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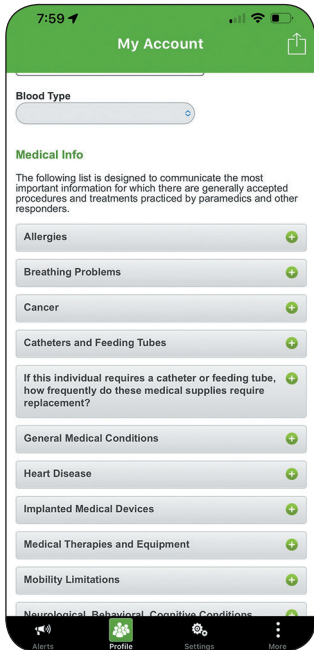
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Emergency Alert Services—Be Smart



Every year, Eldorado sees many new residents move into the community. Did you know that if you are using a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system for your cell phone and have moved, your 911 dispatch call center is tied to where your VoIP system is registered? For example, you moved to Eldorado from New York City, and you have not updated your carrier with your new address. If you are now in Eldorado and call 911 for an emergency, your call will be answered in a New York City 911 Dispatch Center. This can waste

precious time in getting the emergency services you need. With many people using auto-pay for their cellular bill, changing the address in your carrier's system after moving can easily be forgotten.

Technology has come a long way in the past 10 years with the invention of smart apps for cell phones. With the recent fires everyone is worried about how they will be notified should

Eldorado be placed in a "Ready, Set, or Go" status. Two must-have apps, Smart911 and Alert Santa Fe, will notify you of a pending evacuation status and more. Here is what you need to know:

SMART911

Smart911 allows you to register from your computer or your cell phone. When you call 911, your Smart911 Safety Profile displays on the dispatcher's 911 screen where they can view your address, medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency contacts and share this information with emergency personnel en route. You can provide as much or as little information as you like. As 1st Responders are dispatched, they can already be preparing for specific needs to your situation. Smart911 is a national service meaning your Smart911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 911 center nationwide. Sign up at Smart911.com.

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. Powered by the Smart911 system, those registered will receive notifications by phone, email, text and social media to stay informed of emergencies. Although the Alert Santa Fe's coverage area is the city, it is good to be notified of utility interruptions, road closures and police activity, as Eldorado residents frequent the city for their needs. Sign up at santafenm.gov/alertsantafe.

—ECIA

To Mow or Not to Mow—That is The Question

No one wants to be the person responsible for starting a brush fire, but how do you create a defensible space around your home now if you already have dried grasses and weeds growing by the side of your house?

In a defensible space zone, 30 feet from your home, buildings, structures, decks, etc. is Zone 1 and is often called the Lean, Clean and Green zone of a defensible space. It is recommended that you remove all dead plants, grass, and weeds (vegetation) in this zone. When that is impossible, mowing might seem like a good alternative but that has its risks.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, every summer, mowers are responsible for devastating fires when the metal blades hit a rock and spark a fire.



A string trimmer is far less likely to throw a spark when the nylon string hits a rock. But string trimmers can quite readily toss two rocks together which could spark. So, what is a conscientious homeowner to do?

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Left, an example of a string mower, which is far less likely to throw a spark.

Board Actions and Summaries for May and June

5/31 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The ECIA Special Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM. The meeting was held via ZOOM and recorded. President Sanguinetti, Vice President Sorkin, Treasurer Gutierrez, Directors Turkle and Penczer were present, and quorum was met.

Vice President Sorkin stepped down due to health reasons and Director Penczer stepped down due to additional work commitments. The resignations would be effective at the conclusion of the meeting. The Board would conduct the business as scheduled and appoint four new Board members. The Board interviewed five potential Board candidates. President Sanguinetti announced the following appointees for Board positions: Amelia Adair, James Herbert Williams, Mary Bonilla and Jonathan McLaughlin. All were in favor of appointing the four named.

President Sanguinetti opened a discussion with the Board on closing the Preserve from a liability standpoint. The Conservation Committee was split on this as enforcement is a concern. Membership discussion included the pros and cons and possibly implementing a stewardship program. No decision was made during this meeting. The newly appointed Board will continue the discussion and decision.

An Organizational meeting was scheduled for June 7, to secure director roles. Vice President Sorkin motioned to adjourn, and Director Penczer seconded. President Sanguinetti thanked Vice President Sorkin and Director Penczer for their service. Motion to adjourn was made at 5:54 PM. For the full minutes see <https://eldoradosf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Special-Board-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.

6/7 ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The new Board met on June 7 to designate director positions. See the new Board member's information on the next page for designated positions and terms.

6/21 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The ECIA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM, board met in person and held via Zoom and recorded. President Sanguinetti, Vice President Adair, Treasurer Gutierrez, and Directors Turkle, Williams and Bonilla were present, and quorum was met. Secretary McLaughlin was excused. HOAMCO members in attendance were acknowledged.

A motion was added to the agenda by Director Turkle, regarding adding Preserve guidelines into posted policy. All were in favor. The agenda was adopted, and the consent agenda items were motioned for approval by Vice President Adair, and seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez, all were in favor. Consent agenda items approved included the General Manager's Report, Covenant Compliance Report, and the following Minutes: May Board Meeting, Special Board Meeting and the June Organizational Meeting.

Treasurer Gutierrez reported: Operating budget is currently at 32%, was projected at 41%, we are underspending. The collection rate of HOA dues is great, with only 1.8% outstanding. Work is starting on the budget process for 2023 and will be submitted to the Board. Treasurer Gutierrez and Director Turkle spoke with Olivia Romo, Services Liaison for Santa Fe County, regarding the Sheriff's Department making rounds at the Preserve parking lots, regardless of open or closed status.

The GM reported: The office is working on accounts receivable. Unpaid accounts will be sent to the attorney for collection. Releases

have been made on liens that have been paid. AGM Jessica Collins is transferring to the HOAMCO office in Albuquerque. Ciara Walsh will be promoted to Executive Assistant. Interviews will be conducted for a new front office person.

The OM reported: All R & R projects have been completed for the year. Possible placement for a disc golf course at the Community Center has been identified and will not use any greenbelt space. ECIA received clarification from the Fire Department on the greenbelts. Wallace Sparks from the Santa Fe County Fire Department, Fire Prevention and Risk Reduction Department, clarified our greenbelts are not considered Open Space. Our greenbelts are designated as Wild Space by the fire department. Wild Space equals wildlife and vegetation, and all we do is maintain the trails in four of the greenbelts; homeowners are responsible for the weeds that come up into their properties. Director Turkle and Vice President Adair agreed that further discussion is needed with the attorney on this matter.

Architecture Committee variance recommendations were presented to the Board and approved.

- 17 Chusco Road—to allow for a new shed that is 9.5 ft. tall and more than 15 ft. from the home.
- 3 Antigua Place—to allow for an unconventional garage door. Owners agreed to the modification requests by the Board for approval.
- 12 Jornada Loop—to allow for a new home to be built at a height of 21 ft. tall, 3 ft. over the maximum allowed height. Slope of the property determined this was necessary.

No Old Business was noted. New Business included; scheduling a Board Orientation meeting, exploring establishing a schedule for Committee Orientation Reports, the creation of a Charter for a Volunteer Retention and Recruitment Committee where the Board will gather input from committee chairs and Membership for feedback, and proposing a policy for the Preserve (after Board and Membership review) that would incorporate into existing publications and signage, guidelines that would become policy. This last item was moved to Task status.

Open Forum included comment by a resident from 9 Torneo Rd. who requested clarification regarding the Sheriff's Department making rounds at the Preserve parking lots. Treasurer Gutierrez stated the Sheriff's presence would be routine patrol to monitor for vandalism. The resident also shared concerns about the pool closure and walkers on Azul Road related to the county project. A second resident from 10 Fonda Ct. stated that as a lot owner near the Gallinas Canyon greenbelt, they are concerned about ECIA greenbelts. Neighbors are not aware of how bad the tumbleweeds are at the far ends of their properties and collaboration is needed to address the issue. In addition, the resident has concerns regarding how the Wine and Weeds event is promoted using alcohol in the name and if there is a liability concern regarding the promotion of consuming alcohol while participating? Vice President Adair stated that ECIA does not provide any alcohol and will discuss this with the Stable Committee.

President Sanguinetti moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Bonilla seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. The next Board Meeting will be held via Zoom for residents and in-person and Zoom for Board members on **Tuesday, July 19 at 5:30 PM.**

New Board Members Bring Experience

AMELIA ADAIR, VICE PRESIDENT TERM EXPIRES MAY 2023



Amelia Adair is a retired attorney who moved to New Mexico in 2016. Amelia began volunteering with the Eldorado Stable Committee in 2017. Amelia practiced law for over 25 years in Colorado and Washington State, including 15 years in the community

association industry, which included representing boards of homeowner's associations. She also spent five years in-house managing community associations for Quadrant Homes, a major residential homebuilder in Washington State. Quadrant appointed Amelia to the boards of its new community associations. There she handled budgets and oversaw community association managers and other vendors, recruited and trained volunteers and board members and educated new community residents. Volunteer leadership is one of Amelia's favorite ways to contribute to her community. Over the years she's served on many boards of non-profit organizations.

JONATHAN McLAUGHLIN, SECRETARY TERM EXPIRES MAY 2023



Jonathan McLaughlin moved to Eldorado in 2020 and runs a private equity fund focused on investing in software and technology companies. His experience as an investor and management professional across multiple industries, along with serving on multiple

company boards, brings a wealth of budgetary, planning, and management expertise to the Board. Jonathan's career in financial services and private equity investing has prepared him with the requisite experience to analyze tradeoffs, manage risk, and help teams thrive. Jonathan is looking forward to working closely with the Board, HOA, volunteers and constituents to help continue to make Eldorado a vibrant, safe and thriving community in the years to come.

JAMES HERBERT WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR TERM EXPIRES MAY 2025



James Herbert Williams has visited Santa Fe regularly since 1982. He bought a home here in Eldorado in 2018 and after two years of renovations, finally moved to Eldorado in 2020 from Phoenix, Arizona. James is a professor at the Arizona State University School of Social

Work in Tempe, Arizona and has also worked at Washington University in St. Louis and University of Denver, holding senior leadership positions at all three universities. James is a graduate of universities in Louisiana, Massachusetts, Colorado, and Washington and has served on several professional, community, and homeowner association boards. James has always been an active member of his community and is happy to serve as a member of the ECIA Board, where he will use his years of professional and community experiences to support ECIA Board operations and contribute to the quality of life for his neighbors in Eldorado.

MARY BONILLA, DIRECTOR TERM EXPIRES MAY 2024



Mary Bonilla has been a nurse for 42 years with experience in the Emergency Room, Operating Room, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and as an industrial nurse. In addition, she also practiced as a family nurse practitioner in the military and retired from the US Navy Reserve in 2012 as a

Captain after 25 years. Mary taught at the University of Central Florida and at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for 23 years in the undergraduate, RN to BSN and graduate programs. After graduating from Auburn University with a degree in Elementary Education, she then attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville where she received a BSN, MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Mary served on the COA Board for Villages of Research Park as Vice President and Secretary for 4 years.

ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

Board: *President Carol Sanguinetti, Vice President Amelia Adair, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary Jonathan McLaughlin, Director Jonathan Turkle, Director James Herbert Williams, Director Mary Bonilla.*

Management: ECIA is managed by HOAMCO. *General Manager Julie Navarro*, jnavarro@hoamco.com
Monthly report available at www.eldoradosf.org > Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board.
ECIA office open 8:30 AM–4:30 PM, closed Noon–1 PM for lunch. Info call 505 466-4248.

Pickleball—A Game for Everyone

Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in America, is a game almost anyone can play. It is played on a court about a third of the size of a tennis court, with paddles slightly larger than ping pong and a tennis-sized whiffle ball. The ECIA has three pickleball courts located on the basketball court at the Community Center. Pickleball can be played there daily up until 3 PM. After 3 PM, the court is reserved for basketball.

The pickleball philosophy at Eldorado is that everyone is welcome, no matter what your playing level might be. Beginners are welcome, and we ask that the games are friendly. If people want to play more competitively, they can go to Fort Marcy or the Genoveva Chavez Community Center.

We use an app called TeamReach to connect players. The code for Eldorado Pickleball residents is 8908. There, you can sign up to play on any given day, note the time you plan to play, and send messages to individuals or the entire group. The pickleball group currently has 46 members. Come join the fun!

—Erica Valentine
Photo by John Bentley



Left to right, Eldorado residents: Annie Maes, Deb Hunter, Bill Todino

ECIA has received inquiries from residents about starting sports groups, clubs, and organizations. Although we do not have any official leagues or teams, residents are free to put out a call of interest in getting groups to meet up for sports activities and forming new clubs. Recent announcements for pick-up games have included basketball, volleyball, water polo and pickleball. Shuffleboard, horseshoes, and the baseball/softball field are also available for group play. To submit a call for interested residents to join a sports activity or to see if there is interest in starting a new club or organization, send an email to rpierce@hoamco.com. Please allow at least 48 hours for inclusion in an upcoming eBlast.

Tips and Tricks to Keep Mice and Packrats Away

It's to be said that when you purchase a home in Eldorado, it comes with a free family of mice and packrats. However, not everyone is excited about the gifts that keep on giving. Many homeowners struggle with the never-ending battle against mice and packrats.

Rodent issues can be mitigated with removing attractants such as food and water sources close to homes and vehicles. If they think your yard is a good food source, they will want to stay close by. Here are some tips to keep them out of your home and vehicles.

1. Make sure bird feeders and bird baths are at least 30 feet from your house and other structures where rodents would nest. Select bird feeders with a wide bottom tray to catch dropped seed. Never place seed directly on the ground. The best way to stop bird feeders attracting rodents is to supplement bird feeders with native plants. Native shrubs and trees provide the natural habitat, insects, nectar, seeds and nutrition birds crave.
2. Remove potential nesting areas by keeping a clean yard free of clutter and debris.
3. Support native predator populations. Snakes are a natural deterrent.

4. Implement comprehensive exclusionary efforts by plugging cracks, holes, and crevices around your home with steel wool, spray foam insulation or caulk. Make sure to check all outdoor spaces at the ground level and the roof. Mice can enter through the tiniest of gaps. Make sure to check for these openings in the garage as well.
5. Use a tight-fitting brush style weather seal guard around the garage door. Make sure there are no gaps.
6. Check for gaps around and under doors. If there are gaps, install new door seals.
7. Take out your trash often and rinse recyclables before placing them in outdoor bins.
8. If you have a chimney, install a mesh-covered chimney cap.
9. Store dog and cat kibble, and birdseed in sealed containers.
10. Keep vehicles in a garage if you have one.
11. Use ultrasonic LED devices under the engine hood of vehicles to keep rodents out of vehicles and from chewing wiring and the interior. These inexpensive devices can be found online.

*Thank you to Robert Powers and Joe Newman
for contributing to this article.*

—Rhonda Pierce

On Eldorado's 50th Anniversary

Just two years after the first Earth Day in 1970, the community of Eldorado was conceived. Keeping in step with the ecological awareness of those times, our community was born with a consciousness of preserving the beautiful environment. One of the founding documents, entitled "Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions For Eldorado at Santa Fe" makes frequent references to the property which has been "beautifully preserved in its natural and unspoiled state" and the "pastoral environment for the benefit of all the property owners, which fosters a beneficial land use which retains the unique beauty of the environment". The document assumes that all owners of property within Eldorado Ranch are motivated by the character of the natural environment and accept these protective covenants.

This year, on **July 4**, we are celebrating not only the birthday of a nation, but the birth of a community with a keen environmental awareness. Eldorado/285 Recycles is a volunteer group whose mission is to sustain the environmental health of our community envisioned by the founders. One only has to look at the drought, wind, and fires of recent months to clearly see that our environment here is threatened.

The mantra for cleaning up the environment is Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Despite our group's name, recycling is really the last resort. Over the years, our group has emphasized waste reduction with our zero waste and composting programs and has advocated for the concept of reuse with the creation of our reuse area at the Eldorado

Convenience Center. Also, we have supported local businesses that thrive on the concept of reused goods. Education about recycling has been a mainstay of our mission.

However, the one constant of life is that everything changes. While some materials, like paper, can effectively be recycled, there are major problems recycling plastic. A recent article in The Atlantic magazine explains why plastic recycling doesn't work and never will: <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/05/single-use-plastic-chemical-recycling-disposal/661141/>.

With this news in mind, the solution to the plastic pollution that is ruining our environment is to just make less plastic. This can only come about through legislation; plastic producers will not voluntarily do this. Recently, the Board of Commissioners of Santa Fe County passed a resolution to investigate the possibility of enacting an ordinance to ban plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. Eldorado's protective covenants have been a success in bringing attention to, and preserving our 'pastoral' environment. Keeping it that way, free from plastic pollution, would fulfill the vision of the founders. Regulation can work for the benefit of everyone.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ELDORADO!

Thanks to Sheila Sullivan for the inspiration and documents for this article.

—Gary Stoller, Eldorado/285 Recycles

Do You Haiku?

The Academy of American Poets defines Japanese Haiku as "a traditional Japanese three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count. Often focusing on images from nature, Haiku emphasizes simplicity, intensity, and directness of expression. The philosophy of Haiku focuses on a brief moment in time; a use of provocative, colorful images; an ability to be read in one breath; and a sense of sudden enlightenment."

It is very easy to get started writing your own Haiku. To start, pick a topic, then create a list of words associated with that topic. Once you have your list, use those words to assemble your Haiku. Move words of different syllables from the list into different positions in the three lines until you reach the 5/7/5 syllable count and have an ear-pleasing phrase. Haiku is a brain-stimulating yet relaxing activity that anyone can do. For more information on Haiku, see poets.org/glossary/haiku.

Submit your original Haiku to articles@eldoradosf.org. Each month we will feature at least one original Haiku by a resident.

—Rhonda Pierce

Join us for ECIA's
50TH ANNIVERSARY
&
4TH OF JULY PARTY!

Parade begins at 10 AM
followed by games, activities,
a bicycle decorating contest,
car show, BBQ, DJ, paletas,
and much more!

**See the flyer on the website
for more information.**

We hope to
see you all here!

The Night Skies Above Eldorado: July 2022



The planet Venus followed the Jupiter-Mars conjunction into the dawn sky on May 29. In the photo, Venus is below and left of center; Jupiter is the bright planet at the upper right, with Mars just below and to Jupiter's right.

The Milky Way is above the horizon, from the southeast to the northeast, as darkness descends, and it remains visible all night. In early July, all seven planets are strung across the dawn sky.

The constellation Scorpius, the scorpion, is in the south during late evenings. While the ancient Greeks are often credited with naming the constellation, the designation can be traced back to the Babylonians, whose name translates into English as 'the creature with the burning sting'. The Babylonians saw the neighboring constellation Libra, as the scorpion's claws.

Scorpius is one of the constellations whose outline resembles its name. However, not every culture sees a scorpion. On the island of Java, some see a swan sitting on a nest; others see a coconut tree. Hawaiians see a fishhook belonging to the demigod trickster, Maui. Maui attached this hook to the seafloor, then convinced his brothers to paddle their canoe as hard as possible, telling them they were hauling in a huge fish. Unbeknownst to Maui's brothers, they pulled the Hawaiian Islands into existence.

KEY JULY 2022 NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

July 1: All seven planets, plus the dwarf planet Pluto, are evenly spaced in the dawn sky. Mercury, the last in line, rises in the ENE at approximately 4:55 AM. Most naked eye observers will see five planets (from right to left: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury).

July 13: The waxing gibbous moon joins the front of the conga line of planets. It passes each planet over the next two weeks.

July 13: The Moon is full at 12:38 PM, in Sagittarius. This full moon is called a supermoon because the Moon is near its closest point to Earth and is slightly larger than an average full moon.

July 28: The Moon is new and too close to the Sun to be visible.

July 28–29: The Delta Aquarid meteor shower peaks on the night of July 28 and pre-dawn of July 29. The Moon is new, providing dark skies in which to view this shower. At its peak, the shower produces approximately 20 meteors per hour.

July 29: A thin crescent moon and Mercury set together during twilight in the WNW. Binoculars and a clear horizon will likely be needed to see them.

July 31: Red Mars and blue Uranus make a close pair, rising at approximately 12:45 AM. Binoculars or a small telescope will be helpful in viewing Uranus.



Red Moon. The waxing crescent moon set over the Cerro Pelado wildfire on May 7 (left); the full moon was in total eclipse eight nights later (right).

—Article and photos, Eric Saltmarsh

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SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FIRE EXPERTS SUGGEST:

- Do all yard maintenance that requires a gas or electrical motor before 10 AM, not in the heat of the day, or when the wind is blowing.
- Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns. Never use lawn mowers on dry vegetation.
- Use a weed trimmer or a walk behind string trimmer to cut down dry weeds and dry grass.
- Constantly look back at the area you have mowed making sure you didn't create a spark and start a fire.
- Make sure you have a properly working spark arrester on all equipment.

- Keep equipment clean and free of oil and gasoline on the machine.
- Routinely clean out grass from the mower blades with a water hose.
- Do not remove safety devices from the mower.
- Never add oil or gas to a hot mower that was just used, let it sit for a few minutes to cool down.
- Keep a water bottle or a small fire extinguisher handy.
- Have a cell phone with you and call 911 immediately in case of a fire.

—Article and photo on page 1, Jonathan Turkle,
ECIA Board Director

July Meetings—Community Center Now Open

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	12, 26	3–5 PM <i>CFR & Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	19	5:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	5	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Sue Will	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	Not meeting in July		Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	6	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	12	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	Not meeting in July		James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday	18	6:30–8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	12	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	20	3–5 PM <i>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Life Drawing	Alt. Mondays	4, 18	9:30–11:30 AM <i>CR</i>	Joe Mullins	joe@fishpront.net
	Model Railroad	2nd Tuesday	12	6–8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
Weekly	Adult Basketball Pick-Up	Thursdays	6 PM–Dusk <i>Courts</i>			
	Bible Study & Worship Service	Saturdays	10:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>		Kevin Rehorn	kevinrehorn@msn.com
	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesdays	8:30 AM <i>NE corner CC Pkg.</i>		Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914 trgibbs@comcast.net
	Fitness Class	Tuesday / Thursday	9–10:30 AM <i>CR</i>		Sandra Younf	ysandra317@gmail.com
	Knitting Club	Contact for information			Joyce Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com
	Recovery AA Meetings	Tues / Thurs / Fri	Tues: 5:45 PM <i>CR</i> Thurs: 6 PM <i>CR</i> Fri: 6 PM <i>RR</i>		Olivia Ogorek	oliviaogorek@gmail.com
	Volleyball Pick-Up	Thursdays	7 PM–Dusk <i>Courts</i>			
*	Social Games	Wednesdays	6, 20	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>Breezeway</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
	July 4th / 50th Celebration	Monday	4	10 AM Parade <i>Community Center</i>	Ciara Walsh	cwalsh@hoamco.com

Zoom meeting information is online at www.eldoradosf.org > News & Events > Zoom Schedule. Calendar info collected and verified by ECIA office, GM@eldoradosf.org. Sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs by going to eldoradosf.org, scroll down to “Sign up for eBlasts”.

CFR: Conference Room; CR: Classroom; CC: Comm. Ctr.; CC Patio: Comm. Ctr. Patio; CC Pkg.: Comm. Ctr. Parking Lot; RR: Railroad Bldg.

* Indicates Community July events

Vista Grande Public Library July Events

Summer Reading: Wednesday afternoons in July, 2–3 PM.

Summer Movie Matinees: Tuesdays, 1:30 PM. Family-friendly, ocean-related. Please call **505 466-7323** for titles.

All ages Chess: Fridays, 3–5 PM

Medicare: See our newsletter or contact the library for dates.

What How Why Are Comics?* Presented by 7000BC, Saturday, July 9, 1–3 PM. Opening Up Panels, Their Contents, and Filling the Space Between. An introduction to what makes a comic a comic. A panel a panel. And a gutter a truly fascinating place to be. Ready to make a comic? For ages 11 and up. Program is free, registration is required.

Writing in An Ocean of Possibilities:* Saturday, July 23 & 30, 1 PM. Award-Winning Local Author Alex Diaz will share her skills, natural talent and what she’s learned as a professional writer in a writing workshop geared to tweens and teens. This is a two-part workshop, please contact the library to register.

Swashbuckling Shakespeare:* Friday, July 29, 6:30 PM. Get up close and personal with scenes and sword fights! Players from the Upstart Crows youth players and the Shakespeare Gym will present short scenes from the Bard’s plays and give Stage Fight demonstrations and lessons.

*Funding provided by an ALA/ARPA/Humanities Grant

Sensory Storytime: Engage kids through movement, music, stories, and sensory activity play. Ideal for children with autism and sensory processing disorders. Tuesdays, 1:30 PM: June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26 in the Youth Zone. Registration preferred. Contact Ron Girmus at **505 629-3141**.

The Dog Days of Summer: Saturday, July 16, 1–3:30 PM. We will have dog adoptions from the Española Animal Shelter, service and therapy dogs— including Amy the handler and Greta the Burmese Mountain Dog who’s visited before, and new participants Rich Arimoto and his corgi F—in and around the library to show you the hard work they do and answer your questions about dogs with jobs. Joe Newman will be back with more information about keeping pets safe. For more details look for our library flyers or www.vglibrary.org. Please don’t bring your dogs—thank you for your cooperation.

July Art Exhibition: July 1–31. Selene Sinclair—“Selkies, Swimmers and Sisters”, mixed media & “Funerary”, pressed paper resting vessels.

Art Exhibition Director: Welcome John Wiley, our new Art Exhibition Director, johnwileyphotography@gmail.com.

Board Meeting: Monday, July 18, 5:30 PM. Open to the public.

Vista Grande Public Library is located at 14 Avenida Torreon.

*Twin rainbows growing
Touch the desert north and south:
Bridges in the sky.*

—Ed Velie

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. For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide: www.eldoradosf.org > News & Events > *Vistas* Newsletters.

New Residents Welcome Event



The New Residents Welcome event, June 5, introduced residents to committees, clubs, and organizations such as Vista Grande Public Library (above).

Residents who moved to Eldorado since January of 2020 were invited to meet at the Community Center patio June 5 for a New Residents Welcome event. The success of Eldorado has always relied on the strength of its committees, organizations, and volunteers. Due to the pandemic, the past two years has been challenging for committees and organizations to arrange meetups and continue with volunteer projects.

The New Residents Welcome event had one goal; to bring together our new(er) residents and connect them with the committees, clubs and organizations that are the backbone of the community.

Members from HOAMCO and ECIA, the Board, and the following committees: Conservation, Election, Facilities and Grounds, and Stables were in attendance to share with residents how they support the Board, the community, and what activities and volunteer opportunities are available with those committees.

The Santa Fe Model Railroad Club, Vista Grande Public Library, Eldorado/285 Recycles, Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association, Neighborhood Watch, West Herrada Road Wildflower Conservation Zone, El Dorado Fire and Rescue, and the Eldorado Wildlife Advocacy Group with Snake Responders were also on hand to meet with residents to share information about their organizations and clubs. With over 100 new residents in attendance, the event was a great success.

If you moved to Eldorado since Jan. 1, 2020 and did not receive an email invite for this event, please contact Rhonda Pierce at Rpierce@hoamco.com to make sure we have your email in our system.

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