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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Facilities & Grounds October Town Hall Wrap-Up

The Facilities and Grounds Committee (F&G) hosted a Zoomed Town Hall Oct. 11 to discuss current amenities and answer resident questions. Projects completed in 2022 include:

- A new disc golf course designed by resident Larry LaSota
- New mulch added to the dog park
- Patio lighting
- Paved pathways to the courts to allow getting equipment to the courts easier
- Lighting in the Railroad Room at the request of one of the community organizations

On the list to be completed for 2022 are permanent shade structures that will be added to the Compadres Park playground. This should be completed by the end of Nov. This shade structure project is a result of feedback from residents.

Ongoing goals for the Facilities and Grounds Committee are to develop strategies for increasing the use of ECIA amenities through possible activities such as:

- Pool parties and game nights
- Evening lecture series on the patio
- Community Days in conjunction with the Stables
- Develop participation in baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball teams
- Hold resident tournaments for pickleball and tennis
- Resident-led sports lessons
- Increase the class offerings at the Community Center

Continued concerns regarding non-resident use and unvaccinated dogs in the dog park should see two gates with proximity card readers installed in 2023 and will complete the gated amenities project.

RESIDENT SUBMITTED QUESTIONS:

- 1 *Is the committee planning to request money from the County to pave the Hike & Bike trail along Compadres, from Herrada Rd. to Vista Grande?*

Answer: Since the Hike & Bike Trails belong to the county, the committee is in the process of checking to see if monies for a different project can temporarily be moved to the Compadres Hike & Bike Trail. In addition, the resident commented that there seems to be a need

for a Master Plan to keep projects moving forward and set priorities for the trail systems. It was suggested to collaborate with the Conservation Committee to develop a Master Plan.

- 2 *Regarding recent incidents at the dog park, a resident wanted to know what can be done about aggressive dogs.*

Answer: If one dog is aggressive to a particular dog, those owners should talk and determine when they utilize the dog park or use the annex section to avoid confrontation. If a dog is aggressive to all dogs, it could be banned from the dog park until it receives behavioral training. Instances need to be reported immediately to the office so that camera footage can be reviewed. The Dog Park subcommittee is looking at the current policies and will be meeting to put these policies into writing. In some instances, the sheriff should be called immediately. A meeting for dog park users will be scheduled asking for resident input.

- 3 *With the new maintenance facility proposed in the 2023 budget, has the Board approved this? And will the metal building be in line and in keeping with our covenants and guidelines?*

Answer: Per Operations Manager Mike Rogers, there has been a Capitol Improvement Project Request submitted. OM Rogers is working with Mark Young, Architectural Compliance Coordinator, to select colors that fall within the acceptable colors, but ECIA grounds are not subject to covenant and compliance requirements as they were originally developed separately.

The Facilities and Grounds Committee has developed a Capitol Project Request to xeriscape the grassy island area at the Community Center. A call is being put out to Master Gardeners in Eldorado to help design and create a high desert landscape. This will use little water and contain native plants that will draw pollinators, butterflies and birds. Reclaimed water will be used and the sprinkler system will be retrofitted to a drip system for the new plantings.

Residents are encouraged to participate in monthly F&G meetings to learn about what is happening in their community.

Board Actions and Summary October 18

THE ECIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING was called to order at 5:30 PM, board met in person and held via Zoom and recorded.

Roll Call: President Sanguinetti, Vice President Adair, Treasurer Gutierrez, Secretary McLaughlin via Zoom, Director's Turkle, Williams and Bonilla were present, and a quorum was met.

Changes to the agenda: President Sanguinetti announced motions to be added: VP Adair added the resignation of Stable Committee member Deena Joseph. Director Williams added that Mike Busby be added as a member of the Facilities and Grounds Committee. All agreed on the agenda changes.

The agenda was adopted, and the consent agenda items were motioned for approval by Director Turkle and seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez, all were in favor. Consent agenda items approved included the General Manager's Report, Covenant Compliance Report and September Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer Gutierrez reported: as of the end of September, ECIA has spent 70 % of the budget. No budget shortfalls are expected. Less than .0036 % is outstanding on receivables.

Treasurer Gutierrez, County Report: An email has been sent to the Santa Fe County Public Works Director for a follow-up meeting. A request for funds has been submitted for the Azul Trail project.

GM Navarro: A Town Hall has been scheduled for Nov. 7 to discuss the 2023 budget.

OM Rogers: Compadres Park shade structure should be installed at the end of Nov. or the beginning of Dec. The handball court will be repainted the week of Oct. 24. Maintenance worked on the Hike and Bike Trail off Compadres to repair washed-out areas. The pool has been completely winterized.

The Board of Directors approved the following motions:

1. Vice President Adair moved to approve the revised Charter for the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention *ad hoc* Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Williams and all were in favor.
2. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation of the budget draft V.6. The motion was seconded by Director Bonilla and all were in favor.

3. President Sanguinetti moved to approve the 2022 staff-paid holidays. The motion was seconded by VP Adair and all were in favor.
4. VP Adair moved to accept the resignation of Deena Joseph from the Stable Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Bonilla and all were in favor.
5. Director Williams moved to accept Mike Busby as a member of the Facilities and Grounds Committee. VP Adair seconded and all were in favor.

There were no variance requests to present to the Board.

Old Business:

The Board has recommended mediation for 1 Caliente Pl. regarding the cistern compliance issue.

The Environmental Stewardship Committee has not had any volunteers come forward, and they will wait until after the holidays to make a decision on the future of the committee. An option is to move the work of this committee into the F&G Committee.

New Business:

VP Adair—Board retreat scheduled for **Sun. Nov. 20, 2 PM**, location TBD. President Sanguinetti—Meeting with PNM: our electrical infrastructure is deteriorating quicker than expected. PNM would like to have a meeting with members, date and time TBD. VP Adair—Updates to the Covenant Compliance Policy should look at using fines as an option. We are the only HOA that does not utilize fines. Our governing documents do not have a lot of the tools that newer HOA's have and a workgroup should be used to look at suggestions.

Time was allowed for Open Forum. President Sanguinetti asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, VP Adair moved, Director Turkle seconded, and all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next Board Meeting will be held in person and via Zoom on **Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 PM.**

BUDGET TOWN HALL MEETING NOV. 7 AT 5:30 PM TO DISCUSS 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS:

New Maintenance Facility	\$ 220,000.00
License Plate Readers	\$ 30,000.00
Pump Track	\$ 10,000.00
Stable Training Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
Speed Bumps	\$ 10,000.00
Dog Park Entry System	\$ 16,000.00



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 Mon-Sat 8:30 AM-5 PM*. For information call 505 466-4248.

***Starting Nov. 1 the office will be closed on Sundays with the exception of scheduled groups.**

Volunteer Retention & Recruitment *ad hoc* Committee

The ECIA Board has established a new Volunteer Retention and Recruitment *ad hoc* Committee (“VRRC”), and is seeking members. The mission of this *ad hoc* Committee is to improve the quality of the ECIA’s volunteer leadership, by developing a set of best practices and strategies for attracting, supporting and helping retain volunteers for ECIA committees, task forces, events and special projects, and Board nominees.

Like most community associations, the ECIA relies on dedicated and talented volunteers to provide many services to the community. One of its most important volunteer roles is governing the community via serving on the Board of Directors. That’s why the primary objective of the VRRC is to identify and support potential future Board nominees, in addition to volunteer leaders at all levels of the organization.

Ideally, the VRRC will support the Board, staff and other committee chairs who already do the important work of volunteer leadership development. Examples of activities the VRRC may do to support them include establishing a team to welcome new residents; planning and participating in community events to orient new residents; and developing a system for identifying, mentoring and assisting qualified board candidates through the nomination or appointment process.

The Board hopes this *ad hoc* committee will attract a wide range of Eldorado residents, including people who enjoy event planning, meeting new neighbors, and volunteer service. Please contact a.adair@eldoradosf.org for more information about this new initiative to improve community governance in Eldorado.

—Amelia Adair
Vice President, ECIA Board



Volunteers—members of the Conservation Committee—enjoy a bluebird day while working in the Eldorado Community Preserve.

Tips from the Pro: Getting Started Playing Disc Golf

Thanks for your interest in the new Eldorado Disc Golf Course. Disc golf is a family-friendly, low-cost activity played with discs (similar to a frisbee) and has rules like golf. You don’t need special discs, but you will most likely want specialized discs designed for disc golf. I recommend starting off with one of the following sets, perfect for beginners and intermediate players and costing around \$25. These sets include a driver, putter and a midrange disc.

- Dynamic Discs Prime Burst 3-Disc Golf Set
- Innova disc golf set—3 pack
- Latitude 64 Advanced 3-disc Retro starter set



Example of 3-disc golf set

Discs can be purchased online or at local sporting goods stores. There are many great online resources for learning the game. There are also many disc golf how-to videos on YouTube channels available to help get you started including the following recommendations:

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sgn6Os4YSW0
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp1N5W2vPuc
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUZmbYA9cQE

Get some practice in before each round at the Practice Basket located between the pool and Monte Alto Rd. as you head to the first tee.

One bit of advice: With every throw take a few practice swings. At the end of each swing, focus on your release point and that you have the disc flat. Take your time with each throw.

Be sure to put your first name and telephone number on your discs with a sharpie. Yes, you will find yourself searching for your disc now and then. We all lose them. And if you find someone else’s disc with a number, give them a call. Download the Disc Golf Course map and rules from the ECIA website at eldoradosf.org > Resident Resources > Amenities and Facilities.

If you have any questions, email eldodisco@gmail.com.

Enjoy!

—Larry LaSota

Gatherings In and Around Eldorado



The **Eldorado Community Stables** welcomed their neighbors during the Community Fun Day Open House on **Oct. 1**. Over 130 Eldorado residents and guests enjoyed free horseback rides (courtesy of Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding), painting a pony, art projects, refreshments, grooming a donkey, stick horse and other kids games, a scavenger hunt, a riding demonstration, and touring the Stable Amenity common areas.

The Eldorado Stable Committee sincerely thanks the many volunteers—25 barn owners and sharers from Eldorado Community Stables, and 12 from Listening Horse Therapeutic

Riding, who worked hard and donated most of their Saturday to make this event happen.

Those who missed the Community Fun Day event are welcome to visit the Community Stables at any time during daylight hours to enjoy this unique amenity. Year-round activities for people without horses include dog walking, birdwatching, Plein air painting, picking up manure for compost, and simply enjoying the beautiful equines. Please see the Stables page on the **eldoradosf.org** website for more information.

—Amelia Adair,
Photos, Rhonda Pierce

The pool wrapped up a great season with the annual **Doggy Splash Day** where two and four legged swimmers enjoyed one last day in the pool. Over 50 dogs and 100 owners took part in this year's event.

—Photos, Rhonda Pierce

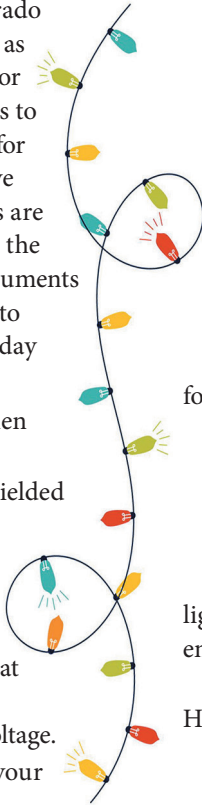




With the Holiday Season upon us many Eldorado residents will soon be decorating their homes as part of their family celebrations. While exterior holiday lighting is allowed in Eldorado the ECIA wants to remind all residents that Eldorado does have guidelines for exterior lighting as part of the Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions. These guidelines are detailed on page 15 of the Architectural Guidelines on the ECIA website at www.eldoradosf.org > Governing Documents > Architectural Guidelines, and were updated in 2017 to include Section 5.4.9, which allows for Christmas Holiday Lighting from **Thanksgiving to Jan. 15**.

Some key points and suggestions for residents when planning their exterior decorating:

- Avoid using any bright-colored spotlights or unshielded bulbs over 75 watts.
- Be sure any larger lights (such as colored spotlights) are downward shielded and are not bare bulbs shining out toward neighbors.
- When illuminating any outdoor features, be sure that lighting is not shining upward, but is directed downward toward the base of the item and is low voltage.
- A timer on exterior lights can be used to turn off your



lights at a reasonable hour, save energy and not bother your neighbors in the late evening hours.

- Use Creative and Reflective Decorating! Reflective ornaments, ribbons, wreaths, garland and tinsel can be very attractive and they use no electricity.
- Use energy efficient LED holiday lights wherever possible. They are available at most stores and are energy efficient and durable.
- Please be sure to take down or turn off all Holiday Lighting by **Jan. 15**.

Further information on energy saving lighting can be found on these websites:

- <https://illumination.duke-energy.com/articles/stay-safe-and-save-with-these-8-tips-for-holiday-lighting>
- http://mydocs.epri.com/docs/CorporateDocuments/EnergyEfficiency/Holiday_Lights_112007.pdf

If you have any questions regarding exterior or holiday lighting, feel free to call Mark Young at **505 466-4248** or email at myoung@hoamco.com.

Wishing you and your entire family a most enjoyable Holiday season!

—Mark Young

ECIA Architecture and Covenant Compliance Coordinator

Savor Eldorado Returns



Hello fellow Eldorado residents. We are happy to announce Savor Eldorado is up and running after a two year Covid hiatus. Every month or so, residents gather at someone's home for fellowship, entertainment and food. We

meet on a Sunday afternoon from 3–5:30 PM. Each guest brings an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage for themselves. When possible, a resident's art and/or musical abilities will be showcased. This hugely popular group was started in 2017 by Gila Joy Pascale and continued on by Hope Kiah in 2019. Elaine Kaiser has volunteered to continue organizing Savor Eldorado events. At our last event we had over 50 people and were entertained by musician, Johnny Lloyd. We encourage any newcomers to Eldorado to come and meet their neighbors for this wonderful afternoon. Please email Elaine at Horse1207@gmail.com and you will be added to our mailing list, receiving invitations to the gatherings as they occur. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of meeting new and old neighbors!

The Call of Dawn

*Go for a hike at the dawn
In the desert that is so high
When all other people are gone
And you can feel the touch of the sky.*

*The hills are beginning to glow
The sun's greeting to a new day
Hear the harsh call of a crow
Who always has something to say.*

—Ed Velie

The Night Skies Above Eldorado: November 2022

The month opens with the first quarter moon near Saturn as darkness falls. To the east, bright Jupiter chases them across the sky. The Milky Way bridges the sky as the summer constellations set, the autumn constellations take their place in the sky, and the winter stars await their turn below the eastern horizon. By month's end, bright Mars joins Saturn and Jupiter in the evening darkness.

The biggest event in the month is a total eclipse of the Moon, occurring in the early morning hours of **Nov. 8**. A total eclipse of the Moon occurs when the Sun, Earth, and Moon line up, with the Earth in the middle.



Total eclipse of the Moon, Oct. 8, 2014. The Moon doesn't disappear when it's completely within the Earth's shadow. This is because some sunlight passing through the Earth's atmosphere is bent and redirected onto the Moon's surface. Since most of this refracted light is red, the eclipsed Moon appears red, orange or copper (the color of a totally eclipsed Moon slightly differs from one eclipse to another).

As the Moon moves in its orbit around the Earth, it first dims a bit when sunlight passes through the Earth's atmosphere before striking the Moon and reflecting back to our eyes. This is known as the penumbral phase of the eclipse. The left edge of the Moon begins to darken when it enters the Earth's shadow. This is the partial eclipse phase. When the Moon is completely covered by the Earth's shadow, the eclipse is in totality. As the Moon exits the Earth's shadow, it returns to the partial and then penumbral phases.

KEY NOVEMBER 2022 NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

November 8: The full Beaver Moon occurs at 4:03 AM in the constellation Aries.

November 8: The Moon is in total eclipse during predawn hours. The eclipse begins at 1:02 AM. Total eclipse begins at 3:16 AM and ends at 4:41 AM. The eclipse ends at 6:56 AM. Since dawn begins at 5:05 AM and the Moon sets at 6:43 AM, the tail end of the eclipse will be increasingly difficult to observe.

November 9: The planet Uranus is opposite the Sun, visible in binoculars and telescopes all night. Shining at magnitude +5.6, Uranus remains a difficult object to find for the layperson.

November 12: The Northern Taurid meteor shower peaks during our daytime, so the best time to view it is before dawn or after dark on November 12. During the shower's peak, about five meteors per hour can be seen. Unfortunately, the Moon will be in the sky before dawn and during most of the evening.



While Taurid meteors are not prolific in number, they can be quite bright. Taurids are sometimes called 'Halloween fireballs.' This reddish Taurid (likely due to interaction with nitrogen or oxygen atoms in the Earth's atmosphere) slashed through the constellation Orion.

November 17–18: The Leonid meteor shower peaks on the night of November 17 and the morning of November 18. About 15 meteors an hour will be visible. The Moon rises at about 1 AM, making faint meteors difficult to see.

November 23: New moon.

—Article and photos, Eric Saltmarsh

Night Skies articles will come to an end with December's issue.

News Corral

FREE MEETING SPACE NOW AVAILABLE

Native Wings Coffee house is offering free use of their space for meetings, classes, parties, bible studies etc. Contact Eileen to book: 505 316-1669.

GRATITUDE FOR A SUCCESSFUL STUDIO TOUR

On behalf of the Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association (EACA) and the participants of the recent Eldorado Studio Tour, I would like to thank all our residents who came out and supported the studio tour by visiting the Preview Gallery, visiting the various studios and/or who purchased artwork from our very talented artists. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

—EACA President, Jolene Petrowski

EACA WINTER SHOW NOV. 19 & DEC. 3

On Saturday **Nov. 19** & Saturday **Dec. 3** at the Eldorado Community Center (1 La Hacienda Loop) the Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association will host their annual Winter Show from **10 AM–4 PM** both days. Eldorado artists will be setting up booths to show and sell their art. A variety of artists will be showing on each date so be sure to come by on both days. This is a great opportunity to purchase something for yourself or someone on your holiday gift list.

Thank you!

—EACA President, Jolene Petrowski

November Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	8, 22	3–5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	15	5:30 PM <i>CR & Zoom</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday	1	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Paul Butt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	9	2–4 PM <i>CFR & 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>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	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>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly / Semi-Monthly	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed	2, 16	1–4:30 PM <i>LR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	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>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Monday	7	1–2 PM <i>CFR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	enhnnm@gmail.com
	Life Drawing Class	Alt. Mondays	7, 21	9:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Joe Mullins	joe@fishprint.net
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	8	6–8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
	Mah Jongg (Social Games)	3rd & 5th Wed	16, 30	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>Breezeway</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
Weekly	Adult Basketball Pick-Up	Thursdays		5 PM–Dusk <i>Courts</i>		
	Al-Anon	Saturdays		3:30–5 PM <i>CFR</i>	Phebe Macrae	phebemacrae2@gmail.com
	Bible Study & Worship Service	Saturdays		10:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Kevin Rehorn	kevinrehorn@msn.com
	Chair Aerobics	Tuesdays / Thursdays		10:30–11:30 AM <i>RR</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 trgbbs@comcast.net
	Fitness Class	Tuesdays / Thursdays		9–10:30 AM <i>RR</i>	Sandra Younf	ysandra317@gmail.com
	Knitting Club	Contact for information			Joyce Hanmer	505 466-3018 joycehan@msn.com
	Recovery AA Meetings *Thursdays Women Only	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
*	Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association Winter Show	Saturday	19	10 AM–4 PM <i>CC</i>	Karen Murry Judy Kramer	kmurry@comcast.net judysbeadworks@gmail.com
	Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association Winter Show	Saturday	3	10 AM–4 PM <i>CC</i>	Karen Murry Judy Kramer	kmurry@comcast.net judysbeadworks@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”.

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

* Indicates Community November Events ** Indicates Community December Events

PNM Outage Updates

As many residents in the NW corner of Eldorado know, this area has had numerous recent power outages. Jeremy Tabet—PNM engineer from the ABQ office, gave an in-depth presentation via Zoom, Oct. 7 on why power outages have been occurring in this area and what PNM is doing to address the situation. The affected section, Eldorado 12 Feeder, serves approximately 836 customers and is coming to the end of its expected lifetime earlier than anticipated.

Work on upgrading the PNM system in this area will be completed in 3 phases. Phase 1 has already begun with all new cable being placed in conduit on Lucero Rd., Vista Grande, Herrada Rd. and Demora Rd.

Phase 2 is expected to start at the end of 2022. This will alleviate a lot of the problems with additional switches installed on the system to minimize the number of residents affected when there is a power outage.

Phase 3 will rebuild the entire feeder starting at the substation and will replace everything that is past its average lifespan. Phase 3 is expected to take approximately two years. System design will start in early 2023.

The recorded Zoom meeting is online at eldoradosf.org.

Fall Back

Will you take advantage of that extra hour of sleep, or will you wake up an hour earlier than normal on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 6? Once again, it is time to move clocks an hour back in observance of daylight saving time. As we roll back the clocks at 2 AM Sunday, Nov. 6, don't forget to change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

Make sure to test your smoke detector to ensure it is in good working order. To check your smoke alarm, press and hold the alarm's “test” button. If it beeps or rings loudly, it's working properly. Never test an alarm by using a candle or matches placed under the sensor as repeated use of smoke to activate the device can cause it to fail when an actual fire occurs.

Because alarm sensors wear out, it is recommended that smoke detectors be replaced every 10 years. Alarms have labels showing when they were made. If you don't see a label, the alarm is old and should be replaced. This is also a good time to make sure there aren't any cobwebs nearby as they make it harder for alarms to detect smoke.



*Leaves crunch underfoot,
a blanket of frost awaits,
winter settles in.*

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.

Library Book Sale and November Events



Linda G. and Donna M. at the 2021 Book Sale

Get your shopping muscles ready! Vista Grande Public Library (VGPL) is holding a 3-Day Book Sale. Thousands of mysteries and thrillers, general fiction, classics, histories, biographies, children's and young adult books, cookbooks, self-help and how-to books will be on sale at bargain prices, along with rock, jazz and classical CDs, and DVDs of your favorite movies and TV shows.

This is one of our big fundraisers that helps to keep our doors open and our services available to the community. We appreciate your support of the library when you shop at this fun event! Also, the holidays are coming up and this is a great time to find the perfect gift for the reader in your life (even if that reader is you!).

Thursday, Nov. 10, 10 AM–6 PM, Early Bird admission.

9–10 AM for \$25 at the door (Thursday only).

Friday, Nov. 11, 10 AM–6 PM, Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 AM–4 PM

AND All-You-Can-Stuff, \$5 Bag Sale Saturday, Nov. 12, 1–4 PM. (Except specially priced items).

Medicare Information Programs: Thursday, Nov. 3 at **10 AM** and **Thursday, Nov. 17 at 2 PM**. Topics include Medicare changes and timing, what this means for hearing aid purchases, preparing for Open Enrollment, and making changes to your existing coverage for the 2023 year. If you will be turning 65 in the next two months or losing your current insurance coverage and are over 65, learn what you need to do before the start of your birth month (or prior to loss of coverage) to receive insurance through Medicare. Nancy Johnson, a certified Medicare Benefits Counselor with the NM Dept. of Aging and a Library volunteer leads the sessions.

Water Harvesting, Reclamation and Native Plants: Saturday, Nov. 19, 1 PM. Presentation by Jan-Willem Jansens, who specializes in landscape mgt. planning/ecological restoration.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

All-Ages Chess: Fridays, 3–5 PM (children under 12 need parental permission).

Toddler Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30 AM (this is a drop-in program, no sign-up required).

Sensory Storytime: Tuesdays at 3:10 PM.

Wags and Words (reading to a dog): Times may vary, please contact VGPL.

Family Movie Night: Friday, Nov. 18, 7 PM. Family-friendly recent release.



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