-276-3300
Montgomery High School	936-276-3000

PUBLIC SERVICES

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INFO ABOUT GLE

There are a number of different avenues that information is provided about GLE. To ensure you are getting the online access, emails, etc below are all of the details for you!

1. The **POA website** www.glepoa.com If you need the page password to access the Board Meetings or have any questions concerning the website, contact Tammy Perry at tammyperry@imcmagement.net or 936-756-0032.

2. **Emails** such as board meeting reminders and agendas and information about community events are sent periodically to all on the GLE distribution list. If you are not getting the emails contact Tammy Perry at tammyperry@imcmagement.net or 936-756-0032

3. GLE Facebook Pages:

a. GLE Getting Social Facebook Page includes the details for all social events in the community as well as pictures from those events. Search "GLE Getting Social" and ask to join (note you will be asked for your address)

b. "GLE General Facebook Page" includes various community comments, notifications, items for sale and requests for recommendations (you will need to include your address when requesting access to join this page)

c. "GLE Ladies Group" is similar to the General Facebook Page with an audience of the Ladies of GLE

NEW "GETTING OUT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD" GROUPS!

We are launching a series of new offerings for the adults in GLE that include an array of classes and get-together so that we can meet one another, have a little fun and possibly learn something in the process!

(1) Sign Painting Parties making tall WELCOME signs – Oct 4th; Oct 28th and Nov 9th

(2) Reducing your Property Taxes Seminar (November)

- (3) Wood-Working making various projects 3 times a year beginning in December
- (4) Monthly Happy Hour
- (5) Cookie Decorating Classes Christmas Cookies November 29th
- (6) Christmas wreath making classes December 1st
- (7) Meal-prep/Freezer Meals classes early January
- (8) Mystery Dinner Party February

Contact Ellen Edwards at 936-777-3464 with any questions regarding details of our new offerings.

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 6:00-8:00pm at the Park. A Nacho Bar will be served!

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 *(Continued on Page 3)*

• Tracey & Amanda Torrence - Chili's Conroe

- Chick Fil A Magnolia
- Chiller Bee Montgomery

FALL FESTIVAL

Our Annual Fall Festival is upon us! Plan to join the fun on

Saturday, October 27th

with games, food, a pumpkin carving contest (NEW this year), a costume

party, a float contest & a Trick-or-Treat hayride as well as Trunk-or-Treat (a new option for those who don't live on the hayride route you can set up in one of two locations and the kids can trick-or-treat out of your trunk!)

- 12:00-3:00 Set-up at the GLE Park
- 3:00-5:00 Booths & Food at the GLE Park
- 5:00 Costume Contest
- 5:00 Clean-up at GLE Park
- 5:30 Decorated Pumpkin Contest NEW this year! (Bring your Carved/Decorated Pumpkin to be entered in to the contest)
- 6:30 Float Contestants
- 7:00 Hayride Trick-or-Treat Parade (Route will be posted online and sent via email)

Volunteers, Candy, Water & Individual Bags Chips are Needed! (Continued on Page 4)



Did you know that Grand Lake Estates is a great market to be in right now? Give me a call for a free market analysis. As a resident of Grand Lake Estates and a Realtor®, I realize buying and selling a home IS personal. I would love to assist you with this process.

- Cell: 713.377.8515 — Email: lynette@lynettelecky.com

I am also never too busy for referrals.

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Childhood Injury Prevention will be sharing with us about child safety. 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.

PATRIOTIC & PROUD/FAMILY FUN EVENT

Our rescheduled Patriotic & Proud July 4th event occurred Aug 4, 2018 without a hitch! It was a wonderful party and we would like to THANK all the volunteers and homeowners who attended. The waterslides were a huge success and will return for next year's event!

Thank you so very much Garrett Pierce for being our DJ for the day and sharing your equipment with us!

We would like to give a special shout-out and our deepest gratitude to our neighborhood sponsors. Without your support, this event wouldn't have been the success it was.

• Suzanne & Bobby Hood - UPS Store #6473 (Conroe, TX)

• Michael & Jill Daniels - The Daniels Agencies & Reality One Experience

- Simon & Sharon Terry Olde English Window Cleaning
- Dan & Terra Crissman Crown to Ground Supply
- Hilberto & Debbie Leyva Sonic (105 and McCaleb Rd)

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- Interior Carpentry

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Interior & Exterior Door

- HardiPlank Replacement
- Sheetrock Repair
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- Pressure Washing
- Fence Replacement
- Custom Staining
- Wallpaper & Texture Removal Crown Molding

Replacements

Stucco Repair





Grand Lake Estates

Wood Replacement

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You can leave your donations in the coolers located at Hollis's home 15599 Nicholas Ct. Please ensure all donations are delivered no later than Monday, October 22nd. Contact Hollis Jackson at hollyajackson@live.com or 713-502-5328 with any questions or to learn how to be a part of making this year's Fall Festival another incredible event for GLE!

MOST BOO-TIFUL HALLOWEEN HOUSE



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

Judging will take place after dark until 10pm on October 23 and 24. First, second, and third place will be announced on the Getting Social FB page and a sign will be placed in your yard for

bragging rights for your ghosts, ghouls, witches, and zombies! Signs will be removed after Halloween. Photos of the Most Spooktacular houses and other Boo-tiful homes will be posted. Get ready, get set, and decorate!

OCTOBER YARD OF THE MONTH



The October 2018 Yard of the Month is the home of Mike and Jill Daniels located at 15611 Connie Lane. The Daniels moved to GLE in 2014 from the Kingwood area. They chose this community because of the great schools and spacious living on large lots. They have 2 children, Colt (8) and Lizzy (7).

Their landscaping consists of various shrubs, seasonal flowers, crepe myrtles, hibiscus, and pineapple guava. Ornamental grasses showcase the landscaping. Mike and Jill spend around 15 hours each month maintaining their yard. Their favorite part being the front flower beds and when the weeds need to be pulled, it becomes a whole family affair.

The Daniels love to sit on the front porch watching the kids get off the school bus just in front of their home. "They look so cute running across the yard with their giant backpacks," says Jill with a big smile.

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

FLAGS ACROSS GLE

We have one more flag holiday in 2018, Veteran's Day. We are now taking renewals for 2019 as well as new subscriptions. If you have a flag, thank you and be sure to renew your flag subscription; if you do not be sure to get one as this is what funds our Easter Eggstravaganza, Ice Cream Socials, Family Fun Nights, July 4th, National Night Out, Turkey Trot and Welcome Wagon!! To get a 2019 Flag Subscription Form send an email to Laurie Roberts at grandlakesocial@gmail.com

WHAT IS A LEUCISM?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Every animal admitted to our Center is special and every one gets great care but occasionally we get one that is just a little different and very rare. This happened recently when a white

baby squirrel was admitted. We posted pictures on our Facebook page and I, like others, wondered if it was an albino. Because the squirrel has dark eyes it is most likely leucistic. Leucism is a partial loss of pigmentation but the eye color remains unaffected. Albinism is a congenital disorder and the eyes would appear pink or red.

White squirrels are actually a mutation of the eastern gray squirrel. It is believed that white squirrels are the result of pet white squirrels that either escaped or were released into the wild. Brevard, North Carolina, seems to have the largest population of white squirrels and goes back to 1949 when a resident received a couple of them as gifts. They escaped and began breeding and now it's estimated that one in three squirrels in Brevard are white. They have become a tourist attraction and are celebrated every year during the White Squirrel Festival.

Another rarity is the black squirrel. Like the white squirrel, black squirrels are actually eastern gray squirrels with a genetic condition called melanism. This condition can occur in many species.

Regardless of the color, a squirrel is a squirrel is a squirrel and the color does not affect its behavior. Right now, squirrels are busy finding and storing food for the winter months. This behavior is called "caching." One interesting study published by the "Royal Society Open Science" says that squirrels actually organize their nut stashes by quality, variety and maybe even preference. Some scientists call this "chunking." The study's senior author, Lucia Jacobs, compared it to the way we organize our groceries, "You might put fruit on one shelf and vegetables on another. Then, when you're looking for an onion, you only have to look in one place, not every shelf in the kitchen."

In order to avoid predators, squirrels will zigzag back and forth. I think we've all seen squirrels trying to cross a street. Instead of running a straight line to safety, they will zigzag and the result often leads to an unhappy ending for the squirrel.

A squirrel's tail not only serves as a blanket in the cold days of winter but is also used as a way to communicate. It can warn other squirrels of danger, is used to help with balance and climbing and is also used during the mating season to attract potential mates.

Gray, brown, black or white, we love them and are fortunate to be able to care for fox squirrels, eastern gray squirrels and flying squirrels.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a 501(c)(3) organization that rehabilitates injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife. Please "like" us on Facebook and visit our website for great information and photos on wildlife.

WIDOW SPIDERS

TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

There are four species of widow spiders found in Texas, the best known being the black widow. Coloration for widow spiders can vary dramatically,

but Southern black widows are typically jet black with two reddishorange triangles on the underside of the abdomen, forming an hourglass shape. The triangles sometimes do not touch each other creating a broken hourglass shape. Males and juveniles are smaller and often show more color, with bright markings on their sides or back.



Females lay eggs in an oval sac which can hold from 25 to over 900 eggs. Depending on temperature and time of year, eggs usually hatch after about 20 days. Spiderlings stay near the egg sac for several days where they consume their brothers and sisters. Survivors throw a thread of silk to the wind and are carried off in a process called "ballooning". They eventually locate a sheltered spot where they build a loosely woven web and remain for the rest of their lives. As time progresses, widows build larger webs to capture larger prey. Males eventually leave their webs to find females for mating. In a natural setting, most females do not eat males after mating.



Widow spiders do not like being in the open. They can often be found outside in protected areas such as rainspouts, shrubbery, firewood piles or unused grills or BBQ pits. It is also possible to find them in garages, cellars, crawl spaces, attics, furniture,

or electric or water meter boxes. Widows are shy creatures and often people are bitten when they accidentally disturb a web.

The bite of a black widow sometimes is not noticed, but when it is,

it often feels like a pin prick. The bite location will have two red marks surrounded by redness and swelling. The bite reaction is systemic and intense pain usually occurs within 1-3 hours and continues for up to 48 hours. Other symptoms include tremors, nausea, vomiting, leg cramps, abdominal pain, profuse perspiration and rise in blood pressure. It is also possible for breathing difficulties and unconsciousness to occur. If bitten by a black widow, immediately seek medical attention.

When working around the house or in the yard, it is best to wear leather gloves to avoid being bitten by venomous arthropods.

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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ANCIENT ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.

In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

By 43 A.D., the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the four hundred years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain.

The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple, and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of "bobbing" for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

HALLOWEEN COMES TO AMERICA

Celebration of Halloween was extremely limited in colonial New England because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies.

As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups as well as the American Indians meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included "play parties," public events held to celebrate the harvest, where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing.

Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the nineteenth century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, America was flooded with new immigrants. These new immigrants, especially the millions of Irish fleeing the Irish Potato Famine, helped to popularize the celebration of Halloween nationally.

In the late 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts, pranks and witchcraft. At the turn of the century, Halloween parties for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, foods of the season and festive costumes.

Parents were encouraged by newspapers and community leaders to take anything "frightening" or "grotesque" out of Halloween celebrations. Because of these efforts, Halloween lost most of its superstitious and religious overtones by the beginning of the twentieth century.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

By the 1920s and 1930s, Halloween had become a secular, but community-centered holiday, with parades and town-wide Halloween parties as the featured entertainment. Despite the best efforts of many schools and communities, vandalism began to plague some celebrations in many communities during this time.

By the 1950s, town leaders had successfully limited vandalism and Halloween had evolved into a holiday directed mainly at the young. Due to the high numbers of young children during the fifties baby boom, parties moved from town civic centers into the classroom or home, where they could be more easily accommodated.

Between 1920 and 1950, the centuries-old practice of trick-ortreating was also revived. Trick-or-treating was a relatively inexpensive way for an entire community to share the Halloween celebration. In theory, families could also prevent tricks being played on them by providing the neighborhood children with small treats.

Thus, a new American tradition was born, and it has continued to grow. Today, Americans spend an estimated \$6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday after Christmas.





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