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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Gratitude for Our Community Activities



Fall Book Sale!

at



14 Avenida Torreon, Eldorado

Next to El Dorado Community School. Directions: I-25 toward Las Vegas, Exit 290 to Rt. 285, right at second light on Ave. Vista Grande, left on Ave. Torreon.

Mysteries and Thrillers, General Fiction, Classics, Histories, Biographies, Children's and Young Adult Books, Cookbooks, Self-Help and How-To Books, plus Rock, Jazz and Classical CDs, and DVDs of your favorite Movies and TV shows.

THURSDAY, NOV. 9, 10 AM-6 PM

Early Bird 9-10 AM Thursday, \$25 admission at the door

FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 10 AM-6 PM

**SATURDAY, NOV. 11,
\$10 BAG SALE, 10 AM-3 PM**

Cash, Check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express
A VGPL (501(c)3 Fundraiser

Save the Date!

ELDORADO Arts & Crafts Association

Winter Art Shows

Saturday • November 18, 2023
Saturday • December 2, 2023

Eldorado at Santa Fe Community Center
1 La Hacienda Loop • Santa Fe, NM 87508

10 am - 4pm Both Days

Come see multiple artists and a wide variety of artwork and crafts in a single venue!
www.eldoradoarts.org



Clockwise from top left: ECIA Pool Doggy Splash Day, Oct. 1, photo by Margaret Loose; Eldorado Arts & Crafts (EACA) Studio Tour, Sept. 23-24, "Fire Mountain-Abiquiu" Graphics/Infused Photography by Adrian Skiles; Library Book Sale Nov. 9-11; EACA Winter Art Shows Nov. 18 and Dec. 2; A new shade structure installed Sept. 14 at Compadres Playground, photo by Mike Rogers.

BOARD CORNER

F&G AND BUDGET TOWN HALL HELD

At a town hall meeting held **Oct. 24**, ECIA members had the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions to the Facilities and Grounds (F&G) Committee about the community amenities. F&G Chair Kathy Ritschel presented on the status of the amenities and confirmed that no new capital improvement projects are planned for 2024. A representative from Santa Fe County presented on the status of the school crosswalk and Compadres hike/bike paving projects.

Afterward, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez presented the proposed 2024 Budget, then answered Member questions and took comments. Based on that feedback, the Finance Committee may update the draft budget, and will recommend a revised, final budget for the Board to vote on at the **Nov. 21** Board Meeting.

POLICIES

At the October Board meeting, the Board approved the revised Political Endorsement and Activity Policy. This Policy was originally discussed at the September Board meeting and posted for Member comment on the ECIA website. The approved policy is available to review on the ECIA website: www.eldoradosf.org > Governing Documents > Policies and Rules.

The Board approved to post for Member comment a draft of the revised Compliance Policy, which was recommended by the Covenant Compliance Policy Update Task Force. The Task Force, composed of members of the Architecture Committee, the F&G Committee, the Board and the ECIA Compliance Coordinator, have been meeting monthly since February, working on reviewing template policies from our attorney, our management company, and other communities. The goal of this revised Policy is to educate members, staff and the Board about the compliance process, and reduce staff time and attorney fees currently spent on compliance issues.

The Board also approved posting for Member comment the proposed Staff Holiday Hours Policy. In previous years the Board has approved staff paid holidays by an annual motion. The Board wishes to clarify the Association's expectations for holiday staffing and staff time off, so staff and residents can plan accordingly.

These draft policies are available for Members to review and comment on the ECIA website, www.eldoradosf.org > Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board. Comments may be provided in the comment form below the list of draft policies.

FACILITY HOURS, RENTAL POLICY AND FACILITY ATTENDANTS

The Board continued discussion on facility rentals, facility attendants and Community Center hours. The Board also briefly discussed updating ECIA's community center rental policies. The GM will present a plan with at least two options for facility hours, rentals and staffing for after hours use by non-ECIA groups at the **Nov. 21** Board Meeting.

GREENBELT MANAGEMENT POLICY WORKING GROUP

The working group of Board members and a member of the Conservation Committee will meet with ecological consultant Jan Willem of Ecotone, a long-time vendor to ECIA, to make recommendations to the Board regarding open space management and next steps toward finalizing the draft Greenbelt Management Policy. Open space management options will include a discussion of fire mitigation, education, flood and erosion control and other management priorities, and pathways to seek community input. Vice President Turkle reported there may be grant funding available from several agencies for this type of work.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT UPDATE

President Adair reported on the progress of discussions with senior management of HOAMCO, our community association management contractor, for a one year renewal of our management contract. HOAMCO has agreed to include a set of community association management guidelines, and to meet regularly with Board representatives to measure progress toward the Board's goal of improving the professionalism of our community association management. The Board plans to issue a request for proposal for management services in 2024.

EXTERIOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS

Exterior holiday lighting is allowed in ECIA **from Thanksgiving, 2023 to Jan. 15, 2024**. Please review the **Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions**, Section 5.4.9 for more information which can be found on the ECIA website: www.eldoradosf.org > Governing Documents > Architectural Guidelines.

If you have questions regarding exterior or holiday lighting, please contact Mark Young, myoung@hoamco.com. Wishing you and your loved ones a most enjoyable, festive holiday season!

MINUTES POSTED ONLINE

ECIA Board Meeting Minutes are available on the ECIA Governing Board webpage www.eldoradosf.org.

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.

Community Center & Office: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM-5 PM, Sat. open for restrooms & water. For information, 505 466-4248.

Roadmap to A Strategic Plan—Community Outreach to Achieve New Mission & Vision Statements

At the September annual leadership retreat, all Board directors, chairs or other representatives of all committees, and senior management staff, met to discuss the direction and priorities for ECIA. The PowerPoint presentation of retreat outcomes is available on the ECIA website: www.eldoradosf.org > Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board > Sept. 12 Board Retreat [<https://eldoradosf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-ECIA-Annual-Retreat-.pptx>].

The key outcome of the retreat is a commitment to do several kinds of community outreach, and use that feedback to drive development of new mission and vision statements. The retreat facilitator was senior HOAMCO Community Association Manager Chip Munday, CMCA, AMS, LSM, PCAM. Mr. Munday explained the critical importance of strategic, not reactionary, thinking and actions for optimal governance of community associations. To achieve this standard, before the Board can engage in meaningful strategic planning, the community needs to provide input into, and support, revised mission and vision statements.

First, Members will be surveyed to learn what core values most Members share about Eldorado at Santa Fe. Next, a task

force will use that data to propose new mission and vision statements, which will then be sent out to the Members for comment and input. Ideally drafts of those statements will be presented to the community at the Annual Meeting in May for discussion.

Finally, at the next leadership retreat in June, the Board, committee leaders and staff will use the updated mission and vision statements to guide a long-term, strategic planning process, which will, again, be shared with the Members for feedback.

In addition to mapping out this process of community outreach and participation, the retreat participants also shared their top near-term strategic priorities which will guide the Board's work in the next six months. The top three priorities to emerge were 1) conducting meaningful community outreach including surveys; 2) clarifying roles and responsibilities of the Board, management, committees and Members; and 3) increasing the number and diversity of ECIA volunteers, especially outreach to younger generations.

Members with expertise in designing, administering and analyzing surveys, who are interested in helping with this important project, please contact Julie Navarro at gmm@eldoradosf.org.

A Friendly Reminder for Residents with Pets

ECIA is a valuable community for many reasons. Our wildlife, access to recreation, the ecology, and our adored pets are just naming a few...

With the transition into and out of COVID-19 restrictions, many dogs were adopted and/or well-cared for when owners were able to be home and spend more time with their pet. Now that people are not working remotely as often or are having to work more than one job due to meeting the inflation surge, owners may not be able to attend to their pets' needs as easily as previously able.

As in any community, dogs may be left outside, unattended for extended periods of time. This often leads to the dog(s) becoming distressed due to boredom, fear, excitement or loneliness, common characteristics which may lead to frequent, ongoing barking.

In an effort to meet your pet's needs and to remain a respectful neighbor, please consider some of the following information and resources available to all residents:

- Make use of the ECIA Dog Park, Hike/Bike Path, Greenbelts, and Preserve. The **2013 ECIA Dog Owner Policies and Rules** may be found on the ECIA website: www.eldoradosf.org > Governing Documents > Policies & Rules. **Section 19 "Nuisances"** of the **2017 Guidelines for Protective Covenants** provides general information for Members' review. This document can be located on the ECIA

website > Governing Documents > Architecture Guidelines.

- Request help from a neighbor! Many teens and adults are looking for supplemental income from untraditional jobs. There are many smartphone and internet applications ("apps") that are for the purpose of dog/pet care at many levels. Individuals are screened and must go through a background check prior to being hired. A quick internet search can lead you to many of these platform options.
- There are many social media platforms with subgroups directly created for various categories; in this case, you may search "Santa Fe pets", or "Eldorado pets". Here, you may ask your neighbors for assistance or seek a neighbor looking for extra income.
- For those needing short-term assistance, consider contacting Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors at enhnnm@gmail.com or 505 577-7305.

Should a resident believe there is a concern for the well-being of a neighbor's pet, please consider speaking with your neighbor directly with a knock on the door or by leaving a note. ECIA does not engage in neighbor-to-neighbor disputes and follows the Santa Fe County's Pet Owners Requirements. For more information on County requirements and other valuable items, visit www.santafecountynm.gov/sheriff/animal-control. If the issue persists, please contact Santa Fe County Animal Control Dispatch at 505 428-3720.

A Poison Like No Other—A Very Important Book



Have you ever noticed tiny fibers floating in the airborne dust when the morning sun shines through the window? “It’s all plastic,” says Matt Simon, author of *A Poison Like No Other: How Microplastics Corrupted Our Planet and Our Bodies*. The source of these plastic microfibers is surprising: polyester apparel and synthetic carpeting. Simon goes on to

explain how plastics are broken down in our environment into smaller and smaller particles: microplastics (3/16 inch) and ultimately microscopic nanoplastics, particles which never truly disappear.

Most alarming, Simon’s book chronicles in detail how these particles have invaded our water, land, air, plants, and animal life, and, most recently discovered, human bodies. The sources of the plastic contamination include not only the unnecessary single-use plastic packaging like plastic bags and containers littering our world, but also other surprising sources of pollution like microplastics shed from automobile tires. These tiny particles have been dispersed worldwide by wind, rain, and human intervention, and have been found everywhere, from the bottom of the oceans to the top of Mount Everest.

Research has just begun to focus on the harmful health effects of the pollution to the human body by microplastics.

Various researchers have found microplastics in human colons, lungs, blood, heart and even placentas. Plastic particles appear in a newborn’s first poop! We even come into this world already contaminated with plastic!

The properties of plastic make this all very problematic. Plastics can contain 10,000 different chemicals, including endocrine-disrupting chemicals. Some of these chemicals are linked to diseases like depression, sexual dysfunction, diabetes, and cancer, among others. Their physical composition provides the perfect vehicle for bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens to enter the human body. The final chapter concludes that as a society we have to turn down the tap on plastic production to help stave off the plastic crisis, as well as the climate crisis. Simon feels that “the two crises are one and the same.”

Simon’s important book is not an easy read. It is dense, with 591 footnotes and numbers of particles too large and sizes of particles too small to wrap your head around. However, his message is important! If you want to learn more about this insidious plastic pollution, it may be helpful to search for Matt Simon’s webinars online.

—Gary Stoller, *Beyond Plastics Santa Fe*

Beyond Plastics Santa Fe, is a project of Eldorado/285 Recycles. If you are interested in learning more or in joining our group to help mitigate the plastic pollution crisis, please contact us at beyondplastics.sfe@gmail.com.

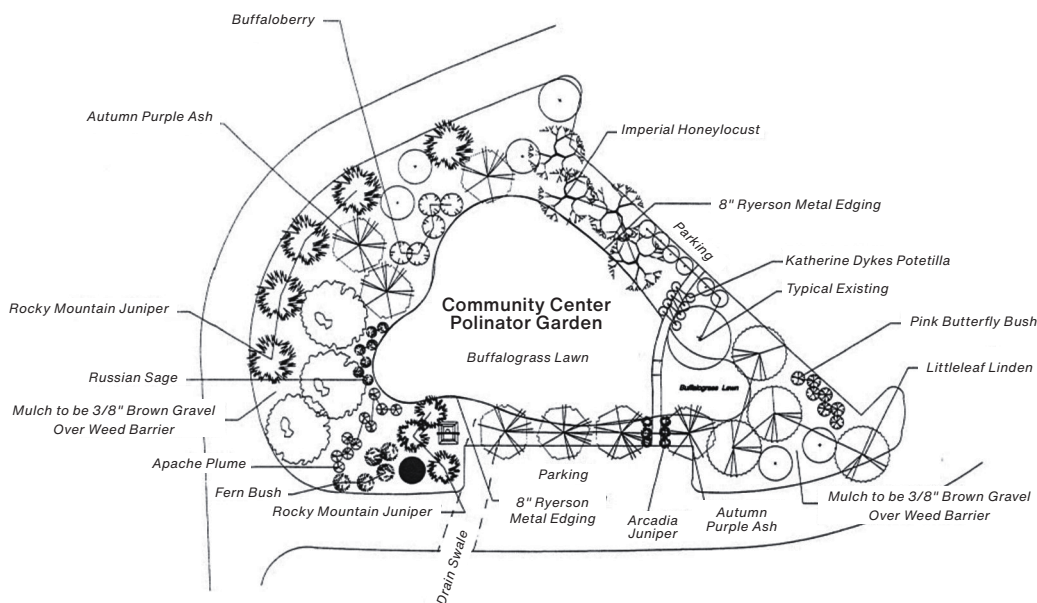
The Community Center Pollinator Garden is Underway

The Community Center will soon have another beautiful gathering place for residents. The Pollinator Garden will be planted in a four-point color theme: North—blues/purples; South—greens; West—orange/reds; and East—yellows/white; for the four corners of the garden. Plans are still being worked out according to seasonal changes and height of plants.

As the plans evolve and are approved, watch for updates in upcoming issues of *Vistas*.

If you are interested in helping to create and/or maintain our Pollinator Garden, please contact fandgchair@gmail.com.

—Resident Sue Garfitt



CORNER NOTES FROM GREATER ELDORADO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (GENW)

WATCH



November sees the end of Daylight-Saving Time. It gives us the Beaver Moon, Pumpkin Lattes, and Cornucopias. For more whimsy, we can celebrate Saxophone Day, Cliché Day, Polar Bear Day. For any

scientists out there, celebrate Fibonacci Day and all you Pennsylvania Dutch can cook scrapple on National Scrapple Day.

Days in November are dedicated to serious issues too. Among these are World Kindness Week, National Adopt a Senior Week, and Protect Our Children Day. It is also when we honor our Veterans and some cultures celebrate Thanksgiving.

Of special note, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) says to **Be Aware of Scams** because in November there is an escalation in scams.

There are thousands of “*wolves in sheep’s clothing*”—scams through texts, emails, phone calls, letters, door-to-door, and more.

Scammers take advantage of people by playing upon their generosity and sympathy. With intimidation and fear they trick people into believing there is a problem with an account or service, or someone needs help.

We all think we know how to avoid scams. Nonetheless, many of these scams happen to people who are aware.

According to the FTC, in 2022 people in the US lost over \$8.8 billion dollars by falling for scams. There were over 2.2 million complaints of financial and identity theft scams reported. In 2023, there has been a 30% increase in complaints.

Among common scams are door-to-door charity solicitors. Phone callers posing as your credit card company or bank. Letters by those pretending they know you and asking for money. Some Robo-calls will begin by asking you a question to which you might reply “yes”. The call disconnects and scammers use your voice to alter passwords, change credit card addresses, and more to steal your identity.

Email and text scams include notes from such companies as Amazon or FedEx saying your account might be closed unless you respond with personal, financial information.

Protect yourself!

First, STAY CALM. STOP. THINK. DON’T LET FEAR PRESSURE YOU INTO ACTING RIGHT AWAY.

Next, don’t respond to any stranger asking for money, credit card numbers or any personal information through calls, texts, emails. Don’t open unrecognized email attachments.

Instead, look up the numbers and directly contact any charity, service, credit card company, financial institution, government, or organization to check if they need to speak to you.

Also, stay ahead of scams by checking the website of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) <https://www.ftc.gov> for lists of scams and safety tips.

Visit the GENW website for more valuable information and resources, <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com>.

Look for GENW Tips in December *Vistas*.

TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

1. FIRST: Report suspicious activity to the non-emergency number for the Santa Fe County Sheriff, **505 428-3720**, (Sheriff’s non-emergency email, sfconcerns@santafecountynm.gov)

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

EMERGENCY:

Call **911**

FIRE INFORMATION:

El Dorado Fire and Rescue, **505 466-1204**

Vista Grande Public Library Events and Book Sale

The Vista Grande Public Library bi-annual book sale is just around the corner! Open hours are **Thursday, Nov. 9, and Friday, Nov. 10 from 10 AM to 6 PM**. On **Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 AM to 3 PM** there will be an all-day \$10 bag sale. Buy one of our terrific Vista Grande Public Library bags for \$10 and fill it to the brim! We have thousands of new and nearly-new books: mysteries, science fiction, romance, non-fiction, youth, as well as DVDs, CDs, audio books, Great Courses, art books, gift books... Books galore! Come join us for this great library fundraiser. And remember, the holidays are coming up, so this is a great time to get your shopping done. Just think how many gifts you can get at these prices: Hardcover \$3; Trade (Large) Paperbacks

\$2; Mass Market \$1; CDs \$1 each or 11 for \$10; DVDs \$1; Audio Books \$3; Other items, prices may vary.

Final Medicare Information Sessions on Friday, Nov. 3 at 10 AM. We’re getting closer to the sign-up deadline.

Family Movie Night: Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 PM. Free admission and popcorn.

Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 PM local favorite **Johnny Boggs** will be at the library to talk about his latest books.

All Ages Chess: Every Friday from 3–5 PM.

IT Classes every other Monday morning, see website calendar for specifics (and for holiday exclusions): www.vglibrary.org.

Night Skies Over Eldorado During November

As November opens, nights are clearly getting longer; Daylight Saving Time ends on the morning of **Nov. 5**. By mid-month, the Sun sets **before 5 PM**, making November a good time to observe the night sky since it's completely dark **before 6:30 PM**.



Jupiter and three of its four largest moons, photographed last May, just to the left of Earth's waning crescent moon. Jupiter and its moons were occulted by Earth's moon a few minutes after this photo was taken.



While the Summer Milky Way is leaving our skies, the Perseus Arm of the Milky Way is well-positioned for viewing in November, right after dark. The Andromeda Galaxy is the small, fuzzy oval to the right of center; the Pleiades star cluster is just above the horizon at the far right.

The giant planet Jupiter reaches opposition to the Sun and its closest distance to Earth this month—a mere 370 million miles away. A pair of good binoculars or a telescope will allow you to glimpse Jupiter's four largest moons as they endlessly change position with respect to one another in the Jovian skies.

In early November, the Summer Milky Way sets in the WSW as darkness falls. By month's end, the galactic center in Sagittarius has disappeared from our sight, not to be seen again until late January.

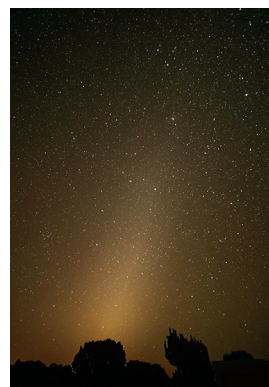
However, as objects disappear in the west, others rise in the east. Taurus and Auriga are now above the horizon in the ENE, with Orion and Gemini following later in the evening. The winged horse Pegasus, the seventh largest of the 88 constellations, is high overhead. Located nearby is the Andromeda Galaxy, visible to the naked eye on clear, moonless nights.

The earliest known reference to the Andromeda Galaxy comes from a book written by a Persian astronomer named Abd al-Rahman al-Sufi, in the year AD 964. In this text, the Andromeda Galaxy was referred to as a 'small cloud.' It wasn't until the 19th and 20th centuries that it was understood that the Andromeda Galaxy existed beyond the Milky Way and was a galaxy in its own right.

Today, we know that the diameter of the Andromeda Galaxy is about one-third larger than the Milky Way's and that it contains at least twice as many stars.

It may alarm you to learn that the Andromeda Galaxy is on a collision course with the Milky Way. Fear not, the two galaxies won't 'collide' for another five billion years! Since there's so much space between the stars in each galaxy, actual collisions may be few and far between. A merger of the galaxies is a better description of what the far future holds. Astronomers' models suggest that the two galaxies will become a single large one. They even have a name for it—'Milkomeda.' If you don't care for that name, don't worry—we have lots of time to debate it.

KEY NOVEMBER NIGHT SKY EVENTS:



The Zodiacal Light is a faint, glowing cone of light, currently visible in the east, before dawn. It's sunlight from below the horizon reflecting off small particles that orbit the Sun. While faint, the Zodiacal Light is readily visible in Eldorado's dark, moonless skies. It's mentioned in the Quran, a seventh century text, referred to as 'al-fajr al-kadhib' or 'the false dawn.'

Nov. 1–30: The Zodiacal Light is visible on November mornings, just before dawn breaks.

Nov. 3: The planet Jupiter is at opposition, its closest approach to Earth this year, **rising at sunset** and **setting at sunrise**. Jupiter is the fourth brightest object in the sky all month, after the Sun, Moon, and Venus.

Nov. 5: The South Taurid meteor shower **peaks in the evening**. While not a prolific shower, it does produce some bright fireballs. The shower runs until **Nov. 20**.

Nov. 12: The North Taurid meteor shower **peaks in the evening**. Like the South Taurid shower, this shower produces few meteors, but some of them can be fireballs. This meteor shower runs all month.

Nov. 13: New moon.

Nov. 13: Uranus is at opposition to the Sun.

Nov. 17–18: The Leonid meteor shower **peaks on the night of Nov. 17** and pre-dawn of **Nov. 18**. About 15 meteors per hour can be seen during the peak. Moonlight will not impede viewing.

Nov. 27: The full Beaver Moon occurs at **2:17 AM** in the constellation Taurus.

—Article and photos by Eric Saltmarsh

November Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	14, 28	3–5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors	Tuesday	21	5:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Bylaws Review Committee	Monday	13	10:30 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	ECIA Board	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday Bi-Monthly	7	7–9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Thomas Brendenburt	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Covenant Compliance Task Group	Thursday	2	10 AM <i>CR</i>	Katherine Mortimer and John McDermon	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Eldorado Volunteer Committee	Thursday	16	3–5 PM <i>Zoom / LR</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	8	2–4 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Bette Knight	electionchair1@gmail.com
	Facilities & Grounds	Wednesday	1	10 AM–12:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Finance Committee	Tuesday	14	9:30 AM–Noon <i>Zoom</i>	Joseph Gutierrez	j.gutierrez@eldoradosf.org
	Road Committee	Wednesday	1	5:30–7 PM <i>Zoom</i>	James Mason	roadchair1@gmail.com
Monthly/Semi-Monthly	Stable Committee	Wednesday	22	6:30–8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
	Acoustic Jam	2nd & 4th Sun.	12, 26	4–6 PM <i>CC Patio (LR if weather)</i>	Chris Harrell	clharrell505@gmail.com
	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed.	1, 15	1–4 PM <i>CR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tuesday	14	4–6 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Karen Sweeney	505 466-9797
	Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wednesday	15	3–5 PM <i>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	7	1:30–2:30 PM <i>CR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	enhnm@gmail.com
	Model Railroad Club	2nd Tuesday	14	6–8 PM <i>RR</i>	Anthony Balano	apbbalano@gmail.com
	Social Games	2nd Wednesday	8	11:30 AM–3 PM <i>LR</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
Weekly	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
	New Resident Welcome	Saturday	4	9:30–11:30 AM <i>CR</i>	RSVP Jessica Neal	jneal@hoamco.com
	EACA Winter Show	Saturday	18	10 AM–4 PM <i>Community Center</i>	Karen Murry	kmurry@comcast.net
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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 November Community Events

News Corral

END OF SEASON POOL REPORT 2023

The ECIA Pool opened a week late on **June 3** with cold water temperatures. Opening was delayed due to the pump motor failing, and the water was not able to be heated until a reported gas leak on **June 13** was repaired. On **June 26**, the heaters were up and running.

Three in-service training courses were held during the season, ensuring lifeguards maintained skill proficiency. There were no serious medical incidents reported and at no point did a lifeguard need to perform a water rescue.

Looking toward the 2024 ECIA Pool season, staff will begin preparing for the scheduled Memorial Day weekend opening as soon as air temperatures are high enough that the water in the pool and in the pool plumbing will not freeze.

We do our best to be open as long and as often as possible, however with most lifeguards being high school students, open hours are often reduced in August. Though we have attempted to seek lifeguards with more availability later in the season, our efforts have not been as fruitful as desired.

Please consider taking the next lifeguard course offered in Spring of 2024 and let us look forward to a full 2024 season.

DISC GOLF COURSE INCLUDES NEW TEES

Thanks to Larry LaSota, the course designer of Eldorado's Disc Golf Course at the Community Center, 11 new tees have been installed, offering new approaches to the existing 10 baskets on the course. These new tees create up to 20 unique holes.

The original way to play the course was to start at the first hole, located south of the dog park, and play counterclockwise around the Community Center. Now, players have the option of starting at the 9A tee south of the pool, and playing clockwise. Or play “out and back” on either side of the Community Center—in whatever order you wish.

Five baskets and a total of up to 10 holes are now available on each side of the Community Center. The new tees add additional fun and challenge for beginners through experienced players. The new tees are simply boards painted yellow, marked with yellow stakes, in contrast to the original tees, which are wooden pads. The updated map showing all tees and the basket locations is available on the ECIA website disc golf page at <https://eldoradosf.org/amenities-facilities/disc-golf/>. On the same webpage you'll find disc golf rules and tips for improving your score. Have fun!

*Blue skies in winter—
The magic of Santa Fe
Shines bright this season*

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.

Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP)

With the ever-present concern of wildfires and other catastrophes that may impact our community, a working group from the Board of Directors, volunteers, and management staff are developing a formal EPP for the Eldorado community.

DO YOU KNOW?

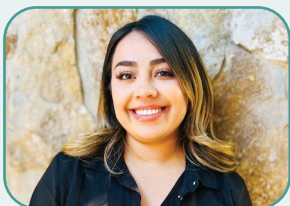
1. How many entrances/exits are there to the *Eldorado at Santa Fe* subdivision?
2. True or False: My cell phone will automatically receive reverse 911 calls from the Santa Fe County Emergency Management Service.
3. True or False: I should leave water running outside to protect my home from a wildfire.

In 2020, management staff developed a version of Ready, Set, Go emergency planning for Eldorado based on the County's Ready, Set, Go (RSG) procedures and the

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Wildfire RSG resources. The 2020 RSG has been updated with current contact information and posted on the ECIA website under Resident Resources. Revisions to the 2020 RSG for Eldorado will be included in the ongoing ECIA Emergency Preparedness planning process.

ANSWERS:

1. There are Four: Ave. Amistad, Vista Grande, Ave. Eldorado, Ave. de Compadres to Spur Ranch Rd.
2. False; you need to register with Smart911 and input your phone number and phone type: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>.
3. False; leaving water running can affect critical water pressure necessary for Fire Authorities to extinguish the fire.



Welcome Our Newest ECIA Team Member

Paola Arteaga, Administrative Assistant, is our newest addition to the ECIA team. Born and raised in Santa Fe, she graduated from Capital High School in 2014. She has worked at various medical facilities as an Administrative Assistant. Paola looks forward to working with the residents of ECIA.



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