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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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Pool News and Infrastructure Update



Some work time was lost cleaning up from the vandalism at the pool which occurred in June, and from weather-delayed work—both adding about seven to ten days to completion. Repair of vandalism was about \$6,000. Expenses directly relating to the rehabilitation of the pool facility are at least \$610,000. Of this amount \$87,000 is due to change orders needed to cover new tasks which arose during construction.

During mid-July work focused on various interconnected pieces needed to supply water to the pool and to the new irrigation system.



Progress includes:

- Both the men's and women's changing rooms tile work and partitions are complete, and fixtures have been installed.
- Final inspection of pool deck has been completed and

approved. Electrical rough-in inspection has been completed and approved.

- The deck concrete pour was performed over three days in the middle of July.
- The pool has been filled and shade structures have been installed.
- The backwash system, which uses swimming pool backwash water for irrigation at the Community Center, is complete and ready for use.
- The Community Center pump station for effluent water went online Tuesday, July 9.
- The irrigation lines that carry the backwash water to the island and other areas around the Community Center went online Tuesday, July 9.

ECIA now has a state-of-the-art irrigation system, which will reduce usage of the ECIA well water and county water. The tile in the changing rooms is attractive and functional, new railings and gates are designer quality, and the new shade structures add color and style to the pool area.

The individual projects are nearing a long-awaited conclusion. We hope to have the pool open by the end of July or the beginning of August.

— Mike Rogers

Photos clockwise from top left: Men's changing room, deck concrete pour, water infrastructure; photos by Mike Rogers

Past-due Assessments

At the recent HOAMCO Meet-and-Greet there were some questions about the procedures for past-due assessments. This is a summary of the “Collection Policy for Delinquent Assessments.” The complete policy is on the website at eldoradosf.org under the Governing Documents pull-down.

Your assessment is due on January 1st of each year, and members are given a two-month grace period in which to pay. The assessment becomes delinquent at the close of business on March 1st each year. Assessments must be mailed to the ECIA, PO Box 94346, Las Vegas, NV 89193. This is the HOAMCO Lockbox and payment must be sent there to be posted to your account. Please be sure to allow enough time for your check to reach that address and be posted before the close of business March 1st. Checks mailed or dropped off at the ECIA Community Center will be returned to the Member. You can also pay by credit card, with a small fee, through the HOAMCO website. Members whose assessments are not posted by March 1st will not be eligible to vote in the election for that year.

On or about March 31st the ECIA office will send out a First Late Notice to the address on file for any Member who has

not paid their assessment. **It is the Member’s responsibility to ensure that all contact information, address, phone number, email address, etc., is current.** Members have 30 days to pay the assessment or to set up a payment plan with the office. Interest will be charged on all past-due assessments from the date of delinquency.

On or about April 30th, a Second Late Notice will be sent notifying the Member that, if the assessment is not paid or a payment plan instituted by June 1st, a Lien will be filed against their property. Prior to filing a Lien, the office will attempt to contact the Member by telephone or email.

On or about July 1st, after a final attempt to contact the Member by telephone or email, a Third Late Notice will be sent indicating that a Lien has been filed against the property and the account has been turned over to the ECIA Collections Attorney.

If you need to set up a payment plan, or request special consideration for hardship circumstances, please contact the office for assistance to avoid interest and legal fees.

— David McDonald, Board President

Recent Board Actions

The Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association met on Thursday, July 18, 2019. Members present were President **David McDonald**, Vice-President **Elizabeth Maclaren**, Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, Secretary **Bernardo Monserat**, Director **Todd Handy**, Director **David Sorkin**, and Director **Nancy Sulzberg**. The following actions were passed unanimously by the Board:

- Motion to approve increasing the Reserve & Replacement Budget to \$998,758 to cover Infrastructure Project change orders and failed server
- Motion to approve change order of \$44,411 for Casa de Sueños work on changing rooms and pool area
- Motion to approve change order of \$49,306 for Poolside work on the pool

- Motion to approve the Bylaws Review Ad-hoc Committee Charter as amended
- Motion to appoint Bette Huston to the Finance Committee

Two residents spoke at the Open Forum, primarily on the recall petition being circulated for the Board President and on civility.

The next scheduled meeting of the ECIA Board of Directors will be a Working session on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 6 PM, in the Community Center Classroom. On Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 7 PM, the Board will conduct its regular meeting in the Classroom.

ECIA Board meetings are open to the public. Complete minutes and agendas are available at the ECIA office or on the website at eldoradosf.org.

Sheriff’s Department Reports on Recent Vandalism

COMMANDER, CORPORAL JOSH DAVID REPORTS:

- Graffiti at Compadres Park—Video footage is not clear enough to identify any of the suspects. It is unlikely that the detectives can determine anything unless suspects in other vandalism incidents confess or reveal who did it.
- Destruction at Community Gardens—At least one identified adult was involved. Detectives continue to investigate.
- Graffiti in Pool Changing Rooms—Two juveniles and one adult have been identified. Detectives are working with the victim, contractor Casa de Sueños, and the parents to work out restitution.
- Graffiti on Pool Walls—Two different juveniles and one adult have been identified. Detectives are following up.

- Damage to Car at La Tienda and Graffiti on Billboard—Detectives suspect that it was a personal attack on the car’s owner and not related to the other events.
- Break-in and Party at House—The adult driver of the pickup truck, who backed it into the house through the French doors, was arrested on multiple felonies. The juvenile participants were breathalyzed and released.
- Outlook for the Future—The Sheriff’s Department has increased close patrols around the Community Center to deter future vandalism. Corporal David reported the parents of the suspects have tightened their control. He believes the juveniles are unlikely to repeat the behavior.

Some Perspective on ECIA Financial Reserves

The two largest components of the ECIA's annual budget are **Operations** (usually about 75%), and **Reserves** (usually about 25%), both funded from annual assessments. **Operations** pays for salaries, routine maintenance, utilities, and items such as pool water, chemicals and lifeguards. **Reserves** pays for repair and replacement of items as they age, such as Community Center roofs and repainting, repaving and striping parking lots, replacing worn out vehicles and installing a new pool heater.

The annual budget for **Operations** is based on analysis of previous years, with adjustments for changed circumstances or improved estimates.

Reserves are more complicated. Since major items can be quite expensive, **Reserves** are maintained to smooth the funding needed over five or more years, with anticipated needs out to 30 years. An annual **Reserves** Analysis provides the best available idea of what major expenses to expect and when these expenses will occur.

Some states require HOAs to maintain a five-year **Reserves** balance, although this is not yet a requirement in New Mexico. However, it has been the practice of the ECIA Board, as recommended by the Finance Committee and independent auditors, to keep **Reserves** that can cover anticipated major repair and replacement costs for the next five years.

The Finance Committee (with help from a professional auditor) has made a list of all assets and amenities needing major work over the next 30 years. Each item has a description,

a photo, an estimate for most recent cost, useful life, and next cost/next year for replacement/repair. The result is a spreadsheet of over a thousand line items and over a dozen columns. This spreadsheet is then manipulated to group and summarize costs for each of the next 30 years, providing a model for future spending under various conditions.

However, as sometimes happens, 2019 has been a year of surprises! Two years ago it was foreseen that major pool items, some 40 years old and totaling about \$600K, should be replaced in a comprehensive rehabilitation project. But failures of the pool and community water supply and wastewater systems happened prematurely, as well as failure of the stables' water distribution system. However, substantial **Reserves** means that the ECIA has the money in the bank to deal with all these problems, even though 2019 projects total about \$300K more than anticipated.

With the 2020 budget, the Board must start replacing some of the **Reserves** funds withdrawn this year. The Finance Committee will be taking a careful look at the ECIA **Reserves** for the next five years, with the goal of gradually rebuilding to again meet the five-year standard. This will include discussion of 2020 and future assessment amounts.

Finance committee meetings, open to everyone, are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM (please check as dates and times vary). Any additional meetings concerning budgets and assessments will be announced.

– Dan Drobnis

Cactus—Better than Weeds!



The weather in Eldorado surely has encouraged a nasty gang of weeds this year. But it has also resulted in spectacular cactus blooms! Some 90 species of cactus are native to New Mexico; many have been planted in the Community Center cactus garden, located behind the Railroad building. This garden has been the project of 'Obie' who rarely is addressed by his real name, John

Oberhauser, and John Newman. Since the spring of 2013, Obie has planted, overseen and nourished the ECIA cactus garden, and many volunteers have learned the love of cacti from him. Take some time to walk through this beautiful microcosm when you can.

– Pam Henline

Photos of June cacti bloom by Ashley Springer

Fun and Horses Bring Excitement to July 4th Events

The 4th of July events were a great success again this year with a large turnout from the community.

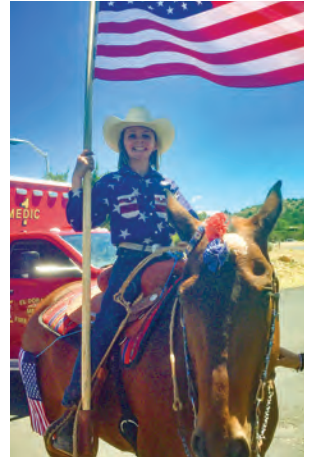
Horses were brushed and primped for the July 4th Parade. The Eldorado Stables were represented by seven horses and ponies and 11 people in all, including the kids in charge of distributing candy and the handy pooper scooper wagon. The equines and their handlers pranced in the parade to the delight of children watching from the curb.

Local New Mexico musician Chris Baker played for the crowd and sang the National Anthem along with other songs. Santa Fe locals Underground Cadence rocked the house as well. Many kids enjoyed the 100 foot-long inflatable obstacle course and it was such a joy to hear, "One, two, three GO!", to start the races throughout the day. Many participated in

the parade or enjoyed the sight all along Avenida Monte Alto. Many thanks to the Eldorado Community, the volunteers who participated and the staff who dedicated their time and effort to the event.

Please keep in mind the 4th of July for next year as the ECIA Staff would greatly appreciate all who can help as volunteers and participants in the parade.

Photo by Lia Jessen



Eldorado Stables Community Day–October 5



Save the date: the annual Community Day open house at the Eldorado Stables will be held this year on Saturday, October 5 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Once again, Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding Center will be providing free pony rides for children, and there will be lots of other activities for young and old. Meanwhile, visitors are welcome during daylight hours at the stables.

The Eldorado stables, like all of Eldorado, are snake habitat. So we were pleased to host a snake education event put on recently at the stables by the Eldorado Snake Relocation Volunteers (ESRV). Many barn owners took the opportunity to learn more about these important natural neighbors, thanks to the ESRV volunteers who generously took their time to bring several snakes to the stables to meet us!

– Amelia Adair

Left photo by Iris Hasel; right photo by Amelia Adair

Eldorado Seniors Enjoy Trip to Plaza Blanca

Twelve members of the Science and Nature class from the Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center went by coach to Plaza Blanca on Thursday, June 27, and spent nearly two hours walking amid beautiful tall rocky outcrops, made famous by artist Georgia O'Keeffe. These landscapes in a valley of the Rio Chama hills near the village of Abiquiu, are on the grounds of the Dar Al Islam education center and mosque. Although it is private land, the center welcomes visitors who wish to hike and view the awe-inspiring landscapes. The trail is easy to hike and away from the drum of heavy traffic. After much gazing wide-eyed at Mother Nature's delight, the group reassembled for



lunch at a spot that oversees the white and brown mountains, eventually returning to Eldorado mid-afternoon. More science field trips are planned for the coming months. The group meets every Monday at 10 AM at the Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center, 505 466-1039, next to the library on Avenida Torreon in Eldorado.

– John Paull

Photo by John Paull

Community Open Forum

Join the ECIA Board and fellow residents, Thursday, August 8, at 6 PM in the ECIA Classroom.

Butterflies, Moths, and Bees Important to Our Lives

A charming tale says that when Mother Nature was creating rainbows, she flicked the extra paint off her hands, thus creating butterflies. Butterflies, moths, and bees are just a few of the amazing—and ecologically vital—insects we see in our yards and gardens this time of year.

Adult butterflies live a few weeks. Some spend their entire lives in one region while others, such as Monarchs, migrate. Butterflies have slender bodies and slender antennae with rounded clubs at the tips. At rest, their wings are tight vertically. They “taste” with their feet and “smell” with their antennae. Favorite butterfly nectar comes from the butterfly weed, butterfly bush, milkweed, hollyhock, and dill. The New Mexico State butterfly is the Sandia Hairstreak.

Moths have fatter bodies than butterflies as well as feathered antennae. At rest, their wings are flat against their bodies. Most moths have a long proboscis which enables them to drink from longer-necked flowers. Miller moths, usually pale gray, are common in Eldorado. If winter is dry, they will come down from the mountains for food. We saw a significant number of Millers several years ago.

One of our most amazing moths is the Sphinx Moth, also known as Hummingbird Moth or Hawk Moth. Often mistaken for hummingbirds, these amazing beauties can drink nectar while hovering in front of flowers. We see them often in the evening; they love tomato plants.

Most people are aware of the vital role bees play in pollinating crops. Because non-native honey bees—brought to the Americas by Europeans—live in social hives, they can be relocated from crop to crop. Because of the massive die-off of honey bees, we rely even more than before on the 1,100 bee species that are native to New Mexico. Native bees don’t generally live in hives; depending on the species, they build their nests in the ground or in cavities. And because they don’t have a hive and queen to protect, they are not aggressive and

will rarely sting unless specifically threatened.

If you see a tiny (4–6mm, just over 1/8 inch) circular cut on the edge of a plant such as lilac in the spring, that’s likely from a native bee species that lays its eggs in cut leaf, rolls it up, and deposits it on the ground to hatch. Native bees that lay eggs



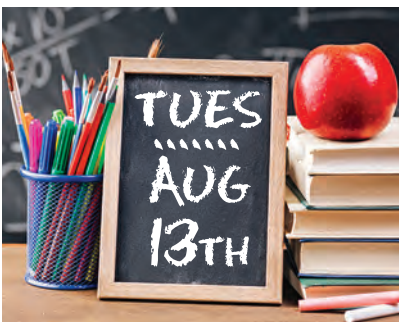
in holes have different preferences for size opening, thus bee houses (which can be purchased or home-made) have holes that are large and small, deep and shallow. One species lays female eggs in back of the hole and male eggs in front; the males hatch first and wait around the opening for the females to hatch—gentlemanly behavior!

Insects such as butterflies, moths, and bees play a vital role in our delicate ecology. It’s unrealistic to think that insecticides and weed killers only kill “bad” insects and plants—please do your part to protect the environment.

— Julia Kinney, Bonnie Mahlum, Joseph Newman, Ann Wood, and Cliff Wood

Photo by Pam Henline

Students Head Back to School



It’s that time of year again—our kids go back to school! Yay! Kindergarten through 8th grade classes begin Tuesday, August 13, at El Dorado Community School. Remember to be vigilant in the school zone around

Avenida Torreon and Avenida Vista Grande. Please use caution throughout the morning and afternoon as Santa Fe School District reports that all classes begin bright and early at 8 AM and don’t let out until 3 PM. Our younger students up to the fifth grade get a bit of breather on Fridays and get to go home at 12:40 PM. Drivers need to remember that state law requires you to stop (from both directions) when a school bus with flashing red lights is dropping off or picking up students.

Here’s to a productive and rewarding school year!

Eldorado Local Radio Station Now Nine Years Old

ELDORADIO 1660 AM, local, low-power radio in Eldorado, continues 24-hour service to the community with a wake-up greeting every morning at 7. *Good Morning Eldorado* includes a complete Eldorado weather forecast for the day ahead and several days beyond. The day's calendar covers meetings, classes and activities in the ECIA Community Center, Vista Grande Public Library, the Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center (including the popular senior lunch menu) and other events here and in Santa Fe.

Uninterrupted music accounts for most of the easy-listening day on the Eldorado station, but a mid-morning *BreakTime* at 10:30 offers a quarter of an hour of interesting talk, including history each Monday, a storyteller on Tuesdays, conversation about the performing, literary or visual arts every Wednesday, poetry readings (often by the poets themselves) on Thursday, and comedy on Fridays. Longer weekend features at noon present recorded full-length concerts on *Saturday Matinée* and rebroadcasts



from America's "golden age of radio" at noon every Sunday on *Retro Radio*.

Most of ELDORADIO's 24-hour broadcast day is a wide-ranging mix of classical, jazz, popular, new-age, Broadway and folk music, designed for easy listening relaxation without any commercial

interruptions. Bill Dunning started his low-power AM station (a tenth of one watt by FCC rules) in August 2010 and has kept it running from his Eldorado home since then. FCC power limits mean spotty reception in some areas. A brief program guide is available at the Community Center and other locations.

Photo by Carl Dunning

Not Just a Pool Upgrade: ECIA Water Distribution System



Background

By mid-Spring 2019, the current ECIA water distribution system had sustained serious damage in its forty-year tenure, lacked the capacity to accommodate any increase in usage and failed to tap into the wealth of re-use potential. The main water demands at ECIA are for the pool and landscape irrigation. In prior years, the well was the main water supply for the former soccer fields; EAWSD water was being used to irrigate the vegetation on the "island" in front of the Community Center (CC), for the water in the CC and pool changing rooms, and unknowingly to fill the pool.

Opportunity

When considering what type of water distribution to include with the rehabilitation of the pool, a vision of an efficient, cost-effective, and ecologically forward wastewater treatment system was developed. The season of pool use, which is the time of greatest available water supply, conveniently coincides with the season of maximum irrigation demand, so there will be more opportunities for well-chosen landscape vegetation to flourish. Utilizing the enormous amounts of what we

propose to convert to "re-use" to nourish and beautify the surrounding landscape will reduce use of utility water which will save money and conserve water.

Requirements

With a new onsite wastewater treatment system, a "new" water supply will become available which will allow water from existing sources (well and utility) to be conserved. Well water will be used to fill the pool, and EAWSD water will be used for the plumbing facilities in the changing rooms and CC. Irrigation will be mostly provided by reclaimed water.

In designing the system to be effective for at least as long as the former system existed and to make use of the existing treated wastewater, the new system needs to draw efficiently and flexibly from all sources of water. Used with parallel, interconnected, and replaceable components, it would be able to reliably distribute water as future demands evolve and interface with existing plumbing irrigation and electrical infrastructure.

Operations

All of the water used in the pool changing rooms and CC will be treated after it is used and directed into irrigation via an approved subsurface drip system. In addition, the backwash water from the pool filters will be directed to the "island" irrigation to replace EAWSD water. Supplementary water from the well can be directed to irrigation, if necessary, before or after the dates when the pool is open if so desired.

Results

This distribution system was inspected on July 11 and permitted for operation.

— Nolan Zisman

Photo by Mike Rogers

August 2019 Meetings

Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	13, 27	7–9 PM	Katherine Mortimer	GM@eldoradosf.org	FO
	Board Working Session	Monday	19	6–8 PM	David McDonald	D.Mcdonald@eldoradosf.org	CR
	Board Meeting	Thursday	22	7–9 PM	David McDonald	D.Mcdonald@eldoradosf.org	CR
	ByLaws Review	Tuesday	6, 20	1–3 PM	Amelia Adair	ameliaadair@msn.com	CF
	Community Open Discussion	Thursday	8	6–7:30 PM	David McDonald	D.Mcdonald@eldoradosf.org	CR
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	6	7–9 PM	John Parker	GM@eldoradosf.org	FO
	Election Committee	Wednesday	14	2–4 PM	Bette Knight	GM@eldoradosf.org	CF
	Environmental Stewardship	Tuesday	6	3–5 PM	Karen Murry	GM@eldoradosf.org	CF
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	7	10 AM–12:30 PM	Nolan Zisman	pnzisman@aol.com	RB
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	13	9:30 AM–12 Noon	Sal Monaco	GM@eldoradosf.org	CF
	Information Committee	Monday	12	7–9 PM	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net	CF
	Road Committee	No Meeting				GM@eldoradosf.org	
	Stable Committee	No Meeting			Amelia 720 563-1018	ameliaadair@msn.com	
	Pool Update	Thursday	1, 15	2–3 PM	Nolan Zisman	pnzisman@aol.com	CF
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Bridge	1st/3rd Fridays	2, 16	1–4:30 PM	DiAna Gutierrez	505 699-3555	LR
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	21	3–5 PM	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net	LR
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	13	4–6 PM	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797	CR
	Healing Arts Practitioners	2nd Tuesday	13	4–5:30 PM			LR
	Life Drawing	Alt. Mondays	12, 26	10 AM–12 Noon	Mavis Murphy	505 466-8189	RB
	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	6	6–7 PM	Michael Landen	505 466-8896	CF
	Santa Fe Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	13	6:30–8 PM	Bob 505 466-4970	santafemodelrailroadclub.org	RB
	Spinning Group (Fiber)	1st/3rd Thursdays	1, 15	9:30–11:30 AM			LR
	Yoga	2nd/4th Saturdays	10, 24	4:30–5:30 PM	Marga Matakovich		RB
Weekly	AA	Tuesdays		5:45–6:45 PM			LR
	AA (Women Only)	Thursdays		6–7 PM			CF
	AA	Fridays		6–7 PM			CR
	Adult Basketball	Thursdays		6:15–Dusk			BB
	Al Anon	Saturdays		11 AM–12 Noon			CF
	Boy Scout Troop 414	Wednesdays		7–9 PM	Karl Cordova	karl_cordova747@msn.com	RB
	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesdays		8:30 AM–12 Noon	Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914	CC
	Knitting Club	Tuesdays		10 AM–12 Noon	Joyce Hamner	505 466-3018	LR
	Meditation	Mondays		6–7:30 PM			RB
	Overeaters Anonymous	Mondays		7–8 PM	Barb	505 954-1533	LR
	Yin Yoga	Mondays		5:30–6:45 PM	Julia Cairns	505 466-1935	CR
	Yoga/Vinyasa Flow	Tuesdays & Fridays		9–10:15 AM	Julia Cairns	505 466-1935	CR
	Yoga/Gentle Stretch	Wednesdays & Thursdays		9–10:15 AM	Mary Horst	505 490-2790	CR

Abbreviations: CC = Community Center, CR = Classroom, CF = Conference Room, FO = Foyer, LR = Living Room, RB = Railroad Building, BB = Basketball Court
Send calendar event information to GM@eldoradosf.org

News Tid-Bits

A HOAMCO Affair

On Saturday morning June 29, 26 residents and five Board members assembled to meet HOAMCO employees. Attending were Stacy Maul, the company's Chief Operating Officer, Michael Franciossi, HOAMCO Vice President for New Mexico, and Nigel Burgess, Executive Director of Management Services. ECIA office staff were also present. After a short time to enjoy some light breakfast items, Stacy and Michael talked informally about the relationship between HOAMCO and the ECIA. An informative handout *Get to Know HOAMCO* described what HOAMCO does and does not do for the ECIA. This handout is posted on the ECIA website eldoradosf.org. All questions from the audience were answered. One particular problem area concerned USPS mailings that residents do not always receive, especially pertaining to assessment payment or lien letters, and HOAMCO promised that some new procedures in this area will be implemented.

One More Dirt Road Bites the Dust

Balsa Road has been blocked except for local traffic while Santa Fe County prepared the road bed and area for paving. Paving began July 15 with completion before end-of-day on July 19. Balsa Road had a reputation for mud, ruts and stuck vehicles; those problems are eliminated. ECIA assessments do not pay for this work, but rather monies come from taxes and even grants from the New Mexico legislature.

Doggone Correction

The July *Vistas* may have given the wrong impression about dogs being kept under control. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when on ECIA common property, greenbelts, hike-bike paths and other trails. The only exceptions are that dogs may be loose in the Dog Park and may be off-leash in the Conservation Area if they are under direct and immediate control of an adult/owner.

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Mission Statement The mission of the monthly newsletter, *Vistas*, is to inform members of the ECIA about issues before the Board of Directors, various committees, and the office staff. Also, any events happening in Eldorado or the surrounding areas that may be of interest may be included. The publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision-making process.

Editorial Policy The *Vistas* newsletter will not publish any material deemed inflammatory, opinionated, biased, or inappropriate. Factual and objective submissions will be selected and edited at the discretion of the Information Committee and Board of Directors. Community announcements and articles of interest to homeowners are welcome, along with accompanying photos.

Another Ice Cream Social from your Friends at VGPL



This year marks the **20th Annual Summer Ice Cream Social**, Vista Grande Public Library's annual community event and fundraiser. **The event will be at the ECIA Community Center on Sunday, August 11, 1–4:30 PM.** Visitors can expect plenty of activities and fun for everyone, including all-you-can-eat Ice cream, root beer floats, watermelon, popcorn and lemonade. There is also the Silent Auction and the exciting Live Auction, as well as live music from the alt-country band, Road House Prophets. Children's activities including face painting, air plant gardening, Lego® table and

games galore; activities with Make Time, chess for all ages; and goodie bags.

Tickets will be on sale at the event. Prices are \$10 for adults; \$5 for ages 6–11; kids under 6 free; and \$25 will admit a family (up to two adults and their children under 18). All funds raised go to support VGPL, including all the free programming and materials offered for loan all year long.

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH

Book Donation Day Saturday, August 3, 9–11:30 AM

August 2D Exhibition August 1–30 in the Exhibition Space: Chris Cashiola, ten oil paintings, "Color, from Eldorado to Sicily."

August 3D Exhibition August 1–30 in the Exhibition Case: Martin Desht, vintage radios from 1940–1960.

Family Movie Night Friday, August 9, 7 PM

Medicare Information Thursday, August 15, 10–11:30 AM
Topic: How to Appeal Medicare Denials

Bird Talk Amy Gross, Saturday, August 17, 1 PM

Story Time for Toddlers and Preschoolers Tuesdays, 11 AM

All Ages Chess Fridays, 3 PM

Santa Fe Stargazers Wednesday, August 21, 7–9 PM

Don't miss out on what is happening at your community library! Check the Vista Grande Public Library website: vglibrary.org. Or, better yet, get on the list for the library's email newsletter by emailing libasst@vglibrary.org.

Vista Grande Public Library • 14 Avenida Torreon in Eldorado • Tues–Fri 10 AM–6 PM, Sat 10–4 PM • 505 466-7323 • vglibrary.org

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