

# ELDORADO AT SANTA FE VISTAS

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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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## New ECIA Board Takes Shape

Recent elections usher in a new era for the Eldorado Community Improvement Association. Three director positions have been filled, two of them by individuals who had never served on the Board, and the newly constituted Board of Directors has elected a new slate of officers.

Leading the Board for the coming months will be President **John Henriksen**, Vice-President **Antone Forneris**, Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, and Secretary **Michael McDowell**. The other members of the Board are **Pam Henline**, **David McDonald**, and **Barrett "Jody" Price**.

The new Board has chosen to change its meeting schedule. Board work sessions will be moved to the third Wednesday of each month, with the regular Board meeting on the following Monday. In June, the work session will take place on the 21st, and the regular meeting on the 26th.

Board President John Henriksen is committed to ensuring that Eldorado remains a great place for all residents. The new Board will work closely with staff and our management company, HOAMCO, to streamline association management, Henriksen states. The Board is also working on some new initiatives for the community. Members are encouraged to refer to the ECIA website and future issues of *Vistas* for additional information.

The April elections were closely contested, although participation remained low. Only about a fourth of eligible voters cast ballots. There were 555 qualified ballots, and all four candidates received more than 300 votes. Returning Board member Pam Henline received 412 votes. New Board members David McDonald and Barrett "Jody" Price received 414 and 396 votes, respectively. Losing candidate David Cihon garnered 317 votes. —Dag Ryen

**Note New  
Meeting  
Day!**

**ECIA Board  
Meeting,  
Community  
Center  
Railroad Bldg.  
Monday,  
June 26,  
7 PM**



The newly constituted ECIA Board. Top row, left to right: Secretary Mike McDowell, David McDonald, Vice-President Antone Forneris, President John Henriksen. Bottom row: Barrett "Jody" Price, Pam Henline, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez.  
Photo: Trond Peersen



*Share your  
comments  
with us!*

*For policy and  
deadline, see  
below*

### Editorial Policy

Vistas welcomes your ideas, stories, photos, and art. Please include full name and contact information. The newsletter will not publish material deemed inflammatory, biased, or inappropriate. Submissions will be selected and edited at the discretion of the editor. Community announcements are welcome as well, along with accompanying photos.

**DEADLINE:** Newsletter deadline is the 5th day of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the ECIA office or e-mailed to gloria@eldoradosf.org. 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.

## Board Approves Revised Guidelines

The ECIA Board approved the latest version of the Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions for Eldorado at Santa Fe at their meeting on April 20, 2017. The previous guidelines had been updated in 2014. This new version represents over three years of work by the ECIA Architecture Committee, Board, and staff and is the most thorough update to the guidelines in many years. Additionally, this document includes many of the comments and changes requested by residents at the two public forums that were held.

The most noticeable update to this document is its new format and numbering system, which is more consistent and easier to read and reference. This new formatting follows the style found in the Santa Fe County Sustainable Land Development Code and in the City of Santa Fe Land Development Code.

While the ECIA Architecture Committee and Board went through every section of the guidelines to update those parts that were thought to be inadequate to address current ECIA needs, the most noteworthy modifications are the four new sections:

▼ Shade, Play, Storage and Similar Structures

▼ Screening with Berms and Vegetation

▼ Storm Water Management Areas

▼ Movable Storage Containers

Minor changes were also made to those sections that needed updating in order to bring the guidelines more into line with current building materials, new solar and energy technologies, and sustainable building practices.

The new guidelines are available both on the ECIA website (at the following link) and in the ECIA offices:

<http://eldoradosf.org/images/document/Guidelines%20for%20Protective%20Covenants%20October%2016th%202014%20Revised%20Version.pdf>

One important point to note is that plans for any buildings or structures previously approved by the ECIA shall not be affected by these new guidelines. Should anyone have questions about any part of the guidelines, please call the ECIA at 466-4248 or come to Architecture Committee meetings, which are held twice a month (see Events Calendar, p. 5).

—Mark Young, Compliance Coordinator

## A Hard Stop at the End of the Slow Lane

In this month's installment about life in the slow lane out here in Eldorado, it's time to talk about stop signs. As you make your way to and from your home and work, school, and various places outside Eldorado, you are bound to encounter at least two or three stop signs. All drivers have had to learn that the law requires, and safe driving practice dictates, that we come to a complete stop and look both ways before proceeding past a stop sign and into an intersection. But as often happens, we can get in a hurry or think we can see if there are oncoming vehicles as we approach an intersection, so we may conclude that slowing down and rolling through without coming to a full stop is good enough. The problem is that not everything traveling the roads is a large and easily seen vehicle. It might be something smaller, like one of the many cyclists who ride the roads of Eldorado, or even a motorcyclist. It might also be a jogger, dog walker, or family with children crossing the road from the multi-use path just before the stop sign. A quick glance on approach to the intersection or glare from the sun might just be enough to miss the smaller things in the intersection. So, let's all try to leave a minute or two earlier, obey the speed limits, and come to a hard stop at each and every

stop sign we encounter as we travel the slow lanes of Eldorado.

—Felicia Probert, Chair, Road Committee

**ADDENDUM:** An Eldorado resident who felt frustrated by the frequency of speeding motorists on our roads contacted the Sheriff's Department to obtain statistics on tickets issued to drivers in Eldorado. Here is what was learned from Captain William Pacheco. In an eight-day period in April when sheriffs were actively patrolling our roads, 30 citations were issued. Of these, 19 were for speeding (most of them for going 50–56 in a 40 MPH zone), 10 were for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign, and 1 was for not having insurance.

In case Eldoradoans need a reason to slow down other than safety and courtesy, the fines for these tickets are as follows:

Running a stop sign: \$71

Driving 1–10 MPH over the speed limit: \$76

Driving 11–15 MPH over the speed limit: \$91

Driving 16–20 MPH over the speed limit: \$126

Driving 21–25 MPH over the speed limit: \$161

Driving 25–30 MPH over the speed limit: \$186

Driving without a seat belt: \$25

## Message from Board President John Henriksen

I am honored to have been chosen as the new president of the ECIA Board of Directors. My fellow Board members, all accomplished individuals, are committed to making plans and executing decisions that will ensure Eldorado continues to be a great place in which to live. The ECIA committees charged with covenant enforcement, maintaining our trail systems, conducting elections, overseeing the pool, stables, and other amenities, safeguarding ECIA finances and roads, and communicating with Eldorado residents are chaired by talented leaders and filled with hard-working volunteers. Finally, the full-time professionals working to manage Eldorado in a proficient, caring manner are as committed as our volunteer Board and committee members to preserving and enhancing our excellent way of life.

Your new Board is already working on a number of new initiatives: restructuring Board meetings to improve ECIA staff efficiency, examining ECIA support of the Eldorado stables, improving the quality of financial reporting from our management company, reviewing the maintenance of critical Eldorado amenities, and more.

In future issues of *Vistas* you will hear from other Board members and committee chairs regarding their vision for our community. I know that you will find their ideas informative. And if you are interested in hearing about what is going on in Eldorado, want to share your ideas, or would like to volunteer your time, you are welcome to attend the upcoming ECIA Board and committee meetings listed on the Calendar of Events on page 5 of this issue.

## Recent Board Actions

The Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association met on Thursday, May 18, 2017. Members present were President **John Henriksen**, Vice-President **Antone Forneris**, Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, Secretary **Michael McDowell**, and Directors **Pam Henline**, **David McDonald**, and **Jody Price**. The following actions were taken:

- ▼ A motion was passed to reconfirm and approve a motion made on March 6, 2017, in an emergency situation to facilitate management of 2017 elections (Henline, McDonald, and Price abstained).
- ▼ A motion was passed to approve a variance request relating to 22 Juego Road to allow for driveway liner to remain as solid coyote fence design (Henline abstained).
- ▼ A motion was passed to approve a variance request relating to 6 Moya Place to allow existing fence enclosure space on lot to exceed 4000 sq. ft. (Henline opposed).
- ▼ A motion was passed unanimously to approve the reappointment of **Nina Harrison** to the Architecture Committee.
- ▼ A motion was passed unanimously to approve the appointment of **Jolene Petrowski** to the Architecture Committee.
- ▼ A motion was passed unanimously to approve the bid from Heads Up for the breezeway project in the amount of \$15,466.71 (not to exceed \$17,000).

▼ A motion was passed unanimously to send a 30-day contract termination to Signature Offset, the *Vistas* printer.

▼ A motion was passed unanimously to approve the proposal from Ambitions Document Solutions to print the *Vistas* at a monthly rate of \$1,046.30 from July through December, 2017.

The next scheduled meeting of the ECIA Board of Directors will be on June 26, 2017, at 7 PM in the Railroad Room at the Community Center. Regular Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Community Center and are open to the public. An open forum and community announcements are normally included. Complete minutes and agendas are available at the ECIA office or on the website: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org).

## Bylaws Review

The Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Eldorado Community Association state that every two years the Election Committee shall conduct a review of the Bylaws. The Bylaws were amended in 2016, and a review will begin in June of 2017. All Members have the opportunity to send comments for consideration. Members should send comments to [bylawsreview18@gmail.com](mailto:bylawsreview18@gmail.com). Comments will be accepted until August 8, 2017.

—Election Committee

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Finance: **Dan Drobnis**  
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Stable: **Pat Donahue**

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### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Vista Grande Library  
**466-READ**  
Fire and Rescue  
**466-1204**  
[eldoradofirerescue.org](http://eldoradofirerescue.org)  
County All Purpose  
**820-CNTY (2689)**





### Changes Near You?

Have any of your neighbors submitted architectural modification plans to the ECIA for approval? What changes to the built landscape are being considered near you? Check out the Architecture Committee agenda at <http://tinyurl.com/Arch-agenda> or the ECIA Board agenda at <http://tinyurl.com/lkxxdmw>.

### The History, First Settlers

from Part 2 of *Windmills and Dreams*

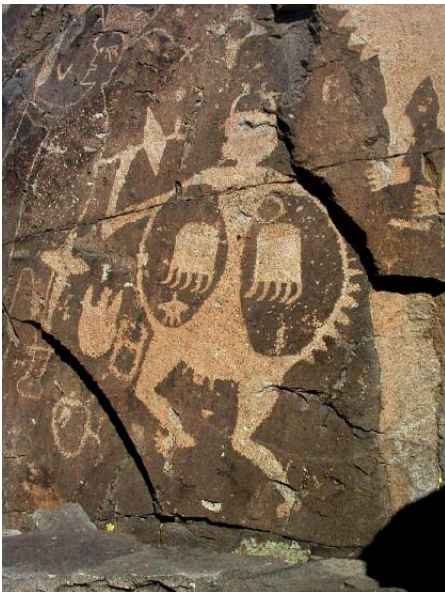
The history of human habitation in the Eldorado area definitely begins with the Anasazi. They came, they dwelt here, and they left. The land and the water did not provide enough for survival. Water was barely enough during the good years, and when droughts came and the wells ran dry, they had to move to survive.

It is believed that those who lived here remained until around the middle of the 1300s, their adobe homes built atop those of the ancestors who had been here before them. Archaeologists believe that the population more than likely moved to the Galisteo Basin, and from there eventually to the many pueblos existing today in the Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque areas.

It is where, in 1914 and 1915, an anthropologist named Nels Nelson would first dig up these ancient homes and ruins, and in 1969, the white man from far away would once again build homes that seemed to blend with the earth.

Remains of the ancient Anasazi pueblos have been found on parts of the former Lamy Ranch near Eldorado as well as in and around the town of Lamy. The area these tribes of ancient humans inhabited some twelve thousand years ago ranges from the hills of the Cañada de Los Alamos and Lamy Grants north of I-25 to sites past the town of Lamy down to Galisteo. Our subdivision is a part of this ancient prehistory.

The second edition of *Windmills and Dreams* is available at the ECIA office for \$15 or from Amazon.com.



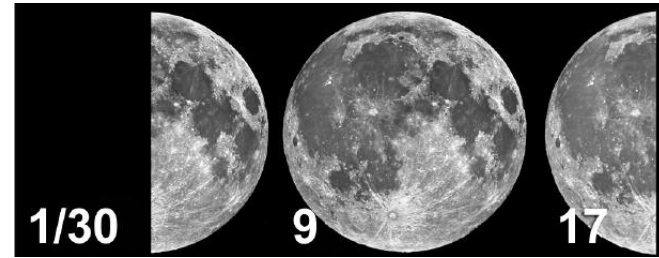
Native American petroglyph in Galisteo Basin.

Photo: Jerry Willis from Tomé, NM. Creative Commons License

Learn basic composting techniques on June 7, County Fairgrounds.



### MOON PHASES FOR JUNE 2017



### New Restaurant to Open at the Agora!

The owners of the award-winning Gastropub Loyal Hound are opening a full-service restaurant in the space most recently occupied by Chez Dré. Dave Readyhough and Renee Fox are excited to bring their unique take on locally sourced comfort food, paired with a focus on hospitality, to the heart of Eldorado. An emphasis on community will be celebrated with a brand new space, a focus on local ingredients, and a carefully selected offering of craft beer, cider, and wine on tap. The new restaurant, Arable (meaning plowable land), will be open for dinner five nights a week and will offer brunch on Saturday and Sunday. Dave and Renee look forward to announcing an opening date as soon as possible. Check out Arable's Facebook page for updates, with a website coming soon.



### JULY 4TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN ELDORADO

**When:** July 4, 2017 - 7:30 to 9:30 AM (on time for the ECIA Parade on Av. Monte Alto)  
**Where:** LA PLANCHA at La Tienda  
**Cost:** \$7 a plate (\$1 discount if you bring your own coffee mug!). Kids under 6 free. Cash only  
**Menu:** Pancakes, Sausages (meat or veggie), Fruit, Drinks (coffee, tea, orange juice)

A Zero Waste Event hosted by  
 La Plancha de Eldorado & Eldorado/285 Recycles



### Lace 'em up!

The Eldorado Adult basketball season is here, our 10th summer! Lace 'em, players, and c'mon out to the Community Center basketball court for fun and friendly pick-up hoops, Thursdays (through October) 6:15 PM–dusk.

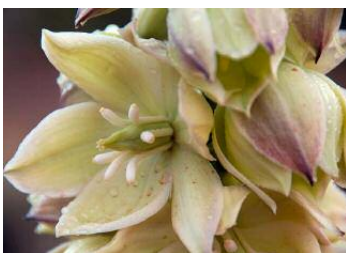


### Basic Composting

On Saturday, June 17, from 9 to 11 AM at the County Fairgrounds Compost Area (3229 Rodeo Rd), learn how composting works and how to tailor the process to different needs and scales. There will be a hands-on clinic at a straw bale demonstration area to teach proper techniques for building a thermal pile, turning and finishing the compost. There will also be a discussion of the basics of worm composting. Bring hats, gloves, sturdy shoes, and water. Also, bring a pitchfork if you have one.

### Selecting Native Plants for Your Landscape

On Saturday, June 24, from 10 AM to noon at the Randall Davey Audubon Center (1800 Upper Canyon Rd), the Santa Fe Native Plants Project will conduct a tour of native plants in the Audubon Gardens.



# June Events

## Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email [gloria@eldoradosf.org](mailto:gloria@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**
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.

CC=Community Center, LR=Living Room, F=Foyer, CFR=Conference Rm, CR=Classroom, RR=Railroad, K=Kitchen

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS\*\*\*\*

|                        |                              |                 |                       |       |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Architecture Committee | Tues., June 13, 7-9 pm       | Mark Young      | 466-4248              | Foyer |
| Architecture Committee | Tues., June 27, 7-9 pm       | Mark Young      | 466-4248              | Foyer |
| Board Working Session  | Wed., June 21, 6-8 pm        | ECIA            | 466-4248              | CR    |
| Conservation Committee | Tues., June 6, 7-9 pm        | Jim Daniel      | 609-941-4527          | F     |
| ECIA Board Meeting     | Mon., June 26, 7-9 pm        | ECIA            | 466-4248              | RR    |
| Election Committee     | Wed., June 14, 2-4 pm        | Bette Knight    | 466-4248              | CFR   |
| Facilities & Grounds   | Wed., June 7, 4-6 pm         | David Lovro     | 466-0540              | CFR   |
| Finance Committee      | Mon., June 19, 9:30-11:30 am | Dan Drobnis     | 466-4781              | CFR   |
| Information Committee  | Tues., June 27, 7-9 pm       | ECIA            | 466-4248              | CFR   |
| Road Committee         | Thurs., June 8, 3-5 pm       | Felicia Probert | 466-1563              | RR    |
| Stable Committee       | TBA                          | Pat Donahue     | donahuemail@gmail.com | F     |

### MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS / BIMONTHLY

|                            |                            |                  |                      |          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Cub Scout Troop 414        | 1st & 2nd Wed 6-7 pm       | Will Scoberg     | karlwscoberg@aol.com | CR       |
| EAWS&SD                    | 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7-9 pm   | Anna Mondragon   | 466-1085             | EAWS&SD* |
| Eldorado Arts & Crafts     | Last Thurs., 7 pm          | Mary Fredenburgh | 466-1035             | CR       |
| Eldorado Book Club         | 3rd Wed., 3:00 pm          | Pam Henline      | phenline@comcast.net | LR       |
| Eldorado/285 Recycles      | 2nd Tues. of month, 4-6 pm | Sue Daniel       | 856-220-7087         | CFR      |
| Healing Arts Practitioners | 2nd Tues., 4-5:30 pm       | Terry Terry      | 303-475-0922         | LR       |
| Roadrunner RV              | 3rd Thurs. of month        | Brad Cottingham  | 466-4655             |          |
| Search & Rescue            | 2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm         | santafesar.org   |                      | VGPL     |

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

|                             |                                 |                     |                           |             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| AA                          | Tues., 5:45-6:45 pm             |                     |                           | CFR/LR      |
| AA                          | Wed., 7-8 pm                    |                     |                           | CFR         |
| AA                          | Thurs., 6-7 pm (Women Only)     |                     |                           | CFR         |
| AA                          | Fri., 6-7 pm                    |                     |                           | CFR/LR      |
| AA                          | Sat., 11-12 pm                  |                     |                           | CFR         |
| AA                          | Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm              |                     |                           | La Tienda   |
| Adult Basketball            | Thurs, 6:15-dusk                |                     |                           | BB court    |
| Boy Scout Troop 414         | Wed., 7-9 pm                    | Karl Cordova        | karl_cordova747 @ msn.com | RR, CR, LR  |
| Bridge                      | 1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm       | Shirley Davis       | 982-6179                  | LR          |
| Community Church**          | Sun., 9:00 & 10:30 am           | David McPherson     | 466-2495                  | La Tienda   |
| Creative Movement for Kids  | Tues., 3:30-4:30 pm             | Teresa Schwarz      | 428.0832                  | CR          |
| Eldorado Hikers             | Tues., 8:30 am                  | Terry Gibbs         | 466-6914                  | CC          |
| Fire & Rescue Training      | Tues., 7-9 pm                   | Fire Station Office | 466-1204                  | Station     |
| Fire & Rescue Duty Sections | Sat., 8-12 noon                 | Fire Station Office | 466-1204                  | Station     |
| Interval Training           | Wed., 9 am                      | Susan Kayar         | 204-8290                  | Max Coll CC |
| Interval Training           | Fri., 8:30 am                   | Susan Kayar         | 204-8290                  | Max Coll CC |
| Knitting Club               | Tues., 10-12 noon               | Joyce Hanmer        | 466-3018                  | LR          |
| Life Drawing                | Mon., 10-12 noon                | Mavis Murphy        | 466-8189                  | RR          |
| Mah Jongg                   | Fri., 1-5 pm                    | Nancy Robbins       | 466-1780                  | CR          |
| Overeaters Anon             | Mon., 7-8 pm                    | Barb                | 954-1533                  | LR          |
| Senior Lunch***             | Mon.-Fri., 11:30-12:30 pm       | Senior Center       | 466-1039                  |             |
| Spinning Group (Fiber)      | 1st & 3rd Thurs., 9:30-11:30 am | Ellen Higgins       | 970-201-4776              | LR          |
| Square Dancing              | Fri., 6-9 pm                    | Connie Walters      | 466-4226                  | Max Coll CC |
| Yin Yoga                    | Mon., 5:30-6:45 pm              | Julia Cairns        | 466-1935                  | CR          |
| Yoga/Vinyasa Flow           | Tues., 9-10:15 am               | Julia Cairns        | 466-1935                  | CR          |
| Yoga/Gentle Stretch         | Wed., 9-10:15 am                | Mary Horst          | 490-2790                  | CR          |
| Yoga/ Gentle Stretch        | Thurs., 9-10:15 am              | Mary Horst          | 490-2790                  | CR          |
| Yoga/Vinyasa Flow           | Fri., 9-10:15 am                | Julia Cairns        | 466-1935                  | CR          |
| Zumba                       | Tues. & Thurs., 9-10 am         | Tana Monaco         | 690-4332                  | Max Coll CC |

\* Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District

\*\*For other religious/spiritual services, go to <http://santafe.areaconnect.com/churches.htm>

\*\*\* Reservations required \*\*\*\* Check the ECIA website for the most accurate dates/times

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org)



## Library News

**BOOK SALE:** The Spring Book Sale was a big success. Thanks to all the shoppers, volunteers, and book donors who made it happen! The funds raised will go toward materials, programs, and operations. The Annual Donor Appeal is also going on right now. Please consider supporting your local library; about 60% of our operating funds come from community members.

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAMS:** Registration for Summer Reading Club has begun. This year's theme is *Build a Better World*. The Summer Reading Club is for children going into grades K to 4 next year, with activities such as games, crafts, and, of course, stories. Forms and details about the programs are on the website ([www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org)) and at the main circulation desk. There will also be a Reading Contest for kids of all ages. This year's top prize is a bicycle donated by the Santa Fe Century Committee.

For more information about any of these programs, please check the library website ([www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org)) or call 505-466-7323.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ▼ Calling local science-types. VGPL is trying to increase its STEM offerings. Do you have an idea for a program you could lead?
- ▼ Consider joining the Library Board. VGPL's board of directors currently has exactly seven members and two of these members will be leaving the board at the end of their terms in July. With fewer than seven board members, VGPL cannot conduct official business. Your participation on the VGPL board would be of great value to the library and community.

### IMPORTANT DATES

*Note: Events take place in the Meeting Room to the right of the main entrance, unless noted otherwise.*

**June 3 & July 1, 9 to 11:30 AM only:** *Book Donation Day*. Bring gently used adult and children's books, DVDs and audio books on CD (in bags or boxes that you don't need back).

**June 9 & July 14, 7 PM:** *Family Movie Night*. Free admission and popcorn.

**June 17 & July 15, 1 PM:** New! *Family Movie Matinee*. Free admission and popcorn.

**June 20 & July 18, 7 PM:** *Board of Directors Meeting*. Community members always welcome, especially those interested in joining the board.

**June 20, 2 PM:** *Curious Chris the Singing Scientist* performance.

**June 23, 7 PM:** *Grown-Up Movie Night*. Screening of Oscar-winning film. Free admission and popcorn.

**June 27–July 30:** Watercolor exhibition: *Birds of New Mexico* by Judy Boyd. Reception on July 7, 5 to 7 PM in the library.

**Wednesday, June 14, 21, & 23:** *Summer Reading* for grades K to 4.

**Fridays in June, 11 AM:** *Story Time* for children under age 5 with caregivers meets in the Children's Area.

**Fridays in June, 3 PM:** *All Ages Chess Club*, for adults and interested youth. All skill levels welcome.

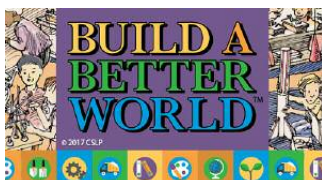
**June 16, 23, & 30:** *Summer Reading Club* (grades K to 4) will meet in the Meeting Room.

**July 1, 2 PM:** Dawn Graber, *Wild Bird Day* talk.

**July 4:** Library will be closed. VGPL will take part in the Eldorado Community Parade and gathering.

**August 13:** Save the date for the *Summer Fling Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction*

—Tracey Mitchell



Poster for Summer Reading Club's theme



Watercolors of birds by Judy Boyd on display June 27–July 30

### ELDORADO 285/RECYCLES

## Simple Paper Recycling

Unlike money, paper does grow on trees. Check out these earth-friendly tips for recycling paper:

- ▼ **Print again:** Reuse printer paper if it has text on only one side.
- ▼ **Take note:** Create a notepad by stapling together pieces of recycled paper of the same size.
- ▼ **Let them scribble:** Printer paper is great for kids to draw and paint on.
- ▼ **Cushion your packages:** Newspaper or old wrapping paper can be used as package padding, which eliminates the need for Styrofoam.
- ▼ **Wrap it in your own style:** Use unwanted newspaper, decorate, and voilà—instant customized wrapping paper.

- ▼ **Recycle it:** Paper bags, newspapers, and magazines can all be recycled. The only recycling no-nos are waxed paper, laminated paper (like that in fast food products), pet-food bags, and oil or food-soaked paper. Magazines, catalogs, telephone books, direct mail, brochures, pamphlets and booklets, in addition to cereal, cake, chip, and cracker boxes and pizza boxes can all be recycled. Be sure to remove the liner and all food from boxes and place them in a paper sack with your junk mail, mixed paper, magazines, and catalogs. Paper smaller than an index card (3×5") can be placed in a larger sealed envelope or included with shredded paper. Place shredded paper in a clear bag before tossing into the recycling bin, and punch a few holes in the bag with a pencil to keep it from bursting.

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## When is a Willow Not a Willow?

Answer: When it is a Desert Willow (*Chilopsis linearis*), which is not a true willow but actually is related to the Catalpa trees of the Bignonia family. It is called a willow because of its narrow willow-like shaped leaves. It is native to the Southwest, growing along washes and arroyos to about 6,000 feet, and is important in erosion control. The leaves have a waxy coating that helps to prevent water loss; it also, along with its very deep roots, aids the tree in adapting to arid environments.

With showy, fragrant flowers that bloom late in spring, the Desert Willow is a desirable ornamental bush (some call it a tree), growing to a height of 20 feet and 10–20 feet wide. The beautiful bell-shaped flowers come in white, pink, or purple and attract hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies for the nectar. The plant provides dappled shade in the garden, and the long-flowering blooms continue until early frost. Once established, the Desert Willow is quite drought tolerant; but when young, it does need more water. It is a deciduous bush, dropping its leaves in the winter and even perhaps in very hot, dry weather. The fruit is a pencil-thin capsule/bean, although some varieties produce no seed pod. The Desert Willow was designated the official tree of Albuquerque in 1964.

Native Americans used the wood to make bows, and the leaves and stems were powdered and used to treat skin infections. Decoctions of the flowers are used in Mexico to treat bronchial problems, and the stiff, durable wood is often used for fence posts.

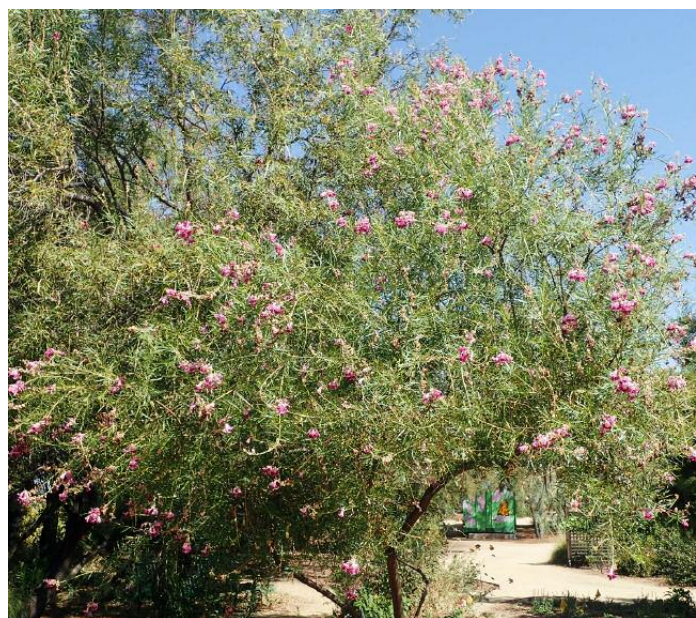
In the actual Willow family (Salicaceae), there are only two genera: *Salix* (willows), which consists of about 300 species, and *Populus* (aspens and cottonwoods), which has about 40 species. Both willows and poplars have a strong affinity for water and are mostly found near ponds and rivers. Almost all are decid-

uous. Their flowers are in the form of catkins, which appear on the tree shortly before the new leaves come out. Reproductive events are mostly driven by the wind.

Willows have been important to Native Americans for generations. The supple branches were used to make baskets, and the bark was made into a medicinal tea. Young branches were chewed to relieve headaches, and, as a matter of fact, the active ingredient, salicylic acid, is used as the basis for our modern aspirin. Additionally, the shade provided by willows on the water helps keep the water temperature lower, which in turn is beneficial for native fish such as trout. Some wildlife species use the willows as a source of food and cover, and beavers use the wood to make their dams. A few of the species of willow found in the Southwest are Coyote Willow, Sandbar Willow, and Blue-stem Willow.

Aspens and cottonwoods will be covered in a future article.

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Desert willow blossoms (top) and tree in bloom (bottom).

## Paper Recycling, *continued*

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## Ryen and Handy: Co-Residents of the Year

Each year our Board recognizes one ECIA volunteer with a "Resident of the Year" award. Most often, the Board chooses a committee member who has shown remarkable dedication in their service to the community.

However, this year the Board gave two separate awards. Even more unusual, the recognition went to two of its own directors, Treasurer **Todd Handy** and President **Dag Ryen**. Both Todd and Dag were more than a little surprised.

At the end of 2009, the Association experienced a serious staff embezzlement and needed a new Board treasurer. Finance Committee Chair **Dan Drobniś** recalls that at the January 2010 Board meeting, "then-General Manager Bill Donohue and I targeted Todd for his Finance Committee and extensive CFO experience, and maneuvered him into a chair in the corner of the room. We stood over him and informed him that he must accept appointment to the Board and become treasurer. In years to come, he would claim to have been tied to the chair—definitely not true! But it was surely our 'Only You, Obi-Wan Kenobi' moment."

Said Handy of his time on the Board, "We accomplished a lot but I'm a bit frustrated that we didn't accomplish as much as I wanted. In 2009 we had little money in the bank and little confidence in the books. We have now built up our reserves and our record keeping is much better. We're running the community on a much better business model."

Dag also started out his years on the Board as an appointee. His leadership skills had him filling the president's seat in no time, where he has served in that capacity for the last four years. For about nine months when ECIA was searching for a new general manager, Dag became our acting, full-time GM.

Although Ryen had been aware that Handy was to be the recipient of this year's Resident of the Year award, he wasn't expecting a second award. "I was certainly surprised and delighted at the many accolades and honors that were heaped upon me at the

Annual Meeting," said Dag. "I would go so far as to say that I was humbled. It's been a joy to work for the ECIA, and it's really nice to realize that there's been some appreciation for what we managed to accomplish."

Both Dag and Todd have given immensely of their time and talent to this community. How fitting that they both be recognized for it. Although they will be missed in their past capacities, Todd is being lobbied by the Finance committee to come aboard. As for Dag, the Information Committee has a seat with his name on it.

— Gershon Siegel

In recognition of their outstanding service, the ECIA conference room has been dedicated as the "Todd Handy Conference Room" and the ECIA tennis courts dedicated as the "Dag Ryen Tennis Courts."



Photo: Dan Drobniś