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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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A Gift of a Lifetime

For many of us, this is a busier time of the year. Unfortunately, the need for support remains for the pets in shelters and rescues. Consider donating in the name of someone that it is difficult to find a gift for, to the Santa Fe Animal Shelter & Humane Society or the local rescue in Eldorado, Pathways of Healing, a nonprofit whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home dogs. To find out more about how you can help or donate, visit the Santa Fe Animal Shelter's website at sfhumanesociety.org and click on the Support Us, Volunteer or Donate tabs. To find out more about the Pathways of Healing Rescue, see their Facebook page, [Pathways of Healing Dog Rescue](https://www.facebook.com/PathwaysofHealingDogRescue), or donate directly to [PayPal.me/CarmellaMontoya](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://sfhumanesociety.org).



Aksana at sfhumanesociety.org

Eldorado Station Celebrates Holidays with Music

Eldorado's exclusive hometown low-power radio station, ELDORADIO 1660 AM, again welcomes the holidays with a crescendo of music for the season. Beginning the Friday following Thanksgiving, the 24-hour station introduces just a little bit of familiar favorites. Each day, the proportion of familiar traditional music for Yuletide and Hannukah grows; by Christmas Eve, it's a full concert of carols and cheer, mixing classical, jazz and folk favorites.

The commercial-free station offers recorded live concerts and a reading of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* on *Saturday Matinée* at noon each Saturday, and classic 20th-century radio

rebroadcasts of season favorites Sundays at Noon on *Retro Radio*.

The brief *BreakTime* feature Monday through Friday at **10:30 AM** includes holiday delight this month. On Tuesdays, *Tell Me a Story* celebrates St. Lucy Day on **Dec. 13** with a Swedish storyteller, plus other tales. Thursdays' poetry *BreakTime* includes Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, Ogden Nash, and A Visit from St. Nicholas. Fridays', *Time to Laugh* offers comedy by Stan Freberg and others, to lighten the holidays.

ELDORADIO, on the air in Eldorado for 12 years now from a site in the exact center of the Golden Village, operates as a public service amenity to the community.

—Bill Dunning

Opening Sat., Nov. 26, at the north parking lot of La Tienda. The Eldorado-owned and operated business, **Adam and Kim's Christmas Trees**, will offer quality, fresh-cut Christmas trees from Oregon—Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, and Noble Fir. Wreaths, garland, and chili ristras will also be available. A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Hermits Peak Wildfire Relief Fund. Covid safe practices have been implemented to maintain health and safety at the tree lot. In addition, we offer online sales with curbside pick-up, drive-thru shopping, and local delivery. Check us out at ChristmasSantaFe.com or follow us on FB: [AdamKimsChristmasTrees](https://www.facebook.com/AdamKimsChristmasTrees).



First Snow of the Season



Left to right: Mike Nosow and Debbie Swiderski share Athena's first snow this fall; Laraine Ferguson captured seasons colliding.

Board Actions and Summary November 15

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 Carol Sanguinetti, Vice President Amelia Adair, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Directors Jonathan Turkle, James Herbert Williams and Mary Bonilla were present, and a quorum was met. Secretary Jonathan McLaughlin was excused.

HOAMCO staff attendees: General Manager (GM) Julie Navarro, Operations Manager (OM) Mike Rogers, Architecture and Compliance Coordinator Mark Young via Zoom, Communications Coordinator Rhonda Pierce and Executive Assistant Ciara Walsh.

The agenda was adopted, and the consent agenda items were motioned for approval, all were in favor. Consent agenda items approved included the General Manager's Report, Covenant Compliance Report and October Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer Gutierrez reported: As of the end of October, ECIA has spent 77 % of the budget. Less than .0036 % is outstanding on receivables. Our financial health is really strong. A Budget Town Hall was held Nov. 7 and was well attended.

Treasurer Gutierrez, County Report: A meeting with the County was held Nov. 14 to discuss the funding for the Hike and Bike trails, roads, drain study, GIS study and funding requests to the legislature. For the Hike and Bike trails, the agreement with SF County is that they would fund and put in the trails, ECIA would maintain them, and the County would repair and replace. A study will be done to see what repairs are needed. The Azul project will move into the design phase next year, committee meetings will be held, and info will be put out to residents when available. In addition, \$60,000 has been allocated for a school crossing and that work should begin in the spring.

GM Navarro: All Capital improvement projects are complete except for the tabled items: Community Center entrance gate, and the marquees.

OM Rogers: One handball court to be painted. One camera will be added to the patio area at the Community Center to provide additional coverage. All Reserve and Replace (R&R) projects have been completed. The last Capital project at the arroyo near the stables will be completed tomorrow.

The General Manager's Report can be found on the ECIA website under the Board & Committees tab > ECIA Governing Board > in the Documents section > Board Meeting Reports.

The Board of Directors approved the following motions without any objections:

1. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to authorize any remaining 2022 Operating Fund surplus to be transferred at the end of Year 2022 to the Replacement Reserve. The motion was seconded by VP Adair.
2. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to add Russell Winslow as a

member of the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Bonilla.

3. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to remove funding for license plate readers from next year's capital projects and distribute those capital funds between the proposed Maintenance Facility and Contingency. Seconded by Director Bonilla.

4. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to adopt the Finance Committee's recommendation of the budget draft V.7. The motion was seconded by Director Williams.

5. Director Turkle moved to update the Preserve Policy to include "dog owners are encouraged to keep their dogs leashed". The motion was seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez.

6. Director Turkle moved to add Anne Salzmann as a member of the Election Committee. The motion was seconded by VP Adair.

7. Director Turkle moved to approve the revised ECIA Election Procedures recommended by the Election Committee. The motion was seconded by Director Williams.

8. Director Turkle moved to approve the revised ECIA Board Nomination Petition. The motion was seconded by Director Williams.

9. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to support Santa Fe County's priority for using Hike and Bike funding to pave the 1.3-mile section of the Avenida De Compadres Hike and Bike trail. The motion was seconded by VP Adair.

President Sanguinetti gave an update on the website. GM Navarro shared that soon a login portal on the website will include all the financial documents and other items that should be for the membership only. This new feature will be presented to the Board at the Jan. meeting and then be made available for resident use.

The following Architecture Committee variance request was presented to the Board:

19 Verano Loop—to approve the revised variance request for a greenhouse located more than 15 feet from the home. Approved, as this is located inside the fence and not visible to neighbors.

Old Business: VP Adair—our Compliance Policy is old and needs to be updated. A task force should be put together to look at updating our policies.

New Business: F&G Committee Chair Kathy Ritschel presented a PowerPoint on 2022 F&G projects. Next steps to follow up on the Budget Town Hall—VP Adair: Capital Project request information should be easier for membership to find on the website.

Open Forum: A resident wanted to bring attention to the AES solar project that has been proposed on the property west of Eldorado. Although this is not a Board or ECIA item, residents can find out more information by contacting SantaFeCounty4ResponsibleSolar@yahoo.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM. Next Board Meeting will be held in person and via Zoom on **Tues. Jan. 17 at 5:30 PM.**

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.

***The office is closed on Sundays with the exception of scheduled groups.**

November 7 Budget Town Hall Recap

Board Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez opened the Nov. 7 Budget Town Hall meeting by stating that Eldorado is one of the most, if not the most financially healthy HOA in the area. “The core thing an HOA does is maintain its amenities.” For 2023 there is no assessment increase as we are locked into one assessment adjustment every two years.

ECIA General Manager (GM) Julie Navarro presented a PowerPoint that covered the 2022 and 2023 budget. Included in the presentation was a discussion on the 2023 R&R. The GM maintains a ledger of everything the ECIA has (assets) and the anticipated replacement and the cost. Treasurer Gutierrez stated, “this is a key feature in how we structure our financial model.”

CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Maintenance Facility (\$220,000)—A new facility will allow for proper storage of maintenance equipment and assist with maintenance team retention. See related article below;
- Pump Track (\$10,000)—This new amenity will be located at the far edge of the ballfield and will not increase our insurance costs. See the article on page 4;
- Speed Bumps (\$10,000)—These will be installed on the stretch of road in the parking lot leading to the tennis courts. Residents have expressed concerns. The rubber speed bumps will be reused when the parking lot is re-paved;
- Stable Training Equipment (\$10,000);
- Dog Park Entry System (\$16,000)—This will help ensure

that all the dogs using this amenity are registered with the office. This also supplies the HOA with data about usage;

- License Plate Readers (\$30,000)—This was suggested by the sheriff. ECIA and the Board received resident feedback with questions and concerns. This item has been removed from the budget.

Treasurer Gutierrez discussed the yearly assessments and amenities offered for three nearby HOAs. Rancho Viejo’s yearly assessment is \$1,400 and includes hike and bike trails and common area maintenance. Aldea’s yearly assessment is \$1,792 and includes tennis and basketball courts and common area maintenance. Las Campanas’ assessments range from \$2,500 to \$5,500 per year and do not include any amenities. Additional yearly fees are \$18,000 (initiation fee \$70,000) for a golf membership and \$11,000 (initiation fee \$45,000) for a social membership (pool and gym). It was noted during the open forum that other HOAs’ assessments pay for their roads.

Eight residents attended in person and approximately 40 residents Zoomed into the meeting. Resident questions and comments included: a request for the breakdown of what each amenity’s costs were, more research needs to be done regarding legal implications and privacy issues before any further discussion on license plate readers occur, adding surveys to increase input from residents, and erosion control at the pump track.

The revised 2023 budget was approved by the Board at the Nov. 15 meeting.

New Maintenance Facility Construction Planned

Included in the 2023 Budget is the construction of a new maintenance facility. Currently, the maintenance team of five is based out of the existing 1300 sq. ft. barn, built around 1952, that has no heat, no bathroom and still has the original stalls. The Conservation Committee, Santa Fe Search and Rescue, 285 Recycles and the pool also keep items in storage compartments attached to the outside of the barn. Separate from the barn, the maintenance office is a small shed that was given to ECIA by a resident many years ago. The mowers are stored in a tent-like structure keeping them from the elements. The barn itself houses the tractor and chipper, and what little space is left is used for materials, storage and workspace.

The new 3000 sq. ft. maintenance facility will be built on the island by the courts where an old house, torn down in 2018, stood. The utilities from the previous house are still accessible.

It is anticipated construction on the new facility will begin

in late spring of 2023 and be completed by the fall. The new building will have a maintenance office, bathroom, insulated walls and ceiling, gas heating, plus room for 900 sq. ft. of future overhead storage expansion. The Conservation Committee, Santa Fe Search and Rescue, 285 Recycles and the pool will each have 150 sq. ft. of storage space. Large doors at each end will allow for all equipment, including the maintenance vehicles, to pull through and be stored.



Example drawing of new maintenance facility.



NIAMH WALSH is our newest addition to the ECIA team, she graduated from Santa Fe High in 2022 where she was known as the varsity setter for volleyball. She plans to complete her degree in business and administration and use her knowledge to give back at the Cancer Society programs.





Homemade Hot Cocoa

2 Cups of milk
(can use almond milk)
2 Tbsp. unsweetened
cocoa powder
2 Tbsp. sugar
1/4 Cup chocolate chips
1/8 Tsp. vanilla extract

1. Place milk, cocoa powder and sugar in a small saucepan.
2. Heat over low heat whisking frequently until warm (not boiling).
3. Add in the chocolate chips and vanilla extract whisking until the chips have melted evenly into the milk.
4. Serve immediately with marshmallows or whipped cream.

Makes: 2 Servings

Submitted by Rhonda Pierce

Don't forget to submit your favorite recipes to *Vistas*!



WINTER ART SHOW

**Come see multiple artists and
a wide variety of artwork & crafts
at a single venue**

Saturday Dec. 3, 2022

10 AM—4 PM

Eldorado at Santa Fe
Community Center
1 La Hacienda Loop
Santa Fe, NM

SAVE THE DATE!

www.eldoradoarts.org



Eldorado Pump Track Course: An All Ages Amenity

In an effort to add activities geared towards youth, the Facilities and Grounds Committee has requested money in the 2023 budget to develop a pump track course at the outer area of the ballfields. Pump tracks have become the perfect place for reliving childhood memories of bicycle riding and teaching new skills to riders of all ages.

WHAT IS A BICYCLE PUMP TRACK?

A bicycle pump track is a series of rollers and berms that connect in a smooth, continuous loop and is designed to be used by bicycles of all kinds. The pump track is ridden not by pedaling, but by “pumping” the bicycle to generate momentum. All ages and abilities can ride the same pump track, which makes it the perfect infrastructure to bring all types of people together in a community. Pump tracks are a great workout. Even though you’re not pedaling, it takes a lot of muscle to push and pull the bike through the transitions.

WHAT DOES A PUMP TRACK LOOK LIKE?

Pump tracks are built by placing mounds of dirt that are smoothed and tapered by hand using shovels and rakes. The dirt is watered and compacted smoothly which allows a fast-riding surface that makes it easier to hold speed through the course. Non-riding surfaces are reseeded and reinforced using rocks or plants to prevent erosion and longevity.



Example of what pump track rollers and berms look like.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED?

Pump track riding can be done on almost any kind of bike, from Enduro bikes to BMXs. A smaller bike with less suspension, like a hardtail, is the optimal kind of setup for pump tracks. Protection is critical to injury prevention and a helmet, gloves, flat-pedal shoes and knee pads are the gear basics. Riders prone to crashing more often, like beginners and racers, should wear elbow pads, shin pads and a full-face helmet.

—Article by Rhonda Pierce

Photo by Henry Lanman of Rocket Ramps

Why Volunteer for the Eldorado Community?

January 2023 is just around the corner and it is time to consider being a part of the ECIA Board of Directors. There will be three (3) Director's positions which will expire **May 1, 2023**. Serving on the Board requires a dedication to the betterment of Eldorado and a willingness to give of your time, experience and expertise. Consider becoming a volunteer for your Eldorado HOA community, whether running for a seat on the Board of Directors or joining a

committee. Members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings each month via Zoom or in person. Committee meeting schedules vary so check eldoradosf.org or *Vistas* to find out when they meet. Committees are currently looking for volunteers. Committee Charters, Agendas and Minutes are on eldoradosf.org to get more information. Get involved in your community Homeowners Association (HOA)!

—Election Committee

ECIA Board Candidate Nomination Petition

Board members are elected through the voting process which begins early January and culminates at the ECIA Annual Meeting of Members on **May 1, 2023**. Three Board of Director positions are open for election, each with three (3) year terms expiring on **May 6, 2026**.

To be a candidate for election to the Board the ECIA Bylaws require all the following criteria be met. Petitioner must be a Lot Owner of Record: (1) whose 2023 assessments are paid in full and have been received and credited to the Association's financial account as of **Mar. 1**; (2) whose rights and privileges are not suspended and (3) who resides full-time in Eldorado.

Each Petitioner must submit a completed and signed Nomination Petition to the ECIA Office with the required twenty-five (25) signatures which are valid, one signature per Lot. More than 25 signatures are recommended. To be valid, a signature must be of a Lot Owner of record whose 2022 assessments have been paid in full and have been received and credited to the Association's financial account when signing the Petition and whose rights and privileges are not suspended as of the date of signature.

Signatures may be obtained in two ways; (1) Lot Owners may sign the Nomination Petition in person or (2) Lot Owners may send their support via an email TO THE PROPOSED CANDIDATE. The email must contain: name, Eldorado mailing address, date and a statement of support (e.g. "I Jane Doe, support the candidacy of Mack Smithy for the 2023 ECIA Board of Directors election"). If an email is submitted in lieu of physical signature, each individually supporting email must be attached to the Nomination Petition (there will be multiple sheets).

The completed and signed Nomination Petition, a biographical and goals for the community statement not exceeding a total of 400 words, and recent photo must be submitted to the ECIA office no later than **5 PM, Mar. 1**.

The Nomination Petition will be available after **Jan. 4** at www.eldoradosf.org > Resident Resources > Forms and Applications > Board Nomination Petition or at the ECIA office. All information and instructions are included with the Nomination Petition.

If you have questions about the candidacy and Petition requirements, call or email the ECIA office: Julie Navarro, **505 466-4248** or jnavarro@hoamco.com.

Flourless Chocolate Pecan Cookies *gluten-free & dairy-free*



2 3/4 Cups pecan halves
3 Cups powdered sugar*
1/2 Cup plus 3 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder*
1/4 Tsp. kosher salt
4 lg. egg whites, room temp.
1 Tbsp. pure vanilla extract*

1. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Position oven racks in the upper and lower thirds of the oven. Line two large baking sheets with Silpats or Parchment Paper.
2. Spread the pecan halves on a large rimmed baking sheet and toast in the oven until they are golden and fragrant, about 8–9 minutes. Be sure to keep an eye on them so they don't burn. Let cool slightly, then finely chop the pecans.
3. In a large bowl, whisk the powdered sugar with the cocoa powder and salt. Whisk in the chopped nuts.

4. In a small bowl mix the egg whites with the vanilla until just frothy.
5. Add the egg whites and vanilla to the cocoa mixture, mix just until the batter is moistened (be careful not to over beat or it will stiffen). Spoon or scoop the batter onto the baking sheets in evenly spaced mounds by rounded tablespoons.
6. Bake the cookies for about 18–20 minutes (shift pans from front to back and top to bottom halfway through) until the tops of cookies are glossy and lightly cracked and feel firm to the touch. Slide the parchment paper (with cookies) onto two wire racks to cool completely before serving.

Makes: 26 cookies. The cookies can be stored in an airtight container for up to 3–5 days.

**Some brands contain gluten*

Submitted by Carol Sanguinetti; from lifecurrentsblog.com

Don't forget to submit your favorite recipes to *Vistas*!

The Night Skies Above Eldorado: December 2022

Autumn constellations take center stage as December opens, while brighter winter stars begin to make their presence felt in the eastern sky. Three bright planets share the evening sky: Saturn in the south, Jupiter in the southeast, and red Mars rising in the east.

Dec. 21 marks the winter solstice, the time at which the Sun reaches the southernmost point in its annual journey in the Earth's sky, stops, and begins its six month trek northward. The solstice represents the first day of winter and shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

The Sun's movements against the heavens have been observed by different cultures since ancient times. One such culture is the Hopi tribe of the American Southwest.

The Hopi people observe *Soyal*, a winter solstice ceremony intended to welcome the Sun back from the south and to celebrate the renewal of life. Hopi solstice activities involve the *Katsinam*, guardian spirits who journey from the sacred San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff to return the Sun and pray for the prosperity of all.

KEY DECEMBER 2022 NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

December 1: The waxing gibbous moon passes below Jupiter.

December 7: The almost full moon passes in front of the bright planet Mars. Mars disappears behind the Moon at 7:35 PM and reappears at 8:40 PM.

December 7: Full moon occurs in the constellation Taurus at 9:09 PM, just 29 minutes after Mars reappears from behind it.

December 8: Mars is at its closest and brightest, visible from sunset to sunrise.

December 13–14: The Geminid meteor shower peaks on the night of the 13th and early morning of the 14th. During the peak, the shower produces about 120 meteors per hour or two per minute. The waning gibbous moon will interfere with viewing the shower, once it rises about 10 PM. However, a good number of meteors should still be visible.



A Geminid meteor slashes toward the horizon.

December 21: Winter solstice occurs at 2:40 PM when the Sun reaches the southernmost point in the sky before turning north again.

December 21: Mercury is at its easternmost distance from the Sun, visible in the constellation Sagittarius during evening twilight.

December 21–22: The Ursid meteor shower peaks on the night of the 21st and early morning of the 22nd. Approximately 5–10 meteors per hour can be seen.

December 23: The Moon is new and not visible since it's between the Earth and Sun.

December 31: Mercury and Venus set together in the WSW, about 6 PM in evening twilight.

—Article and photo, Eric Saltmarsh

Thank you to Eric Saltmarsh for a great series on the Night Skies over Eldorado.

News Corral

2023 ASSESSMENTS ARRIVE IN MAIL

Reminder—Look out for 2023 Assessment information in the mail.

ECIA OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

ECIA office will be closed **Fri. Dec. 23 through Tues. Jan. 3** reopening on **Wed. Jan. 4**.

EACA 2022 WINTER SHOW SATURDAY, DEC. 3

On **Sat. Dec. 3** at the Eldorado Community Center from **10 AM–4 PM**. The Winter Show will have a variety of artwork including paintings, jewelry, ceramics, photography, fiber arts, printmaking and glass. This is a great opportunity for holiday shopping!

SERIES IDEAS WANTED FOR VISTAS

If you have an idea for a series in *Vistas*, please email your ideas to articles@eldoradosf.org.

NEED A COVID VACCINE, BOOSTER OR FLU SHOT?

Covid shots and boosters along with the flu shot are being administered at retail pharmacies, doctors' offices, health departments, clinics and vaccination events. If receiving a booster, be sure to bring your vaccine card. Call the New Mexico Department of Health at **855 600-3453** if you need help finding and making an appointment or use the online locator for vaccine events and locations: <https://goodtimes.vaccinenm.org/stay-ahead-nm/>.

December Meetings

ECIA office closed Fri. Dec. 23–Tues. Jan. 3 reopening on Wed. Jan. 4.
Meetings may be suspended, held via Zoom, and/or in-person: please check eldoradosf.org.

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesday	13	3–5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	No Meeting This Month			ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	No Meeting This Month			Paul Butt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	No Meeting This Month			Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	No Meeting This Month			Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Monday	12	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	7	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	No Meeting This Month			Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly / Semi-Monthly	Bridge Club	2nd Wednesday	14	1–4:30 PM <i>LR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	13	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	21	3–5 PM <i>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	6	1:30–2:30 PM <i>CFR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	505 577-7305 enhnnm@gmail.com
	Life Drawing Class	Alt. Mondays	5, 19	9:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Joe Mullins	joe@fishprint.net
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	13	6–8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
	Mah Jongg (Social Games)	2nd Wednesday	14	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>Breezeway</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
Weekly	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
	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	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 December Events

VGPL: A Community Library for 21 Years

Thank you so much to everyone who shopped our sale, volunteered at the sale, donated quality books for the sale and put the whole kit and kaboodle together! It was another great fundraiser for the library. As a 501(C)(3) non-profit, everything helps. If you missed it, come back and see us in May!

In case you didn't know, Vista Grande Public Library is a stand-alone community library. You built us and for 21 years, your support has been essential to keeping our doors open. We're not part of the Santa Fe Public Library System, and while we get some much-appreciated support from the County, we're not a County Library either. We raise 60% of our operating budget *every year* through donations and fundraisers, like the book sale above and author talk below. That budget has remained close to flat for many years, limiting our ability to increase services, but you do keep us hanging on.

With the sale done, we're taking book donations again on the table outside the meeting room. Please donate no more than five bags or boxes a day, and put dictionaries, manuals, old, sticky, wet, moldy or damaged items in your recycling bins. We will use the new and nearly new books to support our collection and sale.

Author Talk with Johnny Boggs: Join us at Le Pommier, on Monday, Dec. 12, from 5–7 PM, for a local author signing/library fundraiser.

Local author/celebrity/man-about-Eldorado, Johnny Boggs has generously agreed to hold a talk and signing on his latest *non-fiction* book *American Newspaper Journalists on Film: Portrayals of the Press During the Sound Era*. (He writes much more than just wonderful Westerns, in case you didn't know!) He'll be there to answer questions, sign copies and share insights.



Author Johnny Boggs;
Photo by Lisa Smith

Tickets are \$40, which can be purchased at the library, from your friendly neighborhood VGPL Board members or at the door. Includes admittance, Hors d'oeuvres, water and tea. Cash bar for beer & wine. Thanks to both Johnny and Le Pommier for making this possible.

After-School Reading: has ended for 2022, but sign-up sheets for 2023 are available at the library.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

All-Ages Chess: Fridays, 3–5 PM.

We will be closed **Saturdays, Dec. 24 & 31** in honor of the holidays. In case of inclement weather, we follow the Santa Fe School District (or our best-judgement for the safety of our patrons).

*Six-sided crystals,
falling shapes, sizes and points
melted by noon time.*

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.

Important Update from the Re-Use Center

The Re-Use area at the Eldorado Convenience Center is alive and well after a two-week hiatus in September for a thorough cleaning and rethinking of a new strategy to make it function as intended.

The intention has always been to keep reusable “stuff” out of the landfill and to provide a place where people can offload unwanted items and others can take home these “new treasures” to reuse. **Please notice the new limited hours for pick up and drop off: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 10 AM–12 Noon!** Volunteers will be present to help provide direction and education. We believe that the Re-Use area will now be less labor intensive for the small team of volunteers and provide an orderly place where people can easily browse.

Many different people use the Re-Use area: metal collectors, people looking to donate items to organizations, artists who repurpose materials into art, and people who collect or need furniture. You may have seen some of the heartwarming stories in the La Tienda newsletter about people who find the item they need: the teacher who found a stroller and car seat in pristine condition which she donated to the Capital High Teen Mothers program; the man who found a walker and a collapsible cane for his father; the collector of dog miniatures; and the child who needed a file for school.

Sustainability is the name of the game if our planet is to survive! The fashion industry, one of the biggest and most wasteful polluters, is changing its ways and reusing leftover fabric scraps. A new TV show, *Upcycle Nation*, will be promoting sustainability through its competition for innovative designers to create new clothing from old. Consignment clothing stores have grown in popularity as a means to reduce waste.

Help Eldorado/285 Recycles continue this valuable service to the community and keep useful items out of the landfill. Volunteer if you can. Be inspired!

Please note that the Re-Use area at the Eldorado Convenience Center is a project of Eldorado/285 Recycles and is not part of the Santa Fe Solid Waste Agency. The County and Solid Waste Manager, Les Francisco, have graciously allowed us to use the space and created signage.

—Elizabeth Maclaren



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