

VISTAS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Getting to Know the El Dorado Fire Rescue Crew



Members training on apparatus operations and equipment.

Nearly everyone living in Eldorado regularly drives past at least one of our three fire stations. You may take for granted the fact that those stations exist and are on-hand to help you and your neighbors with emergencies.

HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

- El Dorado Fire Rescue is comprised of 100% volunteers;
- El Dorado Fire Rescue volunteer district is under the jurisdiction of Santa Fe County Fire Department, not ECIA or the City of Santa Fe;
- Santa Fe County Fire Department is a combined department, which means it consists of regional professional firefighting and emergency medical teams who respond alongside volunteer districts, such as El Dorado Fire Rescue, in a team effort;
- Being part of this combined department means resources such as the County's Fire Prevention Division, Office of Emergency Management and Wildland Division are readily available to us in an emergency;
- The regional professional crew is called Station 80 and it operates out of Hondo Station 2, located on Old Las Vegas Highway opposite Café Fina. Station 80 is paged to all emergencies in the county's Eastern Region, including those in Glorieta Pass, Galisteo and Hondo, as well as to those in Eldorado;
- Nearly 80% of our calls are actually medical calls! The other calls include structure fires, wildland fires, smoke checks, fire alarm investigations and motor vehicle accidents;
- El Dorado Fire Rescue is paged, along with the Station 80 crew, to every sick call, fire, alarm check and motor vehicle

accident in Eldorado. We are also automatically paged for structure and wildland fires in the entire Eastern region.

WHAT WE DO:

- Serve an area of 93 square miles; far larger than the Eldorado subdivision alone;
- Obtain and maintain certification in wildland firefighting, emergency medical services and/or structure firefighting;
- Train twice a week to keep our skills sharp and practice working together as a team;
- Respond to emergencies for which we are dispatched through the Regional Emergency Communication Center (or RECC) when you call 9-1-1;
- Ensure that we are wearing protective clothing and partnered with other firefighters to keep us safe;
- Through outreach activities, educate our community to potential hazards and try to connect the community with information and resources on safety issues.

WHAT WE DON'T DO:

- Maintain regular office hours at any of our fire stations—they are used to house fire trucks and other apparatus and for members to meet and train. (In addition, occasionally other County initiatives such as vaccination clinics take place at our Station 1);
- Respond to emergencies called in to our business line. If you are experiencing an emergency, you must call 9-1-1. The appropriate units will be dispatched by the County RECC system;
- Police the community or attempt to stop individuals from engaging in potentially harmful behaviors;
- Provide weed removal or any other landscaping service;
- Issue burn permits. Permits are managed by the Santa Fe County Fire Marshal's office.

Regardless of the type of emergency, El Dorado Fire Rescue is honored to help support neighbors in time of need. To enquire about how you can join the group of dedicated individuals volunteering their time to help the community, call us at **505 466-1204**. And be prepared to leave a message!

—Jeanne Gottschalk,
El Dorado Fire Rescue

Photo by El Dorado Fire Rescue

Board Actions and Summary July 19

THE ECIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING was called to order at 5:31 PM, board met in person and held via Zoom and recorded. President Carol Sanguinetti, Vice President Amelia Adair, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary Jonathan McLaughlin, and Directors Jonathan Turkle, James Herbert Williams and Mary Bonilla were present, a quorum was met. HOAMCO staff included General Manager Julie Navarro, Executive Assistant Ciara Walsh, Communications Coordinator Rhonda Pierce, Pool Manager Kevin Raphael and Administrative Assistant Michelle Villegas.

President Sanguinetti announced a change for motions regarding policy changes. These will be posted to the website at least 48 hours prior to the board meeting. This will allow all members to comment prior to the Board voting. Details will be announced soon.

The agenda was adopted, and the consent agenda items were approved.

Treasurer Gutierrez reported at the end of June 43% of the budget has been spent, we are 7% under budget, and there was \$12,819 (8 tenths of 1%) outstanding receivables for 2022. Our cash position is \$261,000 more compared to this time last year. A CD valued at a little more than \$200,000 came due and was reinvested in a 6-month CD at a higher interest rate. GM Navarro made the first presentation on next year's budget and it is on track to be similar to this year's budget.

GM Navarro is forecasting through the end of the year \$130 thousand will be transferred from the remaining operating budget to the reserve account. A flat budget is expected for 2023. Ciara Walsh has been certified as a Notary. Operations Manager Mike Rogers is on vacation, so there is no OM report. Maintenance has been working on the stable course and mowing on the Hike and Bike trails.

PM Kevin Raphael reported that the New Mexico Department of Health contacted ECIA on July 18, 2022, regarding a member who swam at the pool on July 2 and tested positive for *Cryptosporidium*, often referred to as Crypto, on July 6. The pool was immediately closed upon receiving this information. NMDH was on-site on July 19 and met with PM Raphael. NMDH requires pools to be treated with higher-than-normal levels of chemicals (shocked) when possible exposure to Crypto occurs. The chemistry levels are documented every two hours and reported to NMDH. After the required amount of time at the high levels, the chemistry is brought back down to safe levels for the pool to reopen. There have been no other reports of illness. It appears that this has been an isolated incident and is unlikely the resident acquired this at our pool.

The General Manager's Report, Treasurer's Report, County Liaison Report, and Committee and Task Group Reports can be found under the Board and Committees tab > ECIA Governing Board > Board Meeting Reports, on the ECIA website.

President Sanguinetti gave a website update that the next item is to see what can be done to get a members-only login. Director Turkle gave an update on the GIS project: most parcel lines are off by 20–30 ft. and not in a consistent direction.

VARIANCE REQUESTS INCLUDED:

1. 13 Cagua Road—to allow for renovations and improvements to an old coyote fence. The variance request was approved;
2. 1 Caliente Place—to allow for water cisterns to be screened by being painted. The Architectural Committee did not recommend approval as requested. The motion was tabled to give the owners time to find additional solutions to the variance request.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Turkle updated the Board on the Preserve policy motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

VP Adair gave a Bylaws overview. Secretary McLaughlin discussed opportunities to find out the demographics of the community. President Sanguinetti discussed the possibility of reinstating Board working sessions. VP Adair discussed the proposed Charter for a Volunteer Retention and Recruitment Committee. John Gervers with Tree Samaritans said work will be starting in August to maintain the trees on the county right-of-way areas on paved roads. President Sanguinetti discussed the idea of instituting a fine schedule to discourage residents from asking for forgiveness versus asking for permission. GM Navarro stated that funds have been made available to pay for the use of the roll-off dumpster for residents to dispose of tumbleweeds only. This is estimated to cost \$300 for each pick-up and is anticipated that this will require three extra pickups for Aug. All Board members agreed.

OPEN FORUM:

- A resident from 21 Altura Rd. stated that he disagreed with the recent article in *Vistas* regarding mowing and weed whacking. This does not reduce a fire hazard. He believes there are better ways to naturally manage properties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM. The next Board Meeting will be held via Zoom for residents and in-person and Zoom for Board members on Tuesday, Aug. 16th at 5:30 PM.



HOAMCO Welcomes Michelle Villegas

When you walk into ECIA's office you are most likely to see our newest team member at the front desk, Michelle Villegas. Michelle has lived in Santa Fe her entire life. She graduated from Capital High School in 2021, and at her young age she already has diverse experience in customer service. Most recently Michelle worked at Hotel Chimayo in downtown Santa Fe. She comes from a family of five girls which proves she has learned how to have a good relationship with different personalities.

SF County Public Works Addresses Drainage Issues

Now that the monsoon rains are here, some Eldorado roads are experiencing drainage issues. All roads in the Eldorado subdivision are maintained by Santa Fe County. The County's Public Works Department maintenance crew has been working hard all year to repair and restore drainage ways on the unpaved roads throughout Eldorado, but this is a continual project. They do not expect to have cleared and reestablished all ditches and culverts by the time this article goes to press.

Residents can help Santa Fe County improve road maintenance by alerting the County to problem areas and maintenance issues. The County has a "Citizen Work Order" portal on its website. A link to this portal is available on the Road Committee's web page, <https://eldoradosf.org/road-committee/> scroll down toward the bottom of the page and look for this symbol →



Look for this link to the Public Works Department of Santa Fe on the Road Committee website to register issues, complaints, or comments about road conditions in your neighborhood.

The County tracks all work orders reported via this portal in their database, including blocked or clogged culverts and uses this information to help them prioritize road maintenance and repair projects. Unlike in the past, when the County might dispatch a crew to clear a blocked culvert whenever reported, now it is using resources more efficiently by clearing ALL culverts and ditches on a given section of road when a maintenance crew is dispatched. However, that can mean a longer interval between the time when a work order is initiated and when the maintenance team is able to respond.

Maintaining and upgrading the drainage, especially on unpaved roads, requires the County to grade ditches and remove rocks, railroad ties and other items which may impede flow through the culverts. The County has also started mowing road right-of-ways, to improve drainage and reduce fire risk from overgrown weeds.

If you have questions, residents are always welcome to attend ECIA Road Committee meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. The Road Committee works closely with the County to monitor and discuss issues of concern with County staff.

—Amelia Adair
ECIA Board Vice President

Coexisting with Wildlife Event—Aug. 27 on the Patio

Saturday, Aug. 27, 7 PM. Bring your lawn chairs to the back patio at the Community Center for an evening presentation by Joe Newman on how we can Coexist with Wildlife in Eldorado. Meet with the Conservation Committee and the Eldorado Wildlife Advocacy Group from 7–8 PM, Joe's presentation will start once the sun goes down at 8 PM. Stick around after the presentation for a Question-and-Answer session. Residents are encouraged to submit questions in advance, by 4 PM on Aug. 26, to rpierce@hoamco.com. Eldorado is a special community that comes with opportunities to coexist with indigenous flora and fauna. Often, there is surprise, confusion—even apprehension and disappointment with living in our community. Understanding and familiarity with our natural and wild environment will add to the quality of ALL residents and the value of living in Eldorado. We hope to see you there!



A young resident learns how to properly handle an Eldorado resident bullsnake.

—Photo by Rhonda Pierce,
ECIA

ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

Board: President Carol Sanguinetti, Vice President Amelia Adair, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary Jonathan McLaughlin, Director Jonathan Turtle, 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.



July 4th residents gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ECIA and the 4th of July. Residents this year were able to enjoy a longer parade led by the El Dorado Fire Rescue, Barbeque from B.R. Catering, homemade paletas from Oasis Ice Cream Shop, music to dance to by Diego DeAgüero, door prizes, vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles, and pool games. Fred Raznick was recognized as having lived in Eldorado the longest, since 1979 and Dale Friends was voted by residents “Best of Show” with his 1941 Ford Deluxe Street Rod.

—Photos: Carol Carden & Rhonda Pierce



News Corral

ZYDECO MUSIC EVENING

Get your happy feet on and c'mon out for a free zydeco music evening with Zydeco Squeeze, Saturday, **Aug. 27, 5:30 PM–8 PM** at the Outdoor Stage at La Tienda. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy some infectious, toe-tappin', booty-shakin', upbeat tunes. Zydeco is a fusion of blues, Cajun, Afro-Caribbean, and rock, featuring the accordion.



Zydeco Squeeze is a quartet of Julia Spinelli, Judy Mitchell, Josh Allen, and Doug Eib.

TRIVIA CONTESTS HAVE COME TO ELDORADO!

The next two events are scheduled for Mondays on **Aug. 29** and **Sept. 26**, will start at **6 PM**, and take place at Santa Fe Brewing in La Tienda. These trivia contests are a fundraiser for the Vista Grande Public Library. The entry fee is \$5 per person, and there will be a special prize for the winning team. Teams can include up to 4 people and we'll be happy to match up those without a team before each contest. Questions will come from multiple categories such as World History, TV & the Movies, New Mexico and Santa Fe, and, of course, General Trivia.

SAVE THE DATE!

Eldorado Studio Tour: Saturday and Sunday, **Sept. 24 & 25, 10 AM–5 PM**. Visit <https://www.eldoradoarts.org/eldorado-studio-tour> for more info.

Gallery Hosts Wanted: Experience not necessary. The typical shift is two hours in length. You will assist visitors at the Studio Tour Preview Gallery (located at ECIA Community Center), man information tables, and help with the wrapping of sold items. The Studio Tour Preview Gallery will be open to the public **Sept. 23, 5–7 PM**, and **Sept. 24–25, 9 AM–5 PM**. Contact Gail Ackerman at whiteiris@newmexico.com for more information.



The Night Skies Above Eldorado: August 2022



A Perseid meteor slashes above the constellation Orion in August 2021. The faint glow in the sky to the left of center is called the Zodiacal Light—sunlight reflecting off dust particles orbiting the Sun.

By mid-August, the planets, except for Mercury, are strung across the dawn sky, from the WSW horizon to the ENE. Now is the best time to view Saturn since it's near opposition to the Sun all month, making it close, bright and visible all night. The Milky Way is also in prime viewing position, stretching from horizon to horizon.

August offers another chance to view a full 'supermoon.' A supermoon is a full moon that occurs when the Moon is near its closest approach to Earth in its elliptical orbit around

our planet. The opposite of a supermoon is a 'micromoon'—a full Moon occurring when the Moon is close to its farthest point from Earth.

A supermoon is slightly larger than a micromoon. The difference in apparent size is not obvious when looking at the Moon in the sky.

KEY AUGUST 2022 NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

August 1–31: The Zodiacal Light is faintly visible in the east for about an hour before dawn begins.

August 1: Mars and Uranus will be in conjunction at 3:22 AM in the constellation Aries. Red Mars will be easy to find with the naked eye, but blue Uranus, just 1.2 degrees north of Mars, will require binoculars for most people.

August 11: A full supermoon occurs at 7:36 PM. Moonrise occurs 41 minutes later (at 8:17 PM).

August 12–13: Arguably the best meteor shower of the year, the Perseids peak on the night of the 12th and morning of the 13th. Under ideal conditions, 60 or more meteors an hour can be expected, but the light from the waning gibbous moon will make viewing faint meteors difficult.

August 14: Saturn is opposite the Sun in the sky, rising in the ESE as the sun sets. August is a great month to view the ringed planet with a telescope since it's close to Earth, appearing larger than average. Under good viewing conditions, even a small telescope will show Saturn's ring system and its largest moon, Titan.

August 27: The Moon is new and not visible, making this a good time to view deep sky objects, like the Andromeda Galaxy, that require dark skies to see well.

August 27: Mercury is at its greatest distance east of the Sun, visible during evening twilight for about an hour after the Sun sets.

—Article and photo, Eric Saltmarsh

Vista Grande Public Library August Events

All ages Chess: Fridays, 3–5 PM

Rock Time: First Saturday of the month through Oct. at 11 AM, (Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1). Bring your rocks, fossils, and your "I think this might be somethings". Local archeologists and geologists are on hand to answer questions and show you some of their finds. This is a great program for all ages!

"Roadside Geology and Geography Around Eldorado."

Saturday, Aug. 13 at 1 PM: Laura Reich will talk about the geology and topography of our area, including photos from key points in Eldorado, explaining how the geologically significant areas formed.

Family Movie Night: Friday, Aug. 19 at 7 PM. Please contact VGPL for details.

New Mexico's Railroads ~ from Territory Days to Statehood & Today: Saturday, Aug. 20 at 1 PM, presented by New Mexico railroad historian, Fred Friedman. Railroads were the

Space Program of the 1880s. They changed everything from law to architecture. They brought new jobs and prosperity to developing land. Their impact continues today.

Funding for the Railroad program is provided by an ALA/ARPA/Humanities Grant.

Trivia Night: Aug. 29 and Sept. 26, 6 PM—see the News Corral section on page 5 of this edition of *Vistas* for more info.

August Art Exhibition: Aug. 1–31

The 2D artist will be Gail Larcom displaying acrylic paintings. The 3D artist will be Jasmine Quinisier displaying books/laser-cut paper.

VGPL Board Meeting: Monday, Aug. 15, 5:30 PM. Open to the public.

Medicare: Please see our library newsletter or contact the library for Medicare dates for August.

August 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	9, 23	3–5 PM <i>CFR & Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	16	5:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	2	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Sue Will	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	10	3–5 PM <i>CFR & Zoom</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	3	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	9	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	3	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday	15	6:30–8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	9	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	18	3–5 PM <i>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Life Drawing	Alt. Mondays	1, 15, 29	9:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Joe Mullins	joe@fishpront.net
	Model Railroad	2nd Tuesday	9	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
	Chair Aerobics	Tuesday / Thursday		10:30–11:30 AM <i>CR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	505 577-7305 naomiburtnick@gmail.com
	Eldorado Hikers	Tuesdays		8:30 AM <i>NE corner CC Pkg.</i>	Terry Gibbs	505 466-6914 triggibbs@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 (Mahjong)	Wednesday	3	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>Breezeway</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
	Coexist with Wildlife Program	Saturday	27	7 PM Bring Lawnchairs <i>CC Patio</i>	Rhonda Pierce	rpierce@hoamco.com
**	EACA Studio Tour	Sat / Sun	24, 25	10 AM–5 PM <i>Eldorado</i>		eldoradostudiotour@gmail.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 August Events ** Indicates Community September Events

Eldorado Wildlife Update—Seasonal Species

The arrival of summer and the welcome shift in Eldorado’s windy, dry weather has led to the emergence of several seasonal species: walkers, runners and cyclists. While their age, appearance, habitats, and feeding patterns vary, these creatures have one thing in common—they are out and about on our pathways and roads at all times of day.

Their presence inevitably leads to interactions, and sometimes conflicts, with a year-round Eldorado inhabitant: the driver. While generally benign, drivers can become assertive, aggressive and sometimes hostile to these smaller, slower-moving creatures. These conflicts are exceedingly dangerous given the size, weight and speed differentials, but given the pleasant demeanor of most citizens here, such incidents are relatively rare.

There is one subspecies of driver that poses a particular hazard to all other creatures: the cell phone user. They are easy to recognize—eyes down, staring at their phone as they meander along Ave. Vista Grande at 10 mph under the speed limit, or talking animatedly and gesticulating with their hands as they weave over the double yellow line on Ave. Eldorado.

What makes them so dangerous? They are distracted.

The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration defines distracted driving as “any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone,

eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle...” and several others. Apparently, “texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that’s like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.”¹

Using a cell phone when driving has instant, often fatal, permanent consequences. Across the country, 3,142 people were killed by distracted driving in 2020. In 2021, 470 New Mexicans died in traffic accidents, with speeding, aggressive driving and distracted driving being the top three causes.² Add to these thousands more who are maimed, brutalized, bereaved and locked up.

I nearly got sideswiped on my bike three days ago by a sweet, kind neighbor who blew through a stop sign in their SUV as they chattered away on their phone, laughing, smiling and not noticing as they nearly killed me and destroyed my family.

As we enjoy this glorious summer, let’s keep a close watch on all the creatures around us, great and small, wheeled and non-wheeled. And keep our eyes where they belong: off our phones and on the road.

—Michael Quinn

¹ Source: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

² Source: <https://www.krqe.com/news/new-mexico/2021-named-deadliest-year-on-new-mexico-roads/>

*Arroyos alive
With the stop-and-go traffic
Of scuttling prey.*
—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.

Start a Zero Waste Lifestyle!

Zero Waste means little or no trash for the landfill. All that remains are recyclable, reusable, or compostable materials. Good for the planet and all that live on it!

Here are easy guidelines to get you started. Try it for a day, a week, or even a month.



- 1** Use reusable dinnerware (real plates, metal forks, knives, etc. or use compostable, biodegradable (BPI), or recyclable dinnerware. These are found in your local grocery stores or online.
- 2** Ask your friends to avoid plastic packaging if bringing food. Use beeswax cloth, parchment paper or washable pots. Drinks can be in cans or glass bottles, not plastic.
- 3** Do not buy/use non-compostable materials such as plastic wrap, coffee stirrers, plastic straws, plastic utensils, ice-cream wrappers, or tea in foil bags.

- 4** I find it helpful to put a sign or a picture of what types of items go in each recycle and compost bin you use for the collection so that family or guests see it clearly.
- 5** Collect and compost all uneaten or discarded food; store it in a compost container, or bag it in a compostable bag. Compostable food can be taken to ReUnity Resources, ReunityResources.com, 505 393-1196. Compostable serving ware must be composted in a commercial composting system that reaches higher temperatures than home systems. Food can be taken either to a commercial composting facility or your own backyard compost system, but depending on your party, you may need to separate what can be deposited in a backyard system and what cannot. Meat and dairy items cannot go in your backyard compost and can only be composted by commercial operations.

You may find this way of life a lot easier than imagined and feel really surprised and good about what is possible. **Eldorado/285 Recycles.org** website is a great resource and we are always willing to help.

—Sue Garfitt,
Eldorado/285 Recycles



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