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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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Preparing for Wildfire

El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service (EFRS) would like to provide some tips for you, the Eldorado homeowner, to make your home and property better prepared for wildfire. These tips will help protect you during fire season and year-round. They are provided in three general areas of wildfire protection and preparation. Following these tips will help you protect your home, property, and community in the event of a wildfire in Eldorado.

GET INVOLVED

- ▶ Volunteer with the EFRS! This is the ultimate way to prepare for a wildfire. Actively participate in the organization that is dedicated to protecting the life and property of Eldorado.
- ▶ Act! Prepare your home using the tips provided below.
- ▶ Seek out additional information! Visit the fire station next to the elementary school on a Saturday morning or Wednesday evening; we are always looking to help.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

- ▶ Display your house number so that it is easily seen both day and night.
- ▶ Make your driveway at least 12 feet wide. This is especially important if you use large rocks or logs to frame the driveway.
- ▶ Create "fuel breaks" around your home, such as driveways, gravel walkways, and areas free of trees and shrubs.
- ▶ Clean areas around your home where leaves, tumbleweeds, and dead vegetation collect. These areas are probably where firebrands or cinders will collect in a wildfire.

LANDSCAPING

- ▶ Create a fire-free area within 5 feet of your home using non-flammable landscaping.
- ▶ Remove dead vegetation from under decks, other void spaces, and within 10 feet of your home.
- ▶ Create and maintain a 30-foot defensible space where there are no trees or shrubs. This space

should go all the way around your home to provide firefighters easy access and area to work.

- ▶ Stack your firewood at least 30 feet away from your home.

—El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service

More Fire Safety Tips

New Mexico has had a very dry year. Fire danger is very high, and Santa Fe County has implemented fire restrictions in the county. No open burning of any kind is permitted anywhere within the county. These restrictions apply to public and private property. Please use extreme caution when working around your home with any tools or equipment that may cause sparks, high temperatures, or anything else that could ignite a fire. Be extra careful if you smoke, and make sure you dispose of your butts in a safe manner. With the dry conditions and high winds, a fire can get out of control very quickly.

On the planning side, make certain you have a fire evacuation plan in place for your home and that all family members are familiar with it. Have evacuation routes and meeting places designated. Have an emergency kit available—with clothing, medications, three gallons of water per person, food, and any other valuables you will need—prepared and easy to grab and go. A good place to keep the kit is in the garage near the car or by an exit. Have extra copies of all important documents and store them away from your home and work place, perhaps at a relative's or friend's home in a different community. Small fireproof safes may seem like a good idea, but do not rely on them for saving your valuable papers in a major fire.

Here are some other tips for emergency situations:

- ▶ Always have a couple of hundred dollars in cash available. If there is no electricity, the bank machines will not work.
- ▶ Keep your vehicle at least half full of gas at all times. You do not want to have to stop for gas in an evacuation. If you get stranded in the winter,

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***ECIA Board
Meeting,
Community
Center, Thurs.,
June 16,
7 pm.***



Let this *not* be Eldorado!



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 e-mailed 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.

ECIA Annual Meeting Held

About 50 lot owners attended the 2011 ECIA Annual Meeting to hear reports from the Association's Board and standing committees and ask questions and provide comments on topics ranging from the soccer field and card table maintenance to residents' driving habits. Election chair **Jean Crawford** announced that **Todd Handy**, **Ed Moreno**, and **Bill Osher** had won three-year terms on the Board of Directors. **Tom Wilmott**, outgoing Board President, declined to run when his term ended this year.

Jean Crawford was also named Eldorado Resident of the Year. She is the long-serving chair of the Election Committee, and vice-chair of the Facilities and Grounds Committee.

—Dan Drobnis

Eldorado Resident of the Year 2011 Jean Crawford received her award from outgoing ECIA Board President Tom Wilmott. Jean is a 30-year resident of Eldorado and long-time volunteer.



Photo by Bill Schwent

Amplified Music Policy Adopted

In April the ECIA Board of Directors adopted a new policy governing amplified music at the Eldorado Community Center.

The new policy prioritizes ECIA-sponsored events, which are allowed to use amplified music at any time, and also allows two private parties per month to include amplified music.

The policy emphasizes the importance of maintaining a quiet neighborhood around the Community Center by encouraging those hosting parties to first consider non-amplified music, which is the practice at many outdoor venues in the Santa Fe area. The ECIA will be allowed to make the Community Center available twice per month for private parties that include amplified music, with the amplified music ending at sunset. Amplified music is allowed indoors at any time as long as it does not carry beyond the ECIA premises.

The policy was adopted in order to balance the requests for residents to have private parties with DJs or bands, in a way that does not compromise the quality of life or property values in the area surrounding the Community Center. Past experience led the board in 2007 to prohibit all amplified music at the Community Center.

The policy requires the ECIA to notify homeowners in the vicinity of the Community Center of a planned private party with amplified music, in order to avoid conflicts, and directs the ECIA to develop procedures for handling complaints from neighbors about amplified music that is too loud.

If you have questions, please call me at 466-2006. The full policy is posted on the Eldorado website, www.eldoradosf.org.

—Ed Moreno, ECIA Board

More Fire Safety Tips, *continued from page 1*

your engine will be your only heat source, so you do not want to run out of gas.

For more ideas on getting yourself prepared, search on the Internet for "emergency planning." There are thousands of websites to help you prepare and plan, including the ECIA's www.eldoradosf.org. Check out the new Home Fire Safety Link, on the right side of the home page, to get important updates on how to protect your home from wildfires.

Remember, planning is only the first step. You still have to practice and discuss everything with your family members to make sure everyone will be safe in an emergency.

Plan today so you will survive tomorrow.

—Raven Hicks

ECIA Community Services Manager

Board Approves Revised Guidelines

On April 21, the ECIA Board of Directors approved the revised Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions for Eldorado. This revision was a culmination of well over a year's worth of collaborative work between the ECIA Architectural Committee, ECIA staff, ECIA Board of Directors, and the Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee. These revised guidelines now cover a number of issues that were not addressed in the guidelines version last updated in 2005. Some of the major topic areas that were addressed in this revision include:

- ▶ Security gates
- ▶ Recreation vehicle and utility trailer screening
- ▶ Solar energy systems, including roof mounted, ground mounted, and solar tracking arrays
- ▶ Wind turbines

▶ Updated exterior roof and stucco colors

In addition, there were many other areas where minor changes or clarifications were made in order to bring the guidelines into compliance with local, state, or federal requirements, or to make these guidelines a more sustainable document.

We encourage all lot owners to either review these revised guidelines at the ECIA offices or to review them on the Eldorado website at http://eldoradosf.org/images/document/ecia_guidelines_for_protective_covenants_final_draft_april_21_2011.pdf.

Should any lot owners have any questions or suggestions regarding the revised guidelines, please e-mail me at eciaccr@aol.com or call me at the ECIA at 466-4248.

—Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Representative

New Sustainability Committee Formed

The Board of Directors approved the formation of the Sustainability, Planning, and Education Committee at its April meeting. The purpose of the committee, as described in the charter, is to support the board in implementing a strategic plan for sustainability in Eldorado. "Sustainability" in this context means meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and using methods, systems, and materials that won't deplete vital resources or harm natural systems.

The Board assigned the committee the task of engaging the community in updating the community master plan and coordinating that plan with the Santa Fe County Sustainable Growth Management Plan. The committee will also conduct research on issues of sustainability and help the Board organize informational meetings and discussion groups about available options. The committee will collaborate with

local colleges and support the Board in showcasing model practices that increase community resilience to environmental challenges. Lastly, the committee will keep the Board advised of the work of governmental and nongovernmental agencies that may impact the Eldorado community on issues of sustainability.

The ECIA recognizes the many hours of hard work and commitment on the part of the dozens of community members that developed this proposal during the last year. The Board is proud to announce the upcoming first meeting of this landmark committee, which will continue and advance our community's commitment to a sustainable future.

The first meeting of the committee will be on June 20 at 7 pm in the Community Center. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

—Gregory Bundrick
ECIA Board

Trail Work at the Preserve

ECIA began trail work on the west side of the Preserve on May 21. A new section of trail will be constructed to augment the heavily degraded section of Trail 101, which climbs to the overlook just east of Trailhead 1. This is being done because the existing trail is in very poor condition and it is very difficult to maintain any restoration effort.

In addition, the "social trail," emanating from the east side of the parking area, will be abandoned. This trail traverses private land, not owned by the Community of Eldorado, and was never sanctioned by the ECIA. The perimeter fence will be repaired, and

community members using the Preserve trails are asked to access the trail system through the entrance at the northwest side of the parking area.

To avoid impacting the natural environment of the Preserve, please stay on the trails. Official trails are indicated on the maps located at the trailheads, and on the Preserve brochure available at the ECIA office. Contact Mark Young at 466-4248 if you have any comments or questions concerning this action. Thank you for your cooperation.

—Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Representative

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van

Free health screenings, referrals, and information will be offered at the Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van on two days in June: Saturday, June 18, at the Lamy Legal Tender History Museum 10 am–2 pm; and Wednesday, June 29, at the Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center, 10 am–2pm. For more information, please call **Angela Thorndyke RN, BSN**, at 505-231-2382.

Farmers Market 2011 Opens June 3

The Farmers Market is starting June 3 at La Tienda. It will be held Fridays from 4 to 7 pm throughout the summer. Fresh vegetables, fruit, and other local ranch products will be available.

Horse Manure Available

Now scheduling Eldorado Stable horse manure deliveries. Please email eldostable@gmail.com or call Su Anne at 660-1996 for information.

ICIP Community Meeting

The annual Community Meeting on the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (roads, buildings, etc.) will be held at the Adam Senior Center on Thursday June 2, from 6:30 to 9 pm. This is residents' opportunity to influence the planning for the years 2013 to 2017. County officials will be on hand to explain the planning process, to answer questions, and to hear your ideas.

Group Swim Lessons

Three week-long sessions of group swim lessons will be held at the Community Center pool: June 13–17, July 11–15, August 8–12.

Parents can enroll their children in the following programs: Parent and Child Aquatics (6 months to 3 years); Preschool Aquatics (4–5 years old); Learn to Swim Lessons (6 and up).

Visit the guard office for more information or to schedule private swim lessons. Please contact **Julee** to sign up: juleepatchoulee@yahoo.com or (505) 690-6887.

Town Hall with Liz Stefanics

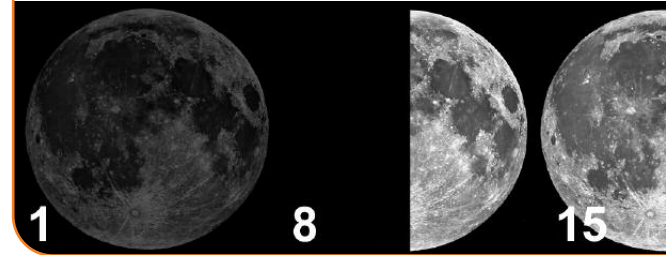
County Commissioner **Elizabeth Stefanics** is sponsoring a town hall meeting on June 6, at 6:30 pm, at the Santa Fe Performance Exchange in La Tienda. Residents can hear about and ask questions concerning County activities affecting the broader Eldorado area. Sheriff **Robert Garcia** will also be in attendance, along with acting County Fire Chief **David Sperling** and County Roads Manager **Robert Martinez**.

Special Assessment Districts Meeting

Just prior to the Stefanics Town Hall Meeting (see above), at 6 pm, County officials will discuss "What You Want to Know about **Special Assessment Districts**." A number of neighborhoods in



MOON PHASES FOR JUNE 2



Eldorado have expressed strong interest in having something done to improve their dusty, rough gravel roads. This discussion will provide them with an alternative way of solving such problems.

Santa Fe County Services are crucial for the well-being of Eldorado. All are encouraged to attend and to bring their questions, comments, and concerns.

SERA Pancake Breakfast

The Sustainable Eldorado Residents Alliance (SERA) is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on July 4, from 8 to 10 am at La Tienda, to benefit SERA projects. Pancakes and all the toppings, plus a beverage and fruit, will be offered for \$5 a plate. Please attend the breakfast and then join the parade and all the festivities and fun at the Community Center.



Free Yoga Classes All Summer

Join the Eldorado Yoga Center's teaching team for an all-levels yoga class Friday nights this summer after the Farmer's Market at La Tienda. No experience necessary, no need to bring anything—we have everything you need. For questions, contact the studio at info@eldoradoyogacenter.com or 505-310-8660. Classes are first come, first served from 6 to 7 pm on the following Fridays: June 3, 17, and 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; August 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Free Introduction to Reflexology

Join **Lisa Bonanno Schwartz** on Sunday, June 5, from 10:30 to 11:45 am for a free Introduction to Reflexology class at the Eldorado Yoga Center. In this fun and experiential program, Lisa will cover: what reflexology is, how it can be beneficial to your health and well-being, and what reflexology feels like. Space is limited; registration suggested. For a registration form, call 505-310-8660 or go to www.eldoradoyogacenter.com (workshops).



ASTRONOMY CORNER

June 2011

JUNE 21: June Solstice. The June solstice occurs at 17:16 UTC. The North Pole of the earth will be tilted toward the Sun, which will have reached its northernmost position in the sky and will be directly over the Tropic of Cancer at 23.44 degrees north latitude. This is the first day of summer (summer solstice) in the northern hemisphere, the day when there are the most hours of daylight.

Protect Our Night Skies:

Lights left carelessly on may spoil the views of our night sky.

Pool Hours

Lap Swim: Every day 8–10 am; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 6–8 pm

General Swim: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays 10 am–8 pm; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10 am–6 pm

ECIA STILL NEEDS PHONE NUMBERS TO CONTACT RESIDENTS IN EMERGENCIES

The ECIA continues to compile its database of residents' phone numbers—land lines as well as cell phones—to be used only in the case of emergencies. For your own benefit, and that of your neighbors, please contact the ECIA and provide us with your phone numbers. Call 466-4248.

June Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email info@eldoradosf.org with your meeting/event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 3rd 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

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

Road Committee Meeting	Mon., June 6, 6-8	CFR
AA Founders Day	Sun., June 12, 12-7	CC

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Road Committee	Mon., June 6, 6-8 pm	Nolan Zisman	466-2968	CFR
Conservation Committee	Tues., June 7, 7-9 pm	John Parker	466-7513	F
Facilities & Grounds	Tues., June 7, 4-6 pm	Jeanne Calzada	466-1947	CFR
Finance Committee	Wed., June 8, 9-11am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Board Work Study	Mon., June 13, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Architectural Committee	Tues., June 14, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
ECIA Board	Thurs., June 16, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Information Committee	Tues., June 21, 7-9 pm	Frank Schober	310-8593	CFR
Stable Committee	Wed., June 28, 7-9 pm	Lisa Bessone	466-7100	Foyer
Architectural Committee	Tues., June 28, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer

MONTHLY MEETINGS

EAWS&SD*	1st & 3rd Thurs, 7-9 pm	Anna Mondragon	466-1085	RR
La Canada Wireless	2nd & 4th Mon., 7-9 pm	lcwireless.org		CR
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	4th Saturday 9:30 am	Freddi Fullington	466-2005	Dog Park
Library Book Group	3rd Mon., 7-9 pm	Pam Henline	466-4781	VGPL
Conservation Com Hike	3rd Sat. of month	Eleanor Gossen	466-1949	CC Prk Lot
Roadrunner RV	3rd Tues. of month	Pat Stewart	820-0303	
Fire Cub Scout Pack 414	4th Tues., 7-9 pm	John Kieling	466-4232	Sm Gym
EACA Meeting	Last Thurs of month		204-7007	LR
MOMS Club	Call for dates & times	Tracey Mitchell	670-6508	

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tues., 5:30-6:50 pm			CFR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am			CFR/CR
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			LR/CFR
Adult Basketball	Thurs., 6:30-dusk			BB Court
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fritz Denny	466-4070	RR, CR, LR
Boy Scouts	2nd & 3rd Thurs., 6:30-7:30	Johnny Boggs	466-3680	RR
Girl Scouts 286	Fri., 4-6 pm	Lisa Engeldinger	466-0077	CR
Girl Scouts 295	Every other Fri., 5:30-7 pm	Michelle Jaschke	466-2422	CR
Bridge	Every Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Jim Davidson	466-3091	LR
Bridge	Wed., 9-noon	Nancy Rost	466-2832	LR
Community Church**	Sun., 9:30 & 11 am	David McPherson	466-2495	La Tienda
Eldorado Hikers	Tues., 8:30 am	Terry Gibbs	466-6914	CC
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
Knitting Club	Tues., 10-12 noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	LR
Life Drawing	Mon., 10-12 noon	Ann Sharp	466-4733	RR
Senior Lunch***	Mon.-Fri., 12-1 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Basketball	Thurs., 6:30 pm	Eddie Marshall	466-0276	CC
Softball	Sundays 10:00 am	Tom Miller	466-6059	CC
Square Dancing	Fri., 6-10 pm	Bill Keeffe	466-8811	RR

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

Vacation Precautions

While you're preparing for an extended getaway, give some thought to what you're leaving behind—and what you'd like to return to. To discourage break-ins, it is important that your home appear occupied and that opportunities for easy entry are eliminated. In addition to the more common tips—lights on timers and such—here are some additional precautions to consider:

- ▶ Don't leave keys hidden outside the home. Leave one with a trusted neighbor or colleague.
- ▶ Have a neighbor park a car in your driveway if you're taking yours.
- ▶ Seal off doggie doors. They can admit small intruders.
- ▶ Telephone answering machines should never advertise your absence. They should only say you are unavailable.
- ▶ Whenever possible, luggage tags should provide a business or mail service address. Using your home address advertises which house is unoccupied.

- ▶ Have locks installed on fuse boxes and external power sources to prevent would-be intruders from disabling your security system and household lighting.
- ▶ Lock all jewelry, important papers, currency, and other valuables in a secure location such as a safe deposit box or home safe.
- ▶ For \$3 per day, Eldorado Security will make daily checks on your home. To arrange this, you will need to drop by the ECIA office, complete a form, and leave advance payment.
- ▶ Finally, join Neighborhood Watch. While crime rates are on the rise elsewhere, incidents in Eldorado have fallen off as Eldorado's Neighborhood Watch has grown. Contact **Marilyn Walker** at 466-2553 for information how to join or establish your own unit.

RECENT CRIME STATS

3/2/11 Commercial burglary
4/7/11 Identity theft attempt
4/20/11 Aggravated burglary

—Raymond Bolton

Community Garden

The El Dorado School Community Garden is thriving in more ways than one. The communal garden portion has met its membership quota and is closed. All the sunken beds are rented and only a very few raised beds are still available. Planting is underway and everyone hopes for a bountiful harvest.

El Dorado School Community Garden tee shirts and mugs are available by phoning 466-6707 or emailing eldogarden@comcast.net. You can check out the Garden in a great video by Garden member **Debra Denker**; search on YouTube for "El Dorado School Community Garden."

ELDORADO GARDENING TOUR JUNE 4

The Second Annual Eldorado Area Gardening Tour, set for June 4 (see back page), should be of interest to all gardeners. It spotlights seven residential gardens in Eldorado, as well as the Community Garden. The tour is free; proceeds from suggested donations will go to benefit the Garden's Outdoor Classroom.

This year's tour showcases the following gardens:

1. A garden of texture, shape, and shadow with espaliered apple trees, native bushes and perennials, evergreens, roses, and oaks. Raised beds include rare Sonoran wheat, Hopi corn and lima beans. Learn how saving these old varieties is so important to our current state of agriculture.

2. A newly developed landscape of evergreens and Mediterranean plants, ornamental grasses, beau-

tiful rock work, wild areas, water wells, a dry creek bed, Buffalo grass lawn and good groundcover.

3. The rare cool shade of an entry garden with columbines, Lenten roses, and even hostas. Multicolored perennials, annuals, climbers, roses and groundcovers greet you in the sunny side-garden.

4. Penstemon, yarrow, iris and crabapples, apple trees, raspberries and vegetables, plus the cold frame and compost pile of a serious gardener. Other features include two cisterns, a pond, and beehives.

5. Xeric plantings in a landscape of rock walls, rock-lined beds, and flagstone. A drip irrigation system and selective hand watering keep the plantings (including many roses) colorful throughout the season.

6. A carefully designed garden of perennials, grasses, roses, shrubs, trees, vegetables and water-saving enhancements, including a retention pond, a 2,000 gallon cistern, dry streambeds, and drip irrigation.

7. A celebration of cactus and succulents in a lovely sculpture garden. From cholla species to opuntias, and agaves and yucca to claret cups, and many more.

8. The Community Garden and Outdoor Classroom is dedicated to sustainable gardens and outdoor learning programs for students and the community. On the 1.5 acres of land, organic gardening is encouraged and the entire garden is herbicide and pesticide free. Features include a labyrinth, cactus garden, picnic area, individual beds, a communal garden, and a new drip irrigation system. For more information, email JWO1959@aol.com, subject "Gardening Tour Question."



The Community Garden is on view at the Garden Tour, June 4.

Senior Center News

TRANSITION AND GROWTH

It is finally warm out and things are beginning to grow and bloom. As you may have heard, the Santa Fe County Senior Services Program is growing too! On July 1, we will take over the management of the other five senior centers in rural Santa Fe County; until now, these centers have been run by the City of Santa Fe under a contract from Santa Fe County. The “new” centers are in Edgewood, El Rancho (near Pojoaque), Rio en Medio, Chimayó, and Santa Cruz.

This change should have a very minimal impact on the activities at the Adam Senior Center in Eldorado. **Cathy Berkley** will probably not be around as much (she will be managing all six centers), and there may be a new driver (**Jewel Pacheco** is being promoted to a new administrative job with the program). But **Cindy Barreras** will still be cooking her delicious meals and preparing the menus for all six centers—so keep coming here for lunch! There will also be a new activities coordinator (still to be hired) who will be at the Center a couple of days/week, providing several of the same functions at the Adam Center that Cathy has been doing. There will be no change in the activities (except Yoga—see below) or transportation. And the

good news is that since the program will be larger, there will be more opportunities for exchanging classes and resources with the other centers.

TRIPS

We are planning two group trips in June. One will be a return trip to Madrid and Cerrillos. We went there in December and had a great time, but the weather should be better on this trip! We are also planning a trip to Belen to visit the Harvey House there. Please call the Center (466-1039) for more information. Dates have not been set at the time of writing.

NEW DRAWING CLASS

Jack McCarthy has agreed to teach a beginning drawing class for six weeks starting on Tuesday, July 19 (not June as reported last month). Space is limited to eight people, but we will have a waiting list. Call the Center (466-1039) to check on space availability—these classes fill up *fast*!

YOGA

Barbara Borman, our talented yoga instructor, will not be offering yoga classes at the Senior Center during June, July, and August. We expect that she will be back teaching and looking after our health in September.

—Cathy Berkley



Visit the Harvey House, Belen

Library June Events

VGPL SPRING BOOK SALE JUNE 11–12

Save a bundle on summer reading, viewing, and listening at the Vista Grande Public Library’s annual Spring Book Sale, Saturday and Sunday, June 11–12 at La Tienda. Quality books, CDs and DVDs, all available at rock-bottom prices, will fill the space across from “4 Sisters” consignment shop. Hours are 10 to 5 on Saturday and 1 to 4 on Sunday. Come early for the best selection.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS START JUNE 1!

Starting Wednesday, June 1, Vista Grande Public Library adds Saturday morning hours. We will be open from 12 to 6 pm Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturdays.

MILKY WAY’S BAND OF LIGHT

The “Night Skies” program is investigating the Milky Way and how we see it in our local vicinity. On Friday, June 17, the topic is the “Band of Light.” **Juan Alvarez**, director of the Planetarium at Santa Fe Community College, once again leads this popular series. The program is free and starts at 8 pm at VGPL, with a talk and, weather permitting, telescope viewing.

“TANGLED” JUNE FAMILY NIGHT MOVIE

This month’s Family Night Movie is “Tangled” on Friday, June 24. In this animated tale, the kingdom’s most charming bandit rescues the feisty teen Rapun-

zel from her tower prison and the two go off on an action-packed escapade. Showtime is 7 pm and admission is free; however, donations are appreciated.

MASTER GARDENERS JUNE 4 AND 18

Santa Fe Master Gardeners will be staffing an “Ask a Master Gardener” table at VGPL on two Saturdays, June 4 and 18, from 1 to 3 pm. Bring your gardening questions for these experts’ advice.

SHOP AMAZON AND SUPPORT VGPL

When you go to the Library’s website, www.vglibrary.org, scroll down and click the “Amazon” button on the right, then shop as usual. A percentage of your purchase price goes to Vista Grande Library.

OTHER VGPL DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Donation Day, Saturday, June 4, from 9 to 11:30 am at VGPL.

Free-Form Book Group, Thursday, June 9, at 7 pm. General discussion of books recently read.

Creative Writing Group for Teens, 2nd and 4th Saturdays (June 11 and 25) at 2:30 pm at the Library.

VGPL Book Group, Monday, June 20, at 7 pm. This month’s book is Anne Wade Rouse’s *At Least in the City Someone Would Hear Me Scream*. You need not have read it to attend.

Summer Reading Program, Thursday, June 23, from 1 to 3 pm. Theme: “One World, Many Stories.”



Spring Book Sale June 11–12, hosted in the space of Fred Richardson, Zia Financial Group at La Tienda.

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2011 Eldorado Area Gardening Tour

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011
10 AM TO 4 PM**

Whet your appetite for gardening, learn how to make things grow in desert soil, and get inspired to start a project of your own – at the 2nd Annual Eldorado Area Gardening Tour, Saturday, June 4, from 10 am to 4 pm.

This year's self-guided tour includes seven private residential gardens and the El Dorado School Community Garden and Outdoor Classroom. What sets the Eldorado Area Gardening Tour apart from other tours is its focus on education. Gardeners, Master Gardeners, and homeowners act as docents at each garden to answer questions. Topics to explore include hardscapes, xeriscapes, cactus, native grasses, perennials, water management, planting strategies, trees, shrubs, vegetables and herbs for high desert gardening. A plant list will be available at each location.

The starting point for the tour is La Tienda, just off 285 on Avenida Vista Grande at Caliente, where visitors can pick up a free tour map. New this year, for a \$5 donation, is a goody bag full of seeds, fact sheets, and a color brochure that details water use per square foot for each garden. Proceeds from donations benefit the El Dorado School Community Garden and Outdoor Classroom.

Garden no. 1 on the Tour. See the "Community Garden" story on p. 6 to read about other showcased gardens.