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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Residents of the Year Recognized at Annual Meeting

The ECIA Annual meeting was held on the evening of **May 1**, at the Community Center and via Zoom. The Membership was informed Joseph Gutierrez was the elected Director whose term commenced following the Annual Meeting.

Each year, The ECIA Board selects one or two resident volunteers to recognize for their exceptional service and positive impact on our community. At the 2022 Annual Meeting held on **May 1, 2023**, Kathy Ritschel and Paul Butt were selected as the Residents of the Year.

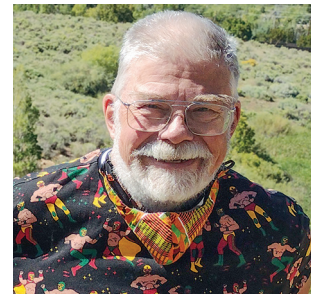
Kathy Ritschel has chaired the Facilities and Grounds (F&G) Committee for over four years. During that time, she's made a tremendous difference in the quality of our facilities, working cooperatively with our Operations Manager and General Manager. F&G is probably the most challenging committee to chair, and she's done so with grace, humor and good will, despite family challenges competing for her time. Chairing F&G also means sitting on the Finance



*Kathy Ritschel,
Resident of the Year*

Committee, to which she's brought her insight and good questions. Most recently, she was an enthusiastic and engaged supporter of the new Volunteer Retention and Recruitment Committee (VRRC), and she is now co-chair.

As a member said to me recently, with a smile and a laugh, "Kathy told me to attend, so I did." Folks show up, they donate their time, and they smile, because of Kathy.



*Paul Butt,
Resident of the Year*

Paul Butt is currently the co-chair of the Conservation Committee and has been a member of the Committee since 2017. During his tenure with the Committee, Paul has helped to manage nearly 30 projects in the Greenbelts and the Eldorado Preserve.

Paul has acted as field volunteer crew director and coordinator with ECIA staff to help manage our trails and critical habitat restoration areas. Most notably, the landscape restoration project of the dam located on the Preserve's 401 trail.

Paul's continued and tireless dedication to protecting these critical resources is why he was chosen to receive one of the Resident of the Year awards.

—Amelia Adair and Jonathan Turkle,
ECIA Board

New Board Members Nominated and Elected in May



From left: Amelia Adair, President; Jonathan Turkle, Vice President; Joseph Gutierrez, Treasurer; James Herbert Williams, Secretary; Ken Howard, Director; Carol Sanguinetti, Director; Mary Bonilla, Director

Following Board Candidate interviews held the week of **May 1**, the Board of Directors held a Special Meeting on **May 9** to appoint two members for three-year terms. Amelia Adair was reappointed, and Ken Howard was appointed for his first position on the ECIA Board of Directors.

Immediately following the Special Board Meeting, an Organizational Meeting was held to determine Board Officer positions and assign Committee Liaisons. All Members accepted the nominations and positions are now in effect.

—Photos by ECIA Staff

Board Actions and Summary May 16

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM; held in-person and via Zoom. President Amelia Adair, Vice President Jonathan Turkle, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary James Herbert Williams, and Directors Mary Bonilla, Carol Sanguinetti and newly appointed Ken Howard were in attendance and quorum was met.

General Manager Julie Navarro, Executive Assistant Ciara Walsh, Operations Director Mike Rogers, Covenant and Compliance Coordinator Mark Young, Pool Manager Logan Dutton, and Communications Director Jessica Neal were present from staff.

Director Bonilla moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Sanguinetti, and all were in favor.

Director Sanguinetti moved to approve the April 2023 Board Meeting minutes. Director Bonilla seconded the motion, and with one abstention and six in favor, the Minutes were approved.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

This new agenda item will be an opportunity to thank and acknowledge volunteers in the community. Volunteers recognized included Carol Sanguinetti for her year as president, and Jonathan McLaughlin for his term as secretary. Candidates that interviewed for Board appointment were thanked for their interest and encouraged to volunteer by joining committees. Director Sanguinetti recognized Paul Butt, who was not present at the Annual Meeting, for his service and award of Resident of the Year.

OPEN FORUM

A resident asked for a follow up on the 2023 proposed budget item of license plate readers and a town hall meeting with the Sheriff.

A resident presented concerns about the Camerada Loop trail.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Adair announced her goals in the year of her presidency of working on improving policy development, standardizing practices, and supporting professional development of staff, Board and volunteers.

TREASURER'S/FINANCE REPORT AND COUNTY LIAISON UPDATE

Treasurer Gutierrez reported as of the end of April, the Association has spent 22% of the 2023 budget. \$53,300 of accounts receivables remains uncollected. The current cash account has \$180K, which is higher than this time last year. The Finance Committee will be reviewing the reserve accounts during the next two meetings, as assessments may be increased in 2024. Treasurer Gutierrez also reported on the status of legislative appropriations projects by Santa Fe County in the Eldorado subdivision, including the roads and Hike/Bike trails. A town hall meeting with the Sheriff will be held on **May 31** to discuss public safety.

Treasurer Gutierrez is working with Kathy Ritschel and Secretary Herbert Williams to develop a policy for providing lessons at amenities. The proposed policy will be presented to homeowners for input prior to voting.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

GM Navarro reported, as of this date, \$48K is past due in accounts receivable, but payments are coming in now that lien notices have been sent. Staff is planning for the **July 4th** celebration and is looking for volunteers. The Association's insurance was renewed at the current rate for a 3-year term.

OM Rogers reported bids are due for the maintenance facility on **May 31**, and the building is currently being constructed. The pump track project is targeted for early July. Installation of new gates and card readers at the Dog Park will begin the week of

May 22. Following a survey of Stable users, 78% will use new training equipment and the project will proceed. A suggestion was presented to add more speed bumps for safety. Mr. Rogers will propose this recommendation to the F&G Committee, which can make a recommendation to the Finance Committee.

CD Neal reported she is working with the Welcome Team of the VRRRC to implement a revised welcome packet. The revisions will provide clear education and encourage new resident engagement. To assist staff in standardizing procedures, an eBlast policy will be drafted to propose to the Board and Membership for review.

PM Dutton reported the pools passed inspection, new signage, personal protective equipment (PPE), and medical equipment has been ordered and lifeguard certification classes are scheduled. To recruit and retain applicants, the starting wage will be \$16/hour with an increase for returning guards. Nine lifeguards have been hired so far.

CCC Young reported the Compliance Policy Update Task Force continues working on revisions to the old covenant enforcement policy. Proposed revisions will be presented to the Board then to the Members for comment when ready.

MOTIONS

1. President Adair moved to appoint Jody Price, Ken Howard, David McDonald, James Caruso and John Reynolds to the Bylaws Review Committee. Director Bonilla seconded. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Vice President Turkle moved to support Santa Fe County's recommendation to use legislative appropriations for Eldorado Road capital improvements to prioritize Encantado Road upgrades. Director Sanguinetti seconded. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
3. President Adair opened discussion on the draft Social Media Policy. The Board decided to more thoroughly review the draft policy, before approving it to be posted for Membership review and comment prior to the next Board meeting.
4. President Adair moved to accept Erica Valentine's resignation from the Volunteer Retention & Recruitment Committee as she is no longer an ECIA resident. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Minutes of committee meetings are available on committee pages of the ECIA website: www.eldoradosf.org.

VARIANCE REQUESTS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE

1. 7 Cagua Road—Director Bonilla moved to approve to allow for a small accessory structure to be built more than 15 ft. from the home. Secretary Herbert Williams seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. 7 Sabroso Road—This variance request was withdrawn at the request of the Architecture Committee.
3. 3 Conchas Court—Director Bonilla moved to approve to allow for a large accessory structure more than 15 ft. from the home. The motion was seconded by Director Sanguinetti. Following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A Town Hall will be held **May 17** to take member comments on the proposed F&G Guest and Conservation Greenbelt management policies.

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Covenants for Window and Other Shade Devices

With temperatures on the rise alongside summer's arrival, many residents' homes start to become uncomfortable. Residents find they need a ramada, portal, pergola, or other shading structures over their windows, especially on the south side of the home. To help clarify this topic, the ECIA added Section 7 to the Guidelines for Protective Covenants which addresses larger shade structures, such as ramadas, but does not address other exterior shading devices, other than Section 4.9.1.4, which states:

4.9.1.4. All exterior shade screening devices, permanently attached to the primary structure, shall require approval of ECIA, and shall be of a color that blends well with the colors of the local environment, or similar to the approved stucco colors.

Examples of such permanently attached window shade structures, addressed under 4.9.1.4 can be seen below. These are all acceptable styles but do require ECIA Architecture Committee review:



Another type of shade device, seen below, is a shade sail:



Shade sails do not require ECIA approval (unless there are structures being built to hang them from) but must be of a color that blends well with the colors of the local environment, or similar to the approved stucco colors. Approval is not required normally as they are considered seasonal or temporary structures that should be taken down in the winter.



Lastly, one other method of window shading are eyebrows, which require ECIA approval. These were popular in a lot of early homes in Eldorado, but are not frequently installed due to their lack of depth and ability to shade the windows. An example is seen in the photo at left.

Should any residents wish to install any kind of window shading structure, it is recommended that you contact ECIA offices at **505 466-4248** or **myoung@hoamco.com** to see if the structure will require review and approval.

—Article and photos by Mark Young,
ECIA Covenant and Architectural Compliance Coordinator

Board Actions and Summary May 16 *(Continued from previous page)*

- Board Retreat follow-up was tabled until the next Board meeting.
- Responsibility for restoring compliance with amenity use rules will be added as a topic of discussion at the next Board strategic planning retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed progress toward orienting new Director Howard.
- President Adair proposed establishing a regular officer committee meeting to prepare the agenda, review actions items from the previous meeting, and review the annual Board

calendar. President Adair will send the Board a draft charter for this committee.

- Kathy Ritschel proposed to offer a youth Board internship to El Dorado Community School students who are residents. More will be discussed to establish a process.

ADJOURN

With unanimous approval, the regular Board meeting adjourned at **8:33 PM** and moved into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The next regular Board Meeting will be held **in-person** at the Community **and via Zoom Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 PM.**

ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

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

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–Fri 8:30 AM–5 PM. For information call 505 466-4248.

ECIA Community Center open Mon–Fri 8:30 AM–8 PM, Sat & Sun 9 AM–5 PM.

Vermi-Composting Systems High Satisfaction Rate

After all the hoopla that Eldorado 285 Recycles (E285R) has posted in the past about their straw bale vermi-composting system, you may wonder... how are these systems actually performing over the long haul? And what's the environmental impact? Good questions! And one that the E285R Compost Crew wanted to know the answer.

Over the last nine years, E285R has installed 251 compost systems. Since records were kept for each installation, they decided to distribute a survey to determine how many composts were still being used, the residents' satisfaction, and what overall environmental impact home composting has made. The survey was sent in March 2023 to the 251 addresses on record.

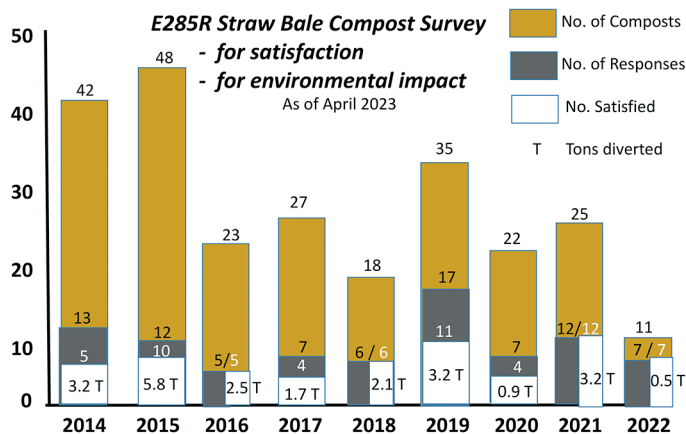
Check out the results from the graph at the right: 86 residents responded, which equates to a 34% response rate. It was interesting to note that the average residents per household was two. Seems like most of us are either retired or empty-nesters!

Of the 86 responses received, 64 noted that they were still using the system and were satisfied with it. That is a 74% satisfaction rate! But not all were happy. A few negative comments dealt with rodents invading their composts. Without the opportunity to check out these particular composts, the research has shown that rodents might burrow into straw bale composts if they get too dry, or if the veggie scraps are not buried deep enough into wet loose straw. E285R's solution... keep the bin very moist, and feed those wiggler worms all year long under a deep blanket of straw!

What environmental impact does home straw bale vermi-composting really make? How many tons of green waste was actually diverted from the landfill over these nine years?

To find out, E285R had to make some big assumptions. First, they measured only the "satisfied composters" from this survey, and assumed that those residents continued to generate green waste at the same rate every year since their installation. With an average of two people per household, they multiplied that over the number of years since installation. Using adjusted 2018 EPA composting trends data, it was estimated that each person generates about 0.2 pounds per person per day of green waste, be it veggie scraps, coffee

grounds, tea bags, egg shells, fruit peels, and/or some leftovers. 0.2 pounds of waste is about 1 and 3/4 cups. After crunching the numbers for the 64 active composts spread over their respective years since installation, it was estimated that **21.6 tons of green waste has been diverted.**



* **SATISFACTION:** 86 of 251 surveys sent were received = 34% return; 64 of 86 expressed satisfaction = 74% satisfied

* **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (Tonnage Diverted from Waste Stream):** 21.6 total tons diverted since 2014

Assumes 2 residents per household and generating the same amount of green waste for every year in existence.

** **How to read this graph:** Example 2014: Of the 43 total composts installed, 13 responded to survey, 5 reported satisfied and still composting. A total of 3.2 tons of green waste has been diverted over 9 years.

To extrapolate this data to include other satisfied composters, who chose not to participate in this survey, they estimated that about half of the 251 composts (125) were still in use today and for every year since installation. A conservative estimate for the larger sample equaled to about **43 tons of green waste diverted over the last nine years.**

According to Santa Fe County Solid Waste and Recycling Division records, the total tonnage of landfill waste generated from the Eldorado station since 2014 is about 19,000 tons. Diverting 43 tons, or 0.2%, of green waste has a minimal impact on the overall stream, but composting is the still the right thing to do. As Mother Teresa once said, "The good you do today, will often be forgotten... **Do Good Anyway!**"

—Chris Harrell
Eldorado/285 Recycles

Recycle Tips: Batteries, Plastic Containers & Paper



BATTERIES

Commonly used alkaline household batteries can safely go in the trash but rechargeable batteries must be recycled since they contain hazardous heavy metals. Home Depot, Lowe's and Batteries Plus in Santa Fe are three convenient recycling options.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

ALL plastic containers regardless of number can be recycled.

Please rinse, leave caps on and do not crush.

PAPER

Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water!

—Eldorado/285 Recycles

County Meeting Regarding Encantado Road Upgrades

On **Apr. 26** Santa Fe County Commissioner Hank Hughes convened a public meeting with Ivan Trujillo, Project Engineer for Santa Fe County Public Works, to discuss the status of improving Encantado Road in the Eldorado subdivision. Paving or otherwise upgrading Encantado Road has long been the top priority for Santa Fe County in Eldorado. Encantado Road is the longest and busiest unpaved road in Eldorado, since it serves so many homes as a connector (all roads in Eldorado are public, owned and maintained by Santa Fe County).

Santa Fe County staff, elected representatives, ECIA residents, the ECIA Road Committee and ECIA Board, have successfully partnered together to raise funds over the past three years for road projects in Eldorado. In 2021, Santa Fe County residents approved a general obligation bond that allocated \$750K for Encantado Road improvements. In 2022, the New Mexico Legislature granted Santa Fe County \$480K for capital improvements to Eldorado roads, and this year granted another \$650K. That means Santa Fe County has \$1,880,000 to spend upgrading roads in Eldorado.

Unfortunately, inflation and increased labor costs means paving a road like Encantado currently costs about twice that much, so paving is not currently feasible. The County's

solution proposed at the **Apr. 26** meeting was to improve the grading, drainage and surfacing of Encantado Road. This should significantly improve the driving surface during rain and snow, plus prepare the road for paving in the future.

Mr. Trujillo described the project timeline and how long it may take to complete. Given the complexities of the project and the County's procurement process, Mr. Trujillo believes the earliest the project may begin is Spring of 2024. The County pledged to keep Eldorado residents updated with information about the status of this project.

The ECIA Board supports the County's allocation of all legislative appropriation funding to Encantado Road upgrades, on the understanding that will not change the County's routine maintenance, drainage and emergency repair road work throughout Eldorado, which are funded via the County's operating budget.

Residents with questions about roads in the Eldorado subdivision are encouraged to attend the ECIA Road Committee meetings on the **first Wednesday of the month, every other month**, or to contact Santa Fe County Public Works directly. Contact details are available on their website at <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/public-works/roads>.

Summer at Vista Grande Public Library

Thanks so much to everyone who came to, worked, shopped and otherwise supported the May Book Sale! We had a great time and a successful sale and couldn't have done it without you!

James McGrath Morris, biographer extraordinaire and author of *Tony Hillerman: A Life*, will be at VGPL on **Friday, June 9, at 6 PM** to share this wonderful book about a local favorite. We hope you will join us.

Rock Time will return on **Saturday, June 3, from 11 AM to 2 PM**. In good weather, just walk past the picnic table in front of the building and share your rocks, fossils, questions, stories... We're also trying to pull together a geology panel for some time in the fall. If this interests you, a little encouragement couldn't hurt.

Summer Reading starts June 1. In-person programs are **every Wednesday from 2 to 3 PM** for ages 4 to 3rd grade. All ages (adults, too) can participate online through Beanstack. Visit the Summer Reading page on our website for information, www.vglibrary.org.

Wednesday, June 14, local author **Len Schreiner** will be at VGPL from **7 to 8:30 PM** to talk about his recent book *A Soul's Journey into Interspiritual Space: Reflections for Christians, Catholics and Contemplatives*.

Medicare Information Session: Thursday, June 15 from **1:30 to 3 PM**. The topic is Switching to/from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage Plans.

We'll have **summer movie matinees June 13 and 27** from **1 to 3 PM**. Please contact us for more information on titles.

We're revamping the **Chess** program for the summer, so times may be added, but we'll still welcome players **every Friday from 3 to 5 PM**.



We are also seeking responsible adults/young adults who know chess and are willing to supervise and help direct young players. If interested, please contact Julia Kelso (librarydirector@vglibrary.org). This volunteer position would require passing a background check and committing to a

schedule. We hope there are interested parties out there, as this has been a long-standing and important program.

Family Movie Night, Friday, June 16 at 7 PM. Movie, juice and popcorn free.

Our **June artist, Greg Frank Harris**, will be holding a reception, **Saturday, June 3, from 1 to 3 PM**.

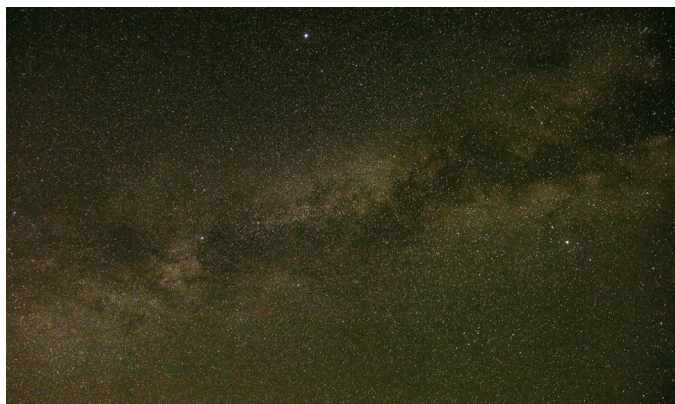
Toddler Story Time, every **Thursday at 10:30 AM**.

Night Skies over Eldorado during June



The Summer Milky Way, from Scorpius (lower right) to Cygnus (upper left), rises in the evening. The center of the galaxy is located above the Large Sagittarius Star Cloud—the bright cloud of stars on the right. The galactic center isn't visible due to intervening stars and clouds of dust and gas.

The Summer Milky Way is the brightest portion of our galaxy and it begins its march across the sky as darkness descends. By mid-June, the Milky Way spans the horizon, stretching from the SSE to the NNE as night begins. By dawn, the Milky Way is almost vertical, running from the southwest to the northeast horizons, passing overhead.



This section of the Milky Way, from Aquila to Cepheus, includes the Summer Triangle of bright stars: Vega (near the top, just left of center), Deneb (just below and left of center), and Altair (just below and right of center). The dark area that appears to run through the Milky Way is called the Great Rift. The Great Rift consists of interstellar clouds of dust that hide the myriad stars behind them.

The Milky Way bisects the 'Summer Triangle' of bright stars: Vega, Altair, and Deneb. Blue-white Vega is the brightest of the three. Twenty-five light-years away, the light you see tonight left Vega when Bill Clinton was president. By contrast, Deneb is 2,616 light-years away. Deneb's light left the star around the time that the Ancestral Puebloans of today's American Southwest began to cultivate maize.

A little known, but splendid object within the Milky Way, is visible to the naked eye as night falls in early June. Known

by some as 'the Lizard' (a.k.a., the False Comet), this collection of individual stars and star clusters appears in binoculars like a lizard climbing head-first down the veil of the Milky Way. The Lizard is located in the constellation Scorpius, where the



The asterism known as 'the Lizard,' in Scorpius, is near the right edge of this photo, two o'clock from the windmill blades. Ptolemy's Cluster is above the windmill; the Butterfly Cluster is near the top of the frame, one o'clock from Ptolemy's Cluster. All three of these objects are glorious in binoculars and telescopes.

Scorpion's tail begins to curl toward the east.

The Lizard and its immediate surroundings are a sight to behold in binoculars or a telescope. A clear, dark night is best for viewing the Lizard since it never gets very high above the southern horizon, as viewed from Eldorado.

KEY JUNE NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

June 1–2: Mars passes through the Beehive Cluster in Cancer, a pleasant sight in binoculars or a small telescope.

June 3: The full moon occurs at **9:43 PM**, near the bright star Antares in the constellation Scorpius. The Hopi people refer to this moon as the 'Moon of Planting.'

June 4: Venus is at its greatest distance east of the Sun, setting in the WNW around **11:20 PM**. At this time, Earth's 'sister planet' will be 50% illuminated.

June 12–13: Venus passes through the Beehive Cluster.

June 14: The waning crescent moon and Jupiter rise together in the ENE at about **3:15 AM**.

June 15: The planet Uranus will be close to the waning crescent moon just before dawn, as they rise in the ENE around **3:55 AM**. Binoculars will be needed to view Uranus.

June 17: The Moon is new, so darkness prevails.

June 21: Summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere occurs at **8:57 AM** when the Sun reaches its northernmost point in the sky. The solstice marks the longest day and shortest night of the year. Because of Eldorado's location on Earth, the earliest sunrise of the year occurs in the second week of June and the Sun will continue to set later in the evening, albeit by less than a minute, until the last week of June.

June 21: The waxing crescent moon, Venus, and Mars will create a small triangle in the west during twilight and shortly after dark.

June 30: Venus and Mars will be close together in the evening sky.

—Article and photos by Eric Saltmarsh

June Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	13, 27	3-5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	20	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	No Meeting this Month		Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	7	10 AM-12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	13	9:30 AM-Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	No Meeting this Month		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	1	9:30-11:30 AM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	a.adair@eldoradosf.org
Monthly/ Semi-Monthly	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed.	7, 21	1-4 PM <i>CR</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>Zoom / LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	13	6-8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
	Mah Jongg (Social Games)	1st & 4th Wed.	7, 28	11:30 AM-3 PM <i>Foyer</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
Weekly	Acoustic Jam	Sundays		4-6 PM <i>CC Patio (LR if weather)</i>	Chris Harrell	clharrell505@gmail.com
	Adult Basketball	Thursdays		6 PM-Dusk <i>CC Basketball Court</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 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

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

News Corral

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED TO EXTEND POOL SEASON

The pool is open, and we hope to be able to extend the pool season again this year. If you are interested in lifeguarding, and you will be available after school begins in August, please contact the Pool Manager, Logan Dutton ldutton@hoamco.com.

Bike decorating party!

Monday, July 3rd,
4 PM @ the CC
Supplies provided!

Bring the whole family for an evening of fun! Get those non-motorized vehicles ready to showcase in the parade! For questions or to RSVP call (505) 466-4248 or email jneal@hoamco.com



LACE 'EM UP!

The Eldorado Adult Basketball season is here. So, lace 'em, players and c'mon out to the Community Center basketball court for some fun and friendly pick-up hoops! Thursdays 6 PM to dusk.



Happy Independence Day



Join us for ECIA's annual
4th of July celebration!

Tuesday, July 4th, at the Community Center
Parade begins at 10 AM
Food, music, fun & games to follow!

*Bright cacti blooming
Lizards scurrying around
Summer sun above*

—Jessica Neal

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.

ECIA Finance Committee Seeks New Members



The Finance Committee serves the community by providing the ECIA Board with financial reviews and recommendations. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board and advises it on the annual budget and compliance monitoring, investment review, proposed capital expenditures, maintenance of a replacement reserve, long-range financial planning and analysis, and development of financial policies and procedures (Finance Committee charter Mission Statement).

Every Finance Committee meeting includes discussion with the HOAMCO Portfolio Accountant, ECIA General Manager and Operations Manager as it reviews the financial statements in detail ahead of that month's Board meeting.

The Committee also reviews major contracts for compliance with ECIA's procurement policy, reviews the annual budget thoroughly, and meets periodically with committee chairs about their budgets. It presents an annual town hall meeting for members about the proposed budget, before the Board votes on the budget.

Chair and Board Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez has an extensive background in finance with the State of New Mexico and Santa Fe County, including as the Director of Finance and then Director of Projects. Finance Committee members often have backgrounds in accounting, banking, finance, law, construction, budgeting, and facilities management.

Finance Committee meetings are open to all ECIA residents. It meets monthly, typically on the **second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM** in the Community Center conference room and via Zoom. The Committee seeks new members interested in helping plan, monitor and support ECIA's financial security.



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