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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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Preventing House Fires

BY WENDY SERVEY, DISTRICT CHIEF, EL DORADO FIRE & RESCUE

When you see your volunteer firefighters responding in an engine to a 911 fire call in our district, that call information turns into data for the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). On average, we respond to one to two home structure fires a year in Eldorado. What can you do to reduce your risk of a house fire?

- ▼ Cooking – Don't leave food unattended on the stove or on the grill.
- ▼ Space heaters – Leave at least 3 feet between your space heater and anything that can burn, and turn it off when leaving the room or going to sleep. If you use firewood for heat, clean your chimney at least once a year to prevent the build-up of creosol (a constituent of creosote).
- ▼ Dryer vents – Clean these on a regular basis.
- ▼ Smoking – Make the bedroom off limits to smoking.
- ▼ Smoke alarms – Test smoke alarms at least every month, replace your batteries twice a year, and change the detector every 10 years. "Three out of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or none that worked."... "Half of the home fire deaths occur between 11 PM and 7 AM, and only 1 out of every 5 of these fires are reported." Why? Because, smoke in the form of carbon monoxide and other toxic gases causes death, not the fire.

- ▼ Inspect electrical plugs, outlets, and cords for damage, frays, and loose connections. Don't plug an extension cord into another cord – use a surge protector. Don't run cords under heavy rugs and furniture.
- ▼ Candles – Romantic yet so flammable! Keep candles at least 1 foot away from anything that can burn. Blow them out when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- ▼ Matches and lighters – Keep these out of reach of children and their inquisitive hands.
- ▼ Garage – Garages and sheds are often packed with unused cardboard boxes and items that keep fire hidden; and paints, gasoline cans, and household cleaners can spread the rate of fire faster.
- ▼ Wildland fires – Begin by clearing trees from touching roof lines, clean up yard waste, keep wood piles away from the house, and do not burn anything outside on hot, windy days. Remember, you need a burn permit.
- ▼ If you discover a fire, smoke, or a spark, evacuate and then report by calling 911. If inside and if it is safe, quickly shut the door to the fire room on your way out. Injuries and fire size increase the longer you wait to call us.

Cited from the National Fire Protection Association

*ECIA Board Meeting,
Community Center
Railroad Bldg.
Monday,
July 24,
7 PM*



Joseph Gutierrez, New ECIA Treasurer

The new ECIA Board Treasurer, **Joseph Patrick Gutierrez**, was, as he says, "almost born here all my life." His father was stationed in Shreveport, Louisiana, where Joseph was born. At the age of two, his parents returned to Santa Fe, where he grew up and graduated from the College of Santa Fe with a degree in accounting. In 1983, he moved his new bride to Eldorado and together they raised two daughters. He retired from the Economic Development

Department of the State of New Mexico, where he was the department's deputy secretary, and then went to work with Santa Fe County in Finance and Public Works. Joseph hopes to continue the strong financial practices that have been established within the management of the ECIA. In his spare time, he enjoys mountain biking in the area, motorcycling, and building and racing remote control cars.



Joseph Gutierrez
ECIA Treasurer



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.

Summer Dog Cleanup

As we enjoy our New Mexico summer, many more residents are out walking their dogs. Unfortunately, along with an increase in dogs being walked, residents are likely to see many piles of dog defecation left on our roadways and paths by uncooperative residents who choose not to clean up after their dogs. To prevent this, we ask all residents to adhere to Section 2 of the Eldorado Responsible Dog Ownership Policy:

2. When a dog defecates in a public place, the owner or handler must remove the feces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

The Eldorado dog policy can be found in full on the Eldorado website under Governing Documents or via the following link: <http://eldoradosf.org/Governing-Documents/responsible-dog-ownership-policy.html>

The fact is that not properly cleaning up after dogs is also a violation of Santa Fe County Animal Control Ordinance 5-6:

5-6 ANIMAL NUISANCES ON SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PARKS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PLACES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A. It is unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such animal to commit any nuisance upon a sidewalk, or in a public park; or upon the floor or wall or any common wall or any common hall in any multiple dwelling, entryway, stairway, or wall immediately abutting on a public sidewalk; or upon the floor or wall of any theater, shop, store, office building, or other building used in common

by the public; or upon any private property other than that of the animal owner. When an animal defecates in a public place, the owner must remove the feces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. The term nuisance shall include any defecation or urination, destruction of property or disturbing the property of another, including the rubbish or trash of a resident of Santa Fe County.



Thank you for your cooperation in following these policies. If you encounter others who are not doing so, please politely inform them of the Eldorado dog policy. If they remain uncooperative, feel free to contact me at the ECIA at 466-4248. If you encounter barking or roaming dogs, call Santa Fe Animal Control at 428-3720 and then also notify us at the ECIA; we will work with the dog owners to educate them and try to correct the problem.

—Mark Young
Covenants and Architectural Compliance Coordinator

What Are ECIA Bylaws?

WHAT ARE BYLAWS AND WHY DOES ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. HAVE THIS GOVERNING DOCUMENT?

Bylaws contain a group's own basic rules relating principally to itself as an organization. Bylaws describe the group's purpose, spell out the qualifications and method of selection of members, provide for officers, committees, and meetings (including the quorum), and may set up an executive board or board of directors. The activity of an organization must be conducted in compliance with its Bylaws. Bylaws should include provisions for their own amendment that require members to be informed in advance of proposed amendments.

Why review the Bylaws? Over time, circumstances can arise that necessitate an update or amendment to clarify existing bylaws. The ECIA Bylaws state that a review will be done every two years.

How are amendments to the Bylaws made? The Election Committee conducts a review of the Bylaws every two years in advance of the annual Meeting of the Members. All Members are able to comment and to suggest changes to the committee for consideration. The review is in progress and Members can submit comments to bylawsreview18@gmail.com on or before August 8. A copy of the current Bylaws can be found on the website www.eldoradosf.org under Governing Documents, or by contacting the ECIA office to request a copy.

—Election Committee

Message from Board Director Jody Price

First of all, I would like to introduce myself. I'm Barrett "Jody" Price, and I am one of the ECIA's newly elected Board directors. I don't know about you, but I love our community. What a great and special place we have all chosen to live in!

With close to a 30-year career in information technology, I hope I bring a new viewpoint to the ECIA. One of the things I've learned over my years is the importance of communication. This is especially true with our large and diverse community.

To this point, one of the new changes you will be seeing in *Vistas* is reflected in the "Message from the Board." Instead of being written every month by the Board President, the seven members of the Board of Directors will now take turns writing the message and communicating with our community.

Over the next few months, we are going to look at modernizing how both HOAMCO and the ECIA Board of Directors disseminate information to you. We al-

ready have some great instruments—*Vistas*, the Eldorado website (www.eldoradosf.org), and e-blasts. Not only will we be looking at how to better use these channels, we will also be investigating new communication channels and adding new content that is important for our community.

The goal is to give all our ECIA members the opportunity to consume information that is important to our community and to do so in a way that we each like best. We all use different methods to consume information, and we as a community need to adapt and grow to be able to use best the resources and tools we have at our disposal.

If you have ideas or suggestions on improving how we communicate as a community, please email me at j.price@eldoradosf.org. Thanks for taking the time to read!

—Jody Price, ECIA Director

Recent Board Actions

The Board of Directors of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association (ECIA) met on Monday, June 26, 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 approve a Board Policy on Communication with Legal Counsel.
- ▼ In response to a letter from the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District (EAWSD) regarding the ECIA Stables as a potential source of contamination to the community's drinking water supply, the Board will:
 - Develop and institute a policy to prohibit all future burial of equines on the stable grounds and on any property owned by the ECIA.
 - Meet with the EAWSD to identify proper controls for the handling of manure disposal at the ECIA Stables so as to avoid potential well and aquifer contamination.

The next scheduled meeting of the ECIA Board of Directors will be a Working session on July 19, 2017, at 6 PM, in the Community Center Classroom. On July 24, 2017, at 7 PM, the Board will conduct its regular meeting in the Railroad Room at the Community Center.

Regular Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month 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.

Vistas Printing & Delivery Changes

Beginning with this (July 2017) issue, *Eldorado Vistas* will be delivered to residents' mailboxes a week to 10 days after the first of the month. This change (from delivery by the first of the month) is to accommodate news from the ECIA Board's meeting, which has been changed to the first Monday after the third Wednesday of the month, a week later than the previous Board's meetings.

The online version of *Vistas* will still be posted on eldoradosf.org by the first of the month. To receive your *Vistas* via email only, email your request to be removed from the *Vistas* postal mail list to Gloria at gsilva@hoamco.com.

Also beginning with the July issue, *Vistas* will be printed in full color!

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County All Purpose
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**July 4 Pancake Breakfast at La Plancha**

7:30– 9:30 am
\$7 / plate (\$1 off if you bring your own mug)
Kids under 6 free. Cash only
Menu:

Pancakes, sausages, fruit, drinks (coffee, tea, OJ)
Hosted by La Plancha & 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, 6:15-dusk.

**ECIA CELEBRATES 4TH OF JULY!**

- 10:15 AM—Parade begins
 11 AM—General event announcements
 11:15 AM—Singing *Star Spangled Banner* by Julie Brisendine
 11:30 AM—Food begins: Pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs, and, for the vegetarians, portobello mushroom sandwiches and veggie hot dogs (to be served by BR Brand Catering). Water, sodas, popcorn and Otter Pops will also be available.
 12 noon—Pool events begin: Swimming & games for kids.
 12 noon—Music by American JEM.
 4:00 PM —Events come to an end.

Ongoing Events

- Lovedeadoo the Clown, face painting
- Paul Adams, juggler & balloon artist
- Bouncing Castles • Sack race • Slip and Slide

Children's Events Sponsored by E&G:

- 12–12:45 PM Kickball and Wiffleball
 1–2:30 PM Basketball / tennis / volleyball
 2:30– 3 PM Water fight

Sports equipment provided by the ECIA:

- Horseshoes • Kickball
- Corn hole • Youth soccer set
- Basketball • Volleyball
- Shuffleboard • Table tennis
- Tennis balls (bring your own racket)

July 4th Sing-Along

The public is invited to participate in SING! Eldorado's first Community Sing-Along, on July 4th from 6 to 7 PM. Join SING! Eldorado and share folk songs, regional songs, and patriotic songs at the outdoor stage of La Tienda's Performance Space. SING! Eldorado will provide music books to share, and the event is free. The Santa Fe Brewing Company Tap Room will be open as well. Bring your voice, your instruments, your love of music, and let's SING! Eldorado.

July Compost Clinic

On July 8, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Master Gardener Demonstration Gardens at the County Fairgrounds (3229 Rodeo Road), a hands-on clinic will teach proper techniques for building a thermal pile, turning, finishing, and screening compost, in addition to straw bale worm composting (vermicomposting). Bring hats, gloves, sturdy shoes, water and a pitchfork if you have one.

Public Clinic on Deadheading Roses

On July 8, from 9 AM to noon, a public clinic on deadheading roses will be held at Harvey Cornell Rose Park, 1315 Galisteo St. in Santa Fe.

Senior Center Indoor Craft & Flea Market

The Friends of the Adam Senior Center are holding a summer Indoor Craft and Flea Market on Saturday, July

22 from 9 AM to 2 PM. The cost of a table is \$10. Vendor set-up is at 8 AM on Saturday ONLY (no early set-up). Stop by or phone to reserve a table: 466-1039 or 505-954-1525. The Adam Senior Center is at 16 Torre-on adjacent to the Vista Grande Library.

Historic Garden Restoration

On July 28, at 5 PM, take a tour of the garden at El Zagan (545 Canyon Road) during 4th Friday Art Walk on Canyon Road. Learn how Master Gardeners are restoring their garden, maintaining its historic layout and ambiance with plants appropriate for current climate. This event is part of Santa Fe Master Gardener's FREE Let's Grow series.

The Coffee Wheel in La Tienda

After a long absence of a coffee shop in Eldorado, The Coffee Wheel has opened in Building A of La Tienda. It is a family business run by **Chris and Jennifer Warren** and their two daughters. They live in Los Vaqueros.

Chris's parents owned a coffee plantation in Guatemala, a picture of which you can see in the coffee shop. With their family's special fondness for that country, they always wanted to have an import business to sell beautiful handmade textiles made there. These adorn the walls and shelves at The Coffee Wheel.

The cafe boasts comfortable tables, armchairs, and a couch where you can enjoy your drink, pastries, and breakfast burritos from The Chocolate Maven and elsewhere. Their chocolate comes from Kakawa. Their coffee is a medium roast from Topeca, roasted in Oklahoma. You can enjoy by the cup or take a pound home to brew yourself.

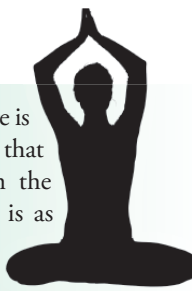
The Coffee Wheel is open from 7:30 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4 PM Saturday, and closed Sundays.

Yoga & Self-Care

In the arena of health, self-care is a deliberate, self-initiated preventive action that a person takes in his or her daily routine to move toward a greater level of physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. Quite simply, these are conscious decisions and actions that are beneficial and life enhancing. They may include, but are not limited to, regular physical exercise, healthier nutrition and sleep hygiene practices, mindfulness strategies directed at slowing down one's focus, employing beneficial positivity ratios in one's thoughts/emotions, moving more often and sitting less for extended periods of time, as well as reducing negative, critical judgments directed toward self and others.

Yoga exemplifies a profound ritual of self-care. Just like our daily routines of brushing teeth, bathing, and hair combing, taking care of the body on the inside is crucial. This is one of the benefits of yoga. The physical practice of yoga takes care of the bones, muscles, emotions, and so much more. For the record, per-

forming self-care is not something that you must earn the right to do. It is as natural as water and sun are to living plants. When you practice physical yoga, you do far more than stretch your muscles. You transform body and emotions into an environment that promotes healing and wellbeing.



Consult the events calendar (at the right) for the schedule of yoga classes offered in the Community Center classroom by certified instructors. —Mary Garvey Horst

Eldorado Arts

The Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association would like to thank the Eldorado community for wholeheartedly supporting the 26th Annual Eldorado Studio Tour on May 20–21. Our 102 artists had a wonderful time meeting their neighbors and talking about their artwork. Additionally, our artists donated over \$5,000 to community groups, including El Dorado Fire and Rescue, the El Dorado Community School arts program, the Eldorado Senior Center arts program, and the Vista Grande Library.

Our next major event will be the annual Eldorado Fall Arts Show on October 20–21, once again at St. John's United Methodist Church at the corner of Old Pecos Trail and Cordova Road in Santa Fe. More than 40 artists will be participating in this show. Show applications will be going out to our current members in mid-August. New members from the community are encouraged to join the Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association and participate in our Fall Art Show. Applications for membership can be downloaded from our website at www.eldoradoarts.org, or contact us at eldoradoarts@gmail.com.

—Barrie Brown

July Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

ECIA July 4th Celebrations Tues., July 4, 10:15 am-4 pm See schedule on p. 4 466-4248

COMMITTEE MEETINGS****

Architecture Committee	Tues., July 11, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Architecture Committee	Tues., July 25, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Study	Wed., July 19, 6-8 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Conservation Committee	No meeting in July	Jim Daniel	609-941-4527	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Mon., July 24, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Election Committee	Wed., July 12, 2-4 pm	Bette Knight	466-4248	CFR
Facilities & Grounds	Wed., July 5, 4-6 pm	David Lovro	466-0540	CFR
Finance Committee	Mon., July 17, 9:30-11:30 am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Information Committee	Tues., July 25, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Road Committee	TBA	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&D	1st & 3rd Thurs., 7-9 pm	Anna Mondragon	466-1085	EAWS&D
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 Tues. 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	Thursdays, 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., 6:30-9 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



Library News

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 13, from 1 to 4 PM for the **annual Summer Fling Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction** at the ECIA Community Center! On offer will be all of the fun and games that Eldoradoans have come to expect at Summer Fling, including live music, activities for kids, and hundreds of items available in the silent auction, including artwork from local artists, gift certificates for local businesses, and more. And of course, all the ice cream you can eat! The planning committee is busy working on some surprises for this year's Summer Fling, so stay tuned for more news to come!

SPRING BOOK SALE: The Spring Book Sale was another big success, with almost \$6,000 raised to support VGPL operations—another new record for a book sale! Thanks go to the community for supporting the book sale through donations and purchases, and especially to the 25 folks who volunteered more than 300 hours to make the sale happen. Watch for the Fall Book Sale in November. And don't forget: book donation days are the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 11:30 AM; the next two will be on July 1 and August 5. Keep those donations of new and gently used books, DVDs, and audiobooks on CD coming! To speed the process for everyone, please bring your donations in bags or boxes you do not need to keep.

SUMMER SHOPPING WITH AMAZON CAN SUPPORT THE VGPL. Did you know that your purchases through Amazon can help to support the VGPL? Simply by using the link on the Library home page, Amazon will donate 4–7% of the total price of your purchase to the Library. Access to Amazon via the link on the Library home page is required every time in order for the Library to receive the donation from

Amazon. So, the next time you sit down to order essentials for the pantry or toys for use at the pool, remember to visit the VGPL website (www.vglibrary.org) first and link to Amazon from there.

EVENTS: All events listed below take place in the Meeting Room (glass door to the right of the main entrance) unless otherwise noted.

July 1, 2 PM: Wild Bird Day: Talk by **Dawn Graber**, co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Santa Fe; and artist **Judy Boyd** will help children of all ages make origami birds. Also, a demonstration of how birds are banded and what scientists learn from the information, and the Eldorado Flora and Fauna Group will have a table.

July 1–29: Art Exhibit in the Library: "Birds of New Mexico" exhibit featuring the watercolor art of Judy Boyd. Reception at library July 7, 5 to 7 PM, with light refreshments and prints for sale.

Wednesdays at 1 PM and Fridays at 11 AM: *Summer Reading Club* for kids going into grades K to 4.

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

Fridays at 3 PM: *All Ages Chess Club*, for ages 8 to 98. All skill levels welcome.

July 4: Closed for Independence Day.

July 14, 7 PM: *Family Movie Night*. Free admission and popcorn. Call for title and rating.

July 15, 1 PM: *Family Movie Matinee*. Free admission and popcorn. Call for title and rating.

July 18, 6 PM: Annual Board Meeting. The community is invited.

July 29: Summer Reading Contest ends. Reading Logs must be returned by 4 PM to be eligible for prizes. The Top Reader will win a custom-fit bicycle, helmet, and lock donated by the Santa Fe Century committee.

August, all month: Art Exhibit by **Selene Sinclair**.

—Tracey Mitchell



Watercolors of birds by Judy Boyd on display through July 30



Check out Summer Reading Club for Kids!

ELDORADO 285/RECYCLES

Did You Know?

More than 20,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of tinfoil. All that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it. Every week about 20 species of plants and animals become extinct.

McDonald's saves 68,000,000 pounds of packaging per year just by pumping soft drink syrup directly from the delivery truck into tanks in the restaurant, instead of shipping the syrup in cardboard boxes.

The largest environmental organization in the world is the National Wildlife Federation. It has 5.6 million members.

Rainforests are being cut down at the rate of 100 acres per minute.

One-third of the water used in most homes is flushed down the toilet.

A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water.

You can walk 1 mile along an average highway in the United States and see about 1,457 pieces of litter.

The Washington, DC-based Institute for Local Self-Reliance calculates that recycling creates 36 jobs per 10,000 tons of material recycled, compared to 6 jobs for every 10,000 tons brought to traditional disposal facilities.

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Sue Garfitt of Eldorado 285/Recycles at July 4 Parade, 2016

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FLORA & FAUNA GROUP

Rocky Mountain Wood Ticks

There are many myths about ticks. Let's debunk a few. No, ticks are not tiny little vampires with hypnotic powers. But yes, they do suck blood in order to complete their life cycle. Unlike fleas, ticks can't jump onto people or pets. Instead, they climb onto grass or shrubs, and when mammals walk by and brush against that plant, the ticks reach out and climb on. Ticks sense mammals by our breath, vibrations, moisture, or body odor. Once on a host, they seek warm spots to snuggle in.

Not every tick carries a disease, but a lot of them do. The most common ticks in the U.S. are deer ticks (aka black-legged ticks), American dog ticks, and lone star ticks. Here in Eldorado we'd be most likely to encounter a Rocky Mountain Wood Tick. Their habitat is open rocky areas, and they are here year round, especially spring through fall. The brown or gray oval bodies are ¼ inch and flat, with a shield on their back behind the head. Adults have eight legs, young ticks have six.

Because tick bites are painless, you likely won't know you've been bit. That's one of the reasons it's important to check yourself (and your pet) thoroughly after walking where you might encounter ticks. And just because you've been bit, you may not get sick. For most of the diseases that ticks carry, the bacterial disease needs to get to the tick's saliva for transmission to occur, and that usually takes at least 24 hours.

Deer ticks carry the most diseases, including Lyme. Other tick-borne diseases include Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Colorado tick fever, tularemia, tick paralysis, Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis. Because tick populations increase in June, and because it can take between two and three weeks to get sick, July and Au-

gust are peak times for Lyme disease infections. Fewer than half of the people who've been infected with Lyme disease develop the "bull's-eye rash" we've all heard about. So if you have flu-like symptoms (aches, pains, fevers, headaches, gastrointestinal distress) in the middle of summer, ask your doctor to test you for sicknesses associated with ticks. The good news: Most tick-transmitted illnesses can be treated with antibiotics, especially when started early.

The old methods we've all heard to remove a tick—using a lighted match, dousing them with alcohol, or dabbing nail polish—won't work. Instead, use tweezers. Grab the tick as close to your (or your pet's) skin as possible and gently pull it out without twisting or jerking. Then wash your hands and the affected area with soap, and disinfect the skin with rubbing alcohol. If you can't get the whole tick out, don't worry. Once the body is removed, the tick can no longer transmit disease. An embedded head, however, might cause temporary inflammation. The head will eventually fall out on its own; you can use a warm compress to help speed that up.

The best prevention is caution. Avoid walking near brush, leaf litter, and high grasses. Avoid wearing flip-flops; wear socks, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts. Apply a 20 to 30% DEET product and spray liberally on clothing and exposed skin. Watch your pets closely; don't let them wander in tall grasses and shrubs, and check yourself and your pet thoroughly after returning indoors.

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Rocky Mountain Wood Tick, *Dermacentor andersoni*, adult female.

Did You Know, *continued*

A typical family consumes 182 gallons of soda pop, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers. Make sure they're recycled!

—Waste Management/ECIA 285 Recycles

AND WHAT'S BEHIND THE WEATHERED GATE?

You can still bring all your recyclables to La Tienda. The gates (shown at right) were constructed to give a permanent home to the Eldorado/285 Recycles bins while preserving a pleasant hallway appearance. Just open the gates and choose the appropriate receptacle.

—WM Inc. 2017 and Eldorado/285 Recycles



The bins for depositing recyclable dental products, corks, personal care and beauty product containers, pens, markers & pencils, rubber bands, tennis shoes, and *Eldorado Living* magazines are hidden behind these new gates in La Tienda, Building A.

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Wildflower Conservation Zone “Blooms”

You may recall from an article in the October 2016 *Vistas* that an “Adopt-a-Shoulder” program to conserve the wildflowers and spare them from the county’s mowers was being piloted along Herrada Road last summer. After spending some time over the winter months reviewing the lessons learned, talking with the County Public Works Department, and coming up with some new ideas, the Adopt-a-Shoulder program idea became the Wildflower Conservation Zone (WCZ). To participate in the WCZ, residents can volunteer to keep the shoulder and bar ditches in front of their homes and property along Herrada Road free of weeds. In return, the county will not mow the remaining wildflowers and native plants. Since the shoulder and bar ditches are county property, and because they want to help get the program off to a good start, the county also agreed to haul off the weeds if the residents rake them into piles or bag them.

Herrada Road resident and Road Committee Member **Karen Murry** has been busy this spring getting the program rolling. She’s

been going door to door getting the word out and signing up her neighbors who want to participate. As of this writing, 30 residents have signed up. Karen also organized a successful two-day spring cleanup on June 2 and 3, where over 45 people came out to pull weeds, rake, bag, and weed-whack along many stretches of road. With the help of **Sharon Paris**, a local master gardener, Karen has put together a quick guide to help participants identify the good from the bad plants, and has rallied friends to collect seeds from the wildflowers for planting in areas where the wildflowers are a little thin.

Still to come are signs to mark the “no mow” and “mow zones” along with a small sign for participating residents to put on their mailbox post to show they are part of the WCZ. If you are in the area, take a side trip down Herrada and enjoy all the hard work so far. The flax is blooming now with Mexican hat, sunflowers, and several others yet to come

—*Felicia Probert*

Flax blooming along Herrada Rd bar ditch

