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Nov. 2 Brings More Howl-O-Ween Fun



Eldorado pets and their friends will gather at the Community Center patio by 11 AM Saturday, **Nov. 2**, for the first ECIA Howl-O-Ween pet parade. Participants register and pose for photos, then strut around the parking lot at noon. Eldorado Country Pet & Wild Bird owner Lisa Boegl

will award prizes for the best costumes. Paws in the Pool, a seasonal tradition, starts at 1 PM. Dogs (only!) get to dive in the pool, dog-paddle around until 2, then head home as technicians close the facility for the winter. Pet owners need to be sure that all pets are leashed or in escape-proof carriers.

ECIA and Santa Fe County Collaborate on Aprons



You might wonder—what is a roadway apron? In this case, it is the paved area on a dirt road where it connects to a paved road. There are quite a few locations where the paved hike/bike path crosses a dirt road as

it runs parallel to one of the major streets. (Santa Fe County's nomenclature for hike/bike path is multi-use trail.) The intersection of the hike/bike trail abruptly with an uneven dirt road can be dangerous or just annoying. It is a hazard for kids on bikes or skateboards, bumpy and uncomfortable for babies in carriages and uneven or ankle-twisting for walkers and joggers.

In October, Santa Fe County crews could be seen fixing this problem by laying down a smooth asphalt surface far enough into the dirt road so that hike/bike trail users always have a smooth paved way. Although the exact cost is not yet known, in 2019 the ECIA budgeted \$30K for the cost of the asphalt and the county has agreed to supply the labor and equipment to do the job. Enjoy these new aprons and be aware of your speed because of the diverse set of users that share this amenity.

—Pam Henline, photo by Pam Henline

What Did I Sign Up for When I Bought in an HOA?

When we closed on our houses here in Eldorado, somewhere in the many documents we signed was an acknowledgement that we would be part of a Home Owners Association and bound by its Governing Documents—the Articles of Incorporation, the Covenants, the restated Covenants and Building Restrictions, the Bylaws, the Architectural Guidelines, and the various policies and procedures enacted by the Board of Directors. If you were like most people, you probably gave them a cursory reading, filed them away with all the other documents you signed that day, and got on with living the wonderful life we enjoy here in Eldorado.

The first encounter you might have had with HOA Governance was when you wanted to build a fence, or stucco your house, or build a studio and suddenly you realized that you couldn't do whatever you wanted. Not only did you have to get permission to do something to your own house, but you had to follow rules about what style and color, where, how big, etc. your project could be. If you were like me, you probably bristled at this interference in your freedom of expression and then grudgingly filled out the necessary forms.

So, what is it that we signed on to when we became part of this Association? First of all, you get to be a member, a shareholder in a non-profit corporation called the Eldorado Community Improvement Association (ECIA), with one vote per lot and all the rights and privileges, as well as the restrictions, which come with it. The ECIA was incorporated in 1972 to preserve the property values and amenities in the community, to maintain the common lands and facilities, and to provide funds to accomplish that purpose. What that means is that we all agree to pay an annual assessment, currently \$525, to ensure that the amenities that contribute to the value of our property are maintained and improved. The current annual budget of approximately \$1.5 million dollars pays for this mandate and the staff necessary to accomplish it.

The Association is governed by a Board of Directors responsible for establishing policies and procedures and overseeing the implementation of the budget by Home Owners Association Management Company (HOAMCO) a professional company hired by the Board four years ago. In conjunction with the Board, HOAMCO hires and trains staff including the General Manager, Operations Manager, Community Relations Coordinator, Covenant Compliance Coordinator, and Office and Maintenance personnel, provides human resources services, provides financial and bookkeeping services, processes payroll, hires and oversees vendors, collects assessments, handles accounts receivable and accounts payable, provides covenant compliance, processes escrow requirements, provides technological support, and conducts Board training. Prior to the hiring of HOAMCO, all of these services were provided piecemeal, either in-house or contracted-out, at roughly the equivalent cost.

In addition to the administrative services HOAMCO provides, they are responsible for maintaining the wide

variety of amenities we enjoy as members of the ECIA. These include a newly renovated pool complex, a large, comfortable Community Center and patio, 4,000 acres of Wilderness Preserve, 14 miles of paved Hike/Bike Trails, 987 acres of Greenbelts with social trails, an acre of fenced Dog Park, Basketball, Tennis, Handball, Pickleball, Shuffleboard and Volleyball courts, two Playgrounds for young children, and a 36-barn Stable area.

Board elections are held every spring with two or three Director positions available, depending on the year. All Board Members are volunteers who put in many hours to ensure that the Association runs smoothly and that members are kept apprised of the work being done on their behalf. The over 60 volunteers who serve on committees to advise the Board on matters relevant to their charters are essential to the Board fulfilling its responsibilities. These committees include Architecture, Conservation, Election, Environmental Stewardship, Facilities and Grounds, Finance, Information, Roads, Stables and Technology. Members are encouraged to attend Board and Committee meetings.

To change any provisions in the Covenants, a majority of the lot owners, approximately 1,388 members, must vote in favor of the change. This has proved to be an almost insurmountable standard in the past. Fortunately the process for modifying the Bylaws, a document that interprets but may not contradict or supersede the Covenants, is more easily accomplished and ensures that Association policies are current and relevant.

Every two years, a committee is convened to review the Bylaws and revise them if needed. Input is solicited from the members, and the committee, legal counsel, and the Board review potential changes. They are then discussed with the community at an Open Forum and voted on by the membership at the annual election. The Bylaws expand on, but may not contradict, the Covenants in Association matters such as Membership, Property Rights, Composition and Duties of the Board and its Officers, Board Meetings, Elections and Removal of Directors, Advisory Committees, Meetings of Members, Assessments, Record Keeping, and Indemnification. The current Bylaws are being reviewed and will be presented to the membership for discussion at an Open Forum on February 5, 2020 and voted on in the 2020 Election.

In the balance, the benefits of membership in the ECIA, including the increase in your property values that comes with owning a home in a highly desirable community, outweigh the restrictions and responsibilities inherent in being part of a Home Owners Association. The best way to effect change in the Governance of the Association is to attend meetings, run for election to the Board, or become a member of a committee.

—David McDonald
President, ECIA Board of Directors

Board Actions September 26

The Board of Directors meeting was delayed one week and met on Thursday, September 26, 2019. Present were President **David McDonald**, Secretary **Bernardo Monserrat**, Director **David Sorkin**, and Director **Nancy Sulzberg**. Acting Treasurer **Todd Handy** had an excused absence. The following formal actions were reviewed and passed by the Board:

- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
- Motion to affirm the unanimous email approval for injecting pesticide in 6 pinion trees in the ECIA Community Center courtyard as recommended by the Environmental Stewardship Committee
- Motion to appoint James A. Mason as the Acting Chair of the Road Committee

- Motion to appoint signers for the Sunflower/First National Bank (D. McDonald, T. Handy, D. Sorkin)

Three residents spoke at the Open Forum on the Stables, the Pool and moving the ECIA into the 21st Century. The Board addressed the issues briefly as appropriate and referred them for action.

The next scheduled meeting of the ECIA Board of Directors will be a Working session on Monday October 21, 2019, at 6 PM, in the Community Center Classroom. On Thursday, October 24, 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.

Board Actions October 24

The Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association met on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Members present were President **David McDonald**, Director **David Sorkin**, and Director **Nancy Sulzberg**. Secretary **Bernardo Monserrat**, and Acting Treasurer **Todd Handy** had excused absences, however Todd Handy was able to attend part of the meeting arriving after his prior commitments. The following formal actions were reviewed and passed by the Board:

- Motion to approve the Array Design Studio proposal for website design
- Motion to authorize exploration of Dark Skies Community status.
- Motion to accept resignation of Director Maclaren
- Motion to accept resignation of Director Gutierrez
- Motion to move \$12,000 from Reserve to Operating Budget
- Motion to appoint Marti Zieg to Finance Committee
- Motion to appoint Kathy Ritschel to F&G Committee

- Motion to accept the 2020 Nomination Petition
- Motion to appoint Melicent D'Amore to the Board
- Motion to appoint Carol Sanguinetti to the Board
- Motion to allow Pam Henline to remain on the Information Committee

Eight residents spoke at the Open Forum on a variety of topics including the Board President's job performance, unanswered questions from Town Hall meeting, Accessory Dwelling Structures and a lengthy, often contentious discussion on the Information Committee and Vistas.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be a Working Session on Monday November 18, 2019, at 6 PM, in the Classroom. On Thursday, November 21, 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.

ECIA Invites Budget Discussion for 2020

The Finance Committee (FC) and Board are preparing the ECIA budget for 2020. The year 2019 included large expenditures which required a substantial draw from the Replacement Reserve Fund. The FC has indicated an assessment increase is needed. More information is available at the following meetings. Dates may change so please watch for E-blast notifications. **All meetings are open to residents.**

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 9:30 AM FC meeting: FC adopts a final recommended Budget and Budget Message.

Monday, Nov. 18, 5 PM prior to Board working meeting:

Joint meeting of the ECIA Board and FC.

Friday, Dec. 6, 9 AM: Proposed 2020 Operating Budget and Message available at ECIA office and on website.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 AM: Forum for residents on the proposed 2020 Operating Budget.

Thursday Dec. 19, 7 PM Board meeting: Board adopts the final 2020 budget at its regular meeting.

Friday Dec. 20, 5 PM: Adopted Budget and Budget Message posted to website, and available at office, with HOAMCO-provided information by GM for inclusion with 2020 invoices.

ECIA BOARD: President **David McDonald**, Acting Treasurer **Todd Handy**, Secretary **Bernardo Monserrat**, Director **David Sorkin**, Director **Nancy Sulzberg**, Director **Melicent D'Amore**, Director **Carol Sanguinetti**

100% of What? Maintenance Activity Data Base

Data compiled by the Facilities and Grounds (F&G) Committee indicates that during the first eight months of this year HOAMCO maintenance staff has corrected 89% of the 28 reported problems within 30 days of their being reported (target is 80% within 30 days). While this is a very commendable statistic, it doesn't really tell the whole story.

There have been more than 28 identified problems year to date. Some have been reported via emails to Staff. Some have been verbally communicated to Staff. Some have been found (and resolved and reported) by Staff. There may be some that are found and resolved by Staff but not reported.

Residents can get a more realistic count by reporting observed problems into the problem ticket module of the ECIA web site (Resident Resources/Forms and Applications/Facilities Problem Report). These can also be reported via email to fandgchair@gmail.com.

Each month's General Manager Management Report lists maintenance activities performed during the month (via appropriate documentation). Without knowing how many maintenance problems occur (known via appropriate documentation), and how Staff is responding to them (date

found vs date completed, number of man-hours to complete, etc.), it is difficult to know if the maintenance staff is "right sized". Nor can it be gauged if maintenance budgets are at the most appropriate levels, or that 80% or more of all problems are resolved within 30 days.

During the past year, F&G has requested on more than one occasion that HOAMCO adopt and begin using maintenance management software and procedures to improve the understanding of maintenance requirements, activities, and related costs. In August HOAMCO made a maintenance management software presentation. That software was deemed to meet the requirements of our community as well as our management company. F&G eagerly awaits the roll-out of that tool and related procedures. After the data base has been appropriately populated, reliable data to help meet our objectives should become available.

Getting more real problems identified, documented and addressed will help develop a more realistic indication of how many and what type of maintenance issues exist.

—Nolan Zisman

Chair, Facilities & Grounds Committee

Oct. 2 Town Hall Meeting Examines Road Safety

Eldorado's highway will soon be safer, said Transportation Secretary Michael Sandoval and other state and county officials. The good news came at a "Town Hall" meeting **Oct. 2** at El Dorado

Community School. More State patrols should be present to enforce speed limits for trucks and cars along US-285 and on local streets. By the end of November, the main Interstate off-ramp will have sensors to detect wrong-way drivers and flash warning signals.

State Sen. Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe), Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-50), County Commissioners Ed Moreno (Dist. 5) and Ann Hamilton (Dist. 4) joined some 50

Eldorado residents at the meeting to explore solutions to the problems of vehicles, especially trucks, speeding off I-25 into US-285, wrong-way traffic on US-285, as well as speeding and rolling stops on our local streets.

Some solutions included designating US-285 a Safety Corridor, guiding all traffic exiting from north-bound I-25 to

a stop sign and requiring a left or right turn onto US-285, and speed humps or rumble strips at crucial spots in the village. The Safety Corridor designation lowers speed limits and doubles fines, with increased enforcement and patrols.

A traffic signal at Ave. Eldorado and US-285 would improve safety, at a cost of \$790K to \$1M.

A possible commercial development near the traffic-light at Avenida Amistad/Camino Valle may also affect future traffic at Eldorado's "first entrance". High-speed bicyclists were urged to use the bike lanes on Avenida Eldorado rather than the

designated hike/bike trails away from the roadway.

Any major changes to traffic on US-285 require traffic studies and planning that could take a year or more, mandated by federal highway requirements.

—Pam Henline

Photo by Sandra Vreeland



Ambassador Animals—Education or Exploitation?

Marie Curie observed, “Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.”



We all appreciate our amazing wildlife in Eldorado. Most people realize that wildlife, whenever possible, should remain wild. As the human population explodes globally, wildlife becomes more stressed and threatened. Too often these circumstances can result in wildlife being compromised beyond a safe return to their habitat, due to traffic accidents, misguided feeding leading to habituation, failed attempts at domestication, hunting, unintentional/unnecessary rescues, and primary or secondary poisoning.

An injured animal too compromised for rehabilitation and release is typically euthanized. Occasionally, however, wildlife physically handicapped, born in captivity, or habituated to humans can be enlisted to serve as ambassador animals. These animals can help with public education to promote understanding and coexistence—thereby actually preventing the need for future ambassadors. Some wonderful ambassador animals (owls, hawks, eagle, falcon, reptiles, bobcats, fox, raccoon and a coyote) can be viewed at the New Mexico Wildlife Center in Española.

Snakes, spiders and other species, are widely misunderstood, vilified, and summarily killed. Enlisting such species to help with public outreach and education promotes coexistence. Locally, the Eldorado Snake Relocation Volunteers hosts public outreach with rescued snakes before the snakes are returned to active duty in safer locations. The results are inspirational to observe—some residents who never envisioned themselves holding a snake leave with an appreciation and awareness of the animal’s value in the ecosystem. Many of our younger residents are already perfect examples of coexisting with our wildlife.

In an ideal world, ambassador animals would not be necessary. However, wildlife outreach efforts result in acceptability, understanding, and appreciation.

—Eldorado Flora Fauna Group

Photo by Joseph Newman: Eldorado resident Johanna Parker’s daughter Rory becomes acquainted with a bull snake during the annual Ice Cream Social.

Home Security/Safety Tips from Neighborhood Watch

Although Eldorado experiences few break-ins, simple safety steps are always a good idea.

When away from home for a few days:

- Use interior and exterior light timers to establish a pattern of occupancy
- Get in the habit of setting your security alarm and double check your locks
- Always lock your residence doors, including when you are home
- Ask a neighbor or trusted friend to pick up your mail and newspapers, check for delivered packages, inspect the house (inside and out) for water leaks, problems caused by a power outage and other troubles
- Use secondary blocking devices on windows and sliding doors (e.g. wooden dowel in the track of sliding doors)
- Offer to park your car in a neighbor’s driveway and theirs in yours when either is away and in winter leave car tracks in the snow to make it appear someone is home
- Don’t share on social media until you return
- Disconnect outside hoses, washing machine hoses, non-essential electronics

- Do not leave valuables visible and close shades to deter anyone looking inside
- Contact a neighbor, friend or your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain to let them know you will be gone and leave emergency information with them
- Remember to remove stashed extra keys from under doormats, etc.

If you would like to know more about becoming a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, or to join a group on your road please contact Chairperson Joe Loewy, jloewy42@aol.com or call 505 231-6462.



Exploring the Roots of Eldorado at Santa Fe

The first settlers occupied the land as far back as 12,000 years ago, according to the carbon dating of potsherds found in the Eldorado area and from nearby Pueblo ruins. It appears that the pueblo population ceased to exist here around the early 1400's, when drought forced the people to leave. The ancestral Pueblos did not claim to 'own' the land.

When the Spanish arrived in New Mexico in 1540, the concept of land ownership abruptly changed as they granted ownership of large pieces of land to various explorers and later to residents. Information on grants made before 1680 is lost because the Palace of the Governors was set on fire and land grant records were destroyed during the Pueblo Revolt of 1680.

In 1785 the Cañada de los Alamos grant was made to Lorenzo Marquez and later measured to be 12,086 acres. The next owner was Pablo Delgado. His son, Felipe, sold the land grant to Francisco Manzaneros for \$100. In 1824 Mexico was established as a federalist republic and the Spanish no longer ruled. At the conclusion of the Mexican-American War in 1848, the United States annexed New Mexico as the U.S. New Mexico Territory. In 1901, the Onderdonk Land



& Cattle company bought both the Cañada de los Alamos Grant and the adjacent Bishop John Lamy Grant for \$10,000. The Lamy Grant was about 16,546 acres.

New Mexico was admitted to the Union as the 47th state on January 6, 1912.

The Onderdonk Ranch operated both grants as a cattle ranch into the 1950s when Frank Teal purchased the land in 1953. He continued raising cattle and horses. Alva A. Simpson bought the ranch from Teal three years later for \$12.50 an acre. The Simpsons lived on the land and continued to raise cattle and breed race horses as a sideline.

Alva Simpson was a successful college football player, playing for Nebraska and the Lobos and won distinguished service awards during WW II. After returning to New Mexico he was appointed by the governor to various public positions. Alva had a lavish lifestyle and was committed to his cattle ranching activities. He was well known throughout the southwest and New Mexico. In 1969, many New Mexicans were surprised to learn that he sold his "Simpson's Ranch" to Rio Rancho Estates, owned by the American Realty and Petroleum Corporation (AMREP), for \$3.2 million.

AMREP planned to develop the area into 25,000 homes (as they have done in Rio Rancho). Santa Fe County restricted that number because of the need to demonstrate producing water wells and enough water to supply the area.

The 26,949 acres of Eldorado at Santa Fe were platted out by the County and eventually were divided into 2,775 residential lots. AMREP established the Eldorado Community Improvement Association (ECIA) to administer the business and covenants of Eldorado at Santa Fe. Until the mid-1980s the developer owned a majority of the lots. The first resident president of the ECIA Board is listed as Frank Platts, 1982–1983. The next president still resides in Eldorado. AMREP granted the 4,009 acres of Eldorado's Community Preserve to the ECIA in 1982, to remain open space and undeveloped.

Much more about the development of Eldorado at Santa Fe and the people who have lived here can be found in *Windmills and Dreams*, available on Amazon and at the Community Center.

—Pam Henline

Photo courtesy of the Center for Southwest Research, UNM Libraries: Cañada de los Alamos Grant Map, Box 15, Folder 3, MSS 29 BC 301 Oversize Folder 2, Thomas B. Catron Papers

Aug. 29 Town Hall Meeting Recording Now Available

The ECIA would like to thank Better Eldorado for supplying the recording of the **Aug. 29** Town Hall available to the community. No audio recording of this meeting was made by Board or office staff. This audio recording (2 hours 30 minutes) is available on the ECIA website at:

<https://eldoradosf.org/document/Aug29TownHallAudioRecording.mp3>

Around 50 concerned residents attended the meeting. Board members present were President David McDonald, Vice-president Elizabeth Maclaren, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Board members David Sorkin and Nancy Sulzberg. Board Secretary Bernardo Monserrat moderated the meeting.

Approximately 24 residents signed-in to ask questions at the microphone. Some important concerns were discussed: Finance committee Vote of No Confidence in Board president David McDonald and discussion; Forensic audit full report; Adherence to Procurement Policy; Pool renovation and costs; Board meetings without all members present or notified; A different structure or model for ECIA/community; Board should be elected, not appointed; Better communications needed; Rescind civility code; Appreciation of amount of time contributed by Board members and volunteers; Negativity by some members of the community concerning Board and committee members.

November 2019 Meetings at the Community Center

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	12, 26	7-9 PM	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com	FO
	Board Working Session	Monday	18	6-8 PM	ECIA Board	505 466-4248	CR
	Board Meeting	Thursday	21	7-9 PM	ECIA Board	505 466-4248	CR
	Bylaws Review	Tuesday	5, 19	1-3 PM	Butch Gorsuch	blylawsreviewchair@gmail.com	CF
	Community Open Discussion	Thursday	14	6-8 PM	ECIA Board	505 466-4248	CR
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	5	7-9 PM	Thom Bredenberg	conservationchair@gmail.com	FO
	Election Committee	Wednesday	13	2-4 PM	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com	CF
	Environmental Stewardship	Tuesday	5	3-5 PM	Karen Murry	environmentalchair@gmail.com	CF
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	6	10 AM-12:30 PM	Nolan Zisman	fandgchair@gmail.com	RB
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	12	9:30 AM-12 Noon	Sal Monaco	financechair1@gmail.com	CF
	Information Committee	Monday	11	7-9 PM	Pam Henline	informationchair@gmail.com	CF
	Road Committee	Wednesday	6	5:30 PM-7 PM	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com	CF
	Stable Committee	Tuesday	19	7-9 PM	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com	CR
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Bridge	1st/3rd Fridays	1, 15	1-4:30 PM	DiAna Gutierrez	505 699-3555	LR
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	20	3-5 PM	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net	LR
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	12	4-6 PM	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797	CF
	Healing Arts Practitioners	2nd Tuesday	12	4-5:30 PM	Laurie Sandman	lsandman9@comcast.net	LR
	Life Drawing	Alt. Mondays	4, 18	10 AM-12 Noon	Mavis Murphy	505 466-8189	RB
	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	5	6-7 PM	Michael Landen	505 466-8896	CF
	Santa Fe Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	12	6:30-8 PM	Bob 505 466-4970	santafemodelrailroadclub.org	RB
	Spinning Group (Fiber)	1st/3rd Thursdays	7, 21	9:30-11:30 AM	Ellen Higgins	casaladerabe@gmail.com	LR
Weekly	Al Anon	Tuesdays		5:45-6:45 PM	505 982-8932	nmal-anon.com	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
	Meditation	Mondays		6-7:30 PM		505 466-4248	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

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.

News Tid-Bits

ECIA POOL

The last day for human swimmers was **Oct. 31**. It is hoped that Phase Two work will complete before a scheduled opening next Memorial Day, Saturday, **May 23, 2020**.

FIRE IN ELDORADO? SEE SIMULATION ON NOV. 13

Are you concerned about a wildfire in Eldorado? The topography of Eldorado will be projected onto a simulation table; wind speed and direction are factored into the simulation along with available fuel. See what happens to our community when FIRE is added.

This event will be held at the City of Santa Fe Office of Emergency Management, 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Public Safety Building at 5:15 PM. It is sponsored by the greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition, which is composed of organizations and individuals working to improve the ecological condition of the Greater Santa Fe Fireshed.



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY CLOSURE

ECIA offices will be closed from Thursday, **Nov. 28** through Sunday, **Dec. 1**.

ELDORADO ARTS & CRAFTS HOLIDAY EVENTS

2019 Winter Community Festival Saturday, **Dec. 7, 2019**, 10 AM-4 PM at the Eldorado Community Center, and **Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association Winter Art Show** Friday, **Dec. 13, 2019** 11 AM-6 PM and Saturday, **Dec. 14, 2019**, 10 AM-4 PM at the Agora Shopping Center.

The first annual EACA Winter Art Show and Eldorado Community Holiday Celebration was a big hit in 2018! Watch for 2019 details to follow as plans unfold.

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Snow will soon be here
to blanket the land again
and chill the turkey.

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.

Residents Enjoy Eldorado Stables Community Fun Day



The Community Fun Day Open House at the Eldorado Stables, held on Oct. 5 this year, was bigger than ever. Over 140 Eldorado residents and their guests visited the Stables to ride horses, groom a donkey, play stick horse games, and learn about snakes, worm bins, and about horses in general.

Activities also included a scavenger hunt, refreshments, volunteers in costume, including the sheriff and his deputy on mounted patrol. Children who visit every year looked forward to seeing their favorite horses and donkey.

More volunteers helped put on this year's event than ever before. Once again, Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding Center provided pony rides for children, the youngest, (pictured above) just seven months old, free of charge. They were joined by Eldorado Snake Rescue Volunteers, who provided snake education and the chance to meet some beneficial snakes. Eldorado/285 Recycles brought a miniature worm bin, provided education about recycling, composting and vermicomposting, and "worm races" for the

kids. Forever West Performance Horses, which offers riding lessons for children and adults just north of the Eldorado Stables, provided equine ambassadors to help welcome guests. Nine Eldorado Stables horses and Simone the donkey, (pictured below with owner Gretel Underwood in costume), 16 barn owners, sharers and their families volunteered to promote and staff the event.

Even if you missed Community Day, Eldorado residents are welcome to visit the Stables at any time during daylight hours to enjoy this unique amenity. Year-round activities for people without horses include dog walking, bird-watching, plein air painting, picking up manure for compost, and simply enjoying the beautiful equines.

—Amelia Adair
Photos by Pam Henline



The horses and owners thank everyone who left many large containers of apples for all the equines this fall!



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