

ELDORADO VISTAS

Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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Weeds Got Your Goat?

Eldorado is fortunate to have a sizable amount of public land available for hiking, dog walking, and horseback riding. One-sixth of the land in Eldorado west of Highway 285 is devoted to its greenbelts. Unfortunately, portions of some greenbelts are overgrown with invasive weeds such as Russian thistle and goathead thorns. Not only do these weeds make for an unpleasant hike, they also present a potential fire hazard.

Concerned about the weed problem, the Facilities and Grounds Committee discovered the perfect solution: Goats! The idea is not new; the Army Corps of Engineers has for several years contracted with SunStar Farm, near Madrid, to control tamarisk and other invasives from the area near Galisteo dam. The Corps abandoned the use of chemical herbicides in favor of goats as a cheaper and environmentally friendlier alternative. Facilities and Grounds Committee member **Jean Crawford** is enthusiastic: "The goats will eat almost anything, plus, they will encourage the regrowth of native species such as saltbush and wolfberry."

Now the goats are headed for Eldorado. Beginning in July, goatherd **Amanita Thorp** and her crew of 200 horned weed eaters will descend on the largest and weediest area in Eldorado, the north greenbelt. They will start near the Community Center and work their way west, past the playground and Avenida de Compadres. The goats will not be free to wander just anywhere. They will be controlled with a movable, solar electric fence, as well as two herd dogs and Amanita herself, who will camp in the greenbelt with her goats. Amanita has plenty of experience with goats. Growing up on a

farm that practices sustainable agriculture, she began caring for goats when she was nine. She and her goats work year-round, in all kinds of weather. On Saturdays, Amanita may be with her family at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market, selling products from SunStar Farm.

Visitors will be welcome, but dogs must be kept on leash! Residents living next to the greenbelt can help if they wish by providing access to water; Amanita has to haul in her own otherwise.

—Jack Arnold

Thanks to Fred Raznick and Jean Crawford for providing information for this article.

*ECIA Board
Meeting,
Community
Center, Thurs.,
June 17,
7 pm. Public
is invited.*

Photo: SunStar Farms





Share your comments with us!

For policy and
deadline, see
below

Editorial Policy

Vistas invites opinions, ideas, stories, photos, and art from the community at large. Please include contact numbers for fact checking purposes. The newsletter will not publish unsigned letters or material deemed inflammatory. Material will be printed at the discretion of the editors. Letters over 150 words will be edited for fit. Community announcements are welcome; accompanying photos are welcome, too. **DEADLINE:** Newsletter deadline is the 3rd day of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the ECIA office or emailed to ECIADiAna@aol.com. Please include "Attn: *Vistas*" in your message.

Mission Statement

The mission of *Vistas*, the monthly newsletter of the ECIA, is to inform the Eldorado community about issues before the ECIA Board and the membership at large. By so doing, the publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision making process.

The Role of the ECIA Board and Committees

AFTER ATTENDING THE ECIA annual meeting in May, I realized there is much misinformation in the community about the roles and responsibilities of the ECIA Board and its committees. Before I was elected to the Board and became involved in the process, I did not understand these things either. I want to share what I have learned.

First, the ECIA Board consists of seven volunteers from the Eldorado community who are either elected by the community or appointed by the Board to fill a vacant position. The nine working committees are composed of Eldorado resident volunteers who are appointed by the Board. To become a member of any committee, a resident has to attend three meetings and then may be appointed by the Board.

The committees serve as advisory bodies to the Board and usually meet once or twice a month. They raise issues to discuss with the Board at the monthly Board work sessions and public meetings. When an issue comes up at a committee meeting that requires a vote, it is brought before the Board and voted on by the seven members. The President of the Board cannot vote except to break a tie.

The ECIA staff works for the Eldorado Community Improvement Association and reports to the Board. It is the role of the ECIA Board to "set the poli-

cies, standards, procedures, programs, and budgets for the community association." It is the Board's responsibility to "establish, enforce and interpret the rules and regulations" (also known as the covenants of the association). However, it is also the responsibility of the Board to "balance the needs and obligations of the community as a whole" and "preserve and promote community harmony." This can be difficult when there are differing opinions about how to interpret the covenants to satisfy the majority of the community while considering the needs of the individual resident.

What we all have to keep in mind is that all of the Board members, committee members, and ECIA staff work for the community of Eldorado. We all want to keep our community a beautiful place to live in peace and harmony with our neighbors. We rely on dedicated volunteers from the community to keep the process moving forward and always need more help on the Board and the committees.

All of the meetings are open to the residents of Eldorado; the schedules are posted in *Vistas* and on the website. I urge everyone to get involved and come to these meetings and voice their concerns. This is our community, and it is a reflection of who we are as individuals and how we stand together.

—Lisa Robles, ECIA Board

At the Crossroads

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE....

Many thanks to residents who have already sent in a completed Road Survey form. Those of you who bothered to add comments can be assured that they have all been read and will be summarized and considered by each member of the Road Committee and provided to the ECIA Board. Comments from surveys already submitted are posted in the Road Committee section of the ECIA website. As of the writing of this article, we have received nearly 200 completed surveys. However, this represents only 7% of our lot owners. We'd like to get at least four times that many to ensure we have a reliable, representative response.

If you haven't yet sent in your completed survey, please either log in to the ECIA website (www.eldoradocommunity.org) or deliver a hard copy (found on the back cover of the May issue of *Vistas*) to the suggestion box outside the ECIA offices. We will keep the survey open until the end of June.

—Nolan Zisman

Letter to the Editor

NOLAN ZISMAN'S "At the Crossroads" (April 2010) listed pros and cons of dirt versus paved roads. In addition to his two pros for dirt roads, we offer these:

1. Low noise; low speed.
2. Commends washboarding as natural speed bumps.
3. Don't know of anyone who has missed newspaper or mail delivery because of mud.
4. Have never experienced difficulty because of a wet dirt road.
5. Are safer in icy conditions.
6. Low solar heat absorption compared with black asphalt.
7. No asphalt chemical or petroleum by-products leaching into the soil.
8. No vehicle destructive potholes.
9. Has variable, if any, impact on property value.

Given the simplicity of the dirt road, that Eldorado is not inundated with asphalt and not dominated by cars is a distinctly attractive advantage to living here. For us, it not only matters where we live, but how we live.

Susan Heumiller & Martin Desht

ECIA Hires New Staff

BILL DONOHUE, General Manager of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association, has in the past several months reorganized the staff that runs the day-to-day operations of the Association and supports the critical efforts of its volunteer committees.

To assess and review bookkeeping practices on a weekly basis, **RoseMarie Bagioni** has been hired to ensure that all people and practices are working as they should to safeguard our Association's finances. RoseMarie is a licensed bookkeeper and was formerly chair of the 285 Coalition that was composed of neighborhood associations focusing on Santa Fe County's residential and business planning programs.

DiAna Gutierrez, a long-time resident of Eldorado, was formerly an employee with the Securities Division of the State of New Mexico where she coordinated fiscal, personnel, and property management programs. She is now the Administrative Assistant to the General Manager of the ECIA.

Raven Hicks, born in Canada but now a citizen of the United



Administrative Assistant
DiAna Gutierrez



Community Services Manager
Raven Hicks

States, has been given the new and important job of the ECIA's Community Services Manager. He will work with the General Manager, the contract security service, Neighborhood Watch, the State Police, and the County Sheriff to coordinate the Association's support of crime fighting in the community.

Daniel Van Wyck has been hired for the summer months to supervise the operation of our swimming pool. No small task: he hires, trains, and supervises the course-qualified lifeguards needed to ensure a safe environment at a key amenity of the Association. Daniel is a physical education instructor on the faculty of a local high school.

With instructions from the ECIA Board and the Finance Committee, the overall personnel budget for our Association has not been exceeded with the above hires. This has been done by reducing person-hours, changing job descriptions, and readjusting the numbers of uniformed security personnel.

—Frank Schober

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ECIA Annual Meeting: Election and Issues

THE RESULTS OF THE ECIA BOARD elections were announced at the Annual Meeting of Association members on May 3 at the El Dorado Community School Gym. Elected to three-year terms were present Board members **Ed Benrock** and **Pat Lavengood**, and new Board member **Elan Colello**. They join continuing Board members **Todd Handy**, **Lisa Robles**, **Ed Moreno**, and **Tom Willmott**, whose terms all expire in May 2011.

About 50 Association members, in addition to Board members, committee chairs, and staff were present. Several members addressed the Board with opinions on issues including the Association's relations with the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation

District (EAWSD) and their plans for a maintenance facility near Monte Alto Road, road maintenance and improvement choices, online vs. mail distribution for the *Vistas*, additional sun screening for the swimming pool, and the dog park—including controlling access to exclude non-ECIA residents and a separate area for small dogs.

There were comments on the recent embezzlement of \$65,000 of ECIA funds, and on the Board's relations with its committees, including the recent resignation of all the members of the Architectural Committee. One active architectural issue is the screening of large solar photovoltaic arrays, and their effect upon the appearance of the community.

**ENERGY-SAVING
TIP OF THE MONTH**

Just One Thing!

Running your washing machine only when you have a full load will save energy, water and soap. And cold water works fine!

— Eldorado Energy Coop



Jill Charboneau's pond will be on view at the Gardening Tour June 5



Plan view of El Dorado Community Garden



Architectural Comm. Members Sought

ECIA is recruiting new members for its Architectural Committee. The mission of this committee is to support the ECIA Board in implementing the Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions as residents and developers submit plans for constructing, adding, or remodeling dwellings and other structures covered under the covenants and guidelines. Meetings for the Architectural Committee are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Persons with an interest in this committee should call (466-4248) or email (eciaccr@aol.com) the ECIA to express their interest.

Eldorado Area Gardening Tour June 5

On Saturday, June 5, eight Eldorado Area gardens will be open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm for the first Eldorado Area Gardening Tour. The tour is free but donations, which will go to the El Dorado Elementary Outdoor Classroom, are welcome.

The event is named a "gardening" tour, because it emphasizes the process of gardening in bringing about the resultant gardens. Its purpose is not only to share the beauty of individual Eldorado gardens, but also to educate visitors about unique garden environments and their requirements.

The tour gardens have been chosen to highlight successful gardening practices in the harsh growing environment of Eldorado. They include examples of cactus gardening, hardscape design, and water-wise garden techniques. Their gardeners and Master Gardeners will be available to share their knowledge and experience and to answer visitors' questions about what is possible in our desert microclimates.

The FREE tour starts at Vista Grande Public Library and the 1.5-acre El Dorado School Community Garden and Outdoor Classroom. The library will show its water-wise native-plant garden, designed by area Master Gardeners, and will hold a bake sale to support the tour. The Eldorado Area Gardening Tour is sponsored by the El Dorado School Community Garden and Outdoor Classroom, and the Eldorado Conservation Committee. All donations go to the Outdoor Classroom. Please come and see the gardens of Eldorado.

**Earth Works Institute Water Harvesting/
Erosion Control Workshop**

Slide show: Thursday June 17, 7–8:30 pm at the Eldorado Community Center

Hands on Workshop: Saturday June 19, 9:30 am–4:30 pm, Eldorado Wilderness

Craig Sponholtz of Dryland Solutions, Inc. will be leading a hands-on workshop on simple water harvesting and erosion control methods. The workshop is designed for homeowners, landowners, and others interested in the conservation of rainwater in our high desert landscape. Participants

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will be taught how to assess the amount of runoff produced by precipitation and how that runoff can either lead to severe erosion or lush vegetation. We will learn: how to turn storm-water runoff into a valuable resource that can be used to enhance everything from wildlife habitat to home landscapes; how to recognize water harvesting opportunities and use locally available materials such as rocks, wood, and native seeds to slow runoff, build soil, and establish desirable plants; and how to design and construct water harvesting earthworks that retain soil moisture and stop erosion. All of these techniques may be adapted for use in garden, landscaping, and restoration projects. Sponsored by Earth Works Institute and the ECIA Conservation Committee.

"Greening Eldorado" Town Hall June 10

Following the overwhelmingly positive response from our first town hall meeting in March, a second town hall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 10 am–noon, at Mike's Music Exchange in La Tienda. From 9:30 to 10, goodies and coffee will be served so everyone can schmooze; then we will get started at 10 am. If you missed the first town hall meeting, be sure not to miss this one!

The agenda: The steering committee has reviewed the comments and suggestions from the first meeting and will report the findings of participants' primary concerns. You will be encouraged to hear about all the positive activity that has taken place since the first meeting. Everyone will have an opportunity to join existing groups and to discuss forming new ones so we can continue with our forward momentum!

All Eldorado area residents, including from the 285 and Las Vegas Highway corridors, are welcome. For more information, contact **Don McAvinchey** (505) 955-1847 or donmcavinchey@comcast.net.

A Different Kind of Book Group?

Is anyone interested in joining a monthly Eldorado book group where we each talk for maybe five minutes on any book we've read recently and don't all need to read the same book? This group would be open to men and women, and books discussed could include literary and mainstream fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc. If interested, please email dianethomas814@gmail.com.

Community Service

Do you want to make the world a better place to live? People living in the Eldorado region, Pecos to Lamy, do. Professionals and business people are forming a Rotary Club. Join us and participate in projects for this region, New Mexico, and the world. Tuesday weekly meetings held at Gene's Sandwich Shop, 6 pm. Bring your concerns and projects.

ASTRONOMY CORNER



June 2010

June 21: The Summer Solstice occurs in the northern hemisphere at 5:28 pm Mountain time. The Sun is at its highest point in the sky, and it will be the longest day of the year. This is also the first day of summer.

— www.seasky.org

Protect Our Night Skies: Small lights left carelessly on may spoil the views of our night sky.

Eldoradan Gets Pulitzer Nod

The Secrets of North Brother Island by local author John K. "Jack" Crane has just been nominated for a 2011 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. An illustrated historical novel, it tells the story of the 1904 *General Slocum* disaster in which 1,100 perished on their way to a church picnic. The ship caught fire in the East River right next to Rikers Island, which was equipped with a full fire brigade, but for some unknown reason the captain steered for North Brother Island about a mile farther on. The book's website is <http://www.johnkennycrane.com/>.

Pool Season Is Here!

Pool season runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend, May 29–September 6.

A pool pass is needed. Get last year's updated, for free. If you do not have a pass from last year, or if you lost it, you need to get a new picture ID at the ECIA office (\$2). The office is open 8 am–5 pm Monday–Friday; for the first few weeks of the pool season, there will also be a person available at the pool on weekends for limited hours.

Lap Swim: 8–10 am every day; 6–8 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

General Swim: 10 am–8 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday; 10 am–6 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Lifeguards Needed

ECIA needs lifeguards with current lifeguard certification and CPR certificate. Contact the ECIA 466-4248.

June Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email info@eldoradocommunity.org with your meeting/event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 8th of the month for publication in the following month's *Vistas*.

Please include "Attn: Vistas" and be sure to indicate:



1. **Type of Event**

2. **Location**

3. **Date & Time**

4. **A Resource Person** (one who can answer questions both about the event and the sponsoring organization) and his/her telephone number.

Photographs (digital or snapshots) are encouraged!

Note: All meetings are at the Community Center, unless otherwise noted.

LR=Living Room, F=Foyer, CFR=Conference Room, CR=Class Room, RR=Railroad, K=Kitchen

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

Eldorado Gardening Tour	Sat., June 5, 10-4		690-7462	Maps at Library
Wetlands Workshop	Thurs., June 17, 6-9	John Parker	466-7513	See p. 4

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Facilities & Grounds	Tues., June 1, 4-6 pm	Fred Raznick	466-2305	CFR
Conservation Committee	Tues., June 1, 7-9 pm	John Parker	466-7513	LR
Road Committee	Mon., Aug. 2, 6-8 pm	Nolan Zisman	466-2968	CFR
Finance Committee	Wed., June 9, 9:30 am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Architectural Committee	Wed., June 9, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Study	Mon., June 14, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
ECIA Board	Thurs., June 17, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Information Committee	Tues., June 22, 7-9 pm	Frank Schober	310-8593	CFR
Stable Committee	Mon., June 28, 7-9 pm	Lisa Bessone	466-7100	Foyer
Architectural Committee	Wed., June 23, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer

MONTHLY MEETINGS

EAWS&SD*	1st & 3rd Thurs, 7-9 pm	Barbara Mandel	466-2531	RR
La Canada Wireless	2nd & 4th Mon., 7-9 pm	lcwireless.org		
Search & Rescue	2nd Thurs, 7 pm	santafesar.org		CR
Library Book Group	2nd Saturday 9-10:30	Joan LaMarque	466-6000	CFR
Eldorado Dog Club	Tues., June 11, 7 pm	Freddi Fullington	466-2005	LR
Library Book Group	3rd Mon., 7-9 pm	Pam Henline	466-4781	VGPL
Cons. Com Trail work/hike	3rd Sat. of month	Eleanor Gossen	466-1949	CC Pkg Lot
Roadrunner RV	3rd Tues. of month	Bill Bodle	466-3011	
Fire Cub Scout Pack 414	4th Tues., 7-9 pm	John Kieling	466-4232	Sm Gym
EACA Meeting	Last Thurs. of month		466-6245	Fire
MOMS Club	Call for dates & times	Jackie Camborde	466-0094	CR

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tues., 5:30-6:50 pm			CFR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am			CFR/CR
AA	Wed., 5:30-6:30 pm			Annex
AA	Wed., 5:45-6:45 pm (Men Only)			CFR
AA	Thurs. 5:30-6:30 pm (Women Only)			CFR
AA	Fri., 6-7 pm			CFR/LR
AA	Sat., 10:45-11:45 am			CFR
AA	Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm			CFR
Adult Basketball	Thurs., 7 pm-dusk			CC Court
Al-Anon	Thurs., 6:45-7:45			CFR/LR
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fritz Denny	466-4070	RR, CR, LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Mon, 1-4:30 pm	Kate Kaulbach	466-1465	LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm			LR
Bridge	2nd & 4th Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Pat Lavengood	466-9765	LR
Bridge	Wed., 9-noon	Nancy Rost	466-2832	LR
Community Church**	Sun., 9:30 & 11 am	David McPherson	466-2495	CC
Eldorado Hikers	Tues., 8:30 am	Terry Gibbs	466-6914	
Fire & Rescue Training	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Fire & Rescue Work Duty	Sat., Call for time	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Life Drawing (EACA)	Mondays, 10 am-noon	Sande Anderson	466-4688	RR
Knitting Club	Tues., 10 am-noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	LR
Senior Lunch***	Mon.-Fri., 12-1 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Square Dancing	Fri., 6-9 pm	Richard Robinson	466-7319	RR

*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District **For other religious/spiritual services, go to <http://santafe.areaconnect.com/churches.htm> ***Reservations Required

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradocommunity.org

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Warm Weather Crime Prevention

THE WARMER MONTHS encourage relaxation, but criminals don't take time off; so please protect your property and valuables with these commonsense measures.

DECEPTION BURGLARIES IN SPRING

Suspects, posing as legitimate workers, approach homeowners at their residence with the intent of gaining entry under a seemingly legitimate role: local gas company, water department, cable company, tree trimmers, pavers, county inspectors, or government officials. One suspect will distract the homeowner while a second one will enter the home and search inside for valuables and cash.

Be particularly alert to anyone in your neighborhood looking to perform home repairs or asking to gain entry into your home. Ask to see identification and let them know you are going to call their company for authorization before allowing them access. If they are legitimate, they won't mind the wait.

AWARENESS: KEY TO PREVENTION

Being a good neighbor is one of the best crime prevention tools. This is particularly true at this time of the year, when criminals and con artists use the warm weather to take advantage of the elderly. Watchful eyes in the neighborhood can spot criminals and alert police and the community to their presence. If you see a suspicious person or notice an unusual situation around your house or that of a neighbor, call 911.

Take the time to acquaint, or reacquaint, yourself with your neighbors. Why not suggest a Neighborhood Watch to protect and watch out for one another's property? Neighbors working together are the foundation for a happy community.

SHEDS AND GARAGES: LOCK 'EM UP

Lock your sheds and garages. Officials say the best deterrent to keep thieves from stealing your property

is a lock and key. Don't assume you are safe from thieves just because you are at home.

Burglars often watch and wait to see where you are and what you are doing. Many people leave sheds and garages open and unattended while doing yard work or other outdoor activities. Thieves count on us to become lax in our security.

CAR WINDOWS OPEN/TOPS DOWN—NO!

Warm, sunny days invite drivers to either roll down the windows or drive with the car top down. But that same wonderful weather makes thieves happy too. Don't leave your car windows (or tops) down while parked. Though it's inconvenient to put them up every time you park, it's worse to find the car ransacked.

Many people have cell phones, CDs, CD players, and GPS units in their car; these can be easily stolen. Important papers (insurance and vehicle registration information) are often kept in the glove compartment; these can help a thief obtain personal data that can lead to identity theft. And last but not least, the vehicle itself can be stolen.

If you see suspicious activity, call the non-emergency phone number 428-3720. Store this number in your phone for handy reference. Your calls may remain anonymous. Other numbers to call: Security Patrol, 204-2945; Neighborhood Watch, 466-2553.

APRIL CRIME STATISTICS

3 Residential Property Crimes (1 stolen vehicle; 1 theft from a vehicle; 1 residential theft)

Source: www.crimereports.com.

NEXT NW MEETING: Monday, August 2 at 7 pm at the Community Center.

TIP OF THE MONTH: If glass is part of your front door entry, install your security key pad out of sight.

For information on how to join Neighborhood Watch, contact **Marilyn Walker** at lightwalker2@comcast.net. —Lisa Smith, lisasmithsantafe@gmail.com



June at the Library

JUNE BRINGS A WHIRLWIND of summer activities for children and families to Vista Grande Public Library, beginning with the library's participation as the starting point for the first ever Eldorado Area Gardening Tour, June 5, 10 am–4 pm. VGPL's landscaping, designed by area Master Gardeners, will be on view, and the library will host an alfresco "tearoom," with proceeds to the El Dorado School Community Garden Outdoor Classroom.

"NIGHT SKIES" STARTING JUNE 19

VGPL's "Night Skies" series, presented by SFCC Planetarium Director **Juan Alvarez**, starts Saturday, June 19, at 8 pm. Juan will give a presentation, take

questions, and then move outside with telescopes to view celestial objects.

OPERA PREVIEW JUNE 24

Desiree Mays makes her annual appearance at VGPL on Thursday, June 24, at 7 pm, with "Opera Unveiled 2010," a preview of the five operas that will make up the Santa Fe Opera's 2010 season.

OTHER VGPL EVENTS FOR JUNE

Book Sale Saturday, June 12, starting at 10 am.

Family Movie Night June 18, 7 pm: *Planet 51*

Zoo to You June 25, 1–3 pm: An environmental program featuring live animal ambassadors.

All VGPL programs are free. For more events and information, visit www.vglibrary.org.



Waste Receptacles — Put ‘Em Away!

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, we have received calls from concerned residents about the number of trash and recycling containers that are kept out at the edge of the road long after the trash has been picked up—in some cases even 24/7. Despite our efforts to remind residents to return their trash receptacles back to their house after pick-up, we still find that many residents fail to do so.

Leaving waste receptacles out on the road for an unreasonable period of time creates an eyesore as well as a safety hazard, as they can blow into the road on windy days. They also attract wild animals, as well as any stray dogs or cats that might be roaming the neighborhood in search of food. We have even received calls from our mail carriers that trash cans are blocking their way when they try to deliver the mail. In short, leaving these receptacles on the road for un-

reasonable periods of time is a nuisance, as well as a safety hazard for pedestrians and drivers alike.

We ask that all residents be considerate of their neighbors and bring their trash and recycling receptacles back to their residences *within 24 hours after pick-up*. If you have a neighbor who regularly leaves their containers by the road for longer than a day, please contact me, **Mark Young**, at the ECIA, at 466-4248 or e-mail me at eciaccr@aol.com. I will work with that resident to resolve this problem. Thank you for helping to keep Eldorado a clean and beautiful place to live.

—Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Representative



Senior Center News

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW DRIVER

We are pleased to announce that **Jewel Pacheco** has joined the Senior Center staff as our new driver! Jewel brings with her a wealth of professional driving experience and is eager to apply this to the needs of our seniors. Now that Jewel is here, we can resume our transportation services into Santa Fe for medical appointments, trips to the grocery store, and other errands. We can also start to offer more day excursions to special events, both locally and in Albuquerque. And, of course, we can bring you to the Center for lunch or classes. Please call the Center at least 24–48 hours in advance to ask for a ride. We will try to pick you up within a half-hour of your requested time. We ask for a donation of \$1 each way to help cover fuel costs. If you are a senior who needs transportation, call us at 466-1039 to arrange a ride.

SPECIAL SERIES OF TALKS

During Tuesdays in June, we are hosting a series of talks on various health issues of interest to seniors, presented by the owners of Guardian Angels Personal Care LLC, based in Eldorado. The talks will be of-

fered at lunch for three consecutive Tuesdays, starting June 1:

June 1: Health Care Services—what is appropriate for you and how to pay for it;

June 8: Making Decisions for Others—what is the difference between a power of attorney and a legal guardian, what are medical and legal powers of attorney, and other issues involved in caring for others;

June 15: Patient Rights—understanding your rights as a person receiving care and who to complain to when necessary.

These talks are free of charge and open to all seniors, but we urge you to join us for lunch beforehand. Please call the Center the day before to reserve a spot at lunch if you are interested in dining with us.

OTHER QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the talks or about transportation—or any other senior issues—please call me, **Cathy Berkley**, Senior Services Program Manager, at the Adam Senior Center, 466-1039.

—Cathy Berkley

In Memoriam: Dave Burdett

LONG-TIME COMMUNITY volunteer **Dave Burdett** will be remembered at a memorial gathering at the Eldorado Community Center on Saturday June 19 at 1 pm. He was an early member of the volunteer El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service, where he served as a firefighter, driver, and EMT. He was also a founding organizer

and member of the all-volunteer Santa Fe Search and Rescue group in 1994.

The members of these organizations, whom he organized and trained, continue to bring Dave's spirit of service to our community at times of greatest need. He passed away on February 27. He is greatly missed.

—Dan Drobnis

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Fridays at the Agora Summer Kick-off!

All summer from June through September, it's happening at the Agora Shopping Center! Starting Friday, June 4, from 4 to 7 pm, the Agora will again be the site of Friday night fun.

Visit the local artists market, listen to live music, and eat at Gene's famous hot dog cart! Special events will be held throughout the summer, including the return of Donna the DJ for our special once-a-month dance nights. Donna will be spinning tunes for the opening on June 4, so be there or be square! The event coincides with the farmers market at La Tienda, so please use the new crosswalk across Vista Grande to visit both markets.

The Second Annual 4th of July Pet Parade is scheduled for Friday, July 2, so mark your calendars and bring out your patriotic pet!

Check www.theagorashoppingcenter.com throughout the summer for current listings of all events. Contact Maggie Beyeler at 466-2894 for further information.

Armand Saiia of Dragonfly Farms and others will have fresh produce for sale at this year's Farmers Market.



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