

# VISTAS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## ECIA Pool to Open Memorial Day Weekend



*Eldorado residents enjoy lap lanes, pool games, and shade structures at the recently-refurbished ECIA Community Center pool.*

**T**he clock is ticking and the ECIA pool will soon be open for the 2023 season. Logan Dutton, as Pool Manager and Lifeguard Instructor, will be working hard with the pool staff team to open the pool **Memorial Day weekend**.

Residents will need to present with their amenity proximity

card, or “key card” to access the pool. ECIA committees are actively working to develop and revise amenity policies, which includes lessons, guests, and code of conduct.

Please be on the lookout for updates via eBlasts, the ECIA website, and Facebook page.

—Photo by Jessica Neal

## Earth Day Etc!

**R**esidents enjoyed a special day including a blessing and groundbreaking ceremony for our Community Center pollinator garden, tacos from Fusion Tacos food truck, lots of music on the patio, and educational displays about our amenities and earth-friendly policies. Crisp, \$2 bills were awarded to the youth who submitted artwork.

—Photos by Jessica Neal





# Board Actions and Summary April 18

**THE ECIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** was called to order at 5:32 PM and held in-person at the Community Center and via Zoom. The meeting was recorded for minute taking purposes.

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

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

President Sanguinetti asked for a motion to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda items. Director Turkle requested to amend the Agenda to include a motion to add a member to the GIS *ad hoc* Committee. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to approve the amended Agenda and Consent Agenda, seconded by Secretary McLaughlin, and unanimously approved.

**Treasurer Gutierrez reported:** As of the end of March, the Association spent 15% of the 2023 budget, 10% less than March 2022. The cash balance was significantly higher by about \$401K, and outstanding accounts receivables was \$134K.

**Santa Fe County Liaison Gutierrez reported:** The Governor approved two capital projects, \$400K for hike/bike paths and \$615K for road improvements. There are still three outstanding approved projects in the amount of approximately \$700K. The lifespan of approved funds is 3–5 years and the approved ECIA funds are in the first year of approval. The Sheriff will be present at a Town Hall meeting to discuss safety concerns and the benefit of license plate cameras.

**GM Navarro:** First late notices were sent at the beginning of April and the office continues to receive assessment payment daily; as of this date, there is \$99K outstanding. The Annual Report was mailed to residents at the end of March and the **Annual Meeting** will be held **Monday, May 1, at 5:30 PM** in the Community Center Classroom. There are four candidates for Board appointment and interviews will be held following the Annual Meeting. The Board will appoint the candidates at a Special Meeting, followed by an Organizational Meeting to assign Board officers.

**OM Rogers:** Two local contractors agreed to bid on the new Maintenance Facility. Great Western Building will be engineering the structure; the plans have been stamped for approval and manufacturing will begin when the Board approves the funds. The manufacturing phase will take approximately four months. The Compadres Park shade structure permits were held back because the park needed to be assigned an address for emergency services. The park address is 9 North Ave. de Compadres and permits will be dropped off on **May 3**.

## Motions:

1. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to approve renewal of the ECIA's insurance coverage with Cincinnati Insurance Companies and Scottsdale Insurance Company, for a term of three years, for a total estimated annual premium of \$47,808.54 (as presented by our broker Daniels Insurance to the Finance Committee on **April 17, 2023**). Director McLaughlin seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
2. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to approve the purchase of the new maintenance facility building which is already an approved Capital item in the 2023 budget. The cost of the building is \$105,565.00. Director Bonilla seconded, and the motion was

unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer Gutierrez moved to approve the purchase of the Stable Water Beacon System in the amount of \$12,293.00 which will be billed back to the stable owners in the full amount. Director Bonilla seconded, two officers abstained and five voted to approve; the motion carried.
4. Director Herbert Williams moved to review and approve of a guest policy: "Residents take priority during play times." The motion was seconded by Treasurer Gutierrez. Following discussion, the motion was amended to approve the guest rule be presented to the membership for feedback. With the amendment, the motion was unanimously approved.
5. Director Herbert Williams moved to review and approve the Facilities and Grounds Committee 2023 Charter. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
6. Director Herbert Williams moved to review and approve the 2023 Dog Park Rules and updated signage. The motion was seconded by Director Turkle with an amendment to approve the rules and signage be presented to the membership for feedback. With the amendment, the motion was unanimously approved.
7. Director Turkle moved to approve Lance Tyson be added as a member to the GIS *ad hoc* Committee. Director McLaughlin seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:** can be viewed on their respective page of the ECIA website: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org).

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

- 83 Herrada Road—to allow for a new large accessory structure to be located at a distance of 66 feet from the dwelling home. Treasurer Gutierrez seconded, and the variance was unanimously approved.

## Old Business:

- Board Retreat Follow-up
  - Priorities from November's retreat have been implemented and there have been improvements from the suggestions presented. Communication of information from non-ECIA sponsored non-profit groups to the membership has commenced.
- Operating principles for ECIA Facebook page—Communications Director Neal presented the Board with a draft Social Media Policy. Following Board review and approval, the policy will be posted for membership review.

## New Business

- A discussion was held regarding the need for amenity policies to include teaching lessons, and responsibility to enforce policies was held. The concern of liability, waivers, and insurance was presented. Because of low risk, there will be no change to current practices until a policy is in place. A task force for amenity policies and enforcement including James Herbert-Williams, Joseph Gutierrez, Kathy Ritschel, and HOAMCO staff was confirmed to confer with the HOA attorney. Amenity policies will be included at the town hall meeting on **May 17**.

## Open Forum: None

Treasurer Gutierrez moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM and move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Vice President Adair and unanimously approved. The next regular **Board Meeting** will be held **in-person** at the Community Center **and via Zoom Tuesday, May 16 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.

## Town Hall—Proposed Greenbelt Management Policy

A town hall will be held **May 17 at 5:30 PM** in the Railroad Building and via Zoom, for the purpose of receiving feedback from ECIA members about the proposed new policy on Greenbelt Management. Everyone is welcome, but if you cannot make the town hall, you may submit your comments or questions to the Board by visiting the Conservation Committee's webpage and filling out the form located near the end of the page: <https://eldoradosf.org/conservation-committee/>.

The ECIA Conservation Committee has recommended this policy to the Board regarding the management priorities for the Eldorado Greenbelts. This proposed policy has been presented to the Board at two consecutive Board meetings, and has been posted on the Conservation Committee webpage for public review and comment at the following link: <http://bit.ly/3MAGatZ>.

The Conservation Committee believes it is important to provide guidance for HOAMCO maintenance staff about how to responsibly manage the Greenbelts, so as to preserve the Greenbelts' function as drainage easements and wildlife habitat, while removing hazardous, non-natural fuel accumulations. This policy also reminds residents that the majority of land in Eldorado consists of privately owned lots



and emphasizes the importance of homeowners creating defensible space around their homes to reduce wildfire risk.

The next step in adoption of the Greenbelt Management policy is to hear comments from members. The town hall will be held for that purpose. After the town hall, the Conservation Committee and the Board will consider all comments and suggestions made, revise the policy if warranted, then the revised policy will be on the agenda for the June Board meeting for a vote.

—Photo by Garret P. Vreeland

## ECIA Bylaws Review Committee Seeks New Members



The Bylaws Review Committee meets every other year to consider and recommend updates to ECIA Bylaws, which will then go to the community for a vote. New committee members will be appointed in 2023 to provide recommendations for the 2024 annual meeting ballot.

The Board will appoint the committee at its regular May meeting, so the Board is currently considering potential committee members. Article XVI of the Bylaws explains that the committee will consist of five Members in Good Standing, including one Board director, one member of the Election Committee, and at least one member not currently serving on any other ECIA committee.

Past members of the committee have included homeowners with backgrounds in law, non-profit governance, government, finance, parliamentary procedure, computer science, medical administration, and education. But any resident with an interest in promoting best practices for governance of ECIA and who has an eye for detail would make a good committee member.

The Bylaws Review Committee typically meets at least monthly for six months, between June and January or February of the following year. It solicits input from homeowners and conducts at least one town hall meeting to review proposed revisions to the Bylaws before they are finalized for a homeowner vote. Meetings will be scheduled when convenient to all committee members.

For more information or if you are interested in being considered for this committee please contact Ciara Walsh, [cwalsh@hoamco.com](mailto:cwalsh@hoamco.com).

### 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.

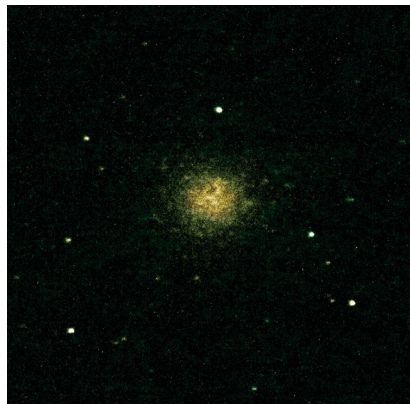
**Management:** ECIA is managed by HOAMCO. General Manager Julie Navarro, [jnavarro@hoamco.com](mailto:jnavarro@hoamco.com)  
Monthly report available at [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board.  
**ECIA office open Mon–Sat 8:30 AM–5 PM\*. For information call 505 466-4248.**

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



# Night Skies over Eldorado during May

**T**his spring's parade of evening planets has disappeared into the solar glare, leaving us with only bright Venus and fading Mars. But, by month's end, early risers will be treated to a new parade as Saturn, Neptune, Jupiter, Mercury, and Uranus reemerge in the dawn skies.



*Omega Centauri contains about 10 million stars. Many of its stars are red and among the oldest stars in our galaxy. It's believed that Omega Centauri was gravitationally drawn into the Milky Way from another galaxy.*

galaxies they inhabit (although, some are thought to have been captured from nearby galaxies).

Because of the sheer number of stars in a globular cluster, their proximity to neighboring stars, and the complex gravitational effects of so many close objects, globular clusters are not good places to search for exoplanets and life.



*The globular cluster Omega Centauri (top center), near its highest point in the sky, above Cerro Pelon (a.k.a., the Galisteo Wave).*

Mid-May is a good time to view one of the most spectacular objects in the night sky—the globular cluster Omega Centauri. The Moon will be out of the way, offering dark skies with which to view this naked eye object.

Globular clusters are tightly packed, massive collections of old stars, bound together by gravity. They are among the oldest objects in the

There are more than 150 known globular clusters in our Milky Way galaxy. Many of the globular clusters are distributed in a halo around the galaxy's core.

Omega Centauri is the largest known globular cluster in our galaxy, consisting of about 10 million stars. Its core is compact, with stars being only 0.1 light-years apart, on average (for comparison, the closest star to our sun is 4.2 light-years distant).

Due to Omega Centauri's location in the southern sky, it never gets more than seven degrees above our horizon, making it an oft-overlooked deep sky object. In mid-May, Omega Centauri rises in the SSE about **8:30 PM**. It reaches its highest point above the horizon in the south around **11 PM** and sets in the SSW around **1:30 AM**. This glorious object looks like a fuzzy star to the naked eye and is an easy binocular object but, is best viewed with a telescope.



*The April full moon sets above Archibique Mountain in the Cerrillos Hills.*

Under ideal conditions, this shower should produce about 30 meteors per hour. Unfortunately, the waning gibbous moon will interfere with viewing.

**May 13:** Saturn and the Moon, just past last quarter, rise together around **3:30 AM**.

**May 17:** The crescent moon, Jupiter, and Mercury make a tight grouping as they rise in the east during dawn. The Moon will occult (pass in front of) Jupiter at approximately **5:24 AM**, 33 minutes before sunrise. Jupiter will reappear at **6:20 AM**, 23 minutes after sunrise. The occultation will begin when the Moon and Jupiter are only about seven degrees above the eastern horizon so, while visible from Eldorado, the event will be difficult to observe.

**May 19:** The moon is new and not visible all night, leaving dark skies for those who wish to view faint objects in the sky.

**May 22–24:** The waxing crescent moon, Venus, and Mars make a nice grouping in the early evening sky. The Moon is close to Venus on **May 22**, between Venus and Mars on **May 23**, and close to Mars on **May 24**.

**May 29:** Mercury is at greatest western elongation, meaning that it's at its farthest point west of the Sun in the dawn sky. It rises about **4:50 AM**, following Jupiter into the morning sky.

## KEY MAY NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

**May 5:** The full Flower Moon occurs at **11:36 AM** in the constellation Libra.

**May 6–7:** The Eta Aquarid meteor shower peaks on the night of **May 6** and pre-dawn of **May 7**.

—Article and photos by Eric Saltmarsh

# Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors of All Ages

**W**e are a small group dedicated to offering short-term help to those in need in Eldorado and the surrounding area. We function under the auspices of Santa Fe County and in conjunction with the Eldorado Senior Center. We are not limited to seniors—our help is available to anyone in the community.



For example, if you broke your leg, we can pick up your mail, take down your trash and pick up your pre-ordered groceries. Maybe your dog needs a walk. Or if you are simply lonesome, we can provide regular phone call visits. We do not transport individuals to appointments. However, the Santa Fe County Senior Program can let you know of other transportation options. The Senior Center is still providing daily home-delivered meals and can be contacted at **505 992-3069**.

We are very concerned for the residents of our community; especially those living alone or are reluctant to ask for help directly. If you know of someone who could use our help, please let us know and we will contact them.

We need more volunteers! We meet monthly at the Eldorado Senior Center, and you are welcome to come. Maybe you have been helped by our group in the past and are now able to give back to the community. Join us and have the satisfaction and fulfillment of genuinely helping others.

Contact us at [enhnnm@gmail.com](mailto:enhnnm@gmail.com) or 505 577-7305.

## Recycle Tip: Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs



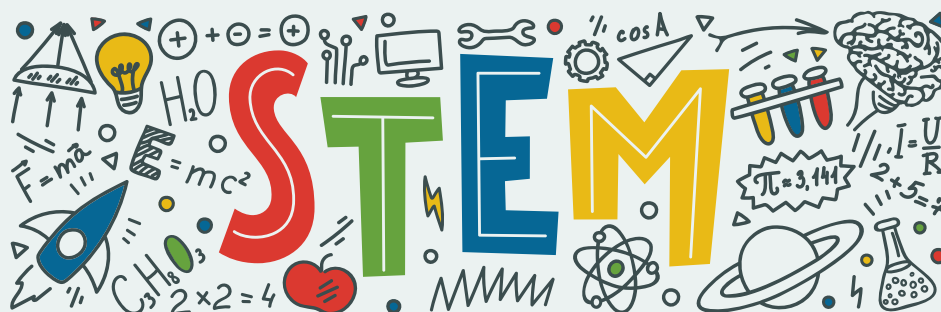
Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's) contain mercury (Hg) which is toxic to humans and animals and should not be thrown in the trash. Home Depot and Lowe's accept them for recycling.

## WHAT DO I DO IF A CFL BREAKS?

Broken CFLs can release mercury, which is a severe health hazard. When a CFL breaks, take the situation

seriously. Immediately have all other people and pets leave the room so they can avoid exposure. Open a window or door to the outside to air out the room for 5–10 minutes while you collect all broken glass and visible powder. Do not vacuum up the pieces because this could spread mercury-containing powder or vapor. Place all broken glass and powder in a sealable container and dispose of properly.

—Eldorado/285 Recycles



# El Dorado Community School STEM Fair Winners

Since 1958, New Mexico Highlands University has been the host of the Northeastern New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The 2023 Regional Fair was held on **Saturday, Mar. 11**. The following students from El Dorado Community School placed at the Regional Fair:

- Bella Stuckey and Elsa Frey, Honorable Mention in Behavioral Science
- Amrita Khalsa, 2nd in Chemistry
- Joshua Yong, 3rd in Physics and Astronomy
- Leandro Narvaez, 3rd in Engineering



## Spring Events at the Vista Grande Public Library

It's that time of year again! Vista Grande Public Library (VGPL) is hosting our Spring Book Sale Fundraiser, **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 11–13**, during open hours (\$25 early bird admission, 9 AM Thursday morning only). We have thousands of new and nearly new paperbacks and hardcovers on a wide array of topics including books for children and older kids. We have CDs, DVDs and audio books. There's the usual array of fun gift books and specially priced books and book sets.

**Saturday from 1–4 PM**, we'll have our bag sale, where you buy one of our bags for \$5 and fill it with anything except specially priced items. If you have one of our bags from a previous sale, you fill the bag for \$5.

Remember, Mother's Day is **May 14**, and books make terrific gifts.

We also have some great special sale items donated by two lovely patrons to help raise funds.

As a 501(C)(3) that raises 60% of our budget each year, this is a big deal for us. We love the community enthusiasm around the sale and look forward to seeing you there.

**Summer Reading** starts **June 1**. This year's theme is "All Together Now!" While we're not doing the program as big this year as we could with last year's grant, the program will

still be open to all-ages with our online tracking through Beanstack. We'll have a **summer kick-off party, June 1**, and there will be in-person programs June and July. Please contact VGPL for more details.

**World Migratory Bird Day:** On **May 20 from 1–3:30 PM**, VGPL will hold its annual celebration of World Migratory Bird Day. Come learn more about the birds who pass through Eldorado and those that live here year around. The theme this year is "Water"; find out how, with just a little effort, you can help all the birds you can see right out your windows live better and longer lives. Find out what raptors may be lurking in your trees and on your roofs. Learn how food, water and housing can be of great help to all birds on your properties.

If you missed **Rock Time** in April, don't despair.

**Saturday, June 3**, those experts on the earth under our feet and the past all around us will be back in front of the library from **11 AM–2 PM** (or inside if it rains). Bring your rocks, your fossils, and your questions.

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

There will be no **Family Movie Night** in May, we will return **June 16**.

For more information: [www.vglibrary.org](http://www.vglibrary.org), 505 466-7323.

### TRIVIA!

The Vista Grande library is once again hosting a series of Monday night trivia contests to be held at the Santa Fe Brewing Eldorado Taphouse, 7 Caliente Road. The next two contests will begin on **May 22 at 7 PM**, and then again on **June 26**.

These contests operate as a fundraiser for the library. There will be a \$10.00 entrance fee per

person, and a prize for the winning team.

Mark your calendars and please come to have some fun, test your knowledge of trivia, and enjoy some liquid refreshments.

Teams can include up to 4 people and those without a team can be matched up before each contest.

These contests are a fun and entertaining way to support your local library.

## Eldorado Studio Tour Applications and Orientation



The Eldorado Studio Tour is the largest studio tour in NM and brings in thousands of visitors each year. Last year, 82 artists participated, showing their work in 68 different studios. The **2023 Studio Tour** will be held **Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 23 & 24**, with the **Opening Reception** on **Friday evening, Sept. 22**. This is a great opportunity for

artists to showcase their beautiful work and an opportunity for the community at large to get to know the artists who reside in Eldorado and to purchase unique artwork from them.

The application process for the 2023 Studio Tour has now ended. However, if you still want to participate, the extended deadline runs **until May 5** with a \$50 late fee in addition to the regular entry fee. No applications will be accepted after **May 5**.

There will be an orientation meeting on **Monday, May 8**, for all new artists and mandatory meetings for all participants on either **May 16 or May 24**. If you are a participating artist, watch your email for further information.

To learn more about the Eldorado Studio Tour contact [eldoradostudiotour@gmail.com](mailto:eldoradostudiotour@gmail.com).

# May Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	9, 23	3-5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors Meeting	Tuesday	16	5:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday Bi-Monthly	2	7-9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Thomas Brendenburt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	10	2-4 PM <i>Zoom / CFR</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	3	10 AM-12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	9	9:30 AM-Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	3	5:30-7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday Bi-Monthly	15	6:30-8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
	Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee	Thursday	4	9:30-11:30 AM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	a.adair@eldoradosf.org
Monthly/ Semi-Monthly	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed.	3, 17	1-4 PM <i>CR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	9	4-6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	17	3-5 PM <i>Zoom / LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	9	6-8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
	Mah Jongg (Social Games)	1st & 3rd Wed.	3, 17	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
**	EACA Spring Show	Saturday	6	10 AM-4 PM <i>CC</i>	Karen Murry	eldoradoarts@gmail.com

## TOWN HALL ON PROPOSED POLICIES WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 AT 5:30 PM, IN-PERSON AND ZOOM: AMENITY USE AND GREENBELT MANAGEMENT

Zoom meeting information is online at [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > News & Events > Zoom Schedule. Calendar info collected and verified by ECIA office, [GM@eldoradosf.org](mailto:GM@eldoradosf.org). Sign up for ECIA Newsbriefs by going to [eldoradosf.org](http://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 May

## News Corral

### 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.**



### ELDORADO NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors is no longer able to meet at the Community Center. The meetings will be held at the Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center located at 14 Avenida Torreon, on the **4th Tuesday of every month, from 1:30-2:30 PM.**

### 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](mailto:vrrc@eldoradosf.org). We look forward to meeting you!

### ELDORADO Arts & Crafts Association

## Spring Art Show

Come see multiple artists and a wide variety of artwork and crafts in a single venue.

Saturday May 6, 2023

10am - 4pm

Eldorado at Santa Fe Community Center

1 La Hacienda Loop, Santa Fe, NM 87508



### FREE DISPOSAL OF TUMBLEWEEDS

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.

*Flowers and warm days,  
Holidays and remembrance—  
Summertime arrives!*

**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](mailto:articles@eldoradosf.org). For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide: [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org) > News & Events > *Vistas* Newsletters.

## Save the Date—A Celebration of Life!

**T**he Celebration of Life for John “Obie” Oberhausen will be at the Eldorado Community Center on **Sunday, June 4, at 11 AM**. Come join us and

remember Obie!

There will be a brief ceremony followed by refreshments that include an assortment of cactus shaped cookies baked by 20 volunteer bakers who rose to the challenge to create delicious cactus themed treats.

The ECIA cactus garden will be blooming and Cactus Rescue Project docents will



**John “Obie” Oberhausen**

be in the garden to answer any questions you may have about the beautiful cactus flowers. We picked this date specifically because the garden will be at the peak of its colorful blooms.

We are also giving away gift bags with rooted Santa Fe Chollas for people to take home and plant in their yards, an opportunity to become part of Obie’s conservation efforts to save an endangered species! Come celebrate the life of Obie, enjoy the beauty of the garden that he and the Cactus Rescue Project, and our family of dedicated volunteers created for the Eldorado and Santa Fe communities, and share in remembering someone who believed in making our world a better place.



**Community Center Cactus Garden**



**NEWSBRIEFS:** For the latest information from ECIA, please sign up for newsbriefs, (ECIA’s electronic mailing system) by going to [eldoradosf.org](http://eldoradosf.org), scroll down to “Sign up for eBlasts”.



**RECYCLE:** Help ECIA go green! Save on paper and mailing costs by opting out of receiving a mailed copy of *Vistas*. To sign up, email [articles@eldoradosf.org](mailto:articles@eldoradosf.org) to let us know. You will be sent an email once a month with a link to the next issue of *Vistas* on ECIA website, in pdf format, ready to view and print at home. Past issues are also available online. This paper is recyclable. Please recycle after use.