

VISTAS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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ECIA Stable Community Day Promises Neigh-borly Fun!



Volunteers from Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding escort a young Eldorado resident around the arena.

kids can sink into the saddle for a yippie-ki-yo walk around the arena. Family photo ops abound and cowboy attire is welcome!

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Painting a pony... seriously, dip brush into paint and apply to horse
- Roping a cow head like a real buckaroo
- Grooming a donkey or a horse

Kiddos and parents, giddy-up on down to the Eldorado Community Stable to lasso some fun on **Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9:30 AM to 2 PM.** Have you always wanted to ride a real horse? Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding is bringing their string of steady steeds so

- Visiting the “Art Barn” for more projects and refreshments
- Wrangling a stick pony (and one unicorn) through some obstacles
- Kids games (we’re talkin’ sack races and jumping a stadium course like some of our horses do)
- A scavenger hunt with a prize for winners

And more!

A “Happy Trails” program listing all activities will be handed out at the Stable gate. The gate attendant will direct you to the parking area inside the Stable grounds, located at **11 Avenida Eldorado**. Gates open at **9:30 AM**. While visiting the stables, please don’t feed the horses and observe the **10 mph speed limit**.

As a reminder, all ECIA residents are welcome to visit the Community Stables at any time during daylight hours to enjoy our unique amenity. Year-round activities for people without horses include dog walking, birdwatching, Plein air painting, picking up manure for compost, or simply enjoying the beautiful equines. Please see the Stables page on the eldoradosf.org website for more information.

—ECIA Stable Committee

Photos by ECIA Staff; Artwork by Maureen Maloney



BOARD CORNER

In lieu of the full text of the Minutes, we're starting a "Board Corner" column to inform the community of the actions taken at Board meetings and important happenings in the community.

LESSONS PROHIBITED BY INSURANCE

The ECIA's long-time insurance carrier, Cincinnati Insurance, has advised us that they will not provide insurance coverage to ECIA if we allow any sports lessons to be conducted on our property (this restriction does not apply to the Community Stables, which are covered by a separate farm and ranch insurance carrier). This includes but is not limited to swimming, tennis, and other active lessons.

The General Manager is seeking quotes from other homeowners association insurance carriers, because it is our goal to restore the ability to let fully insured teachers conduct lessons on ECIA property for ECIA residents. We will let you know if and when this restriction is lifted.

AMENITY CARD ACCESS TO DOG PARK

On **Aug. 23**, the Dog Park amenity card system went live. This is the same system we currently use at the pool and the courts. Please do not prop gates open for those who do not have their Amenity Card. Members in good standing are entitled to two cards per lot, for no charge.

GUEST POLICY

In June, the ECIA Board adopted the new guest policy: "Residents take priority over guests during play times at all ECIA amenities." The Board did not place any limits on the numbers of guests you may have accompany you to amenities, but your guests may not use the active amenities if residents are waiting. If you have questions about the new guest policy, please contact the ECIA office.

MAINTENANCE FACILITY

The Board approved hiring local contractor Lockwood Construction to assemble the new maintenance facility. The prefabricated building should be delivered before the end of the year, and, weather permitting, it should be assembled before spring. This maintenance facility will replace the old, unheated maintenance barn plus the storage sheds, shelters, and tarps. It will provide secure storage for our equipment, a heated workspace where the maintenance crew can better do their work during the winter, and it will have a bathroom. ECIA's maintenance crew has saved us thousands of dollars by completing projects in-house that used to be outsourced to third parties. This maintenance facility will better support and enable them to continue to improve their efficiency and productivity, to the benefit of the community.

MINUTES POSTED ONLINE

The ECIA Board Meeting Minutes from August and all prior months (going back to 2014) are available on the website on the ECIA Governing Board webpage www.eldoradosf.org. Tell us what you think! Do you look forward to reading the full text of last month's Board meeting Minutes online, or not?

AT THE AUG. 15 BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD:

Referred a motion regarding architectural submissions by Members Not in Good Standing to the Architectural Committee for review;

Adopted a new Conduct of Meetings Policy for Board Meetings;

Approved variance requests as recommended by the Architecture Committee;

Scheduled the next Board retreat for **Sept. 12, 2023**.



2023 END OF SEASON POOL HOURS

LAP SWIM ONLY: Mon-Fri: 8:30-11:30 AM; Sat & Sun: 7:30-10 AM

RECREATION SWIM: Mon-Fri: 4:30-8 PM; Sat & Sun: 10 AM-8 PM

FIRE PREPAREDNESS AND EVACUATION PLANNING IN ELDORADO

Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6 PM in the Railroad Room

Featured Speaker: Santa Fe County Fire Department Assistant Chief, Emergency Manager, Martin Vigil

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 reports available at www.eldoradosf.org > Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board.

ECIA office open Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-8 PM, Sat & Sun 9 AM-5 PM. For information call 505 466-4248.

ECIA Architecture Committee Helps Us Look Good



Do you ever wonder how Eldorado maintains its unique, Santa Fe style look and feel required by our Covenants? That's the outcome of the work done by a dedicated committee of residents who review all construction or remodeling projects: the Architecture Committee.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE: The Architecture Committee has a vacancy and is looking for at least one additional resident to join the committee. If you can read blueprints, have a background in architecture, construction, real estate, or have other relevant experience, and are passionate about preserving and improving the beauty and property values of the community, please contact the committee chair at architecturechair@gmail.com.

THE MISSION of the Architecture Committee is to support the ECIA Board in implementing the Covenants and the Architectural Guidelines as residents submit plans for construction, addition or remodeling of homes and other structures. All built structures (including—but not limited to—things like fences, above-ground cisterns, sheds, and some kinds of landscaping) require a submission to the Architecture Committee for approval.

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES REVISION: The Architecture Committee is in the midst of revising the ECIA's Architectural Guidelines and is seeking member input. The first draft of the revised Guidelines is posted on the home page of the ECIA website, together with a Comments and Suggestions form. The Committee will prepare a second draft based on comments received from members before holding public meetings for further input.

Architecture Committee meetings are open to all ECIA residents. It meets twice per month on the **second and fourth Tuesdays at 3 PM via Zoom**.

CORNER NOTES FROM GREATER ELDORADO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (GENW)

WATCH



September is a month of change and a month to celebrate. September brings cooler temps, the Fall Equinox, and soothing green leaves becoming vibrant yellows. September brings fun celebration days like *National*

Talk Like a Pirate Day, *National Coffee Ice Cream Day*, and *National Double Cheeseburger Day*.

Also, however, it is important to note that September is associated with the Roman god Vulcan, the god of Fire. September is also the month dedicated to celebrating the very important *Be a Good Neighbor Day*.

GENW wants to remind everyone that although September brings change, it does not bring an end to *Fire Season*. *It is still with us*. GENW has posted fire safety steps on its website along with the Santa Fe County Fire Prevention Information and Evacuation Information. You may also directly contact Santa Fe County at **505 992-3070** for this information.

In addition, GENW wants all of us to remember to *be a good neighbor, one neighbor at a time*. Take a moment to think about what you might do to be a good neighbor. One very simple act might have a very big, positive impact on someone else and on our entire neighborhood, or on your own safety too.

For example, can you help a neighbor by picking up their mail when they are away? Can you be sure your dog or music is not loud after dark? Can you call the non-emergency Sheriff's number if you see a suspicious vehicle driving up and

down your block? Can you take a minute and check the height of your grasses and vegetation and make sure they wouldn't contribute to a fire? Can you call the Sheriff if a strange car is in your driveway or the driveway of the neighbor you know is away?

Safety and neighborliness begin with each one of us. GENW helps by providing simple tips and information to you as given to us by Law Enforcement and other County, National, and Private Public Safety Organizations.

GENW maintains a website which explains more about who we are, what we do, how you can become involved, and valuable resources for assistance in numerous areas. You will find us on the GENW website <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com>. You also may email Joe Loewy at jloewy42@aol.com. Or call Joe at **505 231-6462**.

Look for October Tips in the October issue of *Vistas*.

—Greater Eldorado Neighborhood Watch (GENW)
Leadership Team

TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

1. FIRST: Report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number for the Santa Fe County Sheriff, **505 428-3720**.

2. THEN: Call Joe Loewy at **505 231-6462** (email jloewy42@aol.com) so that a Neighborhood Watch Alert can be sent out.

FIRE INFORMATION:

Fire Prevention Wildland Division, **505 995-6523**

Vista Grande Public Library September Events

Vista Grande Public Library (VGPL) will be closed **Sept. 2** in honor of the holiday.

After School Reading begins Sept. 5. Check with the library to see if you can still get your child in or on the waiting list. Grades K-3, **Tuesdays OR Wednesdays after school.**

September Artist: The Eldorado Knitters Group will display through Sept. This diverse group features a range of beautiful fiber arts. There will be an **Opening Reception** at the Library on **Saturday, Sept. 2, from 1 to 3 PM** where guests will have the opportunity to meet and engage with the talented artists behind these creations. 20% of sales benefit the library. The library will be closed for services, but we hope you will come to the reception.

Friday, Sept. 8 at 7 PM, stop by for another great **NM Movie clip show** by Jeff Berg.

Saturday, Sept. 9 from 2 to 4 PM, Dr. Jeffrey Meyer will be at VGPL to give a talk on **Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine**, the history, philosophy and spiritual foundation.

Medicare Information Session: Thursday, Sept. 14 from 10 to 11:30 AM. Medicare Open Enrollment is from **Oct. 15 to Dec. 7.** Already enrolled? Learn what you can change to your coverages and the pros and cons of switching your coverage for 2024. Begin to research your options and plan for 2024. Nancy Johnson, a certified volunteer from the New Mexico Department of Aging, will be here to answer your questions and point you toward resources.

Poetry in the afternoon! Saturday, Sept. 23 at 1 PM. Taos poet **Leslie Ullman** (Winner of a New Mexico/Arizona Book Award) will be joined by **North Carolina poet Anne Myles** (Pushcart Nominee).

Wags and Words (Reading to a Dog) **TBD**

All ages Chess: 3 to 5 PM every Friday

Toddler Time: 10:30 AM every Thursday

Family movie night, Friday, Sept. 22, 7 PM. Admittance, juice and popcorn are free. Contact library or see website for title (www.vglibrary.org).

Library Board Meeting: Monday, Sept. 18, 5:30 PM

Please see the calendar on our website for dates, times and topics on the **free IT classes** presented by a volunteer.

We're very grateful to everyone who helped make both our free programs over the summer and our fundraisers a success. Just in case you wonder why VGPL does so much fund-raising:

We're a 501(C)(3) independent community public library. We are not part of the Santa City Library System, nor are we a County library. We do certainly get support we couldn't do without from the County (and it is their building), but we still fundraise 60% of our budget every year. And we do that with a relatively small group of financial donors given the patron base we serve. We have patrons from Santa Fe to Madrid to Rowe and of course Eldorado itself.

libasst@vglibrary.org • 505 466-7323 • www.vglibrary.org

Bylaws Review Update—How to Get Involved

The Bylaws Review Committee would like to give everyone an update as to where we are in the process of reviewing our community's Bylaws.

To start, we have already received many suggestions to improve our governing Bylaws and we thank everyone for their input. We have also held two (2) community briefings to communicate to the ECIA membership what the Bylaws are, what the review process entails, and why we as a community need to be involved in this process.

As a reminder, the current Bylaws (specifically, Article 16 of the Sixth Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Eldorado Community Association) are available on the ECIA website under the Governing Documents drop down menu www.eldoradosf.org.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **Sept. 11, 2023:** Bylaws Review Committee monthly meeting. The meeting is held at the Community Center and via Zoom and starts at **10:30 AM**.
- **Sept. 15, 2023:** The deadline for members to send comments or suggestions for amendments to the Bylaws. Comments may be entered into the comment form on

the Bylaws Review webpage on the ECIA website, emailed to BylawsReview@eldoradosf.org, or mailed or hand-delivered to the ECIA office.

- **Oct. 2, 2023:** Bylaws Review Committee monthly meeting. The meeting is held at the Community Center and via Zoom and starts at **10:30 AM**.

The Bylaws Review Committee meetings are open to our membership so please come down or dial in!

BYLAWS BASICS:

Bylaws are the rules which govern how an organization operates. ECIA is a non-profit corporation and a homeowners association, so it must have Bylaws in addition to its other governing documents, which include the recorded Covenants and the Articles of Incorporation. The Bylaws are approved and may only be amended by a vote of the Membership.

The Bylaws are subject to the foundational provisions of our Covenants and Articles of Incorporation. These documents can also be found on the ECIA website under the Governing Documents drop down menu.

—ECIA Bylaws Review Committee

ECIA's New Resident Welcome Event Well-Attended



ECIA hosted a 'New Resident Welcome Event', July 15, 2023.

As a part of ECIA's new committee initiative on volunteer recruitment and retention and fostering a strong community spirit, the new Resident Welcome Team delivered an incredibly successful event on **July 15**. This event marked a new tradition of warmly welcoming our newest neighbors and acquainting them with our community's rich history, vibrant culture, and essential aspects.

A Warm Gathering: Connecting Newcomers and Eldorado Heritage. Forty-five residents gathered at the Community Center. Speakers covered various topics highlighting Eldorado's history and culture, giving the new residents a sense of the community's roots and values.

Understanding ECIA Governance: Building an Informed Community. An essential aspect of the event was to acquaint the new residents with ECIA's board structure and governance. Understanding how our community association functions empowers residents to actively participate in shaping the future of Eldorado. We aim to build a strong sense of unity and collaboration by fostering transparency and communication.

Introducing HOAMCO: Enabling Smooth Day-to-Day Operations. New residents learned about the Homeowners Association Management Company (HOAMCO), which is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of ECIA. Familiarizing themselves with HOAMCO's role and staff helps residents engage more effectively in community matters and avail themselves of the various amenities and services.

Promoting Community-Building and Embracing Amenities. During the event, we emphasized the importance of community building and the numerous amenities available to all ECIA residents. From recreational facilities to social clubs and events, our community offers many opportunities to connect with neighbors and cultivate friendships.

Separating Myths from Truths: Understanding ECIA Better. To ensure that residents get off to a good start, we addressed some common myths and truths about life in ECIA. Dispelling misconceptions helps create a positive and realistic outlook, ensuring that everyone can fully appreciate the beauty and harmony of our community. The event was followed by a tour of the community facilities and a demonstration on snakes and rodents by local resident and expert, Joe Newman.

A Heartening Response: Testimonials of a Welcoming Experience! One attendee shared his appreciation for the event, remarking on the invaluable information provided and the positive energy he felt within the community. This heartening feedback reinforced our commitment to making all newcomers feel at home and welcomed.

Here is what other new residents had to say,

"The team was welcoming, and had good energy, enthusiasm, and some humor. The presentations were well done and informative. It was nice to have the Board President there. The beverages and treats, and the book gift were a great touch. My husband and I are enjoying the Windmill and Dreams book, wonderful gift." — Christine Einerson

"I enjoyed learning about the history of Eldorado. I liked meeting new people, and I thought the information about how to deal with pests was very informative." — Brenda Kazen and Kathleen Iveson

FUTURE NEW RESIDENT WELCOME EVENTS

ECIA is excited to continue this initiative to embrace new residents warmly. New Resident Welcome Events will be held three times annually, ensuring every newcomer can participate in this valuable experience.

Mark your calendars! The next New Resident Welcome Event is scheduled for **Nov. 4, 2023, 9:30 AM at the Community Center**. You can RSVP to Jessica Neal, jneal@hoamco.com.



Night Skies over Eldorado during September

As darkness falls this month, the Summer Milky Way bridges the sky from the SSW to the NNW horizons. Saturn and Jupiter rule the night sky, while Venus reemerges as the Morning Star.

Since there are no major night sky events in September, it's a good time to focus on the Moon. Even a pair of binoculars will show numerous craters on the Moon's surface; a telescope will show even more surface detail.

Essentially, the Moon appears white, with large splotches of gray, always showing the same face to us as it orbits the Earth. The white areas are the lunar highlands—geologically old areas, riddled with craters. The gray areas are lunar maria (Latin for 'seas'). The maria are flat basins, covered with solidified, iron-rich, basaltic magma. Because the maria (the singular form is 'mare') are geologically younger than the lunar highlands, they have significantly less cratering.

Interestingly, meteorite strikes on the far side of the Moon caused volcanic activity on the near side, creating the darker maria. By contrast, the far side is heavily cratered and nearly maria-free.

You might wonder why the Moon is so pockmarked with craters caused by the impact of countless meteorites, while nearby and much larger, Earth is relatively crater-free. The answer is three-fold. First, the Moon lacks an atmosphere, while the Earth's atmosphere incinerates most meteors before they reach the surface. Second, the Moon lacks surface water, while water covers three-quarters of Earth's surface. Meteorites that land in the ocean seldom leave a trace. Finally, the Moon lacks erosional forces, while wind and water on Earth erode geological features over time.



The Lady in the Moon is seen in profile, her face part of the lunar highlands, her hair part of the darker maria.

Ancient cultures tried to make sense of the splotchy images they discerned on the face of the Moon. Some saw a man in the moon, while others saw a woman's face, presented in profile.

In ancient China and other parts of Asia, people saw the image of a hare on the moon. In one origin story, a hungry old man asked several animals to feed him. The rabbit, unable to

gather food, threw itself into a fire, offering itself as a meal. The man, admiring the rabbit's offering, revealed himself to be Sakra, the Buddhist ruler of heaven. He drew the rabbit's image on the Moon.



The dark 'Hare or Rabbit in the Moon' sits on its tail near center left, while its head and ears angle up toward the upper right.

Surprisingly, a similar origin story can be found in Aztec mythology. With no food, Quetzalcoatl was extremely hungry. A rabbit offered to let the god eat it. Quetzalcoatl was so impressed with the rabbit's proposal that he imprinted its image on the face of the Moon.

Is it coincidence that two ancient cultures living an ocean apart would see a rabbit on the Moon and have similar origin stories to explain its image?

KEY SEPTEMBER NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

Sept. 4: The waxing gibbous moon passes above Jupiter.

Sept. 11: The waning crescent moon passes close to the Beehive Cluster, with Venus nearby.

Sept. 14: New moon.

Sept. 19: The planet Neptune is at opposition, rising at sunset and setting at sunrise. While Neptune is at its closest point to Earth, it's so far away that it's only visible with optical aid.

Sept. 22: Mercury is at greatest western elongation, rising during dawn in Leo.

Sept. 23: The Autumnal Equinox occurs at **12:43 AM**, marking the first day of fall in the Northern Hemisphere. The Sun is over the equator and days and nights are of approximately equal length.

Sept. 29: A full supermoon occurs at **3:59 AM**. This is the Harvest Moon, the full moon closest to the Autumnal Equinox. The moonlight helps farmers continue to harvest their crops after sunset.

—Article by Eric Saltmarsh,

Photo left, Library of Congress; Photo above, Eric Saltmarsh

September Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	12, 26	3-5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors	Tuesday	19	5:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Bylaws Review Committee	Monday	11	5:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday Bi-Monthly	5	7-9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Thomas Brandenburg	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Covenant Compliance Task Force	Thursday	7	10 AM-12 Noon <i>Zoom / CR</i>	Amelia Adair	a.adair@eldoradosf.org
	Election Committee	Wednesday	No Meeting this Month		Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	6	10 AM-12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	12	9:30 AM-Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	6	5:30-7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
	Stable Committee	Monday Bi-Monthly	18	6:30-8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Committee	3rd Thursday	21	3 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Amelia Adair	a.adair@eldoradosf.org
	Acoustic Jam	2nd & 4th Sun.	10, 24	4-6 PM <i>CC Patio (LR if weather)</i>	Chris Harrell	clharrell505@gmail.com
	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed.	6, 20	1-4 PM <i>CR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	12	4-6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	20	3-5 PM <i>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	12	6-8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
Weekly	Mah Jongg (Social Games)	2nd & 4th Wed.	13, 27	11:30 AM-3 PM <i>Foyer</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
	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
*	Santa Fe Fire Dept. Townhall	Thursday	7	6 PM <i>RR</i>		

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

* Other September Community Events

News Corral

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 31ST EACA STUDIO TOUR



The Eldorado Studio Tour has been a community wide event for 31 years. Artists who open their studios during the tour welcome and appreciate the enthusiasm and support of the greater Eldorado community. This year 72 studios will be open to the public.

The 31st Annual Art Studio Tour will be held **Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday Sept. 24.**

The Opening Reception will be held on **Friday, Sept. 22 from 5-7 PM** at the Community Center, giving you the opportunity to see samples of the art being shown by all 102 participating artists and to meet many of those artists. This year, visitors will be able to purchase art at the Opening Reception.

The Preview Gallery will be open **Friday Evening, 5-7 PM, Saturday from 9 AM-5 PM, and on Sunday from 9 AM-3 PM.**

During the Preview Gallery, we will need gallery hosts to welcome visitors and help with the sale of artwork. Here's how you can help: if you are not participating in the tour, you can volunteer for a 2 hour shift at the gallery; if you are participating in the tour, you can ask friends or neighbors to volunteer as hosts. Please email Gail, whiteiris@newmexico.com or call/text **719 686-9642** for more information or to sign up. It's a lot of fun and makes the Preview Gallery possible.

Catalogs for the tour will be mailed to your home in early September.

EL DORADO FIRE RESCUE NEW FORM INFORMATION

The "Medical Information for Healthcare Providers" form is designed to give First Responders critical information when they answer 911 medical calls. It is to be filled out, placed in its little red bag and posted on the refrigerator in the home. First Responders will look for the red bag to access the patient's medical information. For more information, or to obtain a form, **505 466-1204** or eldoradofire@comcast.net. The forms will be available at the Community Center as well.

*Crisp mornings and eves
The end of summer is nigh
Golden light returns*

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.

Eldorado Residents Have Multiple Compost Options

Eldorado/285 Recycles (E285R) wants to be one of the first to congratulate Reunity Resources for setting up a Compost Drop-Off location at the La Tienda parking lot area. Now Eldorado residents have three choices when it comes to composting!

Both Reunity and E285R are non-profit organizations, and both have similar missions—to encourage citizens to be more sustainable in how they manage food waste. Instead of viewing Reunity as competitors in the compost business with E285R, we welcome them as partners. Straw bale composting is not for everyone. Not everyone loves worms like E285R does!

It is important to know the differences between the compost services offered before you decide which one is for you. The chart below describes the basic components of each method.

For both the Doorstep and Drop-off programs, Reunity uses the same composting method. Instead of worms as the active agent, they use aerated static piles. They also run a commercial composting service for restaurants and schools, so they are equipped to convert large quantities of food waste into

compost and soil in just a few months. The finished compost products are offered to Doorstep and Drop-off customers at a discounted price. Contact Reunity for the discounts.

The composted soil yield from backyard straw bale composting is tiny in comparison but satisfying to those who know that they have completely recycled their food waste themselves.

Besides cost, the big difference between the three methods is the type of additives each method offers. Reunity takes all, repeat ALL food wastes, including leftover meats, pastas, gooey sauces, and all certified compostable containers. The straw bale system takes mainly veggie/fruit wastes, coffee/tea filters and grounds.

If you are not composting, make your choice and start today! For E285R Backyard Straw Bale Composting please contact Chris at clharrell505@gmail.com. For Reunity's Doorstep/Drop-Off Program please contact Trevor at trevor@reunityresources.com, 505 393-1196.

—Eldorado/285 Recycles

ORG.	METHOD	ADDITIVES	RESULTS	COST
E285R	Backyard straw bale w/worms	Mainly veg/fruit, coffee/tea grounds	Rich compost (free)	\$69.50 install
Reunity	Doorstep Pick-Up	All food scraps	Rich compost (for discounted sale)	\$24–\$40/mth.
Reunity	Drop-Off Site, La Tienda	All food scraps	Rich compost (for discounted sale)	\$15/mth.



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