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Addressing Our Community and Its Resources

Because April is the month that we mail out the ECIA Annual Report, this issue of *Vistas* is largely a community-events-only edition.

By way of some news, Eldorado's **Bill Dunning** attended the February 28 town hall meeting in the Railroad Building and reported that water and solar power were featured prominently in the discussions.

ECIA Board member **David Perlmutter** said Eldorado Area Water & Sanitation District is negotiating for access to county water as a back-up for Eldorado's summer needs.

Monte Ogdahl of New Mexico Solar Energy Association explained that tax credits for installing solar residential units will disappear in a few years, but new equipment is constantly improving. **Ray Nichols** urged a balance between large solar arrays and neighborhood aesthetics. After some discussion, moderator **Jan Pietrzak** suggested a future public roundtable on Eldorado solar installations.

Santa Fe Community College plans a Solar Fiesta on April 26. The ECIA is sponsoring a clean-up day for Earth Day on April 19, 9 AM to noon (see story below).

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Thanks to everyone who responded to the request in the March *Vistas* to weigh in on the proposed oil transfer station in Lamy and the proposed connection of the EAWS system to the county water system. Out of 40 responses received, 36 directly addressed the oil in Lamy issue and all were opposed to the establishment of an oil transfer station. Most of these cited concern for heavy traffic on the area's narrow roads, and the danger of spills. Twenty-six of the responses addressed the water connection issue. Of these, 22 were in favor of connecting the two water systems and 3 were against. Those in favor generally argued that an alternative water source would be valuable in an emergency, while those opposed argued that county water being drawn from the Rio Grande is unsuitable because of pollutants and possible contamination from Department of Energy storage sites in Los Alamos County.

In another article, we offered members an opportunity to opt out of receiving printed copies of *Vistas* and getting the information electronically. By mid-month, we had received requests from 30 households to opt out.

**ECIA Board Meeting,
Community Center
Railroad Bldg.
Thurs.,
April 17,
7 pm.**

IN THE COMMUNITY

Candidate Forum April 16

The second ECIA Board candidate forum will be held on April 16 at the Performance Space in La Tienda from 7 to 9 PM. Come listen to the candidates discuss/debate issues important to the community.

2014 Earth Day Road Clean-Up

The ECIA, in cooperation with the ECIA Conservation Committee, will again be sponsoring a clean-up of roads in Eldorado on Saturday, April 19, from 9 AM to noon. To make this happen, we are asking individuals or groups to adopt a road (or roads) in Eldorado to clean up on that date. In years past, we have had as many as 100 volunteers, and with 90 miles of roads to cover, we are looking for as many volunteers as possible. This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and to help maintain Eldorado's natural beauty, which we all so cherish.

If you are interested in participating, please call **Mark** or **Marilyn** at the ECIA at 466-4248 and let us know what roads you are offering to clean up on that

date. The ECIA will provide gloves, garbage bags, safety vests, and water, which can be picked up either Friday April 18 or Saturday morning at 8:30 at the ECIA Community Center. We hope that you can join us to help keep Eldorado Beautiful! *—The ECIA Staff*

Lifeguards Needed

ECIA is looking for certified lifeguards for summer pool duty. Applicants must show their Social Security card, driver's license and Red Cross certification. To apply, get an application at the ECIA Office or call 466-4248.

Spring Garden Fair May 3

On Saturday, May 3, from 10 AM to 4 PM, the Santa Fe Master Gardener Association will host the 10th Annual Spring Garden Fair at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds at 3229 Rodeo Rd. Admission is free for this day of exciting speakers, demonstrations, and exhibits. On offer will be tool sharpening, food vendors, plus an "Ask a Master Gardener" station for answering your gardening questions. Youngsters will have fun at the Jr. Gardener Corner, while a "Garden Shop" browse might uncover a

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treasure. Of course, the "Best Plant Sale in Santa Fe!" returns, so come join the fun. For more information, visit SFMGA.org.

Learn Self Care at Qigong Workshop

Qigong ("Chee-gung") is an ancient Chinese healing art, somewhat similar to Tai Chi. Movements are slow, meditative, and serve to balance the body's organ systems. Qigong is a gentle method of improving overall health, vitality, and life force; its benefits include increased stamina and immunity, improved balance and strength, improvement in memory through blood circulation, among others. It is complementary to yoga and other healing practices.

As a way to introduce Qigong to a wider audience, a workshop is being held on Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM until 12 noon. Cost is \$25 for pre-registrants, \$30 at the door. The workshop will be held at the Aspen Ballet studio at La Tienda.

The workshop will include both verbal instruction and physical practice. Chairs will be provided if needed. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, or cushion, and perhaps a beverage and snack for mid-morning break. Bring your questions too.

For additional information and pre-registration, contact instructor Rose Allen at 503-961-2242, Qi@TheWayOfQigong.com.

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April Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email marilyn@eldoradosf.org with your meeting/event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 3rd of the month for publication in the following month's Vistas. Please include "Attn: Vistas" and be sure to indicate:

- 1. Type of Event 2. Location 3. Date & Time 4. A Resource Person (one who can answer questions both about the event and the sponsoring organization) and his/her telephone number.

Photographs (digital or snapshots) are encouraged!

Note: All meetings are at the Community Center, unless otherwise noted.

LR = Living Room, CFR = Conference Room, CR = Class Room, RR = Railroad, K = Kitchen

SPECIAL MARCH EVENTS

Table with 5 columns: Event Name, Date, Location, Contact, and Notes. Includes ECIA Candidate Forum and Eldorado Earth Day.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Table with 5 columns: Committee Name, Date, Location, Contact, and Notes. Lists various committees like Architecture, Board Work Study, etc.

MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS

Table with 5 columns: Meeting Name, Date, Location, Contact, and Notes. Includes EAW&SD, Eldorado Arts & Crafts, etc.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Table with 5 columns: Meeting Name, Date, Location, Contact, and Notes. Lists weekly meetings like AA, Boy Scout Troop, etc.

*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District

**For other religious/spiritual services, go to http://santafe.areaconnect.com/churches.htm

*** Reservations Required

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