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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

SEPTEMBER 2018 - ANNUAL MEETING

September is the month of the GLE POA annual meeting. Board member elections are held during this meeting. For this year, five positions were open on the board. Damon Scott and Ryan Blair remain on the board as they were not up for reelection this year. David Martin was reelected to the board. New members elected are Ellen Edwards, Kim Kohlenberger, Kamber McElroy and Savannah Manhold.

Board President Thomas Clare reviewed the year:

- Contracted a single-source trash service
- Replaced flags for all three flag poles
- Installed new digital signs at both gates
- Added security cameras at both gates
- Held numerous social events
- Road repairs, drainage maintenance/improvements
- Digitized all records
- Landscaping improvements with plants, lighting and irrigation
- Purchase of Unrestricted Reserves
- Purchased on-site storage
- Completed annual audit

President Clare also reviewed the financials and updated the community on the projects.

The entire annual meeting agenda 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)
- GLE Playdate (November 6th and November 16th) each 1st Tuesday and 3rd Friday
- BUNCO (November 9th) Ladies Night Out at various homes on each 2nd Friday
- GLE Happy Hour (November 17th)
- Turkey Trot (November 22nd at 8:00)
- Cookie Decorating Class (November 29th at 6:00)

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Ambulance	911
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Montgomery Junior High	936-276-3300
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Kamber McElroy.....	
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- Christmas Wreath Class (December 1st at 3:00 & December 8th at 1:00)
- Cookies with Santa (December 9th at 2:00)
- Poker Night (Date/Location TBD – contact Geoff Goold at g2goold@yahoo.com.)



Come join us for the 2nd annual Turkey Trot and Fun Run on Thanksgiving morning.

Our 'Pi Run' will begin at 8am with two age groups this year, and our 'almost a mile' fun run will begin at 9:30. We will also have hot chocolate and crafts at the park Stay tuned for course details!

We will be collecting nonperishable food donations for the Montgomery County Food Bank, bring those with you or stop by and drop them off even if you are not running!

Flags Across GLE

Our final flag holiday in 2018 is Veteran's Day. **We are now taking renewals for and new subscriptions for 2019** – 100% of this initiative is put back into the community and funds our Easter Eggstravaganza, Ice Cream Socials, Family Fun Nights, July 4th, National Night Out, Turkey Trot and Welcome Wagon!!

Flags are put out on President's Day (Feb), Memorial Day (May), Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July), Patriot's Day - 9/11 (September) and Veteran's Day (Nov)

1 flag is \$40; 2 flags are \$65. You may also choose to have a dedication flag with a sign at the front entrance for \$40.

- If you have a flag, thank you and be sure to renew your flag subscription as your service will only continue if you renew your subscription.
- If you do not have a flag(s), be sure to get your form/check sent in by December 28th as we will need time to get the inserts added before the first flag holiday in 2019.

To subscribe, send your payment with the following completed form to IMC Property Management; checks should be payable to GLE POA with "GLE Flag Fundraiser" noted in the Subject Line

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Your name:

Your address:

I would like to subscribe to (check one):

- ☐ 1 flag for \$40/year
- ☐ 2 flags for \$65/year
- ☐ I would like to sponsor a flag to be displayed in the front of the neighborhood with a sign in honor of _____, 1 flag for \$40/year

Mail to: IMC Property Management ATTN: Tammy Perry, 3500 W. Davis St, Suite 190, Conroe, TX 77304
Make checks payable to: GLE POA ****Put "GLE Flag Fundraiser" in the subject line****

To ensure your flag is present for President's Day, your check needs to be sent no later than **Fri, Dec 28, 2018**
For questions contact grandlakesocial@gmail.com

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HOUSTON METHODIST PRIMARY CARE GROUP IN CONROE

Welcoming Dr. Justin Grissom

Houston Methodist Primary Care Group is pleased to welcome Dr. Justin Grissom, a board-certified family physician who provides primary care with a collaborative approach to help Conroe-area patients in a holistic pursuit of wellness. From acute care of new conditions to fostering relationships to manage chronic illnesses, Dr. Grissom provides a wide range of care for patients of all ages.

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New "Getting Out in the Neighborhood" Groups!

As part of our series of new offerings for the adults in GLE that include an array of classes and get-togethers designed to have a little fun and learn something in the process, below are the upcoming "Getting Out in the Neighborhood Events". For additional information or questions regarding our new events, contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com



Cookie Decorating Classes Learn to make beautiful Christmas Cookies on November 29th at the home of Ellen Edwards 15609 Wesley's Ct.

The class is led by the pros from Little Dream Bakery. It is approximately 2 hours and everything you

need (including supplies, recipes and instruction) will be provided!

Enjoy a fun night out and leave with a goodie bag and 6 cookies you decorated!

Cost of the class is \$40 and will be limited to 15 participants. Contact Ellen Edwards at grandlakesocial@gmail.com to secure your seat.

GLE Happy Hour hosted by Becky Krider on the 3rd Saturday of each month at her home located at 18485 Gary Player. Come by on November 17th at 7:00 and meet new neighbors, connect with friends in GLE and enjoy your favorite beverage...cocktail, beer, glass of wine or soda. These are a relaxed, fun evening away from the kids, open to all of the adults in GLE...individuals and couples.

Christmas Wreath Making

Classes December 1st and December 8th; both classes will be led by Elaine Schultz. December 1st at 3:00 will be at the home of Elaine Schultz (11436 Dan's Place) and December 8th at 1:00 will be at the home of Kim Kohlenberger (11547 Lauren's Way).



Join the festivities and the fun at the Christmas Deco Mesh Wreath class/party! All of your supplies to make a beautiful Christmas wreath

for your front door will be included as well as instruction on how to assemble it! The mesh color, ribbon and sign will vary, but all will be Christmas colors of red, green and white.

The cost of the class is \$40 and payment is required to secure your seat in the class. Each class will be limited to first 8 individuals who pay. Contact Elaine Schutz at grandlakesocial@gmail.com for details.

Freezer Meal Workshops will take place in January, led by Sarah Moyer.

Ease the burden of "what's for dinner" on those busy nights by attending a neighborhood freezer meal workshop. You will receive a grocery list and copy of the recipes we'll be using. There will be a little pre-party preparation at home and then we will put everything together during the workshop.

Be on the lookout for more information! **We are looking for hostesses – if you have a larger kitchen and are interested in hosting a workshop for 6-8 people, please contact Sarah Moyer for additional details at grandlakesocial@gmail.com**

Cookies with Santa!

*Sunday, December 9th
from 2-4pm*

Upper Room Fellowship Church

Avoid the mall lines and come to visit with Santa, eat cookies with Mrs. Claus! Complete a holiday craft, story time, Christmas Cookies Contest, Toy Drive, and enjoy cocoa and cookies!

And of course, don't forget your camera and your list for Santa!



You are welcome to donate raffle

items, cookies and help with the event, please contact Adriana Swanson or Holly Jackson at hollyajackson@live.com.

Christmas Cookie Contest

Are your cookies the best? Then enter them in our Christmas Cookie Contest!

- Cookies will be judged during "Cookies with Santa"
- Bring 2 dozen yummy cookies Dec 9th at Cookies with Santa by 2:00pm.
- All entries must be home baked brought in a disposable container
- All types of cookies are eligible for the contest
- Each entry must include name, phone number and physical GLE address as well as all ingredients used in the recipe
- Must RSVP by Dec. 6th Limited to the first 12 Entries (one entry per address).
- Adults only please

Contact Adriana Swanson or Holly Jackson at hollyajackson@live.com with any questions.

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GLE Getting Social Holiday Decorating Contest

The Grand Lake Estates community is invited to participate in the 2018 GLE Getting Social Holiday Decorating Contest. All interested in participating should have their house and yard decorated by Dec. 16th as the judges will be out Dec. 17th – 20th (please have your decorations on between the hours of 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm). Winners will be announced on the GLE Getting Social FB page on December 21st and will receive a sign to be placed in your yard. Signs will be removed on December 31st.

Residents can also nominate houses by emailing the address to Kim Kohlenberger at kimkohlenberger@gmail.com no later than Dec. 16th. Please include the contest category for which you are nominating the house decorations in the email.

Contest Categories:

- "Best traditional" includes homes that take a more traditional, old fashioned, reminds-me-of-my-childhood approach to decorating; including the use of Christmas lights, yard lights, wooden cutouts, whimsical decorations, holly and bows.
- "Best religious" refers to whatever decorations the resident feels best represents a religious theme.
- "Best use of lights" is the house that has the most excessive and best incorporation of outdoor lighting and decorations overall. Think Clark Griswold.
- "Best doorway" focuses on the home's doorway/entryway decorations that has the best holiday spirit.
- "Best technical" includes homes with computer generated light displays, musical light displays, animated yard decorations, and RGB displays.

November Yard of the Month



The November Yard of the Month is the home of Glenn and Shirley Hoffmeyer located at 11502 Season Lane. The Hoffmeyer's moved to Texas from Stillwater, OK in February 2013 so they could live closer to the kids and grandkids. They chose Grand Lake Estates because of the peaceful setting and the proximity to their children and grandchildren. They have 3 grown boys, 6 grandchildren, and one great grandchild!

Their landscaping consists of both hardwood and softwood trees, various shrubs, seasonal flowers, and ornamentals. They also have a few fun and dramatic plants like the Brugmansia (angel's trumpet) and the Datura (devil's trumpet). Both of these plants bloom large pendulous floral bell-shaped flowers that sway gracefully from sturdy branches. Glenn and Shirley spend around 20 hours each month maintaining their yard, although Glenn credits Shirley with doing most of the work. The favorite part of their yard is the rear deck area as this is where they like to relax and pamper their plants and animals.

The Hoffmeyer's would love to have a greater variety of plants and trees; however, the local deer have a say about what gets planted, but that's OK because they love all the wildlife in the area too!

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

Pumpkin Spice Cake

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups sugar	2 teaspoons soda
2 cups flour	2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 ¼ cups vegetable oil	1 teaspoon ground allspice
4 eggs	1 ½ cups canned pumpkin
1 teaspoon salt	

Mix all ingredients together and bake in a tube pan for one hour at 350 degrees.

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1 stick margarine	1 box powdered sugar
1 large package Philadelphia cream cheese (8 ounce)	
1 teaspoon vanilla	

Mix all ingredients and frost cake.



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By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Who doesn't love seeing the Houston skyline at night, or any big city for that matter? The buildings are all lit up like Christmas trees but did you know that the

lights can have a devastating effect on migrating birds? Digital billboards, floodlights and electric signs can have the same effect on them. About two-thirds of migratory birds travel at night and use the moon and stars to help guide them. The lights disorient them and can cause them to fly in circles and to crash into windows. Over 100 MILLION birds die annually according to Massachusetts Audubon. The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light has come to be called light pollution.

In May of 2017, nearly 400 birds were found dead outside the American National Insurance building in Galveston. Richard Gibbons with Houston Audubon believes the building's lights disoriented them.

For the last three years on September 21st in Portland, Oregon, more than a dozen buildings turned off their lights in observance of Lights Out Portland. The purpose of the event is to call attention to the impact that lights have on migrating birds. The Convention Center has gone a step further and has modified their lighting to be less attractive to birds year round.

Each year on September 11th, New York City remembers those lost with two powerful searchlights aimed towards the heavens near where the World Trade Center once stood. It is called the Tribute in Light. For the past ten years, researchers have tracked millions of migrating birds as they fly across the United States. While analyzing the data, they were stunned to learn that the Tribute in Light attracted and altered the migratory behavior of bird densities up to 150 times their normal levels. It was estimated that this affected 1.1 million birds.

New York City Audubon decided to do something about it. They positioned volunteers called "tribute counters" with binoculars near the base of the tribute. If they reported densities of more than 1,000 birds or if a dead bird was found, the tribute lights were turned off for a short time. This happened for the first time in 2010 and the lights were turned off a total of 5 times during the night of September 11th/12th. Scientists were able to observe on radar the effects of turning off the lights. Once off, the birds resumed their migration heading southwest.

Drs. Farnsworth and Horton, scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, have identified 5 major cities that pose the greatest risk to migrating birds—Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Atlanta and New

York. They used historical records, radar and satellite data to monitor the intensity of light pollution. In addition, they have discovered that over half of the birds migrating across the United States in the fall do so within a 10-day period of time. Scientists from Cornell, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Oxford University are now able to forecast these migration days. These major cities could use this information to extinguish lights to give the birds safe passage. Wouldn't it be great if these cities would use this information and turn out the lights?

Across the country, there are many cities that are now observing "lights out days" during the fall. If your city isn't one of them, contact your city officials. They may not be aware of light pollution. If you're a homeowner, replace those bulbs that are on all night with motion-activated lights.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping you live in harmony with the animals we share our world with. Please check out our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook.

HOW TO CARVE A TURKEY

Whether celebrating the holidays or enjoying a casual dinner, using the right carving technique is essential to getting as many servings from your turkey as possible.

Carving the breast:

- First, allow your cooked turkey to sit for about 20 minutes before starting to carve.
- Beginning halfway up the breast, slice straight down with an even stroke.
- When the knife reaches the cut above the wing joint, the slice should fall free on its own.
- Continue to slice breast meat by starting the cut at a higher point each time.

Drumsticks:

- Cut the band of skin holding the drumsticks.
- Grasp the end of the drumstick, place your knife between the drumstick/thigh and the body of the turkey, and cut through the skin to the joint.
- Remove the entire leg by pulling out and back, using the point of the knife to disjoin it.
- Separate the thigh and drumstick at the joint.

Wings:

- Insert the fork in the upper wing to steady the turkey.
- Make a long horizontal cut above the wing joint through the body frame.
- The wing can be disjointed from the body, if desired.



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