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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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What's New with Eldorado's Equines?



"Friday Afternoon Ride" with the Waltman family.

A young girl and her parents were taking their usual evening walk through the Eldorado Stable Amenity recently. She likes all the horses but Simone the donkey is her favorite. Meanwhile, another visitor, who'd heard about the Manure Matchmaker program, was checking out manure bins. They talked to horseback riders using the new trail course. Everyone could see a rider across the arroyo using the newly-maintained riding area.

The Stable Committee (SC) and stable owners want to spread the word that the Stable Amenity is a welcoming place for all Eldorado residents to visit during daylight hours, to walk with dogs, children and guests, get manure for compost, paint, and bird-watch. Visitors please abide by the 10-mph speed limit and don't feed the animals.

The SC's mission is to assist the ECIA in communicating with the Stable community, make recommendations to the Board, and assist staff in maintaining the Stable Amenity common areas. All barns and corrals are privately owned by ECIA lot owners, so barn maintenance and all equine care, feeding and mucking is done by barn owners, who reimburse the ECIA for water, manure removal and property taxes.

The Stable Committee is supporting the ECIA maintenance crew to update and document maintenance standards and obtain new tractor attachments. With these tools, the crew—instead of outside contractors—thus saving money—now performs significant maintenance on the

common riding arenas and roads. Other major initiatives launched this year include the new trail course and arroyo field upgrades.

In collaboration with the Dark Sky Task Force, the Stable Committee supported replacement of bright light fixtures throughout the Stable common areas with low wattage, downward-shielded solar powered lights. Since then, several owls have visited the Stables.

Last year's Community Day Open House was the biggest yet. The Stable Committee puts on this annual event for kids of all ages to enjoy fun, free equine-related activities. Local non-profits—Eldorado 285 Recycles and Eldorado Snake Rescue Volunteers—participated, offering other educational activities.

Equally important are more complete communications tools: documenting contacts for barn owners and sharers; a hotline number for the Stable Committee; a website for local equestrians to share resources such as hay deliveries, vet and farrier contacts; a broadcast text and voicemail service to notify the Stable community about emergencies and evacuations. The Stable Emergency Preparedness Plan was updated with these improvements.



Tuck and Liz Matthews trying out the new trail course.

The Stable Amenity benefits all of Eldorado by enhancing our property values: every home is "horse property". Any Eldorado property owner may purchase a barn, and any resident may arrange to share a barn. Last year, seven barns were sold bringing new families and equines to Eldorado.

—Article and Photos, Amelia Adair,
Chair, ECIA Stable Committee

Board Actions and Summary May 18

The May ECIA Board of Directors Meeting was held via Zoom. HOAMCO staff included Facilities Manager Mike Rogers, Pool Manager Jessica Collins, Executive Assistant Rachel Turnbough, Compliance Office Mark Young and Office Assistant Sarah Skagen. Mike provided updates on the parking lot drainage system, the stables trail course, the new playground equipment, lighting and new cameras. For a full report on the HOAMCO update, please go to the minutes which can be found on the ECIA website.

President Nancy Sulzberg, Vice President Melicent D'Amore, Secretary Carol Sanguinetti, Director David Sorkin, and Treasurer Sal Monaco, reviewed and approved the following motions unanimously:

- To affirm the electronic vote approving Amelia Adair as a member of the Roads Committee
- To approve the appointment of Tara Debevic to the Stable Committee
- To accept the resignation of Nina Harrison from the Architecture Committee
- To approve the policy regarding rock climbing in the preserve; technical climbing in the Preserve is prohibited, pending gathering of additional information and assessment of damaged areas and remediation of the existing damage caused by rock climbing activities. No ropes, no anchors of any kind, no chalk or other substances to be placed on the rock in aid of bouldering or free-climbing, archeologically sensitive areas in the Preserve, where identified, to be indicated with a sign prohibiting use for rock climbing. Unauthorized publication of information about access to and use of the Preserve is prohibited. When unauthorized publications are found, a takedown request will be issued to the website host. In the event that the request is not complied with, legal measures may be pursued.
- To support the Santa Fe County Public Works Dept. to chip seal Glorietta Road, Juego Road, Court and Place, Chusco Road, Carlita Road, Demora Road and Estrambre Road, previously constructed with Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement aka RAP with a start date of May 26, 2020.

There were no variance requests.

Lynn Krupnik, new attorney for the Association, introduced herself to the 40+ residents who participated in

the meeting. Lynn is a highly skilled HOA lawyer who will be able to assist the Board navigate legal issues as we move forward. Joseph Gutierrez reported on the status of county funding. Unfortunately, due to the state's reallocation of funds, Eldorado may not receive the money that had been designated to improve our trails and roads. Katherine Mortimer, Chair of the Architecture Committee, presented an overview of what and how the committee operates. The PowerPoint presentation will be available on the ECIA home page.

There was a spirited discussion among the members about vacation rentals; spearheaded by Carol Beidleman. This issue will be further studied by volunteers to explore how Eldorado can mitigate any negative impacts on the community. Policy enforcement was discussed; this too will be studied and a plan will be implemented.

During the open forum, re-opening the tennis courts and dog park were the primary topics. The Board, a group of tennis players and a group of dog park users are going to develop COVID-19 guidelines so that these amenities can be opened as soon as possible.

Task group reports included the HOAMCO/Management Company Selection process. Monty VanderMay reported there are 585 survey responses as of last night and the survey will remain open until Friday, May 22 at 10 PM. Sal Monaco reported that the RFP process is underway; it has been sent to HOAMCO, Westgate Management, Sentry Management and Associa Management. David Sorkin reported on the Website Task Group and Melicent D'Amore shared the status of the Policy Review.

Over forty members of the community signed into the meeting and were able to ask questions and express their concerns about agenda items. The meeting was recorded.

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.

Thank you to all who participated and we hope to see you at the next meeting which will be held
Monday, June 15 at 5 PM.

—Nancy Sulzberg,
ECIA Board President

ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

Board: President Nancy Sulzberg, Vice President Melicent D'Amore, Treasurer Sal Monaco, Secretary Carol Sanguinetti, Director David Sorkin. There are two Board vacancies at this time.

Management: The ECIA is managed by HOAMCO. General Manager Julie Navarro, jnavarro@hoamco.com
Monthly report available at www.eldoradosf.org under Resident Resources.

Organizational Board Meeting May 14

As per the Sixth Amended and Restated Bylaws, the ECIA Board of Directors held an Organizational Board Meeting on May 14, 2020, ten days following the Annual Meeting, to elect Board officers. All current officers were re-elected: Nancy Sulzberg as President, Melicent D'Amore as Vice President, Sal Monaco as Treasurer, and Carol Sanguinetti as Secretary. In addition, the Board members chose to keep committee Board Liaisons as is. The list can be found on the ECIA home page under Committees.

Because the RAP Road Town Hall was held the night before, the Board also prepared a motion to support the Santa Fe County Public Works Department to chip seal the eight RAP roads in Eldorado. In addition to that, a short discussion about short-term rental housing/vacation rentals was held to introduce members to the concerns of residents. And finally, the Board reviewed the issues surrounding the pool opening. Both the short-term rental and pool topics were on the agenda for the Board Meeting.

Annual Meeting May 4

After sending 2201 ballots to eligible ECIA households, 465 were received and 423 ballots of them were deemed valid. That established a quorum which allowed vote-tallying to move forward. The Sixth Amended and Restated Bylaws were adopted on May 4, with 361 approval, 90 disapproval, 13 abstentions and 1 invalid ballot. The signed and notarized document is on the ECIA home page. If you have questions about vote validation, please contact Bette Knight, Election Committee Chair, electionchair1@gmail.com.

The Board of Directors congratulates David Sorkin for being re-elected with a term ending May 2023. With David's re-election, there are now two open director positions. Please consider applying. Though sometimes the position can seem daunting, the rewards endure.

The Board acknowledges the members of the Election Committee and Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee for their time, expertise and commitment to excellence. Jobs well done!

Eldorado Pool Update

The Eldorado pool is a community keystone promoting health, wellbeing, rehabilitation, socialization, and life-saving skill development. The ECIA Board of Directors and staff members recognize the positive impact the pool has on individuals and the community. The difficult decision on how to open the pool is not taken lightly. We are currently staying abreast of the Governor's guidelines and suggestions from the aquatic community.

We are learning the COVID-19 virus cannot survive in a well-maintained and chemically balanced pool; however it can live on the surfaces around the pool including the deck, chairs, tables, and bathhouse. There will likely be drastic alterations to the process and use of the pool if it opens. Pool opening awaits state and county guidelines as well as required inspections to insure everyone's health and safety.

—Jessica Collins,
Pool Manager

Keeping Eldorado Looking Nice—it's Easy



Mini-splits are an eyesore when not painted to match the house

Over the last few years, many homeowners have installed newer *mini-split* heating and air-conditioning equipment. Generally, you do not need a permit from ECIA to add these efficient units. However, when you have rooftop duct-work and piping down exterior walls, Eldorado covenants apply

to the visual effect that keeps our neighborhoods attractive. As long as you follow the guidelines, there is no problem. Here, in a nutshell, is what the covenants require.

To keep homes nice-looking, locate your rooftop unit where it is least visible; you can use parapets to help screen the equipment from ground-level view. Efficient location and

aesthetic location may involve some compromise, and ECIA understands that. Pipes and ducts, PVC or metal, on outside walls need to be the color of the stucco wall (or very close to it) so they are not eyesores. Remember that the walls—and whatever may be attached to them—should be earth-tone, in a shade that is comfortable-looking and “Santa Fe Style” in Eldorado. If you sell your home, it must comply with these standards before it can pass the inspection and go on the market.

The same standards apply, by the way, to small outbuildings and sheds on the side of your home. There are also limits to the size of these additions. The Compliance Office is available to help you find the right way to keep your property within the guidelines and requirements of homes that meet the ECIA standards for pleasant and comfortable living in our community. While the ECIA and HOAMCO offices in the Community Center are temporarily closed during the COVID-19 emergency, you can reach the Compliance Office by telephone at 505 466-4248, or email myoung@hoamco.com.

—Article and Photo, Mark Young

RESOURCES FOR ELDORADO RESIDENTS

MOST RECENT INFORMATION IS LISTED AT THE BEGINNING.
EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT TO RAPID CHANGE. CALL OR CHECK FIRST.



Up-to-date information at eldoradosf.org

TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

for Democratic or Republican primary June 2: **NMvote.org**. Requests for absentee ballot must be submitted by May 28. Voting is vital; so is staying healthy. You can do both with the absentee ballot.

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's Stay-At-Home Order is still in place for non-essential trips, gatherings stay at 1 to 5 people. Beginning May 16, everyone is required to wear a mask in public places—indoor and outdoor (exceptions are exercise, medical, eating and drinking). Some businesses which can provide curbside delivery opened May 1. On May 16, small retail businesses can operate at 25% capacity fire load, churches at 25%. Restaurants, gyms, salons and other services are still closed. New orders are expected by May 31, <https://cv.nmhealth.org/2020/05/15/governor-signs-modified-extended-public-health-order-easing-some-restrictions-and-requiring-face-coverings/>.

The **ECIA Dog Park** and **ECIA Tennis Courts** opened for residents on May 22 with new COVID-19 restrictions.

The **Vista Grande Public Library** started curbside book checkout on May 19. Call or visit their website: **505 466-READ** or www.vglibrary.org.

The City of Santa Fe, on May 8, announced the following will be closed through May 31: libraries, senior centers, recreation centers and city buildings. City-sponsored events for May are canceled, and summer recreation and youth programs will not be held this summer.

The Santa Fe County Community Services Department endeavors to link residents to services and resources in the community. To speak with someone, contact **Jennifer Romero** at 505 995-9525 or email jnromero@santafecountynm.gov.

The State has compiled a resource guide for small businesses, <https://gonm.biz/about-us/covid-19-response>.

Financial Hardship

State agencies and private companies can help with financial hardship. New Mexico is working to identify additional sources of relief and to advocate for a full measure of federal support: <https://www.newmexico.gov/i-need-assistance/>.

Santa Fe County Senior Services and the Eldorado Senior Center can help high risk seniors. Contact the County, **505 992-3069**, or **Esperanza Salazar** at emsalazar@santafecountynm.gov.

Services include grocery shopping for high risk individuals and other services such as transportation for necessary doctor visits. Meal delivery can also be arranged for shut-ins and high risk seniors.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a free service, is working with the County. Volunteers in Eldorado can help with grocery shopping, light housekeeping and other tasks around the house. Contact **Jenny and Michael Landen** at **505 466-8896**.

Santa Fe Mutual Aid, free, matches up volunteers with people who need help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, and other errands. For Eldorado, contact **Debra Denker** at swlight1@gmail.com. If you don't have internet access, call **Lynne Moore** at **505 466-3935**.

VETERINARY SERVICES

Both local veterinarian offices are operating, availability may be limited. Call first.

Cameron Veterinary Clinic	505 466-1540
Eldorado Animal Clinic (VitalPet)	505 466-0650

DENTAL SERVICES

Dr. Haley Ritchey, dentist, open with appointment, **505 466-0999**.

Eldorado Family Health is open for medical care and appointments, **505 216-7772**.

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La Tienda

Some of the services available:

For an extensive listing subscribe to the newsletter at <https://latiendaeldorado.com/>.

Service For Hire for transportation, food shopping and delivery at \$30/hour. Contact via True Value Hardware store, **505 466-6522**.

Gift Cards may be available depending on funding, (\$20 for fresh food and \$25 for pet food and hardware supplies). These are available for those in need. Ask at Brooks Eldorado Supermarket and La Tienda's 1/2 Price Pet Food Store via True Value Hardware store, **505 466-6522**.

La Alacena, local non-perishable food pantry, is now across from the True Value Hardware store. Donate what you can, take only what you need. Non-perishable foods only. For those who cannot make the trip, contact Eldorado True Value Hardware store at **505 466-6522**, **Mary McGuire** at **305 517-8997** or **Val Barraza** at **805 901-5336**. Eldorado True Value Hardware store is stocking La Alacena with 5-lb bags of dog food.

Eldorado Mask Makers (EMM) is busy making and providing face masks. If you need a mask call, or order on the EMM website. If you have materials or can help make masks, call. You can find out more at <https://eldoradomaskmakers.weebly.com/>, **Jennifer Warren** at **252 646-5671**, and **Jeanne Brown** at **307 683-6066**.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Connections Online Support Group offers free support with **Dr. Kitty Fallon** via Zoom every Saturday from noon to 1 PM: drkittyfallon@thegloamingatsantafe.com.

Talk to a Neighbor Program, initiated by Steve Ewers and Destiny Allison, is open from 10 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Saturday. Connect by calling **505 428-0024** to speak with trained local volunteers to "give you an outlet for your fears, joys, anger, and hope." This is a free program.

If you think you have COVID-19 **1-855-600-3453**

Questions and NM help **1-833-551-0518**

The **ECIA Community Center** buildings are closed but staff may be reached at **505 466-4248**. To receive eBlasts with latest information, call or go to eldoradosf.org.

CLOSURES

until further notice:

Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center

Max Coll Community Center

El Dorado Community School

Some shops in the Agora and La Tienda

OPEN BUSINESSES

(call for hours and options, this list may not be complete):

El Dorado Supermarket **505 466-2602**

Open 6 AM to 9 PM

Sunday 6 to 8 AM Seniors only

El Dorado Country Pet **505 466-1270**

QuikSend **505 466-4604**

Eldorado True Value Hardware **505 466-6502**

Del Norte Pharmacy **505 216-0665**

RESTAURANTS

which offer takeout and may deliver:

Arable **505 303-3816**

Café Fina **505 466-3886**

Pizza Centro **505 466-3161**

La Plancha **505 466-2060**

Thai Bistro **505 466-6760**

Upper Crust Pizza **505 471-1111**

The Eldorado Preserve: Fragile Beauty



The Eldorado Community Preserve encompasses almost 4,100 acres of piñon-juniper woodland and savanna, intermingled with ecological islands of ponderosa pine.

The ecology of the Preserve is fragile. Despite the abundance of trees, it is still semi-desert. The landscape is critically dependent on biological soil crusts (“cryptogamic” soil), which maximize penetration of precipitation into the ground, reduce erosion and provide a bed for seeds to germinate and survive the critical early weeks of growth. These crusts usually occur where the ground is undisturbed, and are not always visible at the surface. Where footsteps break the crust, it dies. The processes of desertification accelerate. Because the climate is changing, the damaged area may not recover.

Shortly after Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham issued her first “stay at home” Public Health Emergency Order there

was a dramatic increase in the number of people using the Preserve. This has made problems worse with activities that are prohibited in the Preserve.

These include unapproved “social” trails. Social trails are disproportionately destructive. They kill vegetation, cause erosion, introduce non-native plants and add enormously to trail maintenance costs. In contrast, authorized trails are carefully designed to minimize these problems.

“Bushwhacking,” hiking off-trail, has increased. Please refrain. It takes only a few repetitions of people using the same off-trail route before it becomes visible and an invitation for others to use it: the genesis of a social trail and destruction of those important soil crusts.

The Eldorado Conservation Committee (CC) has implemented numerous projects for erosion control, habitat improvement and environmental restoration over the years, but these address only some of the problems in the Preserve. More projects are planned or in progress, but resources for maintenance and restoration are limited. Conservation project leaders have received specialized training and have extensive experience creating and maintaining trails in northern New Mexico.

You can help by observing posted safety and trail courtesy rules; staying on approved marked trails; respecting trail closures; leaving no trace (carrying out all trash); notifying the CC of problem areas; and by volunteering to be on the CC or to participate in a trail work party. The CC announces trail work days through *Vistas*, on the Committee’s web page and via eBlast.

—Paul Butt, *ECIA Conservation Committee*

Photo by Garret P. Vreeland

Creating Magic

Regular school session at El Dorado Community School ended on May 20. This magical creature was created by a sixth-grade boy, using pieces cut from magazines and catalogs, just before the COVID-19 school closure in March.



EAWSO Begins Work



EAWSO preparing to lay pipe along Avenida Del Monte Alto.

The Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District work began along Avenida Vista Grande and Avenida Del Monte Alto in April, with little disruption to traffic. It is anticipated work will end in September. In the meantime, for the safety of everyone, it is highly recommended that all drivers slow down through the area of construction.

—Photo by Pam Henline

June 2020 Meetings

Community Center closed indefinitely. Meetings may be canceled or held via Zoom.

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	9, 23	3–5 PM	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board Meeting	Monday	15	5 PM	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	2	7–9 PM	Paul Butt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	10	3–5 PM	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	3	10 AM–12:30 PM	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	9	9:30 AM–12 Noon	Dan Drobnis	financechair1@gmail.com
	Information Committee	No Meeting. Business conducted via email.			Pam Henline	informationchair@gmail.com
	Road Committee	Wednesday	3	5:30–7 PM	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Thursday	11	7–9 PM	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Ad Hoc Welcome Committee	Wednesday	10	12–1 PM	Tana Monaco	eldoradowelcome@gmail.com
	Bridge	1st/3rd Fridays	5, 19	1–4:30 PM	DiAna Gutierrez	505 699-3555
	EACA	Canceled			Kim Crickard	VP@eldoradoarts.org
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	17	3–5 PM	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	9	4–6 PM	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	El Dorado School Community Garden	3rd Tuesday	16	6–7 PM	Carol Robles	info@eldoradoschoolcommunitygarden.com
	Healing Arts Practitioners	2nd Tuesday	9	4–5:30 PM	Laurie Sandman	lsandman9@comcast.net
	Life Drawing	Alt. Mondays	1, 15, 29	10 AM–12 Noon	Mavis Murphy	505 466-8189
	MELT	Thursdays	4, 11, 18, 25	11 AM–12 Noon	Maureen Bivins	info@maureenbivinsacupuncture.com
	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	2	6–7 PM	Michael Landen	505 466-8896
	Santa Fe Model Railroad Club	Canceled			Bob 505 466-4970	santafemodelrailroadclub.org
	Spinning Group (Fiber)	1st/3rd Thursdays	4, 18	10 AM–12 Noon	Ellen Higgins	casaladerabe@gmail.com
Weekly	AA	Tuesdays		5:45–6:45 PM	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org
	AA (Women Only)	Thursdays		6–7 PM	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org
	AA	Fridays		6–7 PM	505 982-8932	santafeaa.org
	Al Anon	Saturdays		11 AM–12 Noon	505 473-0101	nmal-anon.com
	Breathing Meditation	Tuesdays		1:45–2:45 PM	505 466-3137	sprussel@sjc.edu
	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesdays		8:30 AM–12 Noon	Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914
	Group Meditation	Saturdays		1–3 PM	Ann Maes	amaesnm@gmail.com
	Knitting Club	Tuesdays		10 AM–12 Noon	Joyce Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com
	Overeaters Anonymous	Mondays		7–8 PM	Barb	505 954-1533
	Ukulele Class	Wednesdays		2–4 PM	Hazel Jordon	ukehazel@gmail.com
	Yin Yoga	Mondays		5:30–6:45 PM	Julia Cairns	505 466-1935
	Yoga/Vinyasa Flow	Tuesdays & Fridays		9–10:15 AM	Julia Cairns	505 466-1935
	Yoga/Gentle Stretch	Wednesdays & Thursdays		9–10:15 AM	Mary Horst	505 490-2790

Send calendar event information to GM@eldoradosf.org.

Events are verified as of May 21, please sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs by emailing rturnbough@hoamco.com to be notified of changes.

News Tid-Bits

JULY 4 PANCAKES POSTPONED

The July 4 community pancake breakfast that Eldorado/285 Recycles hosts annually with La Plancha has been postponed, with much regret. We hope to offer a celebratory event when our community can safely reopen. We reviewed many ways to accomplish the pancake breakfast with the requirements that must be considered and decided it would defeat the shared experience we have all come to enjoy. Stay well and stay tuned; we hope we will have good news soon.

WORK TO BEGIN ON EIGHT RAP ROADS

On **Saturday, May 23**, the SFCPW Road Crew will begin drainage improvements and preparing the roads for chip seal. Notice will be provided to residents on message boards two days in advance of construction. Access for residents will be maintained at all times. For additional info, call **505 992-3026**.

SOCIAL DISTANCE YOUR TOO-CLOSE SNAKE

Eldorado Snake Relocation Volunteers will be available this summer for their ninth snake season. They will operate following safety guidelines including enhanced 10-foot social distancing and not touching anything other than the snake. Snakes must be alive and in continuous view of the resident until the volunteer arrives. New Mexico Wildlife Center donation envelopes will be left in the resident's mailbox. Contact **505 603-0250**.

NEW WELCOME COMMITTEE GETTING STARTED

An ECIA Welcome Committee was recently initiated, obviously not anticipating COVID-19. The Committee will explore ways to bring all residents together to meet, make new friends and learn about Eldorado's wonderful amenities. Watch for announcements and to stay in touch, contact Tana Monaco at eldoradowelcome@gmail.com.

*Stay six feet apart,
but hearts and minds still must work
together, or else...*

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 *Vistas* welcomes factual and objective submissions, which 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 photos. Submissions are due on the fifth of the month preceding publication. For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide posted on ECIA website, www.eldoradosf.org.

Survey Stakes—Good News for the Library Trail

The ECIA Conservation Committee is developing the 'Library Trail' for walkers and bicyclists that will run from Avenida Torreon on the east to the Rail Trail on the West. This is an improved trail but is not a "constructed" trail like the Rail Trail. The trail and three to four feet on either side will be mowed in the summer when necessary. The mower will be set at a minimum height of 6" to minimize the impact on vegetation while maintaining a clear trail. The trail will be enjoyable and safe for walking or biking and will require minimal maintenance.

The eastern segment of the Library Trail, completed in 2018, runs from Avenida Torreon near the EAWSD well house, west about 1/3 mile, to an old earthen berm.

Problems occurred during Phase One of the Library Trail project because the greenbelt boundaries were not clearly recognizable. Last February, greenbelt boundary markers were located in preparation for completing the western segment of the Library Trail. Stakes with pink and blue ribbons flag these markers.

Setting the route is challenging because some greenbelt sections are narrow, and some of the existing east-west social trails cross onto private property. Boundary flagging will ensure that the trail does not cross onto private property.

When it is safe to gather, Committee members will use pin flags to lay out the trail's planned course. Once the trail extension from the earthen berm west to the Rail Trail has



Conservation Committee members set boundary flags.

been flagged, the Committee will announce a community walk-through of the planned trail. Owners of property adjacent to the Los Alamos Park where the trail will be laid will be notified by mail of the date for the walk-through, and general announcements will be made through the ECIA website home page and an ECIA eBlast.

Committee members will be present to answer questions about the project and welcome input from the community.

*—Article and photo, Paul Butt,
ECIA Conservation Committee*



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