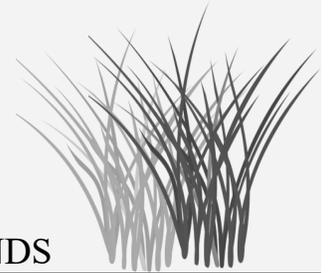


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Community Association Updates

Controlled Access-

The Board and the Controlled Access Committee (CAC) have been reviewing community feedback regarding controlled access. The CAC will present its recommendations to the Board for discussion at the April BOD meeting to address residents' requests. Members are welcome to attend.

Drainage-

All drainage issues identified during the spring inspection have been resolved. The next inspection is scheduled for the fall. In the meantime, the Drainage Committee is preparing to launch the swale rehabilitation project on East Lake Woodlands Parkway between Hunter's Drive and Hunter's Place. This project will also include repairing the asphalt cart path and adding a pedestrian crosswalk across East Lake Woodlands Parkway.

Landscaping-

As we enter spring, the committee is set to begin several landscaping projects.

In the cleared area on Woodlands Drive and Nina Way, a contractor will soon cut down and treat the remaining pepper tree stumps to prevent regrowth. Additionally, the area will be seeded with grass, allowing it to grow alongside natural grasses to create a welcoming habitat for birds to feed and nest.

Woodlands Pkwy. entrance – sod replacement is scheduled for late March/early April for section within the medians at the SunTrust/Truist entrance.

ELWCA and Duke Energy are working with a contractor to have the storm debris removed from the property soon.

The committee continues to find ways to enhance the property.

Roads & Sidewalks-

Green Earth Pressure Washing has done a great job of pressure washing the sidewalks and curbs within the community. It has definitely made a difference.

The committee will be meeting with contractors in April/May to discuss the next areas of sidewalk that will need to be repaired or replaced.

Monument Signs at Tampa Rd. and East Lake Rd.-

All three monument signs and the knee wall at Woodlands Blvd. are scheduled for a refresh. The scope includes the removal of the flag stone, new stucco, paint, architectural enhancements and landscape lighting. The new look will be modern and clean.



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- Replace plantings affected by freezes.
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When a plane enters a region of turbulence (typically caused by eddies), wind shear, updraft or downdraft, or if a layer of ice forms on the wings, the smooth airflow over the wings becomes interrupted and the amount of lift being generated may decrease. This will cause the airplane to lose altitude - often dramatically - until the pilot can correct this situation or the entire plane moves out of the turbulent region. If the plane is at a cruising altitude

this will usually just result in an exciting ride for a very short period of time, and this is one reason why airlines tell passengers to keep their seat belts on while they are seated.

If the airplane runs into this type of turbulence near the ground, such as during takeoff or landing, the situation may be much more severe because the pilot may have very little time to correct the situation before the plane hits the ground. All major airports now have sophisticated Doppler radars installed to detect these dangerous conditions of wind shear near the ground.

Atmospheric turbulence affecting aircraft sometimes occurs when the aircraft is crossing a frontal boundary or when entering or leaving a jet stream. The phenomenon is referred to as clear air turbulence because it usually occurs in clear air with blue skies and therefore little warning to pilots. The most reliable method for pilots to learn about regions where turbulence exists is from reports from other pilots to air traffic controllers or directly to other pilots who are in the air. Air traffic controllers can relay this information to flights in the vicinity.

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If your family would like to purchase a butterfly to add to the mural in the children's garden, please visit ELCL or call 727-773-2665 starting on March 3rd to prepay and reserve a time slot for some painting fun! The suggested minimum is \$25 per butterfly, but any greater amount is gratefully accepted to help expand the children's area.

Brush Lettering: Create Your Own Cards

Sat, 4/5/25 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Discover the art of brush lettering and add a personal touch to your cards! Learn basic lettering techniques and create beautiful cards to keep or give away. Supplies are provided—just bring your creativity!

Money Smarts for Teens: Budgeting & Saving Basics

Mon, 4/7/25 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Empower yourself with essential financial skills! This three-part seminar series will cover budgeting and saving, understanding credit cards and credit scores, and how to avoid scams and navigate renting basics. Each session is interactive and designed to prepare teens for real-life financial challenges.

Teens who attend all three sessions will receive a certificate of completion and a \$10 gift card (e.g., Amazon, Starbucks, etc.) to celebrate their commitment to financial literacy!

Veteran Benefits Info Night with Pinellas County Veterans Services

Wed, 4/9/25 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

With more than 70,000 veterans residing in Pinellas County, the Pinellas County Office of Veterans Services is a vital link to helping residents understand and obtain important government services. The Veterans Services officers provide guidance and assistance to

veterans, their dependents and survivors in applying for benefits provided by the state of Florida and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. There is no fee or cost for submitting an application for VA benefits, and services provided by Veterans Services are also free of charge.

Join Michael P. Swonger, Veterans Services Director, Pinellas County Human Services, as he discusses:

Pinellas County Veterans Services
Service-Connected Disability Compensation
Dependency Indemnity Compensation
VA Pension / Survivors Pension
VA Burial Benefits
Florida Veteran Property Tax Exemptions
Veterans Health Administration Benefits

Adult Field Trip: Bird Banding Demonstration at Hammock Park

Sun, 4/13/25 | 9:30am - 10:30am

Hello, bird enthusiasts!

Adults: for our next field trip, we will be joining Jim McGinity, Environmental Resource Teacher & Master Bird Bander from the Florida Avian Conservation, on Sunday, April 13th, 2025, for a Bird Banding Demonstration. You might remember him from our Backyard Birding presentation at the library in 2024.

The Bird Banding Demonstration at Hammock Park is a come-and-go event from 8am-12pm. However! The library will have their own field trip group (limit of 20 registrants) that will join the event from 9:30am-10:30am. Patrons are free to stay longer if they please.

Introduction to Tai Chi

Mon, 4/14/25 | 12:00pm - 12:45pm

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Stretching:

The Somatic Way

Fri, 4/18/25 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Somatic flexibility technique is a gentle-release practice that retrains the brain to allow the muscles to let go, release tension and relax. Using slow, focused movements, this form of healing is a way of re-educating the way our brain senses and moves our muscles.

If you have back pain, headaches, general stiffness or posture issues, this class could help you! Over time you will begin to feel more balanced and more free in your mind and body! Join us! Bring your own mat and yoga blocks.

Advance Care Planning with Empath Health

Tue, 4/22/25 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Empath Health's My Life, My Choice Advance Care Planning is a thoughtful process to share and document your decisions for life-prolonging procedures and interventions when you are unable to speak and unlikely to recover. This is a valuable tool helps your family through this difficult time, giving them the information and peace they need to confidently carry out your wishes.

Learning about the options available to you. Reflecting on your values, cultural and spiritual beliefs, and treatment preferences and goals. Discussing your wishes with loved ones and healthcare providers. Choosing a decision maker and documenting your wishes in a legal document called a living will. Sharing copies of your plan with your healthcare surrogate, loved ones and providers. Visit <https://empathhealth.org/advance-care-planning/> to learn more.

State of the Bay: Tampa Bay Estuary Program

Wed, 4/23/25 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Did you know about the Tampa Bay Estuary Program?

The Tampa Bay Estuary Program's mission is to build partnerships to restore and protect Tampa Bay through implementation of a scientifically sound, community-based management plan. Collaborating with scientists and decision makers, TBEP monitors progress in achieving the goals of the community's plan for a healthy Tampa Bay. Maya Burke, TBEP Assistant Director, will summarize the state of nutrient pollution, harmful algal blooms, and water quality; trends in habitats and land use, including seagrasses, mangroves, oysters, tidal creeks (and more!); and recommend ways the community can help protect Tampa Bay. Join us for this exciting presentation in celebration of Earth Day 2025 this week (Tue, Apr 22, 2025).

Sunday Concert Series - The Vocalitas

Sun, 4/27/25 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Experience dazzling close-harmony swing era and 1950's sounds fused with popular hits of today. Tickets are \$15 and include refreshments after the performance. This event is hosted by the Friends of East Lake community Library.

Teen Silent Book Club

Tue, 4/29/25 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Love reading but not the pressure of book discussions? Join our Teen Silent Book Club! Bring your current read or pick one from the library, and enjoy some quiet reading time with other book lovers. End the session by sharing your thoughts (if you want!) and discovering new books to read.



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If you've been on the fence about selling, now is the time to evaluate your home's worth and take advantage of strong buyer demand.



Mortgage Rates Are Expected to Drop

Mortgage rates are forecasted to fall to around 6.3% by the end of 2025, with recent data showing a three-week decline in 30-year mortgage rates. Lower rates encourage more buyers to enter the market, boosting demand for homes and increasing seller advantages.

New Construction is Booming

New construction is expected to rise significantly in Tampa Bay. While this is good for buyers, it also means more competition for existing home sellers. Listing sooner rather than later could help you sell before new homes flood the market.

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When: April 30, 2025

Where: The Clubhouse at Ardea Country Club

Time: 11:30 to 1:00 PM

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Tampa Home Values Continue to Appreciate

NEWS FOR HOMEOWNERS

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A BALANCED MARKET

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MAXIMIZE YOUR WORTH

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Wed, 4/30/25 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join Chef Warren as he shares dozens of kitchen tips, cooking hints and humorous anecdotes about the joys and challenges of Middle Eastern cooking for two. Chef Warren will explore and demonstrate fresh, bold and flavorful, favorites like shakshuka, falafel, shawarma, and tabouli and will show you how these wonderful dishes can be part of a healthy repertoire.

Chef Warren will end the presentation with a cooking demonstration, preparing a healthy Middle Eastern entrée that anyone can replicate in their own home in less than 15 minutes.

East Lake Real Estate Forum and Homeowner Seminar: Insights, Education, Community

Thu, 5/1/25 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm

A panel of local experts will present a panel discussion to help you navigate the real estate maze. Are you interested in selling? Downsizing? Worried about interest rates, capital gain taxes, etc.? This is the place to get your questions answered. Space is limited - Pre-registration will be available through Eventbrite on March 17th. Wine and finger foods will be served.

Non-Profits Open House/Volunteer Fair

Sat, 5/10/25 | 10:00am - 1:00pm

East Lake non-profit organizations are hosting an Open House/Volunteer Fair to learn more about what our community has to offer and provide a way to give back through volunteering opportunities in a variety of local agencies. Have a few hours to spare each week or want to earn service hours for Bright Futures Scholarships? Have some

extra time this summer to help out? Here's the event you won't want to miss!

Mah Jongg

Tue, 5/6/25 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Whether you are an experienced player or newbie, now is your chance to play Mah Jongg at the library!

Experienced players will be on hand to teach those new to the game. Sign-up required for each session. Please bring your own Mah Jongg sets, if you have them.

The club will meet on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted on the library calendar.

Please be aware that this is a library-sponsored program open to all levels of play. If you are an experienced player who prefers to play only with those at his/her level, then this program is not for you. Our goal is to provide a welcome environment for all who wish to participate, learn, and improve their skills.

ELCL Annual East Lake High School Art Show

Fri, 5/16/25 | 6:00pm - 7:15pm

Join us for our annual East Lake High School Art Show!

Eileen Iacobucci, Visual Arts Teacher at East Lake High School, will lead the showcase while students and their guardians will be present to showcase their work.

This event is free and open to the public. Join us as we support our local ELHS artists!

The Tampa Bay History Center Presents: "Tampa's Got the Blues"

Wed, 5/21/25 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

From the 1920s to the 1960s Central Avenue was an exciting place for musical entertainment. Many well-known blues and jazz artists played on the "Chitlin Circuit," which included Tampa. Famous entertainers such as Tampa Red, Ray Charles and others got their start right here. And celebrities like James Brown, B.B. King, Ella Fitzgerald, and many more, performed on Central Avenue. Come hear their sounds and stories.

Tree Pruning with Pinellas County Public Works Urban Forestry and Landscapes Services

Fri, 5/23/25 | 10:30am - 11:30am

May is a good time to introduce summer storm season prep such as recognizing tree risk and corrective pruning. Just in time for storm season, Urban Forestry and Landscapes Services will present on tree pruning best practices, just in time for storm season.

Flower Arranging and Faux Calligraphy with House of Petals Co. and Inky Fingers Calligraphy

Wed, 5/28/25 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us for a hands-on Flower Arranging Class with House of Petals Co! Learn the art of floral design from expert florists, using fresh, seasonal blooms to create a stunning arrangement to take home. Whether you're a beginner or a flower enthusiast, this fun and interactive class will teach you pro tips on color pairing, texture, and styling. Once your bouquet is complete, you'll have a short lesson in faux calligraphy so that you can decorate a paper carrier to hold the flowers. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity!



Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Summary of Citations and Warnings

JANUARY 2025				FEBRUARY 2025			
Requested Patrols	9	Filled: 9	Not Filled: 0	Requested Patrols	9	Filled: 9	Not Filled: 0
CITATIONS	WARNINGS	VIOLATION		CITATIONS	WARNINGS	VIOLATION	
	8	Stop sign		3	16	Stop sign	
	4	Speeding over 15+		1	19	Speeding over 1-15+	
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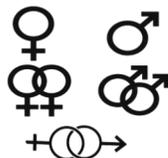
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East Lake Fire Rescue Offers Essential Tips for Wildfire Safety and Prevention

As Florida enters peak wildfire season, East Lake Fire Rescue reminds residents to take proactive steps to protect their homes and communities. Wildfires can spread rapidly, especially during dry and windy conditions, making preparedness crucial.

Preventing Wildfires

Most wildfires are caused by human activity, meaning prevention is key. Follow these safety tips to reduce the risk:

- Be mindful with outdoor recreational fires. Always check local regulations and never leave a fire unattended.
- Properly dispose of cigarettes: Never discard smoking materials on the ground or out of a car window.
- Use equipment safely: Sparks from lawnmowers, chainsaws, and vehicles can ignite dry vegetation. Keep equipment maintained and avoid using it during extreme heat or wind.
- Create defensible space: Keep a 30-foot safety zone around your home by clearing dry leaves, pine needles, and dead vegetation.

Protecting Your Home

Taking a few simple precautions can help safeguard your home against wildfire:

- Trim trees and shrubs: Maintain a safe distance between branches and your home, and remove dead or overhanging limbs.
- Use fire-resistant materials: Consider non-combustible roofing, siding, and fencing to reduce fire spread.
- Keep gutters clean: Remove dry debris that could ignite from flying embers.

- Ensure accessibility: Clearly mark your address, and maintain wide, clear driveways for emergency vehicles.

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- Maintain fire department access: Ensure all access roads maintain a minimum vertical clearance of 13 feet 6 inches and a minimum of 20 feet clear width. This is necessary to allow emergency vehicles, especially fire trucks, to pass through without obstruction by trimming trees and removing any obstructions.
- Address numbers: Shall be 12-inch numbers on all multi-family and commercial buildings with a contrasting background.
- Fire hydrant clearance: Provide a clear space of at least 5 feet in front and 3 feet behind and to the sides.
- Ensure accessibility: Ensure all gates are maintained in good working condition and provide fire department access.

Be Ready to Evacuate

In the event of a wildfire, having a plan can save lives:

- Prepare an emergency kit: Include essential supplies such as food, water, medications, important documents, and a change of clothes.
- Have multiple evacuation routes: Know more than one way out of your neighborhood in case roads are blocked.
- Sign up for alerts: Stay informed through local emergency notifications and follow official evacuation orders.

Wildfire prevention and preparedness are community efforts. By taking these steps, residents can help reduce the risk of wildfires and protect their homes. For more information, visit East Lake Fire Rescue's website or follow us on social media.

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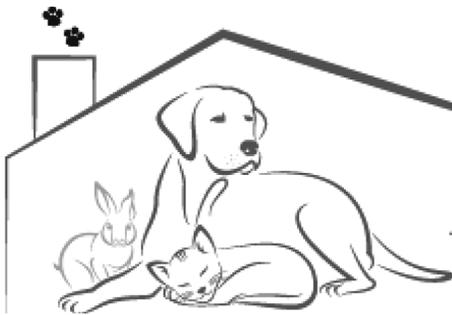
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Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funds (CDBG-DR)

Last updated on January 30, 2025

Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Overview of Allocation

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) directly awarded Pinellas County funding to support long-term recovery efforts following Hurricanes Helene and Milton. **These funds are designated to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income households and communities.** Each CDBG-DR activity must address a disaster-related impact (direct or indirect), be a CDBG eligible activity, and meet a CDBG national objective.

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Total Pinellas County CDBG-DR Direct Allocation

CDBG-DR funding supports disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas, according to HUD. These funds are designated to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income households and communities. No program allocations have been made at this time. Pinellas County will announce opportunities for public input on developing an action plan for these funds in the near future. Identifying how to best use the funds and starting programs to distribute them is expected to take

several months. Stay tuned for more information. Additional questions, contact **Matthew Spoor**, Pinellas County Administration, recovery@pinellas.gov, 727-464-4600. I have been provided the dates for the public hearings and wanted to provide you with the information.

Pinellas County CDBG-DR Public Hearings 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

South County – April 7th

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North County – April 24th

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Swallow Tailed Kites • *Barbara Walker*

Swallow-tailed kites used to nest in 21 states and are now down to 7. Florida carries the population of this species in the United States. They are not considered endangered, but they are a species of greatest conservation need, particularly due to their diverse diet and their long migration. They arrive on their natal territories in early March. Seen often in 3's, they drift effortlessly through the air, using their tail as a rudder. Females will perch early in the morning to preen, and males deliver lizards for breakfast. The third bird is often seen with them and acts as a helper or back up during nesting season. Found in some of the tallest trees, their nests sway in the air at around 110 feet. Usually, they are located within cypress domes. Their favorite tree is the loblolly pine. Sturdier slash pines are sometimes used as well, a choice that bodes well for the nest during our windier season. Incubation starts in early April. By June, the kids have fledged if the nest has not failed due to weather or owls. Parents teach the young the hunting route. They are incredibly social birds and are known to check on their neighbors as well. Where there is one kite nest, there are likely more kite nests. They are known to take baby birds, snakes, lizards, baby turkeys, bats, rodents, dragonflies, frogs, wasps and many other insects. Uniquely, for a species that migrates to South America, after the young have learned the territory, they often head north towards agricultural areas to fatten up on insects. Hundreds of kites will gather where rich food supplies exist. Swallow-tailed kites have the spongier stomachs of all raptors because they eat so many stinging insects. This makes them beneficial to our crops. Once they reach their desired weight, they gather in groups by the hundreds at various areas throughout the state as they stage for migration. Late summer they begin to cross the Gulf of America/Mexico towards the Yucatan Peninsula. They go deep into South American and intermingle with a non-migratory group of swallow-tailed kites. Fires in the Amazon benefit the kites as they are known to skirt the edges of the fires to catch escaping prey. They then turn around and sail back. Many kites are seen in East Lake as they nest throughout the preserve and Pinellas County. Join Tampa Bay Raptor Rescue on April 5th, 10:30am, at Brooker Creek Preserve to meet Sunshine and Tory, two beautiful Swallow-tailed Kites that live at Moccasin Lake Nature Park. The program is sponsored by Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve.



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Easter Scavenger Hunt

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- Roses are red, violets are blue, look in the place, where u keep your shoes (shoe cupboard/rack)
- Let's escape to a fairytale today, Cinderella or little Miss Hubbard! Your clue is hidden in the....(cupboard)
- Pens and pencils, books and lunch you'll find me here I have a hunch (School bag)
- I have four legs but cannot walk; you sit at me, when using your knife and fork! (Stick under the kitchen/dining table)
- Scrape the scraps off your plate; this

machine cleans them just as great! (Dishwasher)

- Ring ring time to rise and shine. (Near the alarm clock)
- You've been at this for some time, now you're getting the rhythm your next egg/clue is hidden behind your favorite games system! (Playstation, Xbox, Wii)
- Cozy and Warm you rest your head (Your Bed)
- Leafy and green is where I can be seen (Plants)
- I love to see my reflection – I am such a pretty egg (Near the mirror)
- Soaking, soapy, sudsy bubbles, if you don't find me I will be in trouble. (Bath)
- I have two wheels that spin, ride it fast and you may win, you choose the direction, but wear a helmet for protection! (Near their bike)
- Come find me before 'the mouse' eats me! (Computer)
- If I take a spin I will come out all clean again (Washing machine, laundry room)

- If the Easter bunny left you a letter – where might you find it (Mailbox)
- I play in it at the beach or in the yard, but there's no need to build castle (Near or in the sandbox)
- Check the desk, on a top-row shelf.
- I'll bet you can find the clue by yourself. (Desk)
- A rubber ducky says rub-a-dub-dub.? (Bath)
- You'll find in your closet a basket, now GO!
It's been hiding in there the whole time, don't you know? (Closet/wardrobe)
- You sit on me all day, sometimes you even lay, I'm where you watch T.V. I'm very easy to see (Couch)
- I'm always cold, I'm never hot, you keep food here, I'm always near (Refrigerator)
- In the room we bake a pie, where do we look out to see the sky? Your next clue you will spy. (Put the next clue on the kitchen window)
- Look, oh look see, and yourself you will see. And when you do, you will find your next clue. (Mirror)
- Sweaty and stinky this hunt has made you, don't give up. To clean yourself this is where you'll need to go, (Bathroom)
- This is close to where you sleep, you might keep toys under here, there are no monster here as you see, you will find something and say "YIPEE!" (Under bed)
- The numbers 1 to 12 are here, take a look for some Easter cheer. (Clock)
- I have 4 legs, but cannot walk. You may sit and me and use your knife and fork. (Dinner table)
- If eggs are what you are looking to find, take a look in the paper you unwind. (Toilet roll)
- The next Easter egg will be found with ease If you get a sudden urge to sneeze (In a box of tissues)

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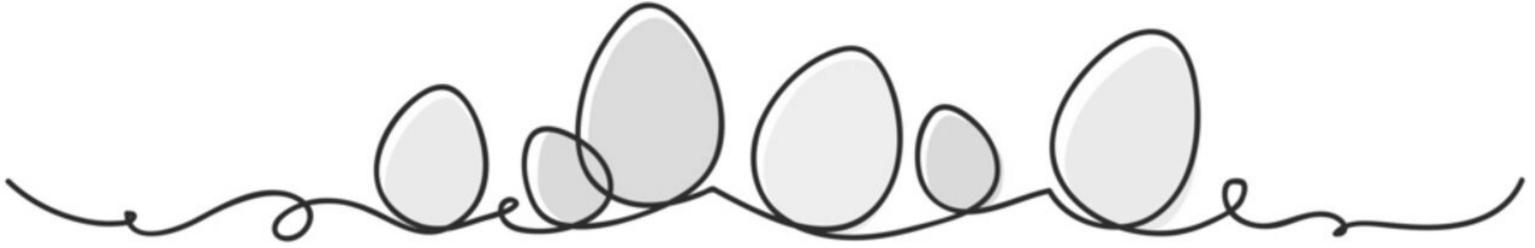


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Greetings, East Lake Woodlands Neighbors! The Spring Market is Here!

In February/March, on our listings (all markets), we saw a significant increase in showings and offers. **ELW MARKET STATS (past 90 days, as of 3/22/25):**

ACTIVE listings (16): \$459,000 (1,666 SF/no pool) - \$2,295,000 (5,592 SF/pool); **PENDING listings (5):** \$445,000 (1,474 SF/no pool) - \$780,000 (2,809 SF / pool); **SOLD listings:** \$639,000 (2,628 SF/no pool) - \$1,160,000 (4,295 SF/pool). **Buyer CLOS. COST CONCESSIONS:** 37% of SOLD listings (19); **AVG. DAYS ON MARKET** (all 40 listings) : 72 days (range=0-391 days). All data varies based on location/view, condition, upgrades, pool/no pool, lot size, roof/HVAC age, etc.

As Engel & Völkers advisors, we are local market experts surrounded by a vast local, national and global network that can reach buyers and markets spanning **6 continents, 35 countries, 1,000+ offices and 16,500+ agents**. And, as local market experts, we can help you determine the value of your unique home.

**** PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:** Remember to call us for recommended contractors. Our last client paid <\$6,000 for their new HVAC system! ******

East Lake Woodlands (Past 90 Days as of 3/23/2025) - Top 5 Active, Pending & Sold Listings (SFHs only)

#	MLS ID	Status	Subdivision	Address	SF	List Price ↑	LP/SqFt	Contract Date	ExpClosDate	Sold Date ↓	Sold Price	ClosCosts	SP/SFT	DOM	Built	BE	FB	HB	Gar	Pool	WtrVw	Acres
1	TB8321611	ACT	MUIRFIELD	1942 MUIRFIELD WAY	5,592	\$2,295,000	\$410.41							112	2002	5	4	2	3	Private	Yes	0.36
2	TB8355654	ACT	TURTLE CREEK L	4906 TURTLE CREEK TRL	3,589	\$1,299,000	\$361.94							24	1992	5	3	0	3	Private	Yes	0.39
3	TB8355431	ACT	TURTLE CREEK L	30 STANTON CIR	3,022	\$1,199,000	\$396.76							23	1989	4	4	0	3	Private	No	1.00
4	TB8347782	ACT	DEERPATH UNIT	70 DEERPATH DR	4,186	\$1,099,000	\$262.54							45	1986	4	4	1	3	Private	No	0.52
5	TB8314707	ACT	SILVERTHORNE	4944 SILVERTHORNE CT	3,252	\$999,500	\$307.35							149	1991	4	3	1	2	Private	Yes	0.31
6	TB8343789	PND	ABERDEEN UNIT	1598 LOCKMEADE PL	3,300	\$1,049,900	\$318.15	03/07/2025	05/05/2025					38	1995	4	3	1	3	Private	No	0.33
7	TB8353998	PND	ABERDEEN UNIT	1354 FORESTEDGE BLVD	3,175	\$950,000	\$299.21	03/01/2025	04/15/2025					1	1992	4	3	0	3	Private	No	0.33
8	T3547091	PND	ABERDEEN UNIT	4969 KILKENNEY WAY	2,809	\$780,000	\$277.68	02/13/2025	05/13/2025					180	1989	4	3	0	3	Private	No	0.40
9	TB8338188	PND	EAST LAKE WOO	465 FOREST PARK RD	2,021	\$549,900	\$272.09	02/25/2025	04/15/2025					40	1979	3	2	0	2	Comm	No	0.28
10	U8236382	PND	CROSS CREEK	4807 EDGE PARK DR	1,474	\$445,000	\$301.90	01/20/2025	04/15/2025					286	1994	2	2	0	2	Comm	No	0.13
11	TB8337074	SLD	TURTLE CREEK L	4919 TURTLE CREEK TRL	3,624	\$1,299,000	\$358.44	01/12/2025	02/14/2025	02/14/2025	\$1,299,000	0	\$358.44	2	1993	4	3	1	3	Private	No	1.72
12	U8254858	SLD	TURTLE CREEK L	4902 TURTLE CREEK TRL	3,480	\$1,200,000	\$344.83	11/07/2024	01/17/2025	01/17/2025	\$1,050,000	0	\$301.72	75	1992	5	4	0	3	Private	Yes	0.39
13	TB8302302	SLD	ABERDEEN UNIT	1299 COVERSTONE CT	4,295	\$1,179,000	\$274.51	02/18/2025	03/18/2025	03/18/2025	\$1,160,000	28,000	\$270.08	135	1991	5	5	1	3	Private	No	0.52
14	TB8332428	SLD	ABERDEEN UNIT	1306 FORESTEDGE BLVD	2,872	\$1,100,000	\$383.01	01/15/2025	02/21/2025	02/21/2025	\$1,050,000	0	\$365.60	8	1992	4	3	0	3	Private	No	0.33
15	T3513235	SLD	SILVERTHORNE	4884 SILVERTHORNE CT	3,438	\$1,024,900	\$298.11	11/26/2024	12/23/2024	12/23/2024	\$965,000	27,500	\$280.69	182	1999	4	3	0	3	Private	Yes	0.30

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