

VISTAS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Join Your Neighbors at Earth & Sky Fest, Apr. 22

Honoring Earth Day, as well as the culmination of International Dark Sky Week, **Earth & Sky Fest** will be held **Saturday, Apr. 22**, from **10 AM to 2 PM**, at the ECIA Community Center. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration and learn more about the Eldorado Community Improvement Association and volunteer organizations in our community. Enjoy food truck(s), tables with information and fun activities. Sign up for amenity tours, exciting tournaments, and volunteer activities like trail maintenance. There will be live, original music by Eldorado area musicians. Don't miss the formal groundbreaking ceremony for the transformation of the parking lot island into a waterwise pollinator garden, which will take place at **noon**.

Our goal is to make this a zero-waste event: please bring your own water bottle, and plan to compost or recycle materials you use.

This event is sponsored by the ECIA Volunteer Retention and Recruitment *ad hoc* Committee (VRRC). The Committee will be hosting more community outreach events and helping neighbors connect with the community throughout the year. For information about these events and volunteer opportunities through the ECIA, see our webpage <https://eldoradosf.org/volunteer-recruitment-and-retention-ad-hoc-committee/>.

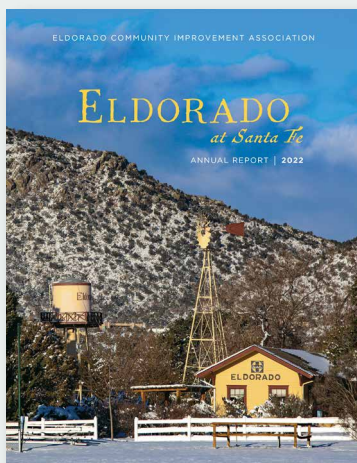


If you represent an organization in the community and would like to be part of this event, please contact ECIA Communication Director Jessica Neal at jneal@hoamco.com to reserve a table and space.

Annual Report Packets

Annual Report Packets have been mailed.

If you do not receive yours by **Apr. 5**, please contact the office. Refer to the February *Vistas* for other information concerning this packet.



—Cover photo by Eric Saltmarsh

Vote! Vote!! Vote!!!

ECIA Board of Directors election Ballots and Quorum Proxy Statements are due by **Thursday, Apr. 27, by 5 PM**, either by mail or hand delivery to the ECIA office. There will be a secure black Ballot Box inside the lower office door to place your envelope during regular business hours of Monday–Friday, **8:30 AM–4:30 PM**. If you need to deliver your ballot outside of ECIA office hours, please contact GM Julie Navarro to set up an appointment. If you have questions about the Ballot, or to request a Replacement Ballot, notify the GM at **505 466-4248**. Election materials (Ballot, Quorum Proxy Statement) have been included in the Annual Report Packet for those Members Eligible to Vote.

Ballot counting will commence on **Friday, Apr. 28**, at **9 AM** at the Community Center. Members may view the process via Zoom. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting for Members held on **Monday, May 1, at 5:30 PM**.

Board Actions and Summary March 21

THE ECIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING was called to order at 5:31 PM and held via Zoom. The meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes.

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

HOAMCO staff attendees: General Manager Julie Navarro, Operations Manager Mike Rogers, Executive Assistant Ciara Walsh, Communications Director Jessica Neal and HOAMCO Vice President of Operations Michael Franciosi were present.

President Sanguinetti moved to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda items. Mark Young requested variance requests be moved up on the agenda. With the agenda amendment, the motion was seconded by Director Bonilla and unanimously approved.

Treasurer Gutierrez reported: As of February, the Association has spent 11% of the 2023 budget, 6% under budget. 2023 assessment income is about \$20K higher than last year. The cash balance is significantly higher by about \$300K. The Finance Committee discussed and is in support of the adoption of a water tracking system at the Stable amenity which will be motioned in this meeting.

Santa Fe County Liaison Gutierrez reported: The state legislative session recently ended, and the governor has 30 days to approve or veto anything passed, including the \$900K requested for the Azul trail. Following a discussion about zoning, the County gave ECIA the go-ahead to begin construction of the new maintenance building.

GM Navarro: Residents have submitted assessment payments at the office and as of today, there is \$181K uncollected. The payment plan timeframe was changed to four months, allowing those needing a plan to pay by the end of April. The Annual Report final draft was approved and will be mailed out this week. Jocelyn Rizo and Jessica Neal are now working onsite.

OM Rogers: Request for Proposals will be sent to contractors **Apr. 14** for the maintenance building. The architect will post everything contractors need to know on a website; he will be onsite tomorrow, **Mar. 22**, to stake out the building. The pump track is scheduled for completion by **July 4**. Materials for the Dog Park gate have not arrived; the vendor is fabricating new gates. Speed bumps have been installed at the CC; wrong-way drivers will be monitored, and additional speed bumps may be installed along the south parking area.

The following Architecture Committee variance requests were presented by Director Bonilla:

- 19 Verano Loop—to allow for a porch addition, with a metal roof that does not match the existing roof style of the home, with the stipulation to match the design style of the home with a tan roof, low slope and low light reflection. Director Turkle seconded, and the variance was unanimously approved.
- 29 Quedo Road—to allow for replacing an existing deck with pavers and adding a cable railing system with black metal posts and stainless-steel safety wires. Following discussion, the variance was denied as submitted. The variance will be heard when the Architecture Committee confirms the color choice conforms to its surroundings.
- 1 Dulce Road—to allow for a porch addition, with metal roof, that does not match the existing roof style of the home. The overall design of the covered porch is to be in keeping with the architecture style of the home; the roof will match the color of the home. Director Herbert seconded, and the variance was unanimously approved.

- 9 Avila Court—to allow for an irrigation system that is more than ten years old. Statute of limitations has passed, and it is in the interest of the Association to enter into an agreement with the Owner. The system cannot be altered without Board approval. 1) Vice President Adair moved to approve the variance for the encroachment of the easement. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded, and all were in favor. 2) Vice President Adair moved to approve the easement agreement for the irrigation system, authorizing President Sanguinetti as signer. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded, and all were in favor.

Motions:

1. Director Bonilla moved to formally approve the 2022 Policy allowing the Architecture Committee to approve all variances of structures into the setbacks, without Board review, unless there is a grievance filed within 14 days of the decision by the Committee. This policy shall follow the process that was established for the 6-month trial period. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez, and unanimously approved.
2. Vice President Adair moved to adopt the resolution regarding Community Stable Amenity Water System. It is in the best interest of the Stable community, barn owners and ECIA to take advantage of the Beacon, Eye on Water technology, providing direct usage to staff and owners, and alert if there is a leak. ECIA will provide the upfront expense and will charge the cost to the barn owners; to be reimbursed by the end of 2023. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez, and unanimously approved.
3. Vice President Adair moved to appoint the following Members to the Volunteer Recruitment & Retention *ad hoc* Committee: Kathy Ritschel, Sue Garfitt, Sue Daniel, Taylor Ward, Sheila Sullivan, Jim Brown, Pat Bellart-Brown, Erica Valentine, Darrel Owen, Judy Owen, and Sheila Doran-Benyon. The motion was seconded by Director Herbert, and unanimously approved. Committee Reports can be viewed on their respective page of the ECIA website: www.eldoradosf.org.

Old Business:

- Board Retreat Follow-up
 - Retreat priorities and Stewards Chart—Vice President Adair stated this will be discussed at the next Committee Chair meeting on **Apr. 13 at 5:30 PM**.
- Operating principles for ECIA Facebook page—Jessica Neal is compiling information from multiple HOA legal opinions and will present a draft policy to the Board via email for review. In the interim, Jessica will monitor the page and hide all comments, only creating posts for information sharing, disseminating facts and innocuous content.

New Business

- There are three (3) upcoming Board vacancies with one candidate applicant. The Board will hold interviews in May, following the Annual Meeting. Once the Board has selected the new Directors, they will hold an Organizational Meeting and reassign officers.

Open Forum:

- No resident requested to speak during Open Forum.

Director Bonilla moved to adjourn the meeting at **7:54 PM**. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez, and unanimously approved. The next regular **Board Meeting** will be held **in-person** at the Community Center **and via Zoom Tuesday, Apr. 18 at 5:30 PM**. The **Annual Meeting** will be held **in-person** at the Community Center **and via Zoom on Monday, May 1 at 5:30 PM**. All Members are welcome to attend both meetings.

Meet Your Candidate—Joseph Gutierrez

Joseph has been a resident of Eldorado since 1982 and has raised his family here. His daughters and granddaughters have all attended the El Dorado Community School.

With 40 years in public service with the State of New Mexico and Santa Fe County and a background in finance and budgets, Joseph has a firm understanding of state and county government operations.

Joseph has held many positions with Santa Fe County, including Director of the Projects and Facilities Management Department, Business Finance Manager, Community Services Director, and 11 years as the Department of Finance Director. While with Santa Fe County, he worked on several building projects. While with the State of New Mexico, he was the state Economic Development Department deputy secretary.

Joseph graduated from the College of Santa Fe with a Business Administration in Accounting degree. In his spare time, he enjoys motorcycle racing and loves to mountain bike. Joseph joined the ECIA Board in 2017.

—Photo by ECIA Staff



ECIA Board candidate Joseph Gutierrez

Safety First

The ECIA maintenance team continues their hard work to improve the Community Center property. In order to minimize speeding and elicit caution, the crew began installation of speed bumps on Mar. 15.



—Photo by Mike Rogers

Open Positions for Board

ECIA is looking for residents to apply to be on the Board of Directors. There are two open positions for candidates that were not included on the Ballot. To fill the vacancies, we are asking for applications for appointment.



The Board of Directors is the governing body of the HOA. We elicit feedback from the community to know how they want us to vote on various issues that come before us. We sponsor various town halls throughout the year along with other ways for Members to get involved. Each Director represents the Board by attending committee meetings as a liaison.

New to the community? No problem! We have had people appointed to the Board who have lived here for four months or less. New ideas are always welcome!

Please consider applying by contacting the ECIA office for information: **505 466-4248** or **gm@eldoradosf.org**. Interviews for upcoming Board positions will be held after the Annual Meeting on **May 1**.

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.**



ECIA Road Committee

The mission of the Road Committee is to advise, assist and recommend to the ECIA Board policies involving the improvement, maintenance and repair of roads in Eldorado. All roads in Eldorado are public, owned and maintained by Santa Fe County. The Road Committee works to maintain good communication with Santa Fe County Public Works and provide information to Santa Fe County about roads, drainage, and culverts. The Committee also educates ECIA residents about issues related to the roads, including how residents can report road and drainage issues directly to the County, <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/public-works/road-concern>.

Members of the Road Committee help achieve these goals by learning more about the roads and drainage, doing periodic inspections of roads and culverts, helping educate the community at events and through its webpage and *Vistas* articles and during committee meetings. James A. Mason, Ph.D, P.E., a geotechnical and project engineer, chairs the Road Committee. Committee members often have experience in engineering, science, construction, road construction and project management, but members with public relations and government experience would be assets as well.

The Road Committee meetings are open to all ECIA residents. It meets about six times per year on the **first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM via Zoom**. At least annually, it hosts a community meeting with senior Santa Fe County officials regarding Eldorado's roads. The Committee seeks new members interested in helping improve roads throughout the community.

News Corral



First time nose-to-nose with a rattlesnake.

RATTLESNAKE AVOIDANCE CLINIC REGISTRATION

The registration deadline for the Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic is **Friday, Apr. 7, at 11:59 PM**. Please register at www.perfdog.com. The clinic will be held at the Community Center on **Saturday, Apr. 15, beginning at 8 AM**.

—Photo by Tom Mauter



NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION

Are you new to ECIA and looking for information? The welcome team of the Volunteer Recruitment & Retention *ad hoc* Committee can be reached by email vrrc@eldoradosf.org. We look forward to meeting you!

Round Up Your Tumbling Tumbleweeds

The Annual Tumbleweed Corral is happening the day before Earth Day on **Apr. 21**.

Bring your crushed tumbleweeds to Compadres Park from **10 AM to noon**, and the ECIA maintenance crew will be there with a large trailer to transport your



tumbleweeds to the Transfer Station.

If you prefer, you can transport tumbleweeds to the dumpster, located at the northwest corner of the Community Center (near the Courts).

I am grateful to ECIA for their support of this project which helps mitigate fire risk in our community.

Let us try to avoid using plastic to contain the tumbleweeds. Paper bags are preferable, or use a cardboard box in which you can crush the prickly tumbleweeds.

If you have any thoughts, ideas or questions please contact Libby Maclaren **617 276-2184** or libbymac3@icloud.com.

A 30-yard dumpster is located at the northwest corner of the Community Center, near the tennis courts. The dumpster will be available for residents to dispose of **TUMBLEWEEDS ONLY** through August. Please do not dump any other yard debris or personal trash.

—Libby Maclaren

Events at Vista Grande Public Library (VGPL)

Rock Time returns on **Saturday, Apr. 1**, between 11 AM–2 PM. This is a great opportunity to learn about the geology and archeology (and possibly geography if you're sneaky with your questions) of the place we live; and it's fascinating! There will be several local Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in front of the library (or inside if the rocks start to blow away). Bring your rocks, fossils and questions. We're thrilled to have this program starting up again. If you miss this one, they'll be back in June and August!

April is National Poetry Month and in honor of that, Vista Grande Public Library will be hosting the annual **Eldorado Poetry night, Friday, Apr. 14**, starting at 5 PM.

Family movie night will take place on **Friday, Apr. 21** at 7 PM. Please visit our website or call the library for details. Popcorn, juice and admission are free.

We will also be doing a special **Grown-Up movie night** in April. As per our license, we cannot announce the name outside of the library, but it's Oscar nominated and might well be about the Irish creatures that shriek as a harbinger of death. **Friday, Apr. 28, 7 PM**, and admission is free.

Medicare Information Session: Wednesday, Apr. 12, from 10–11:30 AM. How to ensure Medicare pays for what it should, how much you may owe after a visit and how to appeal denial of coverage or an incorrect billing.

All ages Chess, every **Friday, 3–5 PM**.

Story Time, every **Thursday at 10:30 AM**.

Please stay tuned for our upcoming **Book Sale, May 11–13**. We'll have our usual amazing selection of books, DVDs, CDs, audio books and special items. We also have some great, singular Mother's Day items if you need a special gift.

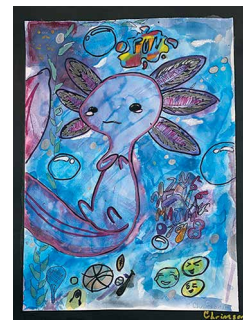
Visit www.vglibrary.org or call 505 466-7323 for more information on any event.

EL DORADO COMMUNITY SCHOOL MARCH EXHIBIT

For the month of March, VGPL showcased the artwork of 6–8th grade El Dorado Community School students. Roni Rhor, art teacher at the school, incorporated National Core Art Standards into the 2D and 3D projects. Students learned how to use various media to revamp an image and give it new meaning; to incorporate symbolism; and to use art for healing.



Artists clockwise from top left: Jacob and Nico, "The Mona Lisa Challenge"; Chrimson, "Animals as Self"; Lilliana, "Dia de los Muertos"; Brandon, "Neurographic Art"; Nara, "Dictionary Pages".



Save the Date! Wed. Apr. 12, 6:30 PM at VGPL



You don't want this to become New Mexico's State Flower.

—Photo by Carly Perkins

Blowing in The Wind

Changing Direction on Single-Use Plastic

featuring a screening of

"New Mexicans Taking Action on Plastic Waste"

by independent documentary filmmaker Greg Polk followed by a panel of experts

Refreshments are back!

Brought to you by Beyond Plastics Santa Fe and Eldorado/285 Recycles

Your Summer Job Awaits at ECIA Pool

Do you want an exciting and rewarding job as a certified lifeguard? The ECIA pool opens Memorial Day weekend, and we are looking for swimmers with a passion for safety to join the team. Not certified? A certification course will take place in May, prior to the pool opening. Applicants must be 15 years old by the time certification ends and pass a pre-course skills test. The pre-course skills include the ability to swim continuously for 300 yards (front crawl or breaststroke), a timed 10-pound brick retrieval, and two minutes treading water without the use of hands. Please contact Jessica Neal, jneal@hoamco.com, if you are interested.

—Photo by ECIA Staff



Join our certified lifeguard team this summer!



What Do You Want?

The Facilities and Grounds Committee wants your feedback! Please let us know what you enjoy, what you would like more of, and any other suggestions and comments.

The comment form can be accessed at the bottom of the homepage of the ECIA website. We look forward to hearing from you!

—Photo by ECIA Staff

Home Maintenance Projects Requiring Approval

With the spring weather becoming warmer and more conducive to getting projects done on homes, it's important residents are aware of projects which require the approval of ECIA. Every year, residents start exterior home projects without first submitting the required applications and obtaining ECIA approval, leading to unintended consequences.

The most common infraction is residents doing re-stucco work on their home, without notifying ECIA of their intentions, or getting approval. Should a resident not obtain ECIA approval and use a non-compliant stucco color, not only will the resident receive a violation notice, but they may also be required to re-stucco their home with a compliant stucco color, at a significant cost to the homeowner.

In general, ECIA would like to remind all residents that **any permanent exterior modifications or improvements that are on the outside of the house will require the approval of the ECIA Architectural Committee, or ECIA staff.** This includes additions such as garages, sheds, walls, fences, cisterns, solar arrays and any project that is permanent in nature.

- Replacing any exterior doors or windows
- Re-stucco work
- Adding awnings or shade devices
- Adding driveway monuments
- Changing or modifying existing fencing on the lot

- Adding above ground, raised gardens, garden enclosures, or greenhouses
- Adding sheds or other outdoor structures
- Repairing an existing fence but changing the height, size or method/style of construction
- Re-roofing

While these projects may be small in comparison to a home addition, the fact that they are permanent structure changes means that they will likely require ECIA approval.

Please note that many of these projects (such as re-stucco work and replacing any exterior doors or windows) can often be approved quickly and efficiently by ECIA staff, provided the resident is using compliant materials and designs.

If you are homeowner and have a project in mind, please call the ECIA Covenant Compliance Representative, Mark Young, at 505 466-4248 to see if your project will require Architectural Committee review. Residents may pick up the Architectural Committee Submission Form application at the ECIA office or download it from the Eldorado Website at www.eldoradosf.org. Additionally, residents can review the most current Eldorado Covenants and Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions on the website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Young at 505 466-4248 or myoung@hoamco.com.

—Mark Young,

ECIA Covenant Compliance Representative

April Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	11, 25	3–5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	18	5:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday Bi-Monthly	No Meeting This Month		Thomas Brendenburt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	12	2–4 PM <i>Zoom / CFR</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	5	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	11	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom / CR</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	5	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday Bi-Monthly	No Meeting This Month		Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
	Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee	Thursday	6	9:30–11:30 AM <i>Zoom / LR</i>	Amelia Adair	a.adair@eldoradosf.org
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed.	5, 19	1–4 PM <i>CR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	11	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	19	3–5 PM <i>Zoom / LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	4	1:30–2:30 PM <i>CFR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	505 577-7305 enhnnm@gmail.com
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	11	6–8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
	Mah Jongg (Social Games)	1st & 3rd Wed.	5, 19	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>Foyer</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 trgibbs@comcast.net
	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
**	Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic Pre-Registration Required	Saturday	15	8 AM–1:30 PM <i>CC Patio</i>	Tom Mauter	tjmauter@comcast.net

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 Events in April

E CIA is looking for groups and individuals interested in volunteering for the annual 4th of July celebration. Please contact Jessica at jneal@hoamco.com or call the office at 505 466-4248 to join the fun!



—Photo by Carol Carden

Eldorado Fourth Annual Poetry Reading

In honor of National Poetry Month
Eldorado's Fourth Annual Poetry Reading
Featuring diverse voices of local poets
reading their original poetic works.

**Join your neighbors for
a delightful evening**

Friday • April 14 • 5–7 p.m.
Vista Grande Public Library
14 Avenida Torreon

POETS WISHING TO READ MAY SUBMIT THEIR WORK
TO: HMARAGON10@GMAIL.COM

SPRING'S NEW BIRTH

*They rise through the ground,
Their new white buds yet unseen,
Anticipation.*

—Mike Rogers

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.

'Tis the Season...To Be Greenin'!

With the winter winds abating and the temperatures rising, gardeners' green thumbs must be itching to get to work growing. The Stables are a community source of primo fertilizer and for free!

Free, clean horse manure for worm bins and compost is available any day of the week. It is great for xeriscape, vegetable, flower and herb gardens. Bring a shovel and bin and take as much as you would like. Keep in mind that bins are emptied on Wednesdays so the easiest day for community manure pickup is Saturday through Tuesday when the bins are filling up and most easily shoveled. There are 14 bins throughout the Stable amenity. Take your pick and view the premises!

The electric gates function through daylight hours. Simply inch your vehicle up to the gates and watch them open. If you have questions, please contact the Eldorado Stable Committee at eldoradostables@gmail.com.

Happy growing!

—Article by ECIA Stable Committee,
Photo by Max Underwood



Simone the donkey is delighted to contribute to your garden!



NEWSBRIEFS: For the latest information from ECIA, please sign up for newsbriefs, (ECIA's electronic mailing system) by going to eldoradosf.org, scroll down to "Sign up for eBlasts".



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