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## 4th of July Parade & Festivities!

The annual ECIA Independence Day parade will take place at 10 AM on Thursday, July 4.

The parade will step off from Avenida Monte Alto to the Community Center, with the Grand Marshall, **Pat Lavengood**, 2012 Resident of the Year, in the lead car. There will be horses from the Eldorado Stables, bagpipers, fire trucks, vintage cars, and lots of bicycles.

Festivities on the patio of the Community Center will include the Grillmaster, **Ray Nichols**, charring up his famous hotdogs, compliments of ECIA. There will also be popcorn and snowcones available.

The entertainment will kick off at 11AM, with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Boy Scouts, and the National Anthem sung by **Carrie Ishee**. The Friday night square dancers will perform, along with pianist **Chris Ishee**, the bagpipers, and more.

There will be judging for Best Costume, Best Dressed Animal, Best Decorated Trike or Wagon, and Best Decorated Bicycle. If you would like to participate in the parade, please call Marilyn at the ECIA office, 466-4248.

Before coming to the parade, stop over at La Tienda for the Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by SERA and La Plancha, served from 8 to 10 AM. It costs \$5 for all you can eat!



**ECIA Board  
Meeting,  
Community  
Center  
Railroad Bldg.  
Thurs.,  
July 18,  
7 pm.**

Riders at the 2012 July 4 parade in Eldorado.  
Photo: Dan Drobnis.

## ECIA Community Park/Playing Field Options

Residents who have been in Eldorado for more than a decade will remember relatively green and attractive playing fields next to the Community Center. However, six years of drought out of the last ten have taken a heavy toll on this amenity, forcing some difficult decisions about how to maintain this portion of our community park. Listed in chart form on page 3 are several options, along with costs, life expectancy, advantages and disadvantages. The numbers given are approximations but are based on extensive research done by committees and staff.

There are a couple of significant issues involved in these deliberations. Perhaps most important is the

availability and/or cost of water for continued grass growth in our desert environment. There are also differences of opinion regarding the aesthetics of artificial turf relative to natural grass. Finally, there is the question of how best to serve the needs of various recreational groups in our community.

The Facilities and Grounds Committee and the ECIA Board are soliciting views from as wide a spectrum of the community as possible on these issues. Please contact us by going to the ECIA website and click on the article about the playing field. Thanks for your input.

**SEE CHART ON P. 3 FOR LIST OF OPTIONS >>**

**Voice Your  
Choice**



*Share your  
comments  
with us!*

*For policy and  
deadline, see  
below*

### *Editorial Policy*

*Vistas* invites ideas, stories, photos, and art from the community at large. 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; 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](mailto: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.

## Home Businesses in Eldorado

While Article II, Section 12 of the Eldorado Covenants do not allow for business activities to be conducted on lots in Eldorado, there is an allowance in the covenants for home-based occupations, when they meet certain requirements. These requirements are detailed as follows:

### **SECTION 12. HOME OCCUPATION.**

- (a) No residential lot shall be used in whole or in part for any commercial or business purpose, with the exception of home occupations.
- (b) No home occupation shall commence nor be maintained unless it complies with Santa Fe County regulations and has the prior written approval of the ECIA Board of Directors or its designees, except such approval is not required when:
  - (i) there is no more than one outside employee; and
  - (ii) customers shall not visit the premises as a result of the home occupation.
- (c) Home occupations are permitted in accordance with Article II, Section 12b above, provided such occupations shall be:
  - (i) incidental and subordinate to the residential use of the lot;
  - (ii) carried on inside of the buildings on the lot, and do not involve the exterior storage of materials nor change the exterior appearance of the lot or its buildings;
  - (iii) served by sufficient parking on the lot for normal home occupation activities; and

- (iv) devoid of the use of equipment and processes which violate Article II, Section 14 hereof.

Currently, numerous home-based businesses operate in Eldorado, and the ECIA Board and staff are supportive of these businesses as long as they meet the above-noted criteria. When these requirements are not met, however, the business owner(s) must, under the covenants, obtain written approval from the ECIA Board. If your home occupation involves more than one outside employee, for instance, you would need to get written approval by the ECIA Board.

To apply for approval, a business owner must complete the Home Occupation Application, which is located on the Eldorado website at [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org) (found under Resident Resources/Forms and Applications). Any resident who has a home occupation that requires Board approval is encouraged to submit the application to the ECIA offices. It will be reviewed by the ECIA Board at one of their monthly meetings. If you have any questions about home occupations in Eldorado, please call the ECIA offices at 466-4248.

—Mark Young  
Covenant Compliance Representative

## *Recent Board Actions*

The ECIA Board held its regular meeting on May 16, with Board members present: **Jeanne Calzada** (President and Chair), **Dag Ryen** (Vice President), **Nolan Zisman** (Secretary), **Todd Handy** (Treasurer), **Pam Henline**, **Paul Jacobs**, and **Jan Pietrzak**. The following formal actions were taken unanimously, without the Chair voting:

- ▼ A Home Occupation Permit was approved for 4 Conchas Place.
- ▼ A Home Occupation Permit was approved for 9 Dulce Road.
- ▼ The vote for the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws was certified (524 in favor out of 740 total cast, 444 [60%] of those voting required to pass).
- ▼ The Third Amended and Restated Bylaws were received and accepted.

Regular Board meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Community Center and are open to the public. An open forum, community announcements, and reports from ECIA committees are normally included. Complete minutes and meeting agendas are available at the ECIA office or website: <http://eldoradosf.org>.

*Santa Fe Board of County  
Commissioners (BCC) has  
voted for a partial  
fireworks ban extending  
past and including the  
Fourth of July. Check our  
website for the latest,  
updated information:  
[eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org)*

## Message from the ECIA Board

Summer is upon us, and most of us are looking forward to some kind of break, perhaps travel to visit family or friends, perhaps a long anticipated excursion to someplace more exotic. We hope all Eldorado residents have something enjoyable to look forward to this summer and will have a safe summer, no matter where your travels take you.

Meanwhile, the work of our homeowners association goes on. There are three major issues that the ECIA Board will be focusing on this summer, and we expect to make considerable progress on them before autumn arrives.

The Board has been working closely with barn owners and the Stable Committee to complete a revision of the rules and regulations for maintaining horses at the ECIA stable area. Drafts of the updated rules were distributed to barn owners, and an open meeting was held on June 4 where barn owners and Board members could share concerns and suggestions. Following these discussions, the new document will come before the Board for final approval. Check our website, [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org), for updates.

Summer is the time for construction and maintenance in Eldorado. Completion of the tennis courts, resurfacing of the basketball court, upgrading of some multi-use trails, and some road improvements are all on tap. In addition, the Facilities and Grounds Committee and the Board will be looking at the difficult issue of what to do with the baseball/softball field be-

hind the Community Center. We are asking for input from anyone who has an interest in this project. See the article on page 1 of this issue for more information and instructions on how to contact us; and see the pros and cons of all the choices in the chart below.

Finally, we will be looking to the Election Committee for guidance on how to resolve the problem of realigning the terms for Board members. The committee met in June and will meet again in July to consider various options. It is important that we have a clear and reasonable route to follow as we head toward Board elections in 2014.

In closing, we hasten to add that we have not forgotten, nor are we ignoring, the issue regarding the covenants and poultry, which is currently in litigation. The ECIA Board laments that the legal process is proceeding so slowly. But a judge has now been assigned to the case and a formal trial date has been set for early next year. In the meantime, the Board and its attorney have agreed to do everything possible to limit expenses in connection with the case. We ask for your continued patience as we move toward a final resolution of this contentious issue.

Meanwhile, please join us for a community-wide celebration on the Fourth of July, as we officially open some of our brand new amenities, honor our resident-of-the-year, and share good times with our fellow Eldoradoans.

—The ECIA Board

### Comparison of Playing Field Turf Options

Option	Approximate cost	Life expectancy (in years)	Pros	Cons
Artificial turf in outfield	\$320K–\$340K	15–20	Low maintenance (less than \$5K/yr.); reduces weed growth and gophers; could be used as soccer practice field; year-round availability.	Expensive to install (although might break even in saved maintenance costs over life span).
Sod in outfield	\$45K + \$20K for irrigation system	Unlimited with proper maintenance	Good for all uses; could be used as soccer practice field; aesthetically pleasing (but only green for 7–8 months/yr.).	Requires extensive maintenance (weeding, critter control, mowing); requires extensive use of water (probably more than our well water rights could support).
Seeded or Hydro-seeded outfield	\$25K + \$20K for irrigation system	Unlimited with proper maintenance	Good for same uses as sod; attractive when properly maintained.	Requires intense maintenance and reduced usage in early years; requires extensive use of water (probably more than our well water rights could support).
Leave outfield as dirt field	Limited	Unlimited with proper maintenance	Drought tolerant, satisfactory for some sports and recreation uses.	Some maintenance required (weed and critter control, occasional grading); would probably see limited use; dirt refills needed from time to time.
Special recycled rubber/sand mix in outfield	\$40K	10–15 with proper maintenance	Not affected by drought; experimental.	Not affected by drought; experimental.

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466-READ

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466-1204

[eldoradofirerescue.org](http://eldoradofirerescue.org)

County All Purpose

820-CNTY (2689)



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### July 4th Breakfast

8–10 AM at La Plancha Grill at La Tienda. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a community breakfast before the parade. \$5 per person: Pancakes, sausage, watermelon, coffee, tea, OJ. Indoor and patio seating available. Sponsored by SERA and La Plancha.

### Broadway Kids Workshop

Eldorado Children's Theatre and Teen Players is offering a Broadway Kids workshop for ages 8 and up July 22–26 right in Eldorado. Lots of acting and singing and fun! For more information, e-mail Lisa at [lisa@rancheros.com](mailto:lisa@rancheros.com).

### Lace 'em up!

The Eldorado Adult Basketball season is here. Lace 'em up, players, and c'mon out to the Community Center basketball court for fun and friendly pick-up hoops Thursdays 6:30 PM – dusk.

### Manure Deliveries

Ongoing scheduling for Eldorado Stables horse manure deliveries. For information, email [eldostable@gmail.com](mailto:eldostable@gmail.com) or call Lynn at 795-4264 or Su Anne at 660-1996.

### Pool Hours: 8 AM–8 PM Daily

**Lap Swim:** Daily 8–10 AM; Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6–8 PM

**General Swim:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 10 AM–8 PM; Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 AM–6 PM

Group swimming lessons: Call the pool: 466-2511

The Community Center pool is open! Photo: Jack Arnold



## MOON PHASES FOR JULY 2017



### The Senior Scene

During the spring and continuing into the summer we have seen a surge in the number of seniors new to Eldorado who are signing up and enjoying the activities at the Center.

Because we are at near capacity in the dining area, an expansion has been planned by Santa Fe County. The county is expecting to have final architectural plans completed for the expansion of the Adam Senior Center as well as a new Santa Fe County Community Center. The expansion will allow for more room for the daily lunches as well as a large area for exercise, art classes, and other activities in the Santa Fe County Community Center area during the daytime. In the evenings the County Community Center will provide space for community and county meetings.

The Adam Center needs volunteers to help with the Meals on Wheels program during the summer as the regular drivers take vacation. If you are able to spend a day or two a month delivering these meals to home-bound seniors in the Eldorado area, please call 466-1039 and leave your name and a contact phone number.

**Lynne and Bob Coyle**, our tapestry weaving and clay instructors, will be starting their classes on Thursday, July 11, at 1:30 at the Adam Senior Center. These classes are for beginners as well as seasoned crafters. The classes will run for 8 weeks. Sign-up at the Senior Center begins July 3.

The Hoop House Garden has been planted with veggies for use in our kitchen. We need gardening volunteers to help with watering and care of the garden. If you are interested, please contact **Janet Amtmann** at 466-3256.

The Center's hours are 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. Stop by to check our activity board and pick up a monthly menu for lunch. Center phone 466-1039.

—Janet Amtmann

*Aah, summer!*



Scene from "Underway," screening at The Performance Space in La Tienda, courtesy of Reel New Mexico, on July 11.



## REEL NEW MEXICO SUMMER SHORTS!!

Reel New Mexico, the state's only ongoing film series dedicated to showing movies with a New Mexico connection, is excited to celebrate high summer with four short films, each quite different from the others. They will be screened on Thursday, July 11, at La Tienda Center in Eldorado, starting at 7 PM.

"Underway," a Western fantasy from **Paul Marcus**, gives us a mysterious and truly haunting woman, cast out of time and place, who must search for clues about who she is and where she is going. The short comedy "All in a Day's Work" centers around a hapless guide who keeps trying to corral a group of dazed and enthusiastic tourists exposed for the first time to the wonders of northern New Mexico.

Meow Wolf's chronicle of their recent exhibit, "Construction and Destruction of *The Due Return*," assumes a sailing ship from another dimension has beached on the sands of Santa Fe, submerging those curious enough to enter it in a rich history from a distant world. **Dusty McGowan's** "Mickey" tells the story of a down-on-his-luck boxer who stumbles on a unique opportunity to become an unlikely hero.

The filmmakers will discuss their works after the screenings.

Reel New Mexico presents films with a New Mexico connection on the second Thursday of each month, at 7 PM in The Performance Space in La Tienda Center, off Avenida Vista Grande at 285. Directions to the venue are at [www.reelnewmexico.com](http://www.reelnewmexico.com). A contribution of \$5 is suggested at the door.

# July Events

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

Email [eciamarilyn@aol.com](mailto:eciamarilyn@aol.com) 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.*

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

### SPECIAL EVENTS

4th of July Festivities	Thurs., July 4, 10 am–1 pm	466-4248
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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Architectural Committee	Tues., July 9, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Architectural Committee	Tues., July 23, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Study	Mon., July 15, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Conservation Committee	Tues., July 2, 7-9 pm	John Parker	466-7513	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Thurs., July 18, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Facilities & Grounds	Thurs., July 4, 4-6 pm	Jean Crawford	466-1000	CFR
Finance Committee	Wed., July 10, 7-9 pm	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Information Committee	Tues., July 23, 7-9 pm	Frank Schober	310-8593	CFR
Road Committee	Mon., Aug. 5, 6-8 pm	Michael Chester	577-2784	CFR
Stable Committee	Tues., July 30, 7-9 pm	Gretel Underwood	466-7825	LR
SPE Committee	Thurs., July 11, 7-9 pm	Steve Rudnick	466-1335	CFR

### MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS

EAWS&SD*	1st & 3rd Thurs, 7-9 pm	Anna Mondragon	466-1085	RR/CR
Eldorado Arts & Crafts	Last Thurs., of month	Barrie Brown	466-3035	CC
Eldorado Camera Club	4th Wednesday, 7-9	biordi@aol.com		La Tienda
La Canada Wireless	2nd & 4th Mon., 7-9 pm	lcwireless.org		
Library Book Group	2nd Saturday 9-10:30	Joan LaMarque	466-6000	CFR
Library Book Group	3rd Mon., 7-9 pm	Pam Henline	466-4781	VGPL
Roadrunner RV	3rd Tues. of month	Pat Stewart	820-0303	
Search & Rescue	2nd Thurs, 5-9 pm	santafesar.org		CR

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tues., 5:45-6:45 pm			CFR/LR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am			CFR/CR
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 pm-Dusk			CC
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fritz Denny	466-4070	RR, CR, LR
Bridge	Every Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Jim Davidson	670-6949	LR
Bridge	Every Other Fri., 9-noon	Natalie Bernet	466-6118	LR
Community Church**	Sun., 9:00 & 10:30 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	Jack McCarthy	466-9601	RR
Mah Jongg	Fri., 1-4:30	Nancy Robbins	466-1780	CR
Overeaters Anon	Mon., 7-8 pm	Kate	216-5302	LR
Senior Lunch***	Mon.-Fri., 12-1 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Square Dancing	Fri., 6-9 pm	David Lovro	466-0540	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.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org)**



## A Veritable Olio of Seasonal Topics

Some topics just beg revisiting and revisiting again. Coyote behavior is one. It has come to the attention of several Eldorado residents that neighbors may be feeding coyotes and making water available to them and other wildlife. It is painfully clear that our wildlife is suffering from the drought. While providing water may be the humane thing to do, be judicious about placement of water vessels: locate them on the perimeter of your property. Feeding coyotes may be a feel-good act, but it has consequences all the way down the chain. If food is readily available, wild animals will become dependent on the source and consequently will not hunt natural prey. Coyotes, rabbits, and small rodents reproduce at an unchecked rate. If you haven't done so in the past, read the material on the website [www.projectcoyote.org](http://www.projectcoyote.org).

As of early June, we have had so little precipitation that everything around us is stressed and reacting in ways to preserve their respective species. Evidence includes early-blooming plant life, dying cholla, and the appearance of tent caterpillars. While there is little we can do to prevent early blooming, we can control tent caterpillars. If you aren't familiar with this pest, check out "Discover Entomology at Texas A&M University—Extension Publication E-218: Tent Caterpillars" (<https://insects.tamu.edu/extension/publications/epubs/e-218.cfm>). This pest attacks broad-leaf trees and shrubs, building webs (or tents) generally high enough that they are difficult to remove by hand. Tent caterpillars can defoliate trees, stunting their growth and making them less vigorous.

We have the dubious pleasure of entertaining the Western tents; these are identified by a variety of markings and colors but always have a series of white dashes down the middle of the back. Hosts include oak and wild plum, but I have had them in my aspens, generally ones already stressed or in a weakened condition.

There are a number of ways to control tent caterpillars: cultural control (pruning affected limbs and inspecting for egg masses during the winter; destroying the masses by hand); biological control (using beneficial insects such as parasitic wasps, or biological insecticide to attack the larvae, such as *bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* [Btk], which is harmless to fish, birds, and warm-blooded mammals; just be careful around butterfly gardens); and chemical control. Before using chemicals, for your health and the health of the environment, refer to the Texas A&M website noted above for information and a list of precautions.

As we get into hotter and, alas, drier weather, think about covering your vegetable gardens with protective screening to prevent the veggies from burning up in direct sunlight. Even sun-loving tomatoes will wither before your eyes. In fact, many veggies grow best in indirect sunlight. We need sunscreen, and so do the tender plants.

Awhile back, I discussed the work of the Santa Fe Raptor Center, located on Jacinto Road to our south. In April, the Center released two turkey vultures and one Golden Eagle over a stretch of the Rio Grande Gorge in Taos. It was awe-inspiring to watch these once-injured birds return to their habitats. The Golden Eagle was outfitted with a solar-powered tracking device, which revealed his flight pattern. Although the bird initially took a circuitous route, it eventually returned to the place where it had been a nestling. Simply amazing. The Center needs as much help as it can get to continue to receive and rehabilitate birds, especially birds of prey.

Finally, a note of caution from personal experience: Carefully proceed before plunging your shovels into manure heaps: A mother bunny had used ours for a nest, and inadvertently I sent one very small baby airborne. We found the other two and they are safe in the hands of the Wildlife Center.

Questions or comments?

—Nina Harrison, N815@aol.com

Neighborhood Watch Flora & Fauna Group



The innocent looking tent moth, *Malacosoma californicum*. Photo by Dick Wilapalens, on Flickr.

## New Cactus Garden

Ever mindful of water conservation, the ECIA approached **John "Obie" Oberhausen** and **Joe Newman** of the Cactus Rescue Project to put in the most xeric of gardens at the Community Center—a cactus garden. Little did they know that given this mission, the Cactus Rescue Project would install a 2000 square foot garden, with over 450 cacti!

Obie and Joe founded the Cactus Rescue Project approximately 10 years ago when they learned of the plight of the endangered Santa Fe Cholla. The local cholla in Eldorado is Tree Cholla, which has a magenta flower and grows all over the state. The Santa Fe Cholla is a smaller, bushier plant with beautiful orange/bronze flowers and is endangered by development. Thanks to the Cactus Rescue Project, thousands of new Santa Fe Chollas have been started and distributed throughout the state. And of course, this endangered plant is in our new ECIA garden.

Joe Newman was the artistic designer of the project. He meticulously placed hundreds of rocks to

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Tent of the Western tent caterpillar.



## District Water Restrictions Remain in Effect

**D**ue to ongoing critical drought conditions, Eldorado Area Water & Sanitation District water restrictions will remain in effect for the foreseeable future, according to District officials. Drought conditions over the past two years have reduced EAWSD's water production capacity, particularly from two wells in the Galisteo Creek alluvium.

The current Stage I "Guarded Conditions" include:

1. No new in-ground planting of any kind of plants, including vegetables;
2. Outdoor watering restricted to *two days per week*, with odd addresses on Tuesday and Saturday; and even addresses on Thursday and Sunday;
3. No outdoor watering between 9 AM and 6 PM;
4. No watering of outdoor hard surfaces (e.g., driveways, patios, sidewalks);
5. No washing of vehicles, including recreational vehicles or trailers;
6. Only recirculating outdoor water features (e.g., fountains, ponds) and spa/hot tubs are allowed
7. Animals may be bathed outdoors;
8. Contractors and homeowners must obtain a Construction Water Permit from EAWSD prior to commencing construction of all new residential or commercial construction, and for all renovations in which District water is being used.

It is essential that these conditions be adhered to in order to ensure that all water users will have enough water for their basic needs. Therefore, penalties are prescribed for violators. Please cooperate.

If even more severe water shortages are experienced in the future, Stage II "Severe Conditions" could be declared. Stage II could be implemented if it is anticipated that supply will be insufficient to maintain appropriate levels of system function (generally when tank levels cannot be maintained above 60–70% full). Unexpected heavy water withdrawal by fire-fighting agencies or malfunction of District water wells or equipment could trigger a Stage II condition. *If implemented in the future*, Stage II "Severe Conditions" would require additional conditions:

1. Watering restricted to *one day per week*;
2. No filling or adding water to outdoor water features;
3. No water used for construction purposes;
4. Animals bathed outdoors in one bucket of water.

Among the greatest residential water demands are the watering of gardens, lawn grass, and landscaping. Without the normal New Mexico spring/summer "monsoons," it is difficult to maintain plants solely from watering. Additionally, without our normal rains, piñon and other pine trees are subject to severe infestations of bark beetles, which can kill them off in one season.

—Don Dayton

## Cactus Garden, *continued*

make paths and pockets in which to place the cactus. Obie and Joe literally moved tons of soil, sand, and rock by hand to create this beautiful, natural and xeric landscape.

The majority of cactus were grown and donated by the Cactus Rescue Project. Obie also worked all of his connections to obtain a larger variety of cactus and coordinate resource collection.

Almost all of the other materials were reused from scrap rock piles and arroyos. "This garden is all about conservation," said Obie. "Once established, it will need little to no extra water. And we are really pleased to have used mostly recycled resources. You don't need a lot of fancy expensive things to make a great garden."

Thanks to The Cactus Rescue Project, Eldorado has three of the most beautiful and extensive cactus gardens in Santa Fe—the one at ECIA, another at La Tienda, and a third at the El Dorado Community School Garden. There is also a smaller cactus garden at the Senior Center.

"We are committed to spreading the word about cactus. They are native, natural, and in our ongoing

drought, the perfect plant for a water-wise yet beautiful garden," says Joe Newman.

**Bill Donohue**, ECIA General Manager, is excited about the educational potential of the garden. He has discussed with Obie and Joe about having a plant identification pamphlet that residents can pick up at the Community Center to learn about cactus for general knowledge and perhaps to use in their own gardens.

Come down to the Community Center and check out the amazing cactus flowers in rainbow colors! And to learn more about The Cactus Rescue Project, go to [www.cactusrescueproject.info](http://www.cactusrescueproject.info).

A special thanks to Bill Donohue who championed this project and who had the initial vision of putting in a xeric garden, and the ECIA staff and crew who offered invaluable support and assistance!

—Nancy Lehrhaupt  
Cactus Rescue Project member





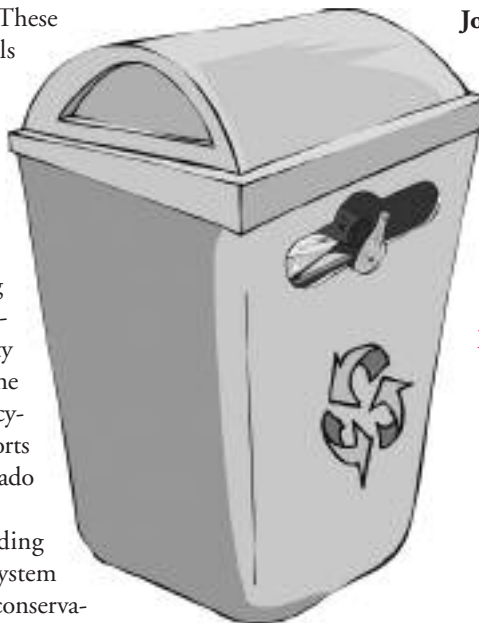
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## Recycling Awards

**I**n May, in conjunction with its Green Café Compost Workshop, Eldorado/285 Recycles announced their 2013 recycling awards. These businesses and individuals make important contributions to our community and provide unusual recycling opportunities, which the public has responded to enthusiastically.

**Sally Connelly**, for setting up recycling and composting at the Ken & Patty Adam Senior Center. In the absence of commercial recycling pickup, Sally transports the material to the Eldorado Transfer Station herself.

**Jim Farley**, for an outstanding residential composting system as well as many resource conservation efforts aimed at achieving sustainable living.



**El Dorado Community School, Robin Ellers's class**, which operates the entire recycling system at the school.

**John Brooks Supermarket at the Agora**, for baling its cardboard and that of fellow tenants, as well as recycling plastic bags from the public. Its efforts reduce waste in the landfill and provide feedstock for reusable products.

**CH2MHill**, for recycling for offices in their building and processing and shipping recyclable pens and batteries collected at La Tienda Building B.

If readers know of other important recycling/composting efforts, please let Eldorado/285 know about them; contact [ksweeney99@yahoo.com](mailto:ksweeney99@yahoo.com).

