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Pickleball: A Sport, an Addiction, a Passion



From the left: Elle Hanscom, John Bentley, Julie Kinney, Kathy Ritschel, Rich Woujda, Annie Maes.

Pickleball was invented in the summer of 1965, in the state of Washington, by several fathers looking to entertain their bored children with a backyard activity. The original game employed wooden paddles, a badminton net and a wiffle ball. Today pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in the world. The United States has over 4.2 million players and continues to grow annually at a double-digit rate.

Pickleball is a paddle-based sport that incorporates features of tennis, badminton and table tennis, but it is easier

to learn and play. Two to four players play on a court the size of a doubles badminton court with rules of play most similar to tennis. Initially retirees were attracted to the game as both a social outlet and an affordable way to get physical activity back into their lives. Today, the Sports and Fitness Industry Association reports that almost 48% of the players are under the age of 34.

The addiction to the game is partly because pickleball is an intergenerational game, where parents, grandparents and children can play together. The fundamentals of the sport are easy to learn, recreational equipment is inexpensive and beginners are welcome. However, like all addictions there is a hook; namely, the game is a fun way to get healthy and broaden one's social network. Players are often eager to share how the game of pickleball has improved their overall emotional and physical health.

In 2019, the Eldorado Facilities and Grounds Committee bought pickleball equipment and lined three pickleball courts on the basketball court, near the Community Center, for residents to join in this popular sport. Please feel free to come out, any day of the week, to enjoy this latest amenity and learn why so many of your neighbors are so passionate about this great sport. The pickleball courts are available from sunrise until 3 PM.

—Christine Wantuck
Photo by Julie Kinney

Puppies Help Close Down the Pool Season

Residents expressed their gratitude to ECIA for hosting the annual Doggy Splash on Oct. 9—the pool closed for humans for the season on Oct. 2. Pups appeared to have a great time—all getting along as they navigated the pool edge. About 30 dogs and 50–60 humans joined in the fun. Though many pups were hesitant to dive in the big pool, the kiddie pool was almost at capacity! Most of the lifeguards were present to ensure all humans and fur-babies remained safe. Saturday was a beautiful, cool fall day with partly cloudy skies and a breeze. The complimentary hot cocoa, coffee and popcorn were a perfect addition to this autumn, dog-filled day.

—Pam Henline and Jessica Collins
Photos by Jessica Collins



Board Actions and Summary October 19

The ECIA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:56 PM, held via Zoom, and recorded. President Sal Monaco, Vice President David Sorkin, Secretary Carol Sanguinetti, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, and Directors Erika Penczer, James Caruso, and Jonathan Turkle were present and quorum was met. HOAMCO staff included Executive Vice President Nigel Burgess, General Manager (GM) Julie Navarro, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Jessica Collins, Operations Manager (OM) Mike Rogers, Architecture and Compliance Coordinator Mark Young, and Operations and Compliance Assistant Jocelyn Rizo.

Board President Monaco discussed recent vandalism of ECIA property. The damage caused is a felony charge; ECIA is working with the Sheriff Department and plans to press charges. President Monaco shared the toll vandalism has on the Reserve budget and that this affects the entire community. Similarly, the dog park security pilot program has been unsuccessful due to residents removing the locks, placing them in conspicuous locations, and not locking the locks behind them. The locks have since been removed, though all residents need to understand there is a penalty for not registering dogs for the Dog Park. The Board of Directors continues to weigh the consequences of the cost of security as this area of the budget continues to rise.

The October 2021 Board of Directors meeting agenda was adopted. The September Board of Directors Meeting Minutes and Consent Agenda items were approved, motioned by Board Director Caruso, seconded by Board Director Penczer and all were in favor.

The General Manager's Report, Treasurer's Report, County Liaison Report and Committee and Task Group Reports can be found under "ECIA Governing Board" on the ECIA website.

The GM reported staff is working with the EACA group to prepare for the Studio Tour showcase at the CC on October 23rd and 24th. The GM is working with the Sheriff's Deputy to establish more law enforcement presence in the community and at the CC. Staff received leads from the e-Blasts of the footage of vandalism at Compadres Park and identified at least 11 names. The Deputy is in the process of contacting the individuals and the GM is hopeful to move forward pressing charges. More CC security has been discussed, including the possibility of a gate at the main entrance.

The OM is meeting with different vendors to research gate options for the community center access road which would be on the same proximity card system as the pool and courts. The vendor will be out this week to begin the tennis courts and basketball courts proximity card reader system, and to finish the project at the pool. Staff is looking at estimates for a license plate reader camera with the assistance of the Sheriff's Department. The OM reported new CC patio and Cactus Garden lighting has been installed and new lighting for the front walkway will begin this month. Since multiple cameras lost feed due to lightning, we have installed an uninterrupted power supply and surge protection for the cameras. The maintenance crew completed the sixth and final mowing of the hike/bike paths of the season, four more than last season.

The Board of Directors passed the following motions:

- to approve the Poolside, LLC contract, recommended by the Finance Committee, for a total project cost of \$120,040.95, this includes all taxes. \$51,000.00 would be spent in and the remainder of \$69,040.95 will be included in the 2022 budget. This project was obtained following the established procurement policy.
- to approve use of \$51,000.00 from the existing Replacement and Reserve 2021 budget for the pool plaster project in 2021. This will allow demolition to begin immediately.
- to approve an increase of \$4,600 to the Conservation Committee 2021 budget to move forward with the project of erosion control in the Preserve. The Conservation Committee currently has approximately \$8,700.00 remaining in the 2021 budget and the contract is in the amount of \$13,316.60.
- to embark on a process to map all boundaries of the Greenbelt common space.
- to approve all updated Committee Charters.

Board Director Turkle moved to approve a survey of the 19 survey markers along the main drainage east of Gavilan Road to the railroad line including the two Greenbelt access points along the drainage at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00. After discussion indicating funds were available and this was not needed, the motion was tabled.

- Board President Monaco moved to initiate a broad communications focus within the HOAMCO professional staff to include the production of *Vistas*, ECIA Social Media Presence, Member Relations and Web Content. This will be effective October 20, 2021 and start with the production of the December *Vistas*. The motion was opened for public comment. Following three residents' comments, the motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Gutierrez and all were in favor.

The following Architecture Committee recommendations were presented to the Board, moved by Director Caruso and passed:

1. A variance for 1 Joya Court to allow a new shed to be located 33 feet from the dwelling home.
2. A recommendation by the Architecture Committee to **deny** a variance for 3 Conchas Place allowing for a new fence to remain on the lot with the stringers on the outside of the fence.
3. A variance for 2 Mimosa Road to allow for a new large accessory structure to be located at a distance of 35 feet from the dwelling home.

No Old Business.

Under New Business, recognizing that motions passed earlier will require 2022 funding, Board Treasurer Gutierrez moved to add a \$7,500 to the 2022 budget to begin the process of mapping the Greenbelt and to add \$42,000 to the 2022 budget for a new ECIA Communications position. Both motions passed.

There was no public comment in Open Forum and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, November 16th at 5:30 PM.**

—Sal Monaco,
ECIA Board President

A Fitting Tribute to Two Former ECIA Board Presidents



Dag Ryen

Dag, born in Norway, emigrated to Lexington, KY, where his dad purchased a horse farm. Going on to graduate from Princeton University with a BA in Political Science (later a MA in History from Univ. of KY). In his early 20's, Dag took a position as a foreign correspondent with the Norwegian Wire Service in Oslo.

Upon his return to the US, Dag embraced a multitude of roles. Following his passions, he authored several books. He reviewed theater productions for the Lexington Herald-Leader and Southern Theater. In addition, he was the executive editor for State Government News, a publication of the Council of State Governments. He also led efforts to provide public administration and media relations training to public servants from numerous emerging countries. The late 1990's found Dag teaching classes at the Patterson School of Diplomacy at the University of Kentucky. Additionally, he continued his professional focus on governance with the Kentucky League of Cities.

In 2005, upon selling the horse farm, Dag and his wife relocated to Eldorado. As an avid tennis player, he soon made new friends with weekly matches. He was an active volunteer and became the longest serving Board President (2013 to 2017).

Dag was an active hike leader for the local Sierra Club. Together with his wife, hiked every trail in the acclaimed Sierra Club hiking guide as they helped edit and produce the 7th edition.

Dag passed from cancer in December 2020, age 75.



Edward Moreno

Ed was born in 1954 in Mexico City and moved with his family when his father began work at a Spanish speaking radio station in Denver. Ed received a BS degree in journalism from the University of Northern Colorado. In 1980 he began working for the Santa Fe New Mexican, reporting on crime, courts and politics. He also worked for the Associated Press covering NM politics where he earned awards for his coverage of state capital news. In addition, Ed was Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs during his employment at New Mexico State Land Office. Later work included investigations into national and local policy on energy, environment, education, health, agriculture land management and tribal communities.

Ed served on the ECIA Board where he was treasurer and also Board President from 2011 to 2013. In 2016 he was elected the District 5 Santa Fe County Commissioner. As commissioner he participated in the Aamodt Settlements (involving water rights) and in the growing County trail system.

Ed possessed an inquisitive mind, abundant intelligence, and a sparkling wit; he could carry on an interesting conversation with anyone on any topic. He passed away in July 2021 at the age of 67.

ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

Board: *President Sal Monaco, Vice President David Sorkin, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary Carol Sanguinetti, Director James Caruso, Director Erika Penczer, Director Johnathan Turkle.*

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

ECIA office open for business. Community Center closed for activities. For info call 505 466-4248.

A Weed Season Retrospective

The Conservation Committee would like to thank *Vistas* and all who contributed to the 2021 Weed of the Month series. Everyone involved, from first draft to the final reader, has learned something.

As winter draws near, weeds may not seem as great a concern as earlier this year when they were thriving. HOAMCO and Santa Fe County did a great job clearing the common properties and the rights of way on the arterial streets. Fall and winter present opportunities for the homeowner to continue managing unwanted vegetation for the benefit of landscape and habitat and maybe get a jump on it for next season.

Now is a good time to dig up and remove deep-rooted perennial weeds such as bindweed, biennials like mullein, and trim back the suckers of unwanted trees and shrubs. Although we do not advocate chemical herbicides, a solution of concentrated vinegar painted on the cuts could discourage their regrowth. When removing annuals and biennials in fall, care should be taken not to further disseminate seeds.



Tumbleweeds

Although there may be disagreement in the community regarding the aesthetics or value of some of the plants and trees we have addressed in the series, Russian thistle, kochia and Jim Hill mustard, i.e., the tumbleweeds, have few if any defenders. These weeds are problematic from every angle: fire prevention, aesthetics, conservation, home and neighborhood

appearance, and covenant enforcement. For properties with severe infestations, mechanical intervention may be the only option. Power trimming (weed wacking) is preferable to mowing, as the birds and other wildlife depend on the native seed heads for food. It's better to manage weeds selectively.



Invasive weeds

or mulch now in the spaces between blue grama "plateaus" would also encourage rhizome propagation. The best defense against invasive annuals is a healthy stand of native vegetation.

The Tumble Weed Rodeo last April was a successful event that should be repeated. Residents brought their tumbleweeds which had tumbled on to their property and had already dispersed their seed, to Compadres Park where they were dispatched by HOAMCO to the Santa Fe County transfer station weed waste site to be processed appropriately. We are also encouraged by efforts of the Greenspace Management Task Force of the Stables Committee to enhance the landscape of the stables by removing weeds and establishing native grasses and wildflowers. We were privileged to participate in their "Wine and Weeds Walks". All the 2021 weed articles are available on *Vistas* back issues, March–Oct. 2021.

So, best wishes for the season. The weeds will be back before we know it.

—Thomas Bredenberg,

ECIA Conservation Committee

Photos: left, Thomas Bredenberg; above, Paul Butt

News from Vista Grande Public Library

Thanks to everyone who made our book sale a success — volunteers and shoppers alike. We couldn't have done it without you, especially those who took on the task of organizing things (Abby Smith, Nancy Ostiguy, Tracey Mitchell, Val Barraza). There are too many other names to list. You know who you are and how much we appreciate you.

Nov. 1–30: VGPL's Art Exhibition: Selene Sinclair, "This Land and All Her Seasons", acrylic local landscape paintings; and Liz Faust, "Contemporary Pine Needle Baskets".

Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 PM: Local author, film historian and all 'round entertaining guy, Jeff Berg will present a brand new film clip show. Curious about NM authors whose books have become films? Come and see how they turned out.

Friday, Nov. 19: Family Movie Night, call (505) 466-7325 for movie title and details.

Fridays at 3 PM: All Ages Chess in the Meeting Room

Monday, Nov. 15, 5:30 PM: Board Meeting in the Meeting Room.

Nov. 25 and 26: Closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

Northern Harrier: Not Your Average Hawk!

Northern Harriers (*Circus hudsonius*) are unique among our hawks in that they utilize both superb eyesight and a keen sense of hearing to locate prey. In fact, they've lifted a page right from an owl's playbook. Resembling those nocturnal raptors, the harrier's face is bordered by a ruff of stiff feathers, creating a dish-like countenance that funnels sound to its ears, just as in owls. Endowed with this double-threat *modus operandi*, harriers fly low, gliding on up-tilted wings and hover just above fields and marshes, ready to pounce on unwary small mammals and birds. At a distance, you might mistake one for a Turkey Vulture. But all Northern Harriers, regardless of age or sex, display a characteristic bright white rump patch in flight.

The Marsh Hawk, as it was known when I began birding during the last century, is a graceful raptor with long narrow wings and tail, but it is not confined to wetlands, nesting also in grassland habitats. In New Mexico, harriers are irregular breeders, mostly in the northeast, beginning as early as March. They winter throughout the Land of Enchantment though, and late autumn is when they generally appear in Eldorado. My wife and I have observed them as early as August 31, but they are more likely to make an appearance beginning in October or November. They remain until April—feeding upon our abundant rodent populations, and sometimes linger into mid-May. Our latest spring sighting in Eldorado is May 5.



A male Northern Harrier hunting



A female/juvenile Northern Harrier

Relying on augmented auditory faculties when hunting isn't the only thing that sets Northern Harriers apart from other diurnal raptors. Males and females are readily identifiable based on their coloration, which is certainly not the case with almost all other raptors. The larger and heavier females are brown overall, while their mates are gray above and a striking white below,

accented by black-edged wings. I've heard the male harrier referred to as the "gray ghost", perhaps owing to the fact that males are observed much less often than females (young of both sexes closely resemble adult females, but are rusty to buff below). The explanation it seems is that males are often polygynous, mating with up to five females, although one or two is far more common; hence no need for a surplus of males. Interestingly however, polygyny has not yet been detected in New Mexico nesting harriers as of 2010, according to Robert H. Doster (in *Raptors of New Mexico*, UNM Press, 2010).

Northern Harriers spend a good deal of time on the ground unlike most hawks—nesting on the ground, often forming communal winter roosts on the ground, and consuming their prey, which sometimes include reptiles and amphibians, on the ground.

This unusual raptor is still widespread and fairly common in North America, although harrier populations have exhibited significant declines since the 1960s. Draining of wetlands and conversion of grassland to farmland are believed to be primary factors for the decline.

—Article René Laubach

Photos: left, Mark & Teri McClelland/Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (ML375035001);

above, Bob Bowhay/Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (ML374963591)

Flags Fly on Veterans' Day and Thanksgiving Day

American flags fly this month on Nov. 11 and on Thanksgiving Day, the last Thursday of the month, a genuinely American holiday blending spiritual and historic values. Originally, Nov. 11 was the day, in 1918, that the traumatic "Great War," later called World War I, ended in a traditional truce. This country had tried to avoid it, could not, and suffered huge losses. The truce date was called Armistice Day until after an even scarier conflict, now called World War II. It became Veterans' Day, expanding the concern to all those who fought, survived and came home, often with invisible injuries. Many nations observe the date under various names.

Washington state was admitted long before, on Nov. 11, 1889, nine days after North and South Dakota and three after Montana. North Carolina ratified the Constitution on Nov. 21, 1789. There are 17 national Independence Days and 13 Flag Days in November.

Even though Veterans' Day changed the focus from the end of hostilities to the survivors who came home, the American public balked when Congress tried to change the holiday from a specific date to a Monday nearby on the calendar. The observation date, Nov. 11, remains unchanged.

—Bill Dunning

Keeping Your Smartphone Secure

Setting passcodes and PIN numbers for your smartphone is just as important as creating strong passwords for online accounts. With a weak passcode, your contacts, apps, financial information and more are at risk of being stolen if you lose your phone.

Choose a passcode that is difficult to guess. Avoid using common sequences like “123456” or “246810” and repetitive numbers like “111111.” Never use birthdays or digits of your phone number. More recent devices offer fingerprint identification from the lock screen, and some even utilize facial recognition.

Be sure to download software and app updates often to avoid data breaches. It’s a password tip that often goes overlooked but putting off updates can lead to system vulnerabilities, inviting hackers in. Turning on the automatic updates setting on your smartphone ensures that software will be updated as soon as a new version is released. And never download apps from third party app stores, and stick to stores like Google Play and Apple’s App Store to avoid data breaches and malware downloads.

For additional security, use two-factor authentication whenever you can. After entering a password, you’ll receive a code via text to enter for access to your account. Although the extra step may seem tedious, it will make all the difference in protecting your information.

USING A PASSWORD MANAGER

If you’re worried about remembering all of your passwords, try a password manager. With this tool, you can collect and store every password and sort them according to their respective accounts.

As mentioned earlier, password managers can also generate secure passwords for you at random to ensure your information isn’t hacked. These systems also keep track of

three-digit CVV codes, PIN numbers, answers to security questions, credit card numbers and more. They are completely secure, utilizing password encryption and multi-factor login on every visit to keep your information safe.

Here are some of the most popular password managers, all with free trials available.

1PASSWORD

As with all password managers, you only need to memorize one password to access all of your other information, hence the system’s well-fitting name. Passwords are stored in password vaults for optimal security from hackers and cyber thieves. Vaults are unlocked with a special encryption key that lives on your personal device. No one without access to your device can unlock your information and no data can be decrypted without the encryption key.

LASTPASS

With LastPass, you can log into any website requiring a password with the system’s autofill function. It can automatically save your account credentials for any recently created account. LastPass also has the ability to autofill online forms to make your experience more efficient. With fingerprint identification and facial recognition, you can count on this system’s security.

KEEPER

Like 1Password, Keeper stores your passwords in an encrypted vault to protect them from cybercriminals. The system allows you to log into websites and mobile apps with facial recognition and fingerprint authentication as well. The KeeperFill function acts as a password generator, producing strong passwords for you to use in new account creation and autofilling them each time you visit the website. The system also allows you to register an emergency contact to activate your information in case of an emergency.

A Very Old Holiday Celebration

The roots of this celebration go back 3,000 years in Mesoamerica. Americans are familiar with Halloween on **Oct. 31**. Day of the Children is **Nov. 1** and All Souls Day (a.k.a. Day of the Dead or el Día de los Muertos) is **Nov. 2**. Although Day of the Dead sounds dreadful, it is seen as a reunion of families who welcome back their deceased relatives with food, drink and celebrations.



The gates of heaven are opened at midnight on **Oct. 31** and the spirits of children can rejoin their

families for 24 hours. The spirits of adults can do the same on **Nov. 2**. Tradition says the souls of the dead awaken and return to the living world to feast, drink, dance and play music with their loved ones. This holiday is recognized in Mexico and also here in New Mexico. Prominent symbols of this time are *calacas* (skeletons) and *calaveras* (skulls).

In ancient Europe, pagan celebrations of the dead also took place in the fall, and consisted of bonfires, dancing and feasting. Some of these customs survived even after the rise of the Roman Catholic Church. In Spain, people brought wine and bread to gravesites. The rituals of the Aztecs also recognized souls and their journey to the final resting place.

—Pam Henline
Source: *history.com*

November Meetings—Community Center Closed*

*Meetings may be suspended, held via Zoom, and/or in-person: please check eldoradosf.org.

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	9, 23	3–5 PM <i>CFR & Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board Meeting	Tuesday	16	5:30 PM <i>CR & Zoom</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Bylaws Review Committee	Thursday	11	3:30–5:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	bylawsreviewchair@gmail.com
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	2	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Paul Butt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	10	3–5 PM <i>CR & Zoom</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	3	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Wednesday	10	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Dan Drobnis	financechair1@gmail.com
	Information Committee	Monday	8	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Pam Henline	informationchair@gmail.com
	Road Committee	Wednesday	3	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday	15	6:30–8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	9	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	17	3–5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
Weekly	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesdays		8:30 AM <i>NE corner CC Pkg.</i>	Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914 trgibbs@comcast.net
	Knitting Club	Tuesdays		10 AM–Noon <i>CC Patio</i>	Joyce Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com
	Overeaters Anonymous	Tuesdays		10 AM <i>CC Patio</i>	Barb	505 954-1533
	Zumba	Wednesdays		5:45–7:30 PM <i>CC Patio</i>	Marilyn Salas	luzpecorelli@hotmail.com

Zoom meeting information is online at www.eldoradosf.org > News & Events > Zoom Schedule

Calendar info collected and verified by ECIA office, GM@eldoradosf.org. Sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs, jcollins@hoamco.com to be notified of changes.

CFR: Conference Room; CR: Classroom; CC Patio: Community Center Patio; CC Pkg.: Community Center Parking Lot

ECIA Budget Discussions and Considerations

The Finance Committee and Board wrap up discussions this month on the 2022 Association Budget. Please join us via Zoom by registering at www.eldoradosf.org.

- **Mon. Nov. 1, 7 PM:** Special Finance Committee meeting to incorporate Board guidance into Final 2022 Budget Draft and Budget Letter.
- **Sat. Nov. 6, 10 AM:** Budget Town Hall for all Association members.



- **Wed. Nov. 10, 9:30 AM:** Regular Finance Committee meeting to incorporate any changes from Town Hall.
- **Tues. Nov. 16, 5:30 PM:** Regular Board meeting to approve Final 2022 Budget, 2022–23 Assessment, and Letter.
- **Wed. Nov. 17:** Approved Budget posted to website and 2022 Association Member invoices released for mailing.

Association members may request Documents for review prior to meetings from FinanceChair1@gmail.com.

News Tid-Bits

VOTE ON LOCAL ISSUES

In-person voting takes place from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Max Coll Center on Tuesday, **Nov. 2**.

COMMUNITY CENTER HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Community Center is closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, **Nov. 25 and 26**.

COVID-19 AND DELTA

Masks are required in all indoor public places in New Mexico including the ECIA Community Center buildings, even if vaccinated. Community Center rooms are closed although business can be conducted at the front reception desk.

GET YOUR VACCINATION LOCALLY

Local residents can arrange to get a coronavirus vaccination right in Eldorado at the Del Norte Pharmacy, on the east side of La Tienda, 7 Caliente Rd, Unit 2, Scheduling can be done directly at vaccinenm.org.

BOOSTER SHOTS

Booster shots, for those 65 and older or in other high-risk situations, are available for many. To see if you qualify go to vaccinenm.org or call 1-855-600-3453.

FLU SHOTS

Available free at many places including Del Norte Pharmacy.

*You can vote this month,
thanks to vets who fought for you
to save that freedom.*

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. Any interesting events happening in Eldorado or the surrounding areas 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.

Single-Use Plastic and The Climate Crisis

Eldorado/285 Recycles performed a street theater event in the Santa Fe Plaza on Halloween. It was entitled “Buried in Plastic” which refers to the dangers that plastic pollution poses to the survival of the planet. The event was a mock funeral procession in which a globe of the earth was carried in a home-made coffin with corporate plastic producers as pallbearers and followed by a contingent of mourners for the earth. The intent was to raise awareness of the link between single use plastic production and the climate crisis that has already begun.



While many people are aware that plastic pollution is having disastrous effects on our oceans, waterways, and marine animals,

most people do not realize that over 99% of plastic is made from fossil fuel building blocks and that greenhouse gases are emitted at each step of plastic production. The recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change stated that “climate change is widespread, rapid, and intensifying”. Yet oil and gas companies are pushing forward with their “Plan B” to make up for profits lost due to the increased use of renewable sources of energy and electric vehicles by increasing plastic production. At the same time large consumer brands like Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, and Nestle are increasing their use of single-use plastics in packaging. To make matters worse, plastic is very difficult to recycle and 91% of plastics actually wind up in landfills or incinerators. And it could take centuries for a discarded plastic bottle to break down.

This past April Eldorado/285 Recycles streamed the documentary film “The Story of Plastic” to educate the public about this complex problem. You can stream this film for free this month at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCNanJNJ8JA>.

The plastics committee of Eldorado/285 Recycles will also be posting links to plastic pollution information on our website: eldorado285.org.

—Gary Stoller,
Eldorado/285 Recycles



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