

Eagle Lake Police Department Report

The Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) reported the following calls and cases for the week ending March 12.

March 5

At 11 am, Lt. Wendy Alley spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a possible missing person. The caller was referring to the proper jurisdiction to file a report.

At 4:20 pm, Officer John Sebastian was dispatched to the 1600 block of E. Main St. in regards to a past disturbance. Information was received.

At 9:52 pm, Officer Wayne Coleman was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

March 6

At 12:45 pm, Officer John Sebastian was dispatched to the 400 block of Lakeside Drive in regards to a burglary. Case open for investigation.

At 2:45 pm, Officer Sebastian provided a funeral escort.

At 3:10 pm, Sgt. S. D. Nelson was dispatched to the 100 block of S. McCarty St. in regards to a vehicle accident. Investigation completed.

At 3:22 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 400 block of W. Prairie St. in regards to a 9-1-1 hang-up. All was found to be in order.

At 5:40 pm, 5:40 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 700 block of "D" St. in regards to a 9-1-1 hang-up. All was found to be in order.

March 7

At 10:31 am, Officer Brandon Wilson provided a funeral escort.

At 2:08 pm, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 1000 block of Willis St. in regards to a 9-1-1 hang-up. All was found to be in order.

At 5:30 pm, Sgt. David Wiese spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a suspicious person. Information was received.

At 7:24 pm, Sgt. Wiese was dispatched to the 600 block of Seventh St. in regards to a past disturbance. Information was

received.

March 8

At 3:09 am, Officer Shady Elsabee checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 1000 block of Raezer St. All was found to be in order.

At 12:07 pm, Officer Wilson provided a funeral escort.

At 1:10 pm, Chief W. E. Lattimore spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a suspicious person. Information was received.

At 4:06 pm, Sgt. Wiese was dispatched to the intersection of "D" and Seventh Streets in regards to a disturbance. Case open for investigation.

At 4:24 pm, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the city limits on Hwy 90A in regards to a reckless driver coming in to town. The described vehicle was located, no violations were observed.

At 5:56 pm, Officer Elsabee was dispatched to the 1000 block of East "B" St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 7:05 pm, Officer Elsabee was dispatched to 600 block of Seventh St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

March 9

At 12:16 pm, Officer Sebastian met with a complainant in the 1600 block of E. Main St. in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 4:08 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the intersection of Cat Spring Road and Melody Lane in regards to a stalled school bus.

At 4:45 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 500 block of Keith St. in regards to an unwanted person. Information was received.

At 7:16 pm, Officer Coleman checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of West "A" St. All was found to be in order.

At 8:30 pm, Sgt. Nelson met with a comp. in the 100 block of N. McCarty St. in regards to suspicious activity. Information was received.

At 9 pm, Officer Coleman located a vehicle in the ditch in the

100 block of E. Waverly St. Coleman stood by while the vehicle was removed.

At 11:08 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 1600 block of E. Main St. in regards to an activated alarm. All was found to be in order.

March 10

At 3:21 am, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 200 block of N. Lake St. in regards to loud music. No music was located.

At 11:49 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 600 block of Tate St. in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 12:57 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 500 block of S. Austin Road in regards to a past assault. Case open for investigation.

At 4:38 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 700 block of Sempres St. in regards to a loose dog. Information was received.

At 5:19 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to a gas drive off. Information was received.

At 6:46 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 300 block of Allen St. in regards to harassment. Information was received.

At 7 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 300 block of Allen St. in regards to attempted criminal mischief. Information was received.

At 7:12 pm, Officer Coleman arrested 24 year-old Cornelius Ashton on an outstanding criminal trespass warrant issued by Judge Francis TRUPD in connection with an ELCPD investigation. Ashton was processed at the PD and transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) for confinement.

At 9:02 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 300 block of Church St. in regards to a smell of smoke coming from a B-B-Q pit. Information was received.

At 9:09 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 600 block of McCreary St. in regards to a welfare concern. All was found to be in order.

At 9:31 pm, Officer Coleman

was dispatched to the 400 block of S. Austin Road in regards to a past disturbance. Information was received.

March 11

At 3:45 am, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 100 block of E. Waverly St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 5:27 am, Officer Coleman checked on a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of S. Austin Road. All was found to be in order.

At 1:34 pm, Officer Sebastian spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a possible assault. Information was received.

At 4:21 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 800 block of Campbell Road in regards to loud music. The music was turned down.

At 4:58 pm, Sgt. Nelson was flagged down by a comp. in regards to harassment. Information was received.

At 8:13 pm, Sgt. Nelson initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of McCarty and Main Streets. 31 year-old Mark Glover was arrested for driving while license suspended. Glover was processed at the PD and transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 9:47 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 1400 block of North St. in regards to loud music. The music was turned down.

At 10:22 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 1600 block of E. Main St. in regards to an activated alarm. All was found to be in order.

At 11:33 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 700 block of N. McCarty St. in regards to a suspicious person. The described person was not located.

March 12

At 6:49 am, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 500 block of Cemetery St. in regards to a power outage. AEP was notified.

At 7:10 am, Officer Wilson was dispatched to Calhoun Road in regards to a minor vehicle accident. The investigation was turned over to a DPS Trooper.

At 7:35 am, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 500 block of "C" St. in regards to a tree in the street. The tree was removed.

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Dangers Of Soil Compaction

Soil Compaction destroys soil structure, thus increasing density, carbon dioxide concentrations (plant roots need oxygen to live and grow) and heat build-up. Additionally, it creates surface runoff rather than allowing water to penetrate the roots.

Compaction subsequently decreases the amount of large pore space available, as well as oxygen in the soil, water penetration, and nutrient influx.

When compaction increases soil density, root elongation is inhibited, causing poor development of root systems essential for summer survival.

This damage is more severe in drier, heavier soils.

Plant roots need oxygen to survive, and as the density of a compacted soil increases, carbon dioxide and other toxic gasses do not readily move from the root system.

Their concentration can build up to the point that they actually become toxic to the root.

Compaction is very much a surface phenomenon affecting mainly the top four inches of soil. Compacted soils do not allow rapid water penetration, causing increased runoff.

This means that more irrigation is necessary to adequately soak compacted areas to get water to the root-feeding zone during times of drought stress.

Compacted soils are hotter in the summer and colder in the winter because of the conductivity of tight soil particles.

Lower temperatures in the spring could result in less root growth, delayed green-up and even winter-kill.

Porosity of compacted soil is less. Both the numbers of pores and their size are decreased. Small pores in soil are usually filled with water, so water begins to replace air in a compacted soil.

In the absence of air, plant root cannot actively absorb nutrients, causing plant decline.

Pathogenic fungi organisms thrive in higher soil temperatures in the presence of a lack of oxygen.

Thus, the probability of summer disease problems is increased in a compacted soil. Weeds that can persist in low oxygen soils can gain the competitive edge over desirable grasses and take over.

Managing turf to minimize the

negative effects of compaction is important.

Management considerations that are helpful in this regard include aeration, traffic control, water management, soil modification, efforts to both improve drainage and irrigation design, and turf grass selection.

Core aeration is extremely beneficial in increasing air exchange, water infiltration rates, water retention, nutrient penetration and thatch decomposition.

It also decreases surface runoff, therefore increasing water-use efficiency while reducing total irrigation requirements.

Warm-season grasses such as St. Augustine and Bermuda can be beneficially aerified from the time they green-up until the time they go dormant in the fall.

Once-a-month aeration on heavily trafficked Bermuda grass would not be detrimental.

Total number of aerifications per year needs to be linked to fertility levels and amount of traffic.

Two to five aerifications per year should be considered average for heavily-trafficked turf.

Minimizing traffic whenever possible is important. Minimizing traffic when soil is wet is critical because compaction damage is greater on a wet soil than on a dry soil.

Timing irrigation to allow adequate time for drainage prior to traffic can be a critical factor in reducing compaction damage.

To determine if you ground is compact simply try and push a large screw driver or piece of rebar into the ground and if it goes down into the soil easy you do not have a compaction problem.

If you cannot push the large screw driver or rebar into the ground very deep then you have a compacted layer and aeration will benefit the soil.

Early Fungus Prevention Tips For Your Yard

Things to do now to prevent fungicide problems in the summer (March 1-March 31). Apply preventative fungicide treatments, compost treatments or Sphagnum peat moss at one 3.5 cubic bale per 1000 square feet to lawns that have a history of Take-All Patch Fungus.

Research shows that preventative treatments applied when soil temperature range between 60-65 will be more effective than treating after visual symptoms appear in mid-summer or after winter kill in the spring.

Recommended fungicides include azoxystrobin (Heritage), fenarimol (Rubigan), propiconazole (Banner Maxx or Fertilome Liquid Systemic Fungicide), or myclobutanil (Immunox). Water the lawn thoroughly after treatments.

If Brown patch develops treat with fungicides such as PCNB (terraclor), mancozeb, myclobu-

tanil (Immunox), propiconazole (Fertilome Liquid Fungicide), or thiophanate-methyl (Fertilome Halt or Scott's Lawn Fungus).

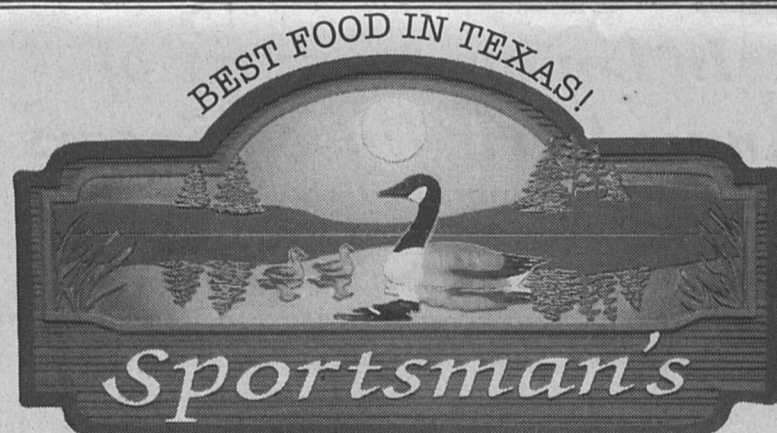
If herbicides were not used to control grassy and broadleaf weeds begin mowing at lowest mower setting to prevent shading of turfgrass in transition.

Be cautious with St. Augustine that may have thatch problems. This is also a good time to aeriate your lawns.

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