

# VISTAS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## To Preserve Our Greenbelts, Leave No Trace

One of the best amenities in Eldorado is our system of “Greenbelts.” This undeveloped open space, which covers 987 acres, was required as part of the Planned Unit Development for the purpose of flood control and drainage, but it also provides wildlife habitat and the preservation of scenic vistas. ECIA Board manages the land with oversight and recommendations provided by the Conservation Committee.

In order to protect these values, unauthorized structures of any sort are prohibited and regularly removed by ECIA. However, there remain personal traces and piled debris within the Greenbelts. One of our residents was surprised recently to see many man-made features. These included a large stick-and-cholla wickiup structure at the edge of an arroyo, a crude swing hanging from a juniper over an arroyo, what looked like a pet grave marker (placed rocks) on a hill near a social trail, and piles of rock cairns (one solely of quartz, gathered from a broader area) at social trail junctions. Other residents have noticed large pyres that are resurrected whenever HOAMCO staff and ECIA volunteers remove them.

We may not think of these as permanent structures, but they involve gathering and moving naturally occurring materials and vegetation to create features which are not natural. These alterations may impact other natural resources such as native plants, wildlife, and soils, and increase erosion potential. In addition, some of these features invite other problems. For example, dumping

vegetative yard waste is illegal and can create a fire hazard. Injuries and accidents create potential liability issues for the community.



*Left, a stick-and-cholla wickiup structure; top right, a swing hanging over an arroyo; bottom right, placed rocks marker.*

Our Greenbelt open space is not public land—it belongs collectively to all ECIA members. Recreational activities in the Greenbelts include walking, hiking, running, biking, horseback riding, bird and wildlife watching, playing, exploring, and learning.

To support these interests in the Greenbelt and to protect the watershed from erosion, a few established trails are mowed regularly. However, there are many “social trails” that are not maintained by ECIA, which also need conservation. ECIA works to protect and provide for these values, although there is often an inherent conflict between use and protection. We all need to work to prevent negative impacts to our collective resources and our appreciation of them.

Please enjoy our Greenbelts and leave no trace of your presence.

—Susan Wills  
Conservation Committee



# Board Actions and Summary January 18

**ECIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** was called to order at 5:32 PM, held via Zoom, and recorded. President Sal Monaco, Vice President David Sorkin, Secretary Carol Sanguinetti, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, and Directors Erika Penczer, James Caruso, and Jonathan Turkle were present and quorum was met. HOAMCO staff included General Manager (GM) Julie Navarro, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Jessica Collins, Operations Manager (OM) Mike Rogers, Architecture, Compliance Coordinator Mark Young, Communications Coordinator Pamela Villars and Executive Vice President of New Mexico HOAMCO Nigel Burgess.

Board President Monaco thanked ECIA volunteers, residents, and staff for providing their time and understanding during COVID-19 restrictions and disruptions. He expressed his desire to continue to provide prompt and effective service regardless of the current situation. President Monaco discussed that we continue to have very strong finances and a healthy budget. Despite an approximate 8% inflation increase over the last two years, ECIA's assessments only increased by 3.6% over that period. President Monaco discussed 2022 projects as well as the intention to increase safe social engagements and community relations by creating a new Communications Coordinator position. President Monaco introduced the new staff member, Pamela Villars, and welcomed her to the team.

The consent agenda items, including the General Manager's Report, Covenant Compliance Report, and the November Minutes were approved. The General Manager's Report, Treasurer's Report, County Liaison Report and Committee and Task Group Reports can be found under "ECIA Governing Board" on the ECIA website.

Communications Coordinator, Pamela Villars, provided a presentation on her role as Communications Coordinator and the pros and cons of utilizing social media and surveys to reach more residents.

The GM reported staff has begun working with our auditor and the Annual Financial Audit and submitted backup documentation for 2021 transactions. The Community Center office is receiving assessment payments onsite and payments are deposited within 24 to 48 business hours. Operations Manager Rogers expressed concern at the increased vandalism at Preserve trail heads including cut fences, a doggie station pushed over, and graffiti. He requested residents be observant and report vandalism to the sheriff and ECIA and proposed the Conservation Committee and Board of Directors consider how to move forward in protecting this amenity. He also provided an update on the pool resurfacing stating that the new plastering will be completed later in the spring when temperatures allow. There are four R&R projects and ten capital projects in 2022; all projects can be reviewed on the 2022 budget which is displayed on our web site.

## The Board of Directors approved the following motions:

1. to adopt the ECIA Election Committee's updated "Election Procedures—Effective January 18, 2022" Ver 5.4;
2. to adopt the revised Finance Committee Charter and to appoint the Board Treasurer as member and chair to the committee;
3. to send the preliminary December 2021 financial information to our Auditor to begin the annual audit process and to approve the December 2021 financials as complete;
4. to accept the resignation of Daniel Drobnis from the Finance Committee. President Monaco expressed appreciation for Mr. Drobnis's extensive involvement and service to the Board;
5. to accept the resignation of Fred Raznick and Mary Ellen Donat from the Facilities and Grounds Committee. President Monaco thanked Mr. Raznick and Ms. Donat for their many years of service;
6. to approve Kim Kiplin as a new member to the Facilities and Grounds Committee;
7. to accept the resignation of Paul Ingraham from the Road Committee. Board President Monaco expressed appreciation to Mr. Ingraham for his service to the Committee.

## The Board of Directors approved the following motions on variances presented to the Board by Director Caruso:

1. 3 Frasco Court—to allow for a portal roofing change using a metal roof that does not match the existing roof style of the home;
2. 26 Verano Loop—to allow a fence to encroach from a maximum of 7 feet into the 20 foot side setback.

During Open Forum a member asked the Board why assessments were increased by \$20 if there is an excess in the budget. Treasurer Gutierrez and President Monaco explained that to maintain a healthy 5-year Replacement and Reserve budget, this small 3.6% increase was appropriate given the 8% increase in inflation. The decision on assessment was based on a five-year forecast which used a base inflation rate of only 3%. The Finance Committee noted that a small increase to the assumed 3% rate would put us under the 5-year fully funded line. Therefore, since future inflation was highly uncertain at this time, they recommended a \$20 increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM. Board Minutes are available on the website at <https://eldoradosf.org/ecia-governing-board/>.

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 5:30 PM.**

—Sal Monaco,  
ECIA Board President

# Become a Candidate for the Board

**C**onsider serving your community by becoming a candidate for ECIA Board of Directors (BOD). Two positions for Directors are open for election each with three (3) year terms ending May 5, 2025. The process to become a candidate for the 2022 election is simple and direct. The Petition and Instructions form is available at ECIA office or online at [eldoradosf.org](https://eldoradosf.org) under the Resident Resources tab > Forms and Application > Board Nomination Petition. A completed and signed petition with all required materials must be submitted to ECIA office no later than 5 PM, Mar. 1.



Remember that to vote and support the candidate of your choice, your 2022 Assessment must be paid in full and have been received and credited to the Association's financial account by **Mar. 1**.

To learn more about the BOD and its work, visit our website <https://eldoradosf.org/ecia-governing-board/>.

—Election Committee

## News Corral

### ECIA COMMITTEES NEED NEW MEMBERS

Contact [gm@eldoradosf.org](mailto:gm@eldoradosf.org) to learn about volunteering opportunities in our community. All members in Good Standing are encouraged to participate.

The Architecture Committee has an opening for a new Committee member. Those interested in volunteering for this Committee should be familiar with the reading of blueprints or architectural plans. The Committee meets twice monthly and there are also some site visits involved that are outside of the regular scheduled meetings times. To learn more about the Committee's work, visit <https://eldoradosf.org/architecture-committee/>. ECIA encourages traditionally underrepresented members of the community to apply. It is our desire for the Committee to be representative of the diversity in our Eldorado community. Interested persons should contact Mark at ECIA at 505 466-4248 or email at [myoung@hoamco.com](mailto:myoung@hoamco.com).

### COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY COMING SOON



To better understand the community's needs and concerns, we will launch a communications survey soon. We need your feedback about how you receive information, the quality of the information, and its relevance to you.

### VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The next After School Library Club begins **Feb. 1**. There are a few spots left for any interested parents who want to sign up

children in grades K-2. You can sign up for Tuesday or Wednesday; the club runs from **after school to 4:30 PM**. Forms are available at [vglibrary.org](https://vglibrary.org) or at the circulation desk in the library.

Latigo the Reading Dog is looking for students to read to him in Wags and Words. Latigo is here on Tuesday afternoons, from **3:30-4 PM**. Interested? Contact Tracey at [libasst@vglibrary.org](mailto:libasst@vglibrary.org) or call us **505 466-7323**.

Support the library at a Love Your Library Fundraiser at op.cit Books at DeVargas Center on Friday-Sunday, **Feb. 11-13**. \$1 for each book, Sunday Bag of Book Sale \$5. All proceeds support the library.

The featured February artists are Joey Serim: Ceramic Art for your home and Marilyn Wightman: Watercolors. There will be a reception for Marilyn on Friday, **Feb. 4**, from **3:30-5 PM**.

### NMDOH COVID UPDATES

To find out about COVID testing, the NM Dept. of Health offers resources at their website: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/covid-19-testing/>.

### ALERT SANTA FE

Alert Santa Fe is the official emergency notification system used by the City of Santa Fe to communicate with city residents during emergencies. This system is powered by Smart911 to send notifications by phone, email, text, and social media to keep citizens informed of emergencies. It also covers severe weather, controlled burns, and County emergency events. Sign up at Alert Santa Fe: <https://www.santafenm.gov/alertsantafe>.

## ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

**Board:** President **Sal Monaco**, Vice President **David Sorkin**, Treasurer **Joseph Gutierrez**, Secretary **Carol Sanguinetti**, Director **James Caruso**, Director **Erika Penczer**, Director **Johnathan Turkle**.

**Management:** ECIA is managed by HOAMCO. General Manager **Julie Navarro**, [jnavarro@hoamco.com](mailto:jnavarro@hoamco.com)  
Monthly report available at [www.eldoradosf.org](https://www.eldoradosf.org) under Resident Resources.

**ECIA office open for business. Community Center closed for activities. For info call 505 466-4248.**



# Power Outage Tips Part II

## PHONES AND ELECTRONICS

Most people rely on their cell phones, so it's a good idea to have a portable charger that you keep charged up regularly. Solar chargers are also available. You can always charge your phone off your car battery.

If you still have a landline, an old-fashioned phone that does not rely on electricity but plugs directly into the phone jack will continue working.

A battery back-up system for your computer and printers will keep them running for a couple of hours, and will have plugs for charging other devices. It's a good idea to power down your computer properly while it still has power. These systems, which are also surge protectors, claim to insure your equipment up to a certain amount but do you really want to argue with a corporation when the burden of proof will be on you? It's generally best to unplug sensitive electronic equipment, and anything else you like that is expensive or inconvenient to replace.

In the middle of the night, often your first clue that there is a power outage will be the beeping of your battery back-up system. Some of them beep periodically, a good reason to power down all equipment and unplug the battery backup.

## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you are medically dependent on electrical equipment, be

sure to have a battery backup that will last long enough for you to get through a short outage or get to a location with power.

## WATER

If you are on a well, you will only have whatever water is in your tank until the power comes back on. If you are on the Eldorado water system, it is heartening to know that the utility is in the midst of comprehensive emergency planning and creating an Emergency Response Plan. General Manager Steve King says that the utility owns a mobile emergency generator that could be moved around to the area where it is most needed, and that they are considering purchase of a second unit. If there is an outage, be sure to conserve water. Fill up pitchers and kettles, but don't plan on taking a shower.

## REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

According to the CDC, food should keep in your refrigerator for four hours, and a freezer for up to 48 hours if it is packed full. Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer unless the outage becomes extended and you need to cook food that might otherwise spoil.

For more tips, please go to [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > Resident Resources > Power Outage Tips.

—Debra Denker  
Chair, Safety Education Task Group

# Wildlife and Poisons

Eldorado is rich with many kinds of wildlife which are valued by most residents. For many of us, the wild things are one of the reasons we choose to live here.

## A FEW POINTS REGARDING COEXISTENCE ARE GOOD TO KNOW:

Feeding wildlife habituates them to depending on humans and it seldom ends well for the wild animal, as they become too familiar and people feel threatened, or their pets become prey.

Rodents can be a problem and there are positive and negative means to deal with them. Understanding the effects of our choices in relation to the food chain in eradicating them is important for all the other animals as well. Ideally, entry points for mice and rats need to be sealed and there are several types of traps which are effective and do not prolong suffering or endanger other wildlife or pets via secondary poisoning.

Here is an excellent overview of do-it-yourself ways to approach solving pest issues:

<https://poisonfreemalibu.org/rodents/>

Rodenticides travel up the food chain with the tragic effect of killing our beloved coyotes, bobcats, owls, raptors, and even pets. Extermination companies are not necessarily forthcoming about their use of these poisons. Some will claim



*Rodenticides travel up the food chain via many species.*

they do not endanger other species via secondary poisonings, but evidence does not support that claim.

You are welcome to contact the author at [naima4323hum@gmail.com](mailto:naima4323hum@gmail.com) for more information. Let's be good neighbors to our beautiful wildlife.

—Naima Shea



## ECIA Annual Assessments Due Feb. 15

- Residents can deliver their assessment check to the ECIA Community Center, **Mon—Fri, 9 AM–4:30 PM;**
- Or mail to: Eldorado Community Improvement Association, HOAMCO, PO BOX 94346, Las Vegas, NV 89193-4346;
- Or pay online (eChecks and ACH no fee, Credit Card 3% fee) at [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org) > home > Pay HOA online.

## Trail Preservation: Winter Use Etiquette

**W**inter is a beautiful time around Eldorado and can be a great time to get out and enjoy the trails, as anyone who has gone snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or hiking on our trails knows. But it is also a time when responsible trail use is essential. Every year the Eldorado Community Preserve trails are damaged due to improper trail use, especially when the trails are muddy.

Snow in Eldorado usually doesn't stick around for very long—but the mud does. Muddy trail conditions exist longer in the winter months, which increase the impact on trails. Wet trail surfaces may lose compaction and their ability to withstand trail traffic. This process is accelerated when people use muddy trails.

Horses have the highest potential impact to muddy and soft trails. An article by Carolyn Widner and Dr. Jeff Marion titled *Horse Impacts: Research Findings and Their Implications* states, "Horse traffic causes significant compaction to the underlying soil layers, thus reducing water infiltration. In addition, the action of horse hoofs tends to dig up and puncture the soil surface. The process of loosening the surface trail tread while compacting the



subsurface soils leads to impermeable basins, which retain water and mud long after runoff events occur."

Mountain bikes can also damage trails during muddy periods. Research by Gordon R. Cessford, in *Off-road Impacts of Mountain Bikes*, found that bicycles create a linear track, which promotes channeling of water, as opposed to creating puddles. These channels keep the water on the trail and negate the benefits of a trail with a proper outslope that sheds water from the trail tread. Even after the tire tracks disappear, the damaged trail surface continues to erode.

Another sign of improper trail use occurs when people go around muddy areas. This creates new trails and spreads all the damage previously mentioned beyond the width of the existing trail. The widened trail will create a bigger muddy area in subsequent years.

### WINTER TRAIL USE TIPS



For all our trail users, please "Say no to mud." According to an article published by the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), *Low Impact Riding Techniques for the X (TR) Generation*, "Riding when the trail is muddy can cause tremendous damage. Find trails in your area that are durable, drain well, and ride these when it's wet." ECIA Conservation Committee suggests exploring the 100 series trails behind the gas station during wetter periods, since they are rockier and drain quickly. Avoid high snow melt times. Trails are more solid in the early morning hours and tend to be sloppier in the afternoon. If you must be out on a muddy trail, stay on the trail surface at all times and avoid the instinct to walk next to the trail.

Our trails are a wonderful resource for exercise and to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us in Eldorado; let's all work together to keep them in good condition, safe, and enjoyable.

—Mike Rogers  
ECIA Operations Manager



# How to Dispose of Household Batteries



**S**ome household batteries contain toxic materials such as mercury, cadmium, and lithium that can seep into the environment if not disposed of properly. There are four common types of batteries:

## ALKALINE BATTERIES

This category includes the familiar AAA, AA, C, D, and the oblong-shaped 9-volt cells. Since 1994, these batteries have been manufactured without any added mercury and contain only trace amounts. Since they are considered non-toxic, these single-use batteries can safely be disposed of in the regular trash, however, it is environmentally much better to recycle them. The problem is that it is very difficult to find a facility to accept this type of battery for recycling. Fortunately, we have such a facility right here in Santa Fe! The Buckman Road Recycling & Transfer Station (BURRT) accepts alkaline batteries every Friday and Saturday from **8 AM–4:45 PM** at the household hazardous waste building. The Eldorado Convenience Center (ECC) no longer collects these batteries.

## NICKEL-CADMIUM BATTERIES (NICADS)

These are rechargeable and come in many shapes and sizes. Since NiCads contain the toxic metal cadmium, they

should not be disposed of in the regular trash. While these batteries are “greener,” as they can be recharged and reused, they are not accepted for regular curbside recycling or at the ECC. They must be taken to the same location at BURRT, a private Household Hazardous Products Collection Center, or saved for a household hazardous waste collection event. A list of collection centers, often at big-box stores, can be found online at: <https://www.sfswwa.org/hazardous-waste/batteries/>. This is the website for the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency (SFSSWA) as well as for BURRT, and it offers many tips on battery recycling.

## LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

These are currently the most popular rechargeable batteries (AA, C, 9-volt, and button batteries). They are found in most portable electronic devices such as cell phones, laptops, and cameras. Lithium is reactive with water and has been known to cause serious fires, so disposal of this type should be handled similarly to the NiCads above.

## BUTTON BATTERIES

This sub-category refers to the small, round, silver-colored cells that power watches, car keys, and hearing aids. These single-use batteries no longer contain mercury, but some do contain lithium, so they should not be thrown away in the trash. Some stores that sell watches or hearing aids will accept spent button batteries for recycling, as will the above-listed collection-site options.

Interested in learning more about the often confusing and ever-changing world of battery recycling? Check out this website: <https://www.call2recycle.org/explore-the-secret-life-of-batteries/>. Here, you can download an infographic explaining what becomes of recycled batteries.

—Gary Stoller

*Eldorado/285 Recycles*

# ECIA Wildland Fire Zoom Town Hall Meeting

**W**ith warming climate as part of the new normal, increasing drought conditions in New Mexico are occurring. Santa Fe County is currently in extreme drought conditions. (<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NM>) Due to these conditions, our community faces increased wildland fire risks, which are further heightened by high winds, dry and volatile grasses, weeds, and other flammable vegetation and fuels close to our homes. Learn about fire risk and prevention at a virtual town hall on **Feb. 10** from **5–7 PM**. There will be time for questions after each speaker. The meeting will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

## AGENDA

- **5–5:10 PM** ECIA Staff  
*Introduction and Welcome*
- **5:10–5:40 PM** Dr. Matt Hurteau, Professor, Department of Biology, University of New Mexico  
*Climate Change and Wildfire in the Southwest*
- **5:40–6:10 PM** Dennis Carril, USFS, Fuels Program Manager, Santa Fe National Forest  
*Eldorado at Santa Fe: Fire Ecology and Risk*
- **6:10–6:40 PM** Santa Fe County, Mike Feulner, Wildland Fire Captain  
*Ready Set Go & Smart 911*
- **6:40–7 PM** Additional Q&A and Discussion



# February Meetings—Community Center Closed

Meetings may be suspended, held via Zoom, and/or in-person: please check [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org).

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	8, 22	3–5 PM <i>CFR &amp; Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board Meeting	Tuesday	15	5:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Bylaws Review Committee	Thursday	10	3:30–5:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	bylawsreviewchair@gmail.com
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	1	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Paul Butt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	9	3–5 PM <i>CFR &amp; Zoom</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	2	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	8	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>		financechair1@gmail.com
	Road Committee	Wednesday	2	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday	21	6:30–8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	8	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	16	3–5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
Weekly	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesdays		8:30 AM <i>NE corner CC Pkg.</i>	Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914 triggbs@comcast.net
	Knitting Club	Contact for information			Joyce Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com
	Overeaters Anonymous	Contact for information			Barb	505 954-1533

**Zoom meeting information is online at [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > News & Events > Zoom Schedule**

Calendar info collected and verified by ECIA office, [GM@eldoradosf.org](mailto:GM@eldoradosf.org). Sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs, [jcollins@hoamco.com](mailto:jcollins@hoamco.com) to be notified of changes.

**CFR: Conference Room; CR: Classroom; CC Patio: Community Center Patio; CC Pkg.: Community Center Parking Lot**

## Troop 57 Hikes for Merit Badge

**H**eidi Edwards led a group of Scouts from Santa Fe Troop 57 on two bird hikes to complete the Bird Study Merit Badge. They hiked along the Greenbelt behind Moya Rd. The troop saw many birds (ravens, curve-billed thrasher, doves, scrub jays, red-tailed hawk...and more!) and learned about using binoculars, different types of bird feeders, and why Eldorado is a popular bird habitat. Congratulations, troop!

—Photos by Heidi Edwards



*As parched winter dreams  
the trickster winds wake to plan  
their spring homecoming*

**Mission Statement** The mission of the monthly newsletter, *Vistas*, is to inform members of ECIA about issues before the Board of Directors, various committees, and the office staff. Any interesting events happening in Eldorado or the surrounding areas may be included. The publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision-making process.

**Editorial Policy** *Vistas* welcomes factual and objective submissions, which will be selected and edited at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Community announcements, photos, and articles of interest to homeowners are welcome. Submissions are due on the 5th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may be submitted to [articles@eldoradosf.org](mailto:articles@eldoradosf.org). For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > News & Events > *Vistas* Newsletters.

## Our Golden Anniversary

**O**n July 10, 1972, Howard Friedman signed the Declaration of Agreements and made our community official. 2022 marks Eldorado at Santa Fe's 50th anniversary.

As we celebrate our golden anniversary, we'll share monthly fun facts about our history. As we plan a 50th anniversary celebration, we are seeking enthusiastic volunteers. Please contact [articles@eldoradosf.org](mailto:articles@eldoradosf.org) if you are interested.



### FUN FACTS

- In *Windmills and Dreams*, it's stated the first home built in Eldorado was 12 Verano Loop;
- Its tenants Jordan and Dot Weills moved in on Labor Day, 1973, the day of Fiesta and the burning of Zozobra;
- The house cost \$29,000 and the lot \$7,000.

## Learning Opportunities

**E**ntering the third year of the pandemic makes staying entertained tough. If you are looking for new options to keep you busy, consider the following:



- Santa Fe Community College Continuing Education—online and in-person classes;
- Santa Fe Public Library Continuing Education—free courses from many sources, including Coursera and Class Central;
- Renesan Institute for Lifelong Learning—online and in-person classes.

If you have a skill or knowledge you would like to share with your neighbors, let us know. We may develop a list of resources so we can support each other. Contact [articles@eldoradosf.org](mailto:articles@eldoradosf.org) with your interest.



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