

# VISTAS

Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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## Pool Update

*Note: some of the work referenced may have been completed before Vistas publication*



**S**ooo close! The pool is looking a lot different since the last update and it is going to be a wonderful facility when completed in July. Eldorado residents will be able to enjoy the pool facility for decades to come due to the upgrades this year and in phase two next year. The budget hasn't changed since the last update but does not yet include cost of shade structures or connecting the effluent water management system to our irrigation system. We are planning to provide as much shade square footage this year as existed last year; additional shade will be added in phase two.

Casa de Sueños has been pushing to get work done on the pool house. All finishes have been selected for the interior

of the changing rooms and will be installed soon now that insulation and wall board are installed. Stucco work on the exterior walls has been completed.

M&M Garage Doors completed measurements for the new gates and railings.

Soon the pool will get its final electrical inspection then it will be acid washed and filled. Poolside has been working hard to get the pool deck area ready for new concrete which will be done after the pool is filled and checked for leaks. All grading is done, footings for shade structures and foundations are completed.

Some work, on the critical path of pool tasks, is proceeding slowly. It is hoped that the pool will open in late July. Watch for notices!

– Mike Rogers

*Photos by Mike Rogers*



## Fun on the Fourth of July

**T**he parade on Monte Alto starts at 11 AM and includes fire trucks, police cars, horses and fun for all. Anyone may dress up or decorate their bicycle and walk in the parade. Events continue at the Community Center. There will be a 100-foot inflatable obstacle course and a bouncy area for smaller tots, a miniature train display and plenty of outdoor areas to explore and play.

Exhibitors such as the Eldorado Snake Relocation, Cactus Rescue Project, Project Coyote and Trap Free New Mexico will be on-site. Live music will be played from 11 AM to 4 PM. Food will include both beef and vegetarian hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches and veggie burgers, all served with chips. Soda and water will also be provided.

**Volunteers are still needed. Questions or to help call 505 466-4248**

## A Stranger in a New Land—but Not for Long!

**M**any of us in this community are transplants from different parts of the U.S.A. Clay was what brought me to New Mexico. I wanted to deepen my knowledge of clay and its use in Pueblo Pottery. Studies in Taos with Emma and Dolores, the daughters of Lucy Lewis from Acoma Pueblo, fostered a deeper understanding of the ancient process of hand building with clay and its connection to the landscape.

The high desert landscape of Taos and then Santa Fe drew me in. The light, space, big sky, clouds, mountains and earth energy drew me in. New Mexico is a very different environment from places in which I have lived for most of my life. This is my place now and I feel deeply connected to this landscape. I traded the moisture and greens of Northern England and New England for the shades of brown and red rock in our high desert.

It is not easy to be a transplant and transition from one environment to another when you leave family, friends and a neighborhood.

I discovered acceptance here in Eldorado. People are welcoming, kind and they smile a lot. I joined Eldorado 285/ Recycles as I wanted to compost. They taught me the straw bale process with red wrigglers and welcomed me with open arms. I have made important connections and friendships through this caring group of people. As a board member I work with six other board members who are committed to this community. I am also liaison to two ECIA committees. I discovered people who are deeply committed to working to make this community a place to grow and to age.

Thank you Eldorado for welcoming me to your community.

— Elizabeth Maclaren, ECIA Board Vice President

## Dog Policy Assures Clean, Safe Community

**A**s warmer summer weather arrives in Eldorado, more residents are out walking their dogs. Remember your neighbors and the ECIA Dog Policy and Guidelines, which have been in effect since 2013 to keep our community clean, safe and healthful for everyone, including the dogs themselves.

Dogs must be on leash or under your direct control on ECIA Common Properties, except in the Dog Park and in the Preserve. The Dog Park has certain rules as well, and the leash rule applies at the rest of the Community Center (1 La Hacienda Loop) and the fields, courts and play areas, as well as Compadres Park, recreational trails and hike-and-bike paths, greenbelts, and the roads, footpaths and areas around the stables.



With warmer weather, dog-walkers need to remember to clean up when a dog answers the call of nature. Section 2 of the Guidelines spells it out:

*When a dog defecates in a public place, the owner or handler must remove the feces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.*

Section 3 addresses proper dog-walking etiquette—common courtesy to other residents—on roads, bike paths, and other common ways in the community and the greenbelts:

*When encountering other people, including pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers and equestrians, the owner or handler must yield the right of way by standing aside and holding dogs under control. If the encountered party also has dogs, the parties shall hold their dogs under control until agreement is reached as to who will have the right of way.*

You can find the updated dog policy in full on the Eldorado website under Governing Documents or by this link: <http://eldoradosf.org/Governing-Documents/responsible-dog-ownership-policy.html>.

Thank you for your cooperation in following this policy. If you meet another resident who is not observing these guidelines, please remind the neighbor in a friendly polite way that these rules are for the benefit of everyone. You can reach me at 505 469-1302 or 505 466-4248 if you need more information about these community standards. If you have a problem with barking or roaming dogs, please call Santa Fe County's Animal Control office at 505 428-3720. Then notify us at ECIA; we will work with the dog owners to help them correct the problem, so that you and everyone in our community can enjoy living in Eldorado.

— Mark Young, ECIA Architectural and Covenants Compliance Coordinator

### Community Open Forum

Join the ECIA Board and fellow residents, Thursday, July 11, at 6 PM in the ECIA Classroom.

## Recent Board Actions

The Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association met on Thursday, June 20, 2019. Members present were President *David McDonald*, Treasurer *Joseph Gutierrez*, and Secretary *Bernardo Monserrat*, and Director *David Sorkin*. Vice-President *Elizabeth Maclaren*, and Director *Nancy Sulzberg* and Director *Todd Handy* had excused absences. The following formal actions were reviewed and passed by the Board:

- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
- Motion to approve \$127,914 contract with New Image for Stable Water System
- Motion to approve \$50,580 contract with Water Management to complete new septic system.
- Motion to create an Accessory Dwelling Structure Ad-hoc Committee
- Motion to appoint *Mark Hiatt* to the Architecture Committee
- Motion to appoint *Deena Joseph* to the Stable Committee

- Motion to appoint *DiAna Gutierrez* to the Information Committee

Twenty-five residents and guests, including New Mexico Senate Majority Leader *Peter Wirth*, were in attendance. Santa Fe County Sustainability Manager, *Claudia Borchert* gave a presentation on the solar array that the County is planning to install at the Senior Center and answered questions from many participants. One member spoke at the Open Forum on the feasibility of Accessory Dwelling Structures and their impact on the Eldorado Community. The Board addressed her concerns briefly and will take steps to investigate them.

The next scheduled meeting of the ECIA Board of Directors will be a Working session on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 6 PM, in the Community Center Classroom. On Thursday, July 18, 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: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org).

## Bylaws Review Begins—Member Input Opportunity



It's that time again: every two years, all ECIA members have the opportunity to suggest potential changes to the community Bylaws. The Board welcomes member input in this important process and encourages members to read the Bylaws and submit suggestions for changes. The goal of the

process is to ensure the governing structure of our community will be continuously improved and updated.

Article 16 of ECIA's Bylaws says every two years a committee shall conduct a review of the Bylaws. They were last amended in 2018.

### Highlights of the Bylaws review process:

- **July 16, 2019 at 5 PM is the deadline** for members to send comments or suggestions for amendments

to the Bylaws. Comments should be sent to [ECIABylawsReview@gmail.com](mailto:ECIABylawsReview@gmail.com), or delivered to the ECIA office.

- **Review of suggestions.** The Ad-hoc Bylaws Review Committee will review all suggestions received and recommend amendments to the Board.
- **Other opportunities for member input.** After Board review, a draft of the new amendments will be available for everyone to read. Next, an open forum will be held (most likely during January 2020), so members can discuss and give feedback on the draft amendments.
- **Membership vote.** Finally, members must vote on final proposed amendments as part of the annual election of the Board in April/May 2020.
- **If approved by the members,** the amended Bylaws will take effect after certification by the Secretary of the Board at the May 2020 Annual meeting.

## Vandalism Around the ECIA

There have been several instances of vandalism and hate-speech graffiti around the ECIA common properties and the Community Garden during the month of June. These have included swastikas and racial epithets at Compadres Park, other graffiti, and destruction of property at the pool bath house, the dog park and

the Community Garden. Video surveillance footage showing four suspects (three male and one female) in the act of vandalism has been turned over to the Santa Fe County Sheriff for further investigation. Anyone having information about the incidents please contact Julie Navarro at the ECIA office.



## Stewardship of Eldorado: Seeds, Weeds and Fire

It's a good year to be a tree, or a weed for that matter. Snow and rain this year have provided lush spring growth of all the plants in the region. Mustard, cheat grass, foxtails and many other invasive exotics are flourishing all over Eldorado and are beginning to set seed. Each year seeds are added to the seed bank and they can wait for years for the right conditions to germinate. Reducing weeds before they go to seed gives the native plants a break from these aggressive interlopers. Now is the time to go after them in order to preserve habitat for the insects, birds, and animals that depend on the native flora. It also reduces the danger of fire. As they dry out, these weeds are highly flammable and can set shrubs, trees, fences and houses ablaze, what firemen call ladder fuels.

To mow or not to mow, that is the question. Mowing close to the ground encourages weeds and reduces growing conditions for native plants. It is recommended that if you decide to mow, leaving 5 or 6 inches of growth prevents the destruction of valuable native gramma grass, bunchgrasses, native forbs and herbs. A hand-held weed whacker can be a useful tool for protecting natives while reducing weeds.

Electric-battery equipped weed whackers have advanced technology and range now, and are widely available.

It is also important to consider erosion when mowing, as bare earth provides water with channels to contribute to soil loss. Weeds germinate easiest in broken ground. Eldorado's many years with grazing animals were a boon to opportunistic weeds, so are vehicles, including mowers. Graded land, septic tank leach fields and road edges are prime weed habitat.

Balancing habitat protection, erosion, fire prevention, and labor costs can be challenging, but seeing success such as five baby bluebirds in the nest box I set up on our lower property, or watching colonies of native penstemon flowers and Indian paintbrush grow makes it worth the effort.

If you would like to have expert advice from a knowledgeable volunteer fireman you can reach Nort Phillips at [nort@sover.net](mailto:nort@sover.net) for a consultation. He can evaluate your fire risk and offer suggestions to further the cause of stewardship of our beautiful Eldorado.

— Lee Chiacos

## Watch for Swainson's Hawk

The Swainson's Hawk (SH) is a medium sized hawk you may see in Eldorado during their migration and nesting season. SH is approximately 17 to 22 inches long with narrow wings spanning about 4 feet. The overall appearance of a sitting bird is very dark or black and slightly lighter underneath. In flight, the lower wing pattern distinguishes this bird. Pictured with this article is an adult light morph (one of two color patterns). Viewed from below, the head and neck are dark, body lighter with some tan, rounded tail is dark with black outer edges. The primary and secondary wing feathers appear black (the feathers nearest the back part of the wing) and the covert feathers (those along the leading edge of the wing and extending into mid-wing) are very light or white. The white to black shading is easy to spot when the SH is in the air. Males and females are similar, although females are slightly larger.

Two color morphs exist—light and dark—making identification more difficult. The color and feather pattern of each is quite different. Online bird identification sites such as the Cornell Lab of Ornithology have many pictures which can help with identification.

In summer the SH can be found on wires, fence posts, utility poles and other elevated perches in open country. They seem to have adapted to agricultural settings. Large nests are usually near the tops of isolated trees, the site chosen by the male who also does most of the construction. Courting consists of steep dives by the male and then the pair make soaring circles above the nest. One to five eggs are laid and the naked helpless young hatch in 34 to 35 days. Fledging occurs in 38 to 46 days. SHs are monogamous. The male feeds the female while she incubates. Both feed the nestlings small



mammals, reptiles, amphibians and insects which may be plucked when on the ground or from the air when the SH is in flight. Depending on food availability, some infanticide may occur.

The migration of the SH is amazing. Nesting occurs in most of the western U.S. as far north as central Alaska. In August and September most birds start their 12,000 mile two-month trip to **Argentina!** The birds migrate in large flocks called 'kettles' along flight corridors, making for spectacular viewing (Texas, Mexico and Central America).

The SH is considered a threatened species. It was illustrated and misidentified by William Swainson in 1827 and eventually recognized as a new species in 1832 by Charles Lucien Bonaparte. Even so, Swainson's name became associated with the new bird.

— Pam Henline

Photo by skeeze, pixabay.com

## July at Vista Grande Public Library

**D**on't miss out on what is happening at your community library! Check the Vista Grande Public Library website: [www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org). Or, better yet, get on the list for the library's email newsletter. Send your request and email address to Tracey Mitchell at [libasst@vglibrary.org](mailto:libasst@vglibrary.org).

### EVENTS



*Note: Most events take place in the Meeting Room and are open to the public, unless noted otherwise.*

#### July 2/D Exhibition

July 2–30, in the Exhibition Space.  
Bob Filice “Beyond New Mexico”  
July 16–18 Colored Photographic Prints.  
Meet the Artist reception: July 5, 4–6 PM.

#### July 3/D Exhibition

July 2–30, in the lobby display case.  
John Segell, “Recent ceramic works”  
July 8–10 functional and decorative reduction-fired ceramics.  
Meet the Artist reception: July 5, 4–6 PM.

#### Library Closed July 4

VGPL will take part in the Eldorado Community Parade & gathering

#### Book Donation Day

Saturday, July 6 from 9–11:30 AM only. Donors are kindly asked to: bring only items in good condition; use boxes or bags you don't need to keep; bring large donations earlier in the morning; and not donate text books, manuals, dictionaries, encyclopedias, VHS or cassette tapes.

#### Family Movie Night

Friday, July 12, 7 PM. Free admission and popcorn. Call or come by for title.

#### Dog Day of Summer

Saturday, July 20, 1–3:30 PM. Visit with service and therapy dogs and learn how to protect your own canine friend, and join in other doggie theme activities. (Please leave pets at home!)

#### Bug Talk with entomologist Nancy Ostiguy

Saturday, July 27, 1 PM. Bring the whole family for this interactive presentation.

#### Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers

Tuesdays at 11 AM in the Children's section.  
Drop-ins are always welcome.

#### Family Tuesday Matinees

Tuesdays at 2 PM in July. Free family friendly movies. Call 505 466-7323 or come by for list of the films.

#### Summer Reading Club

Wednesdays, through July 31, 2–3 PM, registration required.

#### All Ages Chess

Fridays, 3 PM. All ages and skill levels are welcomed.

#### Santa Fe Stargazers

Wednesday, July 17, 7–9 PM

#### Eldorado Genealogy Group

Wednesday, July 25, 6:30–8 PM

Vista Grande Public Library is located at 14 Avenida Torreon. For more events, an online catalog, and library news, visit the library's website at [www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org).

## Senior Center—Close to Home in Eldorado

**T**here are many wonderful activities, services and even food available at the Ken & Patty Adam Senior Center, located on Avenida Torreon, just next to the Vista Grande library. The center is run by the Santa Fe County Senior Services. The center provides a monthly booklet listing classes, services and the daily menu. For particular questions, an activity coordinator is available at 505 466-1039.

The Senior Center can issue permits for taking trash to the Highway 285 Transfer Station-Convenience Center. The helpful person at the desk can explain and issue these permits.

Many activities occur throughout the week, some starting as early as 8:00 AM and all ending before 3 PM. Some of these are Yoga, Landscape Painting, Zumba, Tai Chi, Meditation and Bridge. A trip to Bandelier National Monument was scheduled for the end of June.

Lunch is the most popular venue, and when Holiday menus are featured (Thanksgiving and Christmas—these occur prior to the actual holiday) every chair is used! Lunch is served

between 11:30 AM and 1 PM, Monday through Friday. For seniors age 60 and over, the suggested donation is \$1.50. Sign up is required only for the holiday meals. The food is good, the setting is lovely and the company is convivial. Come and meet new people or visit with friends! Lunch menus are available in the monthly booklet or can be viewed online at: [www.santafecountynm.gov/community\\_services/seniors](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/community_services/seniors).



— Pam Henline  
Photo by Dan Drobnis

# Wildlife and Companion Animals Can Co-Exist Peacefully

**E**ldorado's indigenous wildlife and our dogs and cats can share our community with minimal problems or confrontations. Over the years we have heard of a few interactions that have not had positive outcomes for companion animals. But you do need to consider several things for their safety.

The primary predators are coyotes, bobcats, and large birds of prey like great horned owls. Rarely encountered predators include mountain lions and foxes. Rattlesnakes can strike and envenomate when disturbed. There are various ways residents can protect their companions from these potential hazards.

*Walls and fences* are the most prevalent safeguards. They provide a certain amount of protection. The common 'coyote fences' have spaces between the uprights so small animals and snakes can easily gain access.

Coyotes and bobcats can easily jump fences and walls. Walls provide opportunities to sit and look over yards and their contents. *Bobcats love walls!* Bobcats use walls, and trees, to jump onto the roofs of homes. And owls know no boundaries.

*Electric fences* like the 'Invisible Fence' offer almost no protection for dogs. This approach might (but not always) keep dogs from wandering outside the area but this fencing will not prevent wildlife, other dogs, or people from entering the electrified area. Some dogs may react negatively to buried electric fences. In the rare event of a power outage (without battery backup) the fence will not contain your dogs.

*In/Out Doors* are convenient but require monitoring. These doors allow dogs and cats to conveniently come and go and provide quick safe access to the inside of the house, but they can provide free access for wildlife. Raccoons, rare in Eldorado, are notorious for using these doors. Snakes and other wildlife have also been known to enter homes using these access points. Bring pets indoors at night and close off In/Out Doors.

Coyotes and bobcats hunt individually or with others. Three or four are often seen together. Bobcat groups might consist of a mother and young from two different years. Coyotes will team up to flush rabbits, packrats, and other rodents. Coyotes sometimes hunt in partnerships with badgers. These predators are efficient hunters and outmatch companion animals similar in size or smaller.

Coyotes will be raising pups from April through July. Coyotes are not aggressive but will defend their dens and

families. It is critical that dogs be leashed in greenbelts and wilderness areas. The requirements to feed growing pups will have coyotes exploring a wide variety of food-gathering opportunities.

Living in rural communities with indigenous wildlife involves risk. It becomes the guardian's responsibility to understand the potential hazards and develop ways to limit their exposures. It is advisable to reduce attractants; ground bird feeders and water features invite rodents, who attract predators and snakes. Rodents are a major part of the diets of snakes, coyotes, and bobcats. The use of rodenticides and pesticides is dangerous not only to our indigenous wildlife, they also kill our dogs and cats.

Trapping remains legal on public and private lands in New Mexico. The season to trap furbearers is over, but coyotes can be trapped all year. However,

many traps are set illegally and can be found in wilderness areas. Traps are difficult to avoid as they may be buried or their placement disguised. The best prevention is keeping dogs on leashes. Leashes also help to prevent wildlife conflicts, especially with rattlesnakes. Rattlesnake avoidance training for dogs is available, as well as demonstrations to release dogs from traps.



Eldorado Snake Relocation Volunteer Lyn deMartin can be contacted at 505 603-0250 for humane removal of snakes. The New Mexico Wildlife Center, 505 753-9505, can also be contacted.

*Photos: Bobcat family at Eldorado residence, Garret P. Vreeland; Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Dogs, Eldorado, March 2019, courtesy Tom Mauter, Central New Mexico Brittany Club*

— *Flora & Fauna: Julia Kinney, Bonnie Mahlum, Joseph Newman, Ann Wood, and Cliff Wood*



# July 2019 Meetings

Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	July 9, 23	7–9 PM	Katherine Mortimer		F
	Board Working Session	Monday	July 15	6–8 PM	ECIA Board		CR
	Board Meeting	Thursday	July 18	7–9 PM	ECIA Board		CR
	Community Open Disc.	Thursday	July 11	6–7:30 PM	ECIA Board		CR
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	July 2	7–9 PM	John Parker		F
	Election Committee	Wednesday	No Meeting		Bette Knight		CFR
	Environmental Stewardship	Tuesday	July 2	3–5 PM	Karen Murry		CFR
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	July 3	10 AM–12:30 PM	Nolan Zisman	pnzisman@aol.com	RB
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	July 9	9:30 AM–12 PM	Sal Monaco		CFR
	Information Committee	Monday	July 8	7–9 PM	Pam Henline		RB
	Road Committee	N/A					
	Stable Committee	Tuesday	July 16	7–9 PM	Amelia Adair	720 563-1018	CR
	Pool Update	Thursday	July 18	2 PM			CFR
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Bridge	1st & 3rd Fridays	July 5, 19	1–4:30 PM	DiAna Gutierrez	505 699-3555	LR
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	July 17	3–5 PM	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net	LR
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	July 9	4–6 PM	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797	CR
	Healing Arts	2nd Tuesday	July 9	4–5:30 PM			LR
	Life Drawing	Alt. Mondays	July 1, 15, 29	10 AM–12 PM	Mavis Murphy	505 466-8189	RB
	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	July 2	6–7 PM	Michael Landen	505 466-8896	CFR
	Santa Fe Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	July 9	6:30–8 PM	Bob 505 466-4970	santafemodelrailroadclub.org	RB
	Spinning Group (Fiber)	Thursday	July 18	9:30–11:30 AM			LR
	Yoga	2nd & 4th Saturday	July 13, 27	4:30–5:30 PM	Marga Matakovich		RB
Weekly	AA	Tuesday		5:45–6:45 PM			LR
	AA (Women Only)	Thursday		6–7 PM			CFR
	AA	Friday		6–7 PM			CR
	Adult Basketball	Thursdays		6:15–Dusk			BB Court
	AI Anon	Saturday		11 AM–12 PM			CFR
	Boy Scout Troop 414	Wednesday		7–9 PM	Karl Cordova	karl_cordova747@msn.com	RB
	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesday		8:30 AM–12 PM	Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914	CC
	Knitting Club	Tuesday		10 AM–12 PM	Joyce Hamner	505 466-3018	LR
	Meditation	Monday		6–7:30 PM			RB
	Overeaters Anonymous	Monday		7–8 PM	Barb	505 954-1533	LR, CFR
	Yin Yoga	Monday		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 90-2790	CR

Abbreviations: CC = Community Center, CR = Classroom, CFR = Conference Room, F = Foyer, LR = Living Room, RB = Railroad Building

## News Tid-Bits

### Max Coll & Senior Center going solar!

Santa Fe County will be installing solar panels near the Senior Center. The solar array will produce a large portion of the electricity for this Community Service Center Complex from renewables, save tax-payer dollars, and demonstrate our community's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The panels will be ground-mounted and screened by fencing and native vegetation. They will be located in the open field between the library and senior driveway/parking area and Avenida Torreon. A diagram showing the site with solar panels can be found on the ECIA website at [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org). Completion is expected in Summer 2020. For questions about any county solar installations, contact Ashley Zappe at 505 992-9862 or [azappe@santafecountynm.gov](mailto:azappe@santafecountynm.gov).

### Road Work on Avenida Eldorado

Santa Fe County reports on the road work for Avenida Eldorado: The road maintenance crew for the Eldorado area is asphalt

patching Avenida Eldorado and repairing failed areas of the road. The County crew applied a scrub seal treatment on June 7 and 8, and will apply a chip seal treatment sometime in August, weather permitting. This current work is in preparation of the single penetration chip seal, which is a pavement preservation treatment. The County received a grant from the Local Government Road Fund, through the NMDOT, last year for the chip seal treatment only. The asphalt patching and scrub seal is funded through the Road Maintenance operations budget. The materials for the scrub seal and chip seal treatments will cost approximately \$150,000.00 and all labor will be County forces using County equipment. This work will extend the life of the road for many years, deferring the need to totally reconstruct the road saving the taxpayers several million dollars. The finished product will be similar to what is on Avenida Vista Grande. A message board will be placed on the road advising motorists to use an alternate route and/or expect delays.

This is not part of the money set aside by the Legislature for Eldorado roads which will be spent next year on laying base course.

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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.

## Meet Two New ECIA Employees



**Angelo Prada**  
*Facility Attendant*

Angelo is a native Santa Fe resident and has lived in this area his entire life. He has an extensive background in electrical, plumbing, equine training, mechanics and more. Angelo worked as a Stable Foreman for over 25 years.

He enjoys spending time with his four children and seven grandchildren, as well as riding his horses on the trails.



**Daisy Andujo**  
*Facility Attendant*

Daisy was born in Oklahoma; she moved to Santa Fe as a child. She graduated from Pojoaque High School and now attends PIMA Medical Institute in Rio Rancho. She is studying to become a Medical Assistant and hopes

to be able to move back to Santa Fe soon to be closer to her family. Daisy enjoys working here on weekends and engaging with the groups and residents that visit the community center.

## Become a Published Author

### Dates for Submission to *Vistas*

Everyone is invited to submit articles to the *Vistas*. Or you are welcome to send requests for particular articles and information you would like to see in the *Vistas*. The new deadline for submission of feature and informational articles

is the fifth of the month. Please email [articles@eldoradosf.org](mailto:articles@eldoradosf.org).

Better yet, think about joining the Information Committee. The committee is a hard-working group and has some exciting tasks approaching, including the redesign of the ECIA web site. The next meeting is July 8. Call Julie Navarro or Anna Hansen at 505 466-4248.

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