

ELDORADO at SANTA FE VISTAS

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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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Looking to Volunteer? Fire & Rescue Needs You!

The El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service (EFRS) is looking for a few good women and men to volunteer at the firehouse.

Most people think of Eldorado as a place with a strong spirit of volunteerism, with bright and motivated folks who would like to be helping the community. Are you one of them, but haven't yet made the call? There are 1.1 million Americans who volunteer in the fire service nationwide. Why not join the fire department and do your part for the community?

You may be thinking: I am too old, too busy, and too tired. But EFRS has many different tasks that need doing that don't require a 24-hour-a-day commitment or unnatural brawn and super-human endurance. Rather, they require only good moral character, brains, and some level of commitment; even two to three hours a week, or longer, would be very helpful.

Here's a sampling of the activities for which volunteers are needed:

- ▼ Data input for Incident Management and Fire Reports / Editing of Training Material
- ▼ Liaison with Santa Fe County for Advertising and Public Education / Web Design
- ▼ Equipment and Vehicle Inventory and Maintenance / Station Maintenance
- ▼ Annual Barbecue / Public Relations / Photography

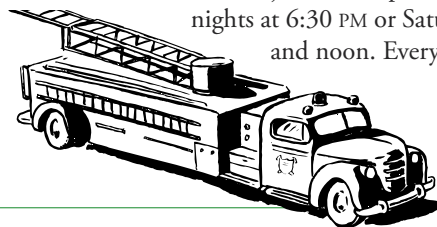
Of course, people interested in learning firefighting skills, emergency pre-hospital medical care, and vehicle extrication skills are also welcome to volunteer. You may even have the opportunity to go on calls in a "traffic control and safety capacity" if you get trained in this.

This environment can be very interesting and exciting. While the majority of EFRS's interior firefighters and officers are between 50 and 70 years old, all of whom are either retired professionals or still employed in various fields, there is also a promising crop of young men and women volunteering as a step toward a professional career in the fire and medical service. It's a great group of people who have served Eldorado in many capacities since 1976.

You just might get a "thanks" from outside Eldorado, from the other 4,000 homeowners in Belicia, Alteza, Dos Griegos, Los Vaqueros, Tierra Colinas, Los Caballos, Ranchos de Santa Fe, The Ridges, Old Ranch Road, Cielo Colorado, Lamy, and others along the Highway 285 corridor. EFRS also serves them.

So, please call El Dorado Fire and Rescue (EFRS) at 466-1204 or just show up at Station 1 on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM or Saturdays between 8 AM and noon. Everyone is welcome.

— Robert Wickham



ECIA Board Meeting, Community Center Railroad Bldg. Thurs., September 17, 7 PM

Summer's End Picnic

Eldorado celebrates the end of summer on Labor Day weekend, Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Community Center patio. Bring your own picnic baskets, chairs, and umbrellas, and settle down for some neighborly fun. See "Message from the Board" on p. 3 for more details.

Meet Smokey at Fire Department Barbecue

The El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service is holding its Annual Barbecue on September 20 from noon until 4:30 PM. The event will be held at the ECIA Community Center, and the Fire Department cordially invites all members of the Eldorado community to attend.

All of the Department's emergency vehicles will be on display. Would-be firefighters, both young and old, will be able to inspect the equipment up close and personal. Department members will be available to meet and talk with attendees throughout the event.

Smokey will also be there, so bring your cameras.

Lisa Carman's Band will provide the music for the afternoon, and there may be a couple of other surprise arrivals during the event. Of course, there will be burgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings.

The El Dorado Fire and Rescue Service looks forward to seeing all of you at this event.

—Ken Pinter

Great Food! Great Fun! Great Cause!





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 diana@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.

Eldorado Guidelines Review in Process

In 2015, the ECIA Architecture Committee has been actively involved in a comprehensive review and update to the Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions for Eldorado at Santa Fe. This is one of our major governing documents, which not only establishes the specific building requirements and restrictions for Eldorado at Santa Fe but also helps to define and clarify portions of the covenants where further detail is needed. An example of this is found in Section 13 of the Covenants for "Storage and Screening of Vehicles and Their Accessories." Due to the lack of details in the Covenants relative to the screening of RVs, the Eldorado Guidelines, Section 19, further defines appropriate types of screening methods and establishes specific time requirements for the screening of RVs, trailers, and other similar recreational vehicles.

This document was last updated on October 16, 2014, when the ECIA Board approved a change to al-

low for 8-foot-high fences to be built without a variance, provided they were being built for RV screening and went to the Architecture Committee for review.

This review process has been ongoing for well over two years now, and the Architecture Committee hopes to have the document ready for public comment sometime later this fall, when there will be at least one or two open forums to allow for public input on the proposed changes to this document.

After the public input phase is complete, this document will be forwarded to the ECIA Board of Directors for their review. If they are in favor of the changes suggested, they can then vote to approve the revisions at a future Board meeting.

If you have any specific questions about this process or would like to recommend a specific change to the Guidelines, please contact me at 466-4248 or email me at mark@eldoradosf.org.

—Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Representative

Policy Change on Letters

Recently the ECIA Board set up a "Letters to the Editor" section in *Vistas* at the urging of some residents. Since then, however, the Board decided that the delay in publishing responses to contentious letters—at least a month—hurts the communications process. The intent of *Vistas*, as described in the mission statement, "is to inform the

Eldorado community about issues before the ECIA Board and the membership at large"; this does not provide for interactive communications. For those who wish to have chat-room-style discussions in which responses are solicited, the "Eldorado at Santa Fe" Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EldoradoAtSantaFe?fref=ts>) is recommended.

Recent Board Actions

The ECIA Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 20, 2015. Five Board members were present: **Dag Ryen** (President, presiding), **Greg Colello** (Secretary), **Jeanne Calzada**, **David Yard**, and **Antone Forneris**. **Pam Henline** (Vice President) and **Todd Handy** were absent, excused. The following formal actions were taken unanimously, with the Chair voting:

- ▼ The Board voted to officially install Antone Forneris as a member to fill a vacant position expiring in May 2018.
- ▼ A variance request for 7-foot screening fences at 66 Encantado Loop was rejected. The Eldorado architectural guidelines state that the maximum height of a fence or wall shall be 6 feet.
- ▼ A variance request for a proposed small accessory building (shed) of more than 9 feet in height at 1 Cerrado Way was rejected. The Eldorado architec-

tural guidelines state that small accessory buildings shall not exceed 8 feet in height (4-0, Colello abstaining).

- ▼ A variance request for a ground-based solar array located more than 15 feet from the primary dwelling was rejected. The proposed location intruded upon the 20-foot setback from the lot line. Owner will submit a revised application with relocation of the array
- ▼ The Board approved a motion to appoint **Carol Tapke** as new alternate member of the Election Committee.

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 and community announcements are normally included. Complete minutes and meeting agendas are available at the ECIA office or website: www.eldoradosf.org.



Message from the ECIA Board

Summer is waning, but here in Eldorado, the fun will continue. To help celebrate Labor Day weekend, we will provide entertainment at the Community Center on Saturday, September 5. The Eldorado square dancers will take the stage at 11 AM for a real Western hoedown, and then, from noon until 2 PM, the trio that thrilled us at our Fourth of July party, American Jem, will perform their fabulous selections of old favorites and new arrangements. Everyone is invited to pack their own picnic baskets, bring chairs and parasols, and settle down for some enjoyable hours with neighbors.

Two weekends later, Eldorado's volunteer fire department will hold its annual barbecue party for the community (see p. 1). This fun event will take place on Sunday, September 20, from noon until 4:30.

There will be hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone, free of charge, catered by RealBurger. Our crack firefighters will demonstrate the Jaws of Life for spectators and will have their trucks and a helicopter on site for all to see. And, of course, there will be live music from the bandstand. We encourage everyone to come and support these fine first responders who do so much for the community.

Finally, some information has come in from Santa Fe County regarding the soil sterilant Krovar used in the reconstruction of the hike-bike trail along Vista Grande and Monte Alto: The product used poses no danger to people or animals on the trail.

Please remember that school is in session and watch for pedestrians in the early morning and afternoon hours. Thanks. *—ECIA Board of Directors*

Budget Development Schedule Set

The preliminary schedule for the 2016 ECIA budget development follows. Meetings are open to ECIA members; an assessment increase is being considered:

Thursday, Sept. 10, 5 PM: Committee requests for 2016 Operating Funds are due to the General Manager. Venue: Office or e-mail.

Monday, Sept. 14, 9:30 AM: The Finance Committee considers the first draft of the 2016 Operating Budget and makes changes.

Monday, Oct. 12, 9:30 AM: The Finance Committee begins review of committee and individual proposals at its regular monthly meeting. Committee chairs and residents are welcome to attend for discussion of requests. Venue: Conference Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7 PM: The Finance Committee continues review of proposals for evening attendees, including committee chairs and residents, and reviews the first draft of the Budget Message. Venue: Conference Room.

Monday, Nov. 16, 9:30 AM: The Finance Committee adopts a final recommended budget and Budget Message at its regular monthly meeting. Venue: Conference Room.

Monday, Nov. 16, 6 PM: followed by Board working meeting: Joint meeting of the ECIA Board and Finance Committee. Committee chairs and residents are invited for information or to further explain their budget requests if desired. Venue: Conference Room.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 9 AM: Proposed 2016 Operating Budget and Message available at ECIA office and on the website, eldoradosf.org.

Monday, Dec. 7, 7 PM: The Board conducts a public hearing on the proposed 2016 Operating Budget. Copies will be available at the hearing. Venue: Railroad Building.

Thursday Dec. 17, 7 PM: The Board adopts the final 2016 budget at its regular meeting. Venue: Board Meeting, Railroad Building.

Outbreak of Tularemia in Eldorado Rabbits

Dead rabbits are being found on Eldorado properties, infected with tularemia from fleas, ticks, and/or deer flies. For the safety of your pets, keep cats and dogs away from rabbits, dead or alive, and be careful when disposing of the carcasses. Bacteria can be transmitted by air, so people should keep their distance and use a shovel to scoop up dead animals. You can also call Animal Control at 505-428-3720 to dispose of the animals.

For information on tularemia exposure, symptoms and treatment, go to www.cdc.gov/Tularemia/.



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Square Dancing

The Eldorado Depot Dancers invite you to our annual “Discover Square Dancing” open houses, Friday, September 18, and Friday, September 25, 7–9 PM, in the ECIA Community Center Railroad Building. Experience the joy, health, and mental benefits of modern square dancing, meet new friends, and eat great snacks. The Eldorado Depot Dancers are the only square dance club in Santa Fe. No experience necessary, singles welcome, casual attire. Contact **Connie Walters** at 466-4226, **Tom Brimacombe** at 660-6043, or visit squaredancesantafe.org.

Let's Grow! Education for Home Gardeners

Native Bee Houses and Their Gardens is this month's topic. Come join the Santa Fe Master Gardeners for a visit to the Native Bee House in the Pollinator Garden at the Randall Davey Audubon Center, 1800 Upper Canyon Rd, on Friday morning, September 11, 10–11 AM. Participants will learn how to make their own bee house and how to plant a pollinator garden to attract these native bees.

La Tienda Flea Market

La Tienda is hosting The Flea on Saturday, September 19, from 8 AM to 2 PM. If you're a treasure hunter looking for a great deal, this is the place. If you have a bunch of stuff you want to sell but don't want to have a garage sale, The Flea makes it easy. Call 428-0024 for details.

REEL NEW MEXICO!

Screening at La Tienda's Performance Space on Thursday, September 10, at 7 PM is *Gas, Food, Lodging* (1992).

Love and hormones complicate the lives of Nora Evans (Brooke Adams) and her two young daughters in this smart, sassy film about coming of age in a small New Mexico town. Seventeen-year-old Trudi (Ione Skye) is beautiful, rebellious and very promiscuous, much to the dismay of her mother. Her younger sister, Shade (Fairuza Balk), fantasizes about love while watching afternoon movie matinees. And Nora auditions a colorful cast of suitors while waiting tables in the local diner.

Life takes a wild turn when Trudi announces that she's pregnant, and the father of her baby mysteriously disappears. The girls' long-lost father (James Brolin) appears out of nowhere, hoping to make up for lost time. Shaping their lives in unpredictable ways, each new change teaches Nora and her daughters about love, life, and one another.

Filmed in Deming, NM, this is also the first movie made in New Mexico ever directed by a woman (Allison Anders). It is 100 minutes long.

There is a suggested donation of \$5, and you can also bring food and drink into the theater from La Plancha Restaurant. For more information, please contact **Jeff Berg** at 466-1634 or nedludd76@hotmail.com.

Pool hours through Labor Day (Sept. 7):

Lap Swim:

M–F 7:30–10 AM

Sat.–Sun. 8–10 AM

Kiddie & Big Pool:

Daily 10 AM–8 PM

Sept. 8–Oct. 2:

Lap Swim:

M–F 7:30–10 AM

Sat.–Sun. 8–10 AM

Kiddie & Big Pool:

M–Th 10 AM–noon

Fri, Sat, Sun:

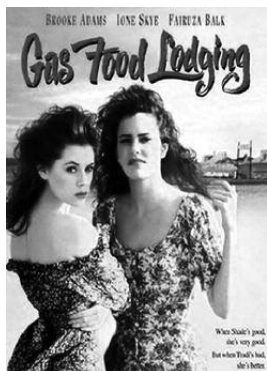
10 AM–7 PM

Paws in the Pool Oct. 4

In Memoriam

Thad Brykalski, longtime resident of Eldorado, passed away July 12, 2015, in Boulder, CO. Those who wish to remember Thad, please join us at the Adam Senior Center on September 14 at 1 PM.

–*Pat Kuhlhoff & Dolores Brock*



MOON PHASES FOR SEPTEMBER



Talking about Plague and Hantavirus

On September 10, at 6:30 PM in the Railroad Building at the ECIA, **Sandra Melman** of the New Mexico Department of Health will give a talk on human plague and hantavirus. These rodent-borne diseases, though very rare, constitute a serious health threat in our state. There are several measures that residents of New Mexico can take to prevent exposure to these illnesses. This talk will be focused on prevention and control.

Proposed Water Rate Increases

On August 6, 11, and 20, EAWS held public meetings to present, discuss, and gather public input on the results of a COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN STUDY conducted over the past year to evaluate our water utility's financial situation and make recommendations for rate adjustments.

The District urges customers to get involved and stay informed by checking its website for information and updates, submitting written comments to the District, and attending a Public Rate Hearing to be held on Monday, September 28, at La Tienda Performance Space, 5 PM.

Weekly Spanish Conversation Group

The Eldorado Spanish Conversation Group meets weekly to relax and converse in an easy atmosphere, to meet new people, brush up on Spanish, and enjoy some good discussion, all spoken in Spanish.

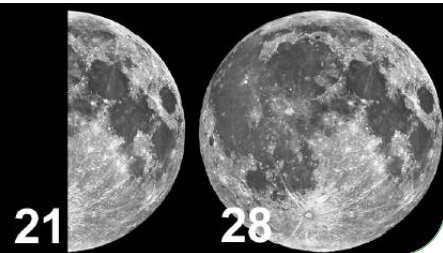
Conversations include everything from food, music and literature, to families and travel. Speaking skills range from Beginner to Intermediate to Advanced/Fluent, with emphasis on South American Spanish. All speakers are welcome. Interested? Come to our weekly meeting, every Tuesday at 10 AM in the Community Room of the Vista Grande Public Library or email fjcharboneau@gmail.com for information.

Senior Center Flea Market/October

On October 3, from 8 AM to 2 PM, Friends of the Adam Senior Center will hold a flea market open to the public. It will take place in the parking lot of the Senior Center. Some tables will be available for use: call the Senior Center to reserve one. Otherwise, vendors are urged to bring their own set-up to display their goods. Cost of a space is \$10 each. For more information, contact the Adam Senior Center at 466-1039.

September Events

SEPTEMBER 2015



ASTRONOMY CORNER

September 2015

Equinox, Supermoon, & Lunar Eclipse!

September 23 - Autumnal Equinox. Fall rolls in on September 23, when the Sun shines directly on the equator and there is nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. Goodbye, summer!

September 27 - Full Moon, Supermoon. While on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun, the face of the Moon is fully illuminated. The second of three supermoons for 2015, this will be the closest full moon of the year and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. Known as the Harvest Moon, this full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Corn Moon, as corn is harvested at this time of year.

September 27 - Total Lunar Eclipse. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes completely through the Earth's shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse, the Moon gradually gets darker and then takes on a rusty or blood red color. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of North and South America, Europe, Africa, and western Asia.

-From seasky.org

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/ljdmreo> or the ECIA Board agenda at <http://tinyurl.com/lkxxdmw>.

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email marilyn@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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Labor Day Weekend Picnic | Sat., Sept. 5, 11 am-2 pm | | | CC Patio |
| Fire & Rescue Barbecue | Sun., Sept. 20, 12-4:30 pm | | | CC Patio |
| Fun Run | Sat., Sept. 26, 4:00 pm | Carrie Cannella | 424-3816 | School |

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| Architecture Committee | Tues., Sept. 8, 7-9 pm | Mark Young | 466-4248 | Foyer |
| Architecture Committee | Tues., Sept. 22, 7-9 pm | Mark Young | 466-4248 | Foyer |
| Board Work Study | Mon., Sept. 14, 6-8 pm | ECIA | 466-4248 | CFR |
| Conservation Committee | Tues., Sept. 1, 7-9 pm | Jim Daniel | 609-941-4527 | F |
| ECIA Board Meeting | Thurs., Sept. 17, 7-9 pm | ECIA | 466-4248 | RR |
| Election Committee | Wed., Sept. 30, 2-4 pm | Kathie Graham | 466-2133 | CFR |
| Facilities & Grounds | Wed., Sept. 2, 4-6 pm | John Calzada | 466-1947 | CFR |
| Finance Committee | Mon., Sept. 14, 9:30-11:30 am | Dan Drobnis | 466-4781 | CFR |
| Information Committee | Mon., Sept. 21, 7-9 pm | Frank Schober | 310-8593 | F |
| Road Committee | Not Scheduled | Felicia Probert | 466-1563 | CFR |
| Stable Committee | Sept. 29, 7-9 pm | Alice Griffin | 795-6424 | CFR |

MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS / BIMONTHLY

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|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| EAW&SD* | 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7-9 pm | Anna Mondragon | 466-1085 | RR/CR |
| Eldorado Arts & Crafts | Last Thurs., 7 pm | Mary Fredenburgh | 466-1035 | CR |
| Eldorado Book Club | 3rd Wed., 3:00 pm | Trudy Scott | luvnicholas@msn.com | |
| Eldorado/285 Recycles | 2nd Tues. of month, 4-6 pm | Karen Sweeney | 466-9797 | CFR |
| Eldorado Writers Club | 2nd & 4th Tues., 7-9 pm | Randy Schultz | 505-220-4327 | CF |
| Library Book Group | 2nd Sat., 9-10:30 | Joan LaMarque | 466-6000 | CFR |
| Roadrunner RV | 3rd Tues. of month | Gordon Groff | 699-7680 | |
| Search & Rescue | 2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm | santafesar.org | | CR |

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 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., 10:45-11:45 am | | | CFR |
| AA | Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm | | | Moved to La Tienda |
| Adult Basketball | Thurs., 6:30-Dusk | | | CC Courts |
| Boy Scout Troop 414 | Wed., 7-9 pm | Fritz Denny | 466-4070 | RR, CR |
| Bridge | 1st & 3rd Fri., 12-4:30 pm | Jackie Vaughn | 466-2558 | 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 | Tues., 6:30-8:30 pm | Fire Station Office | 466-1204 | Station |
| Fire & Rescue Duty Sections | Sat., 8-12 noon | 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., 1-5 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 | |
| Spanish Conversation Group | Tues., 10:00 am | Jill Charboneau | 505-216-6065 | Library |
| Spinning Group (Fiber) | 1st & 3rd Thurs., 9:30-11:30 | Ellen Higgins | 970-201-4776 | LR |
| Square Dancing | Fri., 6-9 pm | Connie Walters | 466-4226 | 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

Recycling News

GOOD NEWS! EXPANDED RECYCLABLES COLLECTION IN SANTA FE!

In July, the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency (SFSWMA) Joint Powers Board, which operates the Caja del Rio Landfill and BuRRT processing facility, voted to contract with Friedman Recycling in Albuquerque to take all Santa Fe City and County recyclable material. This greatly expands the items that can be recycled by residents.

Except for Styrofoam and plastic bags/film, all plastics, regardless of number, may now be recycled, along with books, paperboard, milk and juice containers, pouches, and even empty pizza boxes! No more prohibition of “clamshells,” the thin plastic containers used for fruits, deli items, and the like. If you recycle all of these materials, in addition to the traditional tin, aluminum, paper, and glass, you will see your trash generation drop dramatically.

At the Eldorado Convenience Center, glass and corrugated cardboard are deposited in their own bins.

Battery recycling is available under the roof adjacent to the recycling area.

Customers of Waste Management Inc. who contract for recycling service should also be able to add the new items to their carts, but no glass.

In connection with this expansion, there are recommendations for preparation of your recyclables.

- ▼ All items should be clean, dry, and never placed in a plastic bag. One exception: Shredded paper should be placed in a clear plastic bag. Plastic grocery bags may be recycled at the Agora supermarket.
- ▼ Not everything with a recycle symbol is recyclable here and now: e.g., no rubber hoses or Styrofoam.
- ▼ Used needles *never* belong in the recycle bin. Dispose of these at the county health department or deposit in the trash inside a can filled with used coffee grounds or similar material that will cushion the needles so they can't poke through.

Watch for new flyers from the SFSWMA agency to be posted where Eldorado/285 Recycles guides have been available.

—Karen Sweeney

Antone Forneris Appointed ECIA Board Member

In the previous ECIA Board election, two positions were open, as Greg Colello's and Gershon Siegel's atypical one-year terms had expired. Colello chose to run again. Unopposed, he won back his seat for the usual three-year term. Siegel decided that a turn on the Information Committee might be a better fit for his skill set and available volunteer-time.

As no other residents offered to run, the Board found itself one member short. In accordance with its governing mandate requiring seven members, the Board asked the community at large for volunteers. From that group, interviews would be conducted, and the Board would then appoint the one most qualified. Only one resident, relative newcomer **Antone Forneris**, answered the Board's call. Fortunately for the community, the Board found Antone more than able and therefore appointed him to fill the three-year term.

Antone and his wife, **Connie**, a fiber artist represented by Marigold Arts on Canyon Road, moved to Eldorado in 2013. (Connie's rugs and wall hangings are featured at Marigold Arts or fiberdesigns.com). Having lived on acreages most of their lives, the spacing of homes in Eldorado was a natural fit for the couple. As Antone is a devoted and accomplished woodturner, having room for his and her studios was another draw to the community.

After receiving an Economics M.S. in 1974 from Southern Illinois University, Antone went on to successfully serve in a multitude of management and executive positions in a variety of large construction and private industry corporations. His last position before

retiring was as CEO and General Manager of Cavidyne, LLC, the first company to put the power of cavitation in the hands of the consumer. For an eye-opening demonstration of the uses of cavitation, go to www.cavidyne.com/demos.shtml.

Vistas: Now that you've been here awhile, have your initial feelings about the community changed?

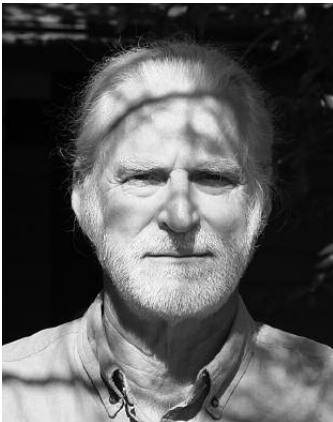
Antone Forneris: The longer we live here, the more we are convinced it was the right decision. This is a community of professional folks who have made it or are in the process of making it. There exists a strong work ethic along with pride and individualism. One can be left alone or get involved as much as one wants. I see a community whose residents take when they need and give when they can.

V: What were the circumstances that led to your appointment to the Board?

AF: I read the ballot twice to make sure there were two openings but only one candidate to vote for. At that point, I decided to get more involved than just being on the Road Committee. I sent an email to the Board's president asking to be considered for the position until an election was held. There are times when we all have to answer the call of duty as others have done who are serving or have served this community.

V: What skills do you bring to the Board?

AF: Economists are trained to view the world without including their value judgment. In business, one is trained not to be emotional in decision-making. These two skills help give me an unbiased judgment on community issues that need Board attention. >>>



Antone Forneris.
Photo Jack Arnold



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The Bear Facts

Bear sightings are extremely unusual in Eldorado. While it is possible that a bear could be seen here, especially in the fall when bears are busy fattening up for winter, it is more likely for bears to be seen in mountain wilderness areas of the state. That said, it's always wise to be informed, especially if you enjoy recreating in habitats where bears might live.

Native Americans considered Bear to be a "medicine being" with magical powers, including strength and wisdom. Bears played an important role in many Native American ceremonies. Some tribes also had taboos regarding bears, such as limiting their hunting to specific seasons (to protect mother bears).

Three of the world's eight species of bears live in North America: black bear, grizzly (brown bear), and polar bear. New Mexico is home to the black bear (*Ursus americanus*). Don't be confused by the name: "black bears" can be black, brown, or blonde! Typically weighing between 155 and 400 pounds, the largest recorded in our state was 495 pounds.

Although 85% of their food is plant matter (nuts, berries, seeds, grasses), black bears are omnivores and will eat whatever they can get, including dead animals, rodents, grubs, and insects. Bears especially love human food and can smell it over a mile away. They will teach their cubs to raid garbage cans, dumpsters, barbecue sites, and campgrounds. That's why it's so important to keep garbage and camping gear carefully stowed. In residential areas where bears are known to frequent, it's wise to bring in bird seed at night. And, of course, never feed bears or other wild animals, and never leave pet food outdoors.

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V: Do you think that being a relative newcomer to Eldorado will be a helpful, not so helpful, or neutral influence while serving on the Board?

AF: Being a newcomer is helpful because it is hard to judge a system from within. I am still outside looking in at the social structure.

V: Your appointed term runs for three years. Do you feel you'll be able to serve for that long?

AF: When offering to be considered for the opening, I calculated the amount of time required and adjusted my schedule accordingly. The three-year term is not an issue for me.

V: Do you have a vision for the community?

AF: I am looking for the vision that is present in this very bright, forward-thinking community. The covenants primarily address the physical structure or urban planning; i.e., to build a passive solar community. I am interested in understanding the social struc-

ture and to help plan for the emerging digital age. Understanding the community's collective consciousness will help guide new policies such as how to govern the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). This is something that was clearly not foreseeable when the covenants were conceived some 30+ years ago.

Cubs, one to three at a time, are born while the mother is in the den during winter hibernation. The cubs remain with their mother for about a year. Bears continue to be threatened by poaching, loss of habitat, roadkill, and over-harvesting. If a bear mother is killed, it's almost certain slow death for the cubs as well, so it's important to know how to avoid confrontation and maintain a healthy coexistence. Solitary creatures except when females are raising their young, bears can be dangerous if startled. Because they can run up to 35 miles an hour, swim, and climb trees, you can't plan on outrunning an attacking bear! When hiking, stay in a group, keep pets on a leash, don't discard your trash, and make noise to avoid surprising wild animals. If you encounter a bear, recognize that it may be as afraid as you are! Stay calm. Look for cubs; never come between a mother and her cubs. Stand upright, slowly wave your arms, and slowly back away. If you are attacked, fight back aggressively.

On another note, we who have lived in Eldorado for quite some time are saddened to see less wildlife each year. Our community values our wildlife and vistas, but many residents continue to use toxins on their properties. Poisons such as herbicides, rodent poisons, and certain fertilizers take a horrible toll on animals, circulating death, in a wrenching manner, through the entire food chain. If you feel you must use such products, please be very mindful.

References for this article are available upon request. We love hearing from you! Contact us at EldoradoFloraFauna@yahoo.com.



Ursus Americanus.
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Trees in the Southwest

Save the Date: October 3, Come by the Railroad Building to hear Eldorado resident **Cristine Freeman** of Tree Technologies discuss what a homeowner needs to know about urban trees in Santa Fe and the surrounding area, followed by an "Ask your Arborist" Q & A session.

– Gershon Siegel

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Join the School Fun Run!

El Dorado Community School's 21st Annual Fun Run will be held on Saturday, September 26, the 5K run/walk starting at 4 PM and the kids' races at 5:15 PM. Community members are invited to run, walk, volunteer, cheer on the participants, or simply to enjoy themselves in a festive community atmosphere. There will be various field activities, music, and food. The evening races are new this year and promise to make for an exciting event. If you will be driving in the area, please be careful and help keep all of the participants safe.

The Fun Run is a fundraiser sponsored by the El Dorado Community School PTA. All proceeds go to the Physical Education programs at the school. To register, go to www.newmexicosportsonline.com/Running/El-Dorado-Fun-Run--2015/17240. For more in-



formation, visit www.eldoradopta.org or contact Mike Schneider at mikeschneider7@hotmail.com. Join the run for our children's health!

The Day When Eldorado Almost Ran Out of Water

According to Ray Nichols, in April of 1999 Eldorado Utilities (EDU), AMREP's water company, had been doing some work involving Wells 13, 14, and 15 and had applied to the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) for the resumption of pumping from one of these wells. The application was filed but no specific action was taken, and by early July, water supplies were running low. EDU sent out word to the ECIA and the county, and County Utilities Director Estevan Lopez called to say that the New Mexico National Guard was standing by with water trucks. Ray called EDU to

find out if they could do more, and they replied that they had submitted their paperwork to the OSE as they were supposed to do. Ray called OSE on Friday and found out that there was no urgency attached to the submittal, but when they became aware of the problem, they dug out the paperwork, sent the water samples to the laboratory, arranged for the lab to stay open on Saturday (this was a holiday weekend) until all tests were performed and approved, and notified EDU to proceed with use of the well. This last-minute prompt action made all the difference. It was a close call but it need not have been.