

VISTAS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Winter Festival Dec. 7

The Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association and the Eldorado Community Improvement Association (ECIA) are joining together to create a family fun holiday event.

Event takes place Saturday, **Dec. 7** from 10 AM–4 PM at ECIA Community Center.



Activities will include: Santa's Village featuring Santa who will be available for photos by the fireplace from 11 AM–3 PM; Face painting and balloon twisted animals by Shiva Jamba Entertainment

from 10 AM–12:30 PM; Kids crafts, create holiday presents, cards, and gift wrapping; Model Train Village and Santa's elves; Bake sale sponsored by PTA; Wreaths for sale from Adam and Kim; Holiday Traditions from Around the World; Plus snacks, hot cocoa and more.

Come and enjoy the holiday fun.

Three Board Vacancies

Bernardo Monserrat, David McDonald and Todd Handy have resigned from the ECIA Board. The Board thanks them for their service. Special thanks to David McDonald for his dedicated service as Board president. We appreciate his willingness to assist when needed as we transition.

There are now three vacancies on the Board. Two vacant seat terms end in May 2020 and one ends in May 2021. We are looking for someone with enthusiasm, creativity, and commitment to Eldorado and its future. Experience in HOA leadership is desirable. If you are interested in applying for appointment to the Board of Directors, please submit a candidate statement, short bio, resume and photo to the ECIA General Manager at JNavarro@hoamco.com or drop them off at the ECIA Offices by **Dec. 4, 2019**. If you have previously applied for appointment to the Board, please resubmit an updated application.

The Board will be considering applications and conducting interviews beginning **Dec. 5, 2019** and anticipates seating new Board members at the **Dec. 19, 2019** Board Meeting.

MERRY MAKERS WANTED

Volunteer at the Winter Festival Dec. 7
by calling Diana Oliver at 505 466-4248.

Winter and December Bring Holiday Celebrations

Winter in our Northern Hemisphere means holidays, as we prepare for snow and ice on highways and housetops. Although the Winter Solstice, shortest day of the year, always comes on Dec. 21, the oldest recorded winter celebration we know is the Judaic Festival of Lights, *Hanukkah*, commemorating a patriotic event in Hebrew history. Judah Maccabee led a troop of freedom fighters to rout Greek occupation forces from Jerusalem 2,200 years ago. Grateful Jews lit oil lamps in the temple to celebrate. Though there was only enough oil for one night, the lamps blazed for eight days, honored to this day with the candelabrum called a *menorah*, *latkes* (potato pancakes) fried in oil and eight days of celebration. Festivities include spinning the top called a *dreidel*, to recall the miracle that occurred long ago.

Early man, from Stonehenge to our own Southwest, used stone markers to indicate the place from which the sun begins

its journey back north with longer, warmer days to come. New Mexico's Zuni people observe this solstice as New Year's, with fasting, prayer and masked *Shalako* figures ushering in the celebration. European Druids celebrated *Yule* with a blazing log, a custom surviving today in many homes on a date also honored by Wiccans. Hindus similarly commemorate *Dewali*.

Christian tradition places the birth of Christ in this season as well. Historians say early believers may have adopted the date from a Roman winter celebration, *Saturnalia*, answering the universal need for hope that warm days lie ahead. Presents from the Magi, thought to be Zoroastrians saluting a holy representative of the Creator, evolved into gift exchanges and a generous third-century Turkish bishop evolved to become an icon of material happiness, residing at the North Pole.

Whether your celebration involves candles, face-painting, trees or skis, ECIA and *Vistas* wish you the very best for this season.

ECIA Board Elects President Nancy Sulzberg

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You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things.

—Mother Teresa

And that about sums up my approach to serving as President of the ECIA Board of Directors.



Consider this a call to action to all community members who have hesitated to get involved. It is through open communication and active participation that we can heal past wounds and move forward to strengthen and enhance Eldorado. The opportunity now exists to shape the near and far future and I ask for you all to step forward with your creativity and enthusiasm.

Does that mean that all ideas and concerns will be acted upon? No, of course not, we're adults who live in the real world where I believe consensus can abide. Inclusion, participation, cooperation and solution-mindedness will lead to effective decision-making. Does that mean that the decisions will always reflect your first choice? Again, no. We have to encourage each other to think about the good of Eldorado as a whole. This may mean accepting decisions even if it is not our personal preference.

In coming months I hope to engage community members in both formal and informal settings. Schmoozing at local restaurants can sometimes lead to the birth of ideas. Committee meetings can become breeding grounds for enlightened solutions. And board meetings can be times for true discussion that lead to comprehensive planning.

So I ask that you come to meetings, say your piece, help bring plans to fruition and enjoy the life that Eldorado provides.

Thank you all for your support and most of all, don't forget to laugh!

—Nancy Sulzberg
President, ECIA Board of Directors

⇒ **BUDGET FORUM FOR RESIDENTS: DISCUSSION OF ECIA OPERATING BUDGET, DEC. 14, 10 AM** ⇐

Newly-Elected VP Strives for Community Leadership

Melicent D'Amore, the ECIA's new Vice President, stated upon being appointed, "Having nearly four years of experience as an elected government official prior to moving to Eldorado, I strive for community leadership and management. More importantly, public awareness and access to our Board's decision making are essential for maintaining a healthy relationship for all involved. As a member of our community I accept this position and will adhere to the principles as listed on the Agreement to Serve on the Board of Directors, especially to 'do my best to ensure that the Association's finances are well managed.'" Ms. D'Amore informed the Board, "I don't and won't agree with every board decision and will vote my conscience on every matter that comes before me. I plan to contribute in an honest and forthright manner."

In 2011, Melicent was the first and only woman elected Township Supervisor in Potter Township, Centre County, PA, and appointed board liaison to committees working with state, county and municipal officials on projects benefiting the community. These projects included the \$100 million road improvement plan known as the US 322 Missing Link-Potter Mills Gap Transportation Project, the Potters Mills Sewer Project, along with interacting with the Centre County

Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.



She served until 2014, resigning her position to move to Eldorado at Santa Fe.

Previous duties that Ms. D'Amore brings to her new Vice President position included attending Board meetings, multiple local and state seminars, briefings, budget appropriations and contract biddings. Her experience and expertise

of working with fellow board members, the Township Road Supervisor and crew, and the Township Planning Board, overseeing road maintenance, safety and zoning issues, has led Melicent to be appointed liaison to Eldorado's Road Committee.

As an Eldorado official, Melicent's primary and personal concerns clearly revolved around the best interests of the community's residents.

ECIA BOARD: President Nancy Sulzberg, Vice President Melicent D'Amore, Treasurer Carol Sanguinetti, Director David Sorkin. There are three Board vacancies at this time.

Board Holds Organizational Meeting Oct. 31

Since all Board seats were full after the appointment of two new members on Oct. 24 at the regular Board meeting, an organizational meeting was called to elect officers for Vice President and Treasurer. Attending were Board members **David McDonald, Nancy Sulzberg, Bernardo Monserrat, David Sorkin, Melicent D'Amore** and **Carol Sanguinetti**. **Todd Handy** was not present. At the beginning of this meeting David McDonald announced he was stepping down as Board President and would remain on the Board. The following motions were approved:

- Elect Nancy Sulzberg as Board President (5-0-Sulzberg abstain)
- Elect Melicent D'Amore as Board Vice President (5-0-D'Amore abstain)
- Elect Carol Sanguinetti as Board Treasurer (5-0-Sanguinetti abstain)

Bernardo Monserrat remains Board Secretary.* Board liaison appointments were made to the various committees. **Bernardo Monserrat resigned from the Board on Nov. 1.*

Board Actions November 21

Attendees of Nov. 21 ECIA Board meeting were, **President Nancy Sulzberg, Vice President Melicent D'Amore, Treasurer Carol Sanguinetti** and **Director David Sorkin**. Due to timing difficulties, the following motions will be acted on at the December Board meeting:

- To accept the *Vistas* Style Guide as approved by the Information Committee;
- To accept the Procedure of Environmental Management, the Requests for Materials Use Approval, Appendix A and the Pre-Approved List of Materials and Supplies documents as approved by the Eldorado Environmental Stewardship Committee;
- To accept Bernardo Monserrat's, David McDonald's and Todd Handy's resignations;
- To accept the recommended 2020 Budget for Recurring Operation Expenses of \$1,000,813 with operating expenses of \$1,277,293, transfer to Replacement Reserve Fund of \$228,084 and capital expenditures of \$118,836 for a total of \$1,624,213;
- To instruct ECIA's auditor to use the amount transferred at the end of 2019 to the Replacement Reserve to adjust any remaining 2019 Operating Budget surplus or deficit to \$0;
- To adopt a Replacement and Repair Reserve 2020 Expenditure Budget not to exceed \$301,438;
- To approve Draft 1 of the proposed ECIA Sixth Amended

Bylaws for legal review by ECIA counsel;

- To move \$12,000 from the Operating Budget to the Reserve;
- To increase the Replacement and Repair budget by \$12,000;
- To reduce the Stable Operating Budget;
- To remove an Elm Tree near the pool.

Variances automatically approved were:

- A new garage at 12 Moya Loop;
- A wood post and wire fence at 4 Verano Loop;
- A garage addition at 3 Enebro Place;
- A shed at 27 Quedo Road.

Two residents spoke at the Open Forum. George Rutter, a board candidate offered his assistance as a parliamentarian and also wanted to confirm that budget documents were available on the website. Betsy Walker wanted confirmation that a better sound/video system would be available for board candidate interviews. If the equipment is not purchased by December 5, candidates will be interviewed in the Railroad Room with an audience on site. Audience members will be given a copy of the questions as well as the background information submitted by the candidate.

The December ECIA Board meeting schedule will be verified in early December. Please watch for eblasts to set out the details. ECIA Board meetings are open to the public. Minutes and agendas are available at ECIA office and online.

New Treasurer Brings Long Experience



Carol Sanguinetti has an extensive background in accounting, starting with her student days at University of California, Berkeley where part-time accounting jobs helped pay for her education. She has worked as a consultant in Accounting Software, relying

heavily on her accounting knowledge to assist clients since 1998.

She has served on two boards as Treasurer—a start-up Community Band in Cupertino, CA, where she grew up

and the other was an HOA board in AZ where HOAMCO was eventually hired to manage the HOA. She feels strongly about supporting Eldorado by giving back and feels that being on the board is a great way of accomplishing that. She looks forward to meeting many more of her neighbors and learning what is important to the community.

Carol and her dog moved here about five months ago from the state of Washington, which is beautiful, lush and green, which also made it difficult for her to breathe. Moving to Santa Fe where the air is dryer allows her to breathe with ease. She adopted another dog and the three of them are happy to be living in an area with so much natural beauty and space.

ECIA Board Elections—Your Voice at Work

Living in a small community means being part of how the community lives. If you've ever said "I would like to add my expertise," now is the time to become an active part of Eldorado with your voice, your ideas, your experience.

January 2020 is approaching and it is time to consider being a part of the ECIA Board of Directors. Three positions

are open with terms expiring May 1, 2023. Serving on the Board requires a dedication to the betterment of Eldorado and a willingness to give of your time, experience and expertise. Consider running for a seat on Eldorado's Board of Directors, which meets to discuss and conduct ECIA business at one monthly working session and one regular board meeting.

ECIA Board Candidate Nomination Petitions

FILE A PETITION AND RUN FOR BOARD POSITION

Board members are elected by lot owners with new Board members being seated at the ECIA Annual Meeting of Members on May 4, 2020. Three Board of Director positions are open for election, each with a three-year term expiring on May 1, 2023.

To be a candidate for election to the Board, the ECIA Bylaws require all the following criteria be met: Petitioner must be a Lot Owner of Record: (1) whose 2020 assessments are paid in full and posted (received and credited) to the receiving bank as of March 2, 2020; (2) whose rights and privileges are not suspended, and (3) who resides full-time in Eldorado.

Each Petitioner must submit a completed and signed Nomination Petition to the ECIA Office with the required 25 signatures which are valid, one signature per Lot. More than 25 signatures are recommended. To be valid, a signature

must be of a Lot Owner of record whose 2019 assessments have been paid in full and posted to the receiving bank when signing the Petition and whose rights and privileges are not suspended as of the date of signature.

The completed and signed Nomination Petition, a biographical and goals for the community statement not exceeding a total of 400 words, and photo must be submitted to the ECIA office no later than **5 PM., March 2, 2020.**

Nomination Petitions are available at www.eldoradosf.org under the "Resident Resources" tab > "Forms and Applications," > "Board Nomination Petition" or at the ECIA office.

Petitioners should call the ECIA Office at 505 466-4248 if there are questions about the candidacy and Petition requirements.

—Election Committee

Residents are welcome to attend ECIA committee meetings as a guest. If you are interested in joining a committee, contact the committee chair listed in the December Meetings calendar on page 7 of Vistas.

Meet Two Recent HOAMCO Employees



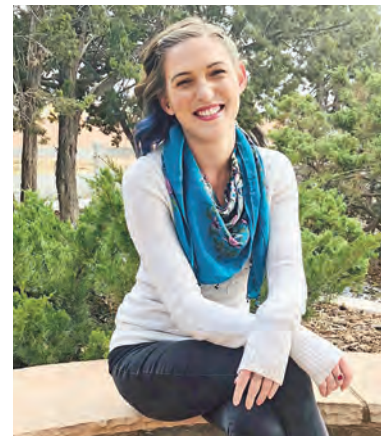
JOE EVERTS
Maintenance

Joe was born and raised in Neenah, Wisconsin. He spent his weekends and summers helping his cousins with their dairy farm. Joe has around 15 years of maintenance and supervisor experience.

He owned and operated his own trucking business for five years. He first found out about Eldorado from his aunt and uncle who lived here for 20 years. He came and visited them frequently and loved the community! When he found out ECIA was looking to fill a maintenance position he jumped on the opportunity. We are happy to have him here and hope you help us welcome him to our community.

RACHEL TURNBOUGH
Executive Assistant

ECIA is sad to say good-bye to one of our valued employees, Anna Hansen. She was the Executive Assistant to our General Manager and has left big shoes to fill. We are happy to announce that Rachel Turnbough, formerly our office assistant, has agreed to assume Anna's responsibilities and has therefore been promoted to Executive Assistant. She has already proven herself in her current position and we are confident she will exceed our expectations. She is ready to dive into her new role.



I Am From

I am from board games,
 From Warhammer and creativeness.
 I am from the nice comfy home I live in,
 I am from the cacti, the lavender, all of nature—
 The tumbleweeds, tulips, the sand,
 Writhing with all the creatures who decide to make it their home.
 I'm from Christmas and traveling, nothing getting in our way,
 From Jane and Daniel, my ecstatic, unique parents.
 I'm from the weirdness
 And the unbroken bond between lovers who belong to the past,
 From the stories in Spanish, and that the scary things don't exist,
 From my dad, armed with his strong opinions, and the wheezy laugh,
 spread throughout his siblings a long time ago,
 The past told to me by mom and dad, the stories that piece our history together.
 I am from my bursting mind, forging my destiny as I break through the tangled,
 twisted vines of life, submitting to my own rule, and no one else.
 I am from independence, taking the righteous, difficult journey of life,
 From moving all over the country every few years, reckless.
 I am from the Welsh, the hardest of the hardest, immortal, living for huge periods of time
 And my loving, passionate maternal family, their indestructible love, never to be broken.
 I am from the past, the world, the powerful.
 I am universal.

—Sam Henzerling
Sixth Grader, El Dorado Community School

Vistas will be publishing short works from the El Dorado Community School each month.



ADAM & KIM'S CHRISTMAS TREES

Opening the weekend after Thanksgiving, at the north parking lot of La Tienda, the Eldorado-owned and operated business, Adam and Kim's Christmas Trees, will offer quality, fresh-cut Christmas trees from Oregon. Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, and Noble Fir will be available in sizes from tabletop to 12' tall trees. A nationwide Christmas tree shortage has left us with a limited selection of large sizes, so be sure to visit early to avoid disappointment. Wreaths, garland, and chili ristras will also be available. A portion of proceeds is donated to El Dorado Volunteer Fire & Rescue. For more information, Facebook: AdamKimsChristmasTrees

Celebrate and Learn at the Vista Grande Public Library

Thanks to shoppers who got an early start on holiday gifts and winter reading lists at the Fall Book Sale and to all the volunteers who supported this important fundraiser. VGPL appreciates the generosity of Eldorado residents who can help with the End of Year Donor Appeal. Visit www.vglibrary.com to make a donation or come by the library. Funds from the sale and the Annual Appeal provide new materials, technology, programs and staff time to continue the free services offered all through the year.

Holiday schedule: Closed Dec. 24 and 25; Open regular hours Dec. 26 to 28. Closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Events: Call 505 466-7323 and check the website for more information: www.vglibrary.org.

December 2/D Exhibition: Roberto Veliz Oil Paintings—"New Mexico & Island Landscapes".

December 3/D Exhibition: William Dunning—Parodies & editions from the classic "Visit from St. Nicholas" and collected Santa figurines.

Book Donation Day: Saturday, Dec. 7 and Jan. 4, from 9 to 11:30 AM only. Bring items in good condition; use boxes or bags you don't need to keep; bring large donations earlier

in the morning; NO text books, manuals, dictionaries, encyclopedias, or VHS tapes.

Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers: Tuesday mornings at 11 AM. No Story Time on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

All Ages Chess: Friday afternoons at 3 PM. All ages and skill levels are welcomed.

Learn about Homeopathy with Julian Jonas: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 PM.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
 Dramatic Reading
 at Vista Grande Public Library
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25, 6 PM
 Library staff and patrons join Upstart
 Readers of Santa Fe. All ages welcome.
 High tea will be served.

Reduce Your Holiday Waste

From Thanksgiving to New Year's, waste disposal increases about 25%. Help reduce that amount with some simple steps.

Cards and wrapping paper with glitter or metallics are not recyclable. Email cards or choose recyclable paper. Be creative with wrapping—wrap in a scarf, a holiday kitchen towel, or attractive recyclable bags as part of the gift. Use recyclable bags when you shop for gifts.

- Reuse ribbon. If every family in the US reused just 2 feet of holiday ribbon, it would save 38,000 miles of ribbon.
- Online orders are delivered in cardboard. Reuse it to send your own packages or flatten and recycle.
- Replacing holiday lights? Deposit the old ones in the box at La Tienda. They are taken to Capitol Metals for recycling.
- Be mindful when buying gifts. Attractive kitchen wraps that replace plastic are great gifts. Give or share an experience; you'll all enjoy less stuff.
- Entertaining for the holidays? Make it zero waste. Use your own serving pieces, silverware and cloth napkins. Show off the good stuff! What are you saving it for?
- Recycle your live Christmas tree, minus decorations, by dropping it off behind ECIA at the barn between **Dec. 26–Jan. 10**. It will become valuable mulch for the grounds.

—Karen Sweeney



A Dog's Day, A Snow Day, and A Chill Evening

Eighteen spooky dogs appeared at the Community Center mid-day on Nov. 2 to show off their Howl-o-ween costumes. The ECIA sponsored a photo booth and all participants were photographed in their glory. After much prancing in front of costume judge Lisa Boegl of Eldorado Country Pet, prizes were given for silliest, spookiest, and look-alike. A barking-good time was had by all.

Several dogs left their costumes behind as they walked next door and dove into the ECIA pool with other newly-arrived canines. Many residents watched and a goodly number of dogs circled the pool. Water dogs retrieved balls from the center of the pool, while reluctant dogs stuck a paw in the kiddie pool. Everyone was happy to again have Paws-in-the-Pool and enjoy such a unique event in wonderful Eldorado.



Photos, clockwise from top left: Winner for Silliest Costume, the Smith family and dogs Zeus and Banzai; Winner for Spookiest Costume, Danelle Aragon's dog Chibi the tarantula; Winner for Look-Alike Costume, Sue Brisben and Daisy as Wonder Woman; Honorable Mention, Kathy Ritschel's dog Liam the lion; Chill Factor-5 performed at Eldorado community's free music event, Oct. 18; Randall Engle swam laps in the snow in the Eldorado community pool, Oct. 29; Olive Biedscheid with her dogs Viola and Apollo during Paws-in-the-Pool, Nov. 2.

December 2019 Meetings at the Community Center

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	10	7-9 PM	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com	FO
	Board Working Session*	Monday	16	6-8 PM	ECIA Board	505 466-4248	CR
	Board Meeting*	Thursday	19	7-9 PM	ECIA Board	505 466-4248	CR
	Bylaws Review	Tuesday	10	1-3 PM	Butch Gorsuch	blylawsreviewchair@gmail.com	CF
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	3	7-9 PM	Thom Bredenberg	conservationchair@gmail.com	FO
	Election Committee	Wednesday	11	2-4 PM	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com	CF
	Environmental Stewardship	Tuesday	3	3-5 PM	Karen Murry	environmentalchair@gmail.com	CF
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	4	10 AM-12:30 PM	Nolan Zisman	fandgchair@gmail.com	RB
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	10	9:30 AM-12 Noon	Sal Monaco	financechair1@gmail.com	CF
	Information Committee	Monday	9	7-9 PM	Pam Henline	informationchair@gmail.com	CF
	Road Committee	Wednesday	4	5:30 PM-7 PM	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com	CF
	Stable Committee	No Meeting		Next: Jan. 21	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com	CR
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Bridge	1st/3rd Fridays	6, 20	1-4:30 PM	DiAna Gutierrez	505 699-3555	LR
	EACA	1st Tuesday	3	7-9 PM	Kim Crickard	VP@eldoradoarts.org	RB
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	18	3-5 PM	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net	LR
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	10	4-6 PM	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797	CF
	Healing Arts Practitioners	2nd Tuesday	10	4-5:30 PM	Laurie Sandman	lsandman9@comcast.net	LR
	Life Drawing	Alt. Mondays	2, 16	10 AM-12 Noon	Mavis Murphy	505 466-8189	RB
	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	3	6-7 PM	Michael Landen	505 466-8896	CF
	Santa Fe Model Railroad Club	No Meeting		Next: Jan. 14	Bob 505 466-4970	santafemodelrailroadclub.org	RB
	Spinning Group (Fiber)	1st/3rd Thursdays	5, 19	9:30-11:30 AM	Ellen Higgins	casaladerabe@gmail.com	LR
Weekly	AA	Tuesdays		5:45-6:45 PM	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org	LR
	AA (Women Only)	Thursdays		6-7 PM	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org	CF
	AA	Fridays		6-7 PM	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org	RB
	Al Anon	Saturdays		11 AM-12 Noon	505 473-0101	nmal-anon.com	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 Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com	LR
	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

Send calendar event information to GM@eldoradosf.org.

Events are verified at time of publishing, please sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs by emailing rturnbough@hoamco.com to be notified of changes.

*The December ECIA Board meeting schedule will be verified in early December.



News Tid-Bits

AT LA TIENDA

The ninth annual Holiday Market takes place on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11 AM-3 PM. A new event, the Festival of Trees will feature holiday decorations and lights, starting at 4:30 PM on Dec. 13.

ELDORADO ARTS & CRAFTS WINTER ART SHOW

Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association Winter Art Show happens at the Agora, Friday, Dec. 13, 11 AM-6 PM and Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 AM-4 PM. Please stop by to pick up last minute gifts for family and friends. All types of arts and crafts will be available.

ECIA OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

ECIA office will be closed for the Holidays on Dec. 23-25 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1. We wish you all a happy holiday!



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Party

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019

6 PM-8 PM

at the ECIA Community Center.

Please RSVP by Dec. 5: doliver@hoamco.com

Thanks for bee-ing a volunteer!



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Santa's on his way;
light the Hanukkah candles
so he won't get lost.

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. Submissions are due on the fifth of the month preceding publication.

Eldorado Holiday Lighting and Decorating Tips



With the Holiday Season upon us many Eldorado residents will soon be decorating their homes as part of their family celebrations. While exterior holiday lighting is allowed in Eldorado the ECIA wants to remind all residents that Eldorado

does have guidelines for exterior lighting as part of the Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions. These guidelines are detailed on page 15 of the Guidelines and were updated with the last update of the Guidelines in 2017 to include Section 5.4.9, which allows for Christmas Holiday Lighting from **Thanksgiving** to **Jan. 15**.

Some key points and suggestions for residents when planning their exterior decorating:

- Avoid using any bright-colored spot lights or unshielded bulbs over 75 watts.
- Large lights (such as colored spot lights) should be downward shielded and not bare bulbs shining out towards your neighbors.
- When illuminating any outdoor features, assure that

your lighting is not shining upward, but is directed downward toward the base of the item.

- A timer on exterior lights can be used to turn off your lights at a reasonable hour, save energy and not bother your neighbors in the late evening hours.
- Use Creative and Reflective Decorating! Not everything is about strands of lights. Reflective ornaments, ribbons, wreaths, garland and tinsel can be very attractive and use no electricity.
- Use energy efficient LED holiday lights, where ever possible. They are available at most stores and are energy efficient and durable.
- Please be sure to take down or turn off all Holiday Lighting by **Jan. 15**.

Further information on energy saving lighting can be found on these websites:

<http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/energy-efficient-holiday-decorating-tips>

http://mydocs.epri.com/docs/CorporateDocuments/EnergyEfficiency/Holiday_Lights_112007.pdf

If you do have any questions at all regarding exterior or holiday lighting, feel free to call Mark Young at 505 466-4248 or email at myoung@hoamco.com

Wishing you and your entire family a most enjoyable Holiday season!

—Mark Young

ECIA Architecture and Covenant Compliance Coordinator



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