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Eldorado Resident, One of “10 Who Made a Difference”

Congratulations to Carmella Montoya, who was recently selected as one of “10 Who Made a Difference” by *The Santa Fe New Mexican*.

Montoya heads the nonprofit animal rescue organization,



Carmella Montoya with Rico & Roxy.

Pathways of Healing. Over the past decade, she has rescued hundreds of dogs, often finding them foster or forever homes here in Eldorado and the surrounding communities. Her Eldorado home includes a sanctuary, where senior dogs

receive love and care for the rest of their lives. Her neighbors Clay and Mark Mowery, who have adopted three dogs through Pathways of Healing, nominated Montoya for the honor.

In a Nov. 28 article published in *The Santa Fe New Mexican*, Montoya said the support she receives in her own community is overwhelming. “I couldn’t do it by myself,” she added, noting that she often receives lifesaving donations from past adopters. “If one of the dogs is in trouble or has an emergency surgery, the community really comes together to take care of it,” she said. “I picked the right community to do this work.”

To learn more or support our local rescue group, check out Pathways of Healing Rescue on Facebook or email pathwaysrescue@yahoo.com.

—Barbara Castleman

Volunteers Help Eldorado Thrive

HAVE A SEAT... OR TWELVE!

In response to resident feedback, the Facilities and Grounds committee has placed 12 benches along 13 miles of hike/bike trails. Community Garden volunteers generously donated the benches from the former garden that used to exist behind the El Dorado Community School. Our thanks to the Community Garden volunteers for this valuable gift to Eldorado.

—Photos by Mike Rogers



MR. AND MRS. CLAUS VISITED ELDORADO



On Dec. 16, 2023, our younger residents were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus, (volunteers Sandor “Alex” Prihoda and Sheila Doran-Benyon) at the ECIA Community Center. Taking note of gift wishes, Santa also posed for keepsake photos. Refreshments were served and a festive time was had by parents, children and Mr. Claus.

—Photo by Jessica Neal

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER



On Dec. 6 we celebrated those who contribute so much to Eldorado. A dinner was served, above; and a tote, right, was gifted to our many wonderful volunteers.

—Photos: Above, Julie Navarro; Right, Jessica Neal



BOARD CORNER

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Thanks to the ECIA's many dedicated community volunteers including the Board and our talented staff, 2023 was a year of progress and meaningful accomplishments. In November of 2022, at the annual leadership retreat, the Board, committee chairs and senior management staff identified the following top priorities:

TOP PRIORITIES

1. **Improve communication:** develop and implement a communications plan across more channels, internal and external
 2. **Board and committee training:** how meetings are run, how to handle anger, etc.
 3. **Building community engagement:** more events and activities to build community
- Since then, ECIA has made substantial progress toward those priorities. Among the accomplishments in 2023:

PROGRESS OVERVIEW

- **Communications Director.** ECIA hired Jessica Neal as a full time Communications Director. Jessica took the lead on improving ECIA's communication channels including updating *Vistas*; the website; improving the quality and timeliness of eBlasts and developing an ECIA Facebook page.
- **Community Feedback.** The Board now follows a standard procedure for adopting policies which prioritizes community feedback. Town halls are held to give members plenty of opportunity to discuss and comment on significant policies.
- **Membership Survey.** ECIA sent a membership survey to every Eldorado lot owner with the year-end mailing.
- **Board and Committee Training.** An HOA Skills Workshop geared toward recruiting and training potential board and committee members was offered to all ECIA members including Board members and committee chairs. Meeting management training was also provided at a committee chair meeting. The Board adopted a new Conduct of Meetings policy.
- **The Eldorado Volunteer Committee (EVC) launched in February 2023.** This vibrant new committee attracted both new and longer-term residents. The EVC enhanced the new resident welcome process, sponsored two new

resident welcome events and an Earth Day event which allowed community groups and ECIA committees to engage in community outreach.

- **Other Community Engagement Opportunities.** At the annual leadership retreat in September—again open to members—the participants kicked off the process of updating the ECIA's mission and vision statements with community input. Town halls were held quarterly with Santa Fe County representatives, where members heard presentations by and asked questions of the Sheriff, our County Commissioner Hank Hughes, the Assistant Fire Chief, and representatives of Santa Fe County Public Works, responsible for all roads in the community.
- **Financial stability.** ECIA's accounts receivables—the amount of unpaid assessments as of the end of the year—reached an all-time low of 0.01% (\$22,646.89). ECIA received yet another clean audit report. The operating budget was underspent, so the remaining balance could be dedicated to the maintenance facility and the reserve account.
- **Maintenance Facility.** Several years of planning culminated in a successful competitive bidding process for the new maintenance facility, and construction was underway by year end. The building itself will be delivered and assembled in early 2024. It will provide much needed additional space for the maintenance crew to work, have heat, a bathroom, and sufficient storage space for ECIA's maintenance equipment.
- **Disc Golf Course and Pump Track.** Two popular new amenities opened in 2023, both geared towards families and children.
- **Improving the professionalism of community management.** The Board worked with senior staff of our community association management vendor, HOAMCO, to adopt detailed community association management guidelines, which were incorporated into our contract with HOAMCO. HOAMCO provided professional development training for all administrative staff, and has increased service levels in several areas, for example, providing more support for committees.

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.

Eldorado at Santa Fe and its Board of Directors

The formal name of the subdivision in which we live is *Eldorado at Santa Fe*. The Eldorado Community Improvement Association, Inc. (ECIA) is the official name given the Association in which you are a homeowner.

Those owning property in *Eldorado at Santa Fe* have in their property deed a specific reference to this subdivision with its specific boundaries defined. Lot owners of record are Members of the ECIA. Ownership in a covenant protected community comes with responsibilities and each Lot Owner accepts these responsibilities as part of being a Member of the Association. The ECIA Board of Directors is composed of seven volunteer members. Each Director serves for a term of three years. The Director terms are staggered so that all positions will not be up for election at the same time.

The Directors are bound by the Governing Documents and hold a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the Association and its members in managing the monies, properties, and the affairs of the Association.

Board Directors are elected each year through the voting process. Candidates file a Nomination Petition with intent to run and, when validated, the candidate(s) name is placed on the 2024 Ballot. The Nomination Petition is available at the ECIA office and online (www.eldoradosf.org > Resident Resources > Forms and Applications > Board Nomination Petition). All instructions are included along with the Nomination Petition. Petitions along with all required materials must be submitted to the ECIA office **by 5 PM on Friday, Mar. 1, 2024**. Contact the GM at **505 466-4248** or email jnavarro@hoamco.com if you have any questions or need help downloading a Petition.

Members in Good Standing who have an interest in running for the Board of Directors should research the responsibilities and time requirements of a director. If there are questions, contact a current Board Director and visit with them. Check the Board contact webpage for all contact information. Your experience and expertise can be invaluable to your HOA.

—Election Committee

Assessment Payments & Year-End Member Surveys

ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS DUE FEB. 15

Assessment statements were mailed in December and should have reached you via USPS or email. If you have not received your bill, please contact GM Julie Navarro, jnavarro@hoamco.com, or call **505 466-4268**.

2024 annual dues increased by 7%, to \$610 per lot, and are due **Feb. 15, 2024**. If you plan to mail a check, please ensure there is enough time for USPS to deliver your payment by the due date. Checks may be dropped off at the Community Center; cash cannot be accepted.

MAKE A PAYMENT ONLINE

<https://HOAMCO.com/Make-Payment/>:

- Credit cards payments include a 3% processing fee
- ACH payments do not include a processing fee
- Enroll in Auto Debit
- Pay on your Caliber Portal account

MAIL PAYMENTS TO:

ECIA
C/O HOAMCO
PO Box 94346
Las Vegas, NM 89193-4346

YEAR-END MEMBER SURVEYS



Year-end Member Surveys were included with the annual assessment statement mailing. Please return surveys to the ECIA office or complete the online on the ECIA website homepage by following the QR code or clicking on the survey notice image to access the form. Please submit surveys **by Monday, Jan. 15 at 5 PM**.

News Corral

ECIA BOARD & HOAMCO STAFF GREETINGS

Dream Big in 2024! Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL MEET AND GREET

Hosted by Representative McQueen, Senator Stefanics, and Senator Wirth: **Tuesday Jan. 9 from 6 to 7:30 PM** at the Max Coll Senior Center. Constituents have an opportunity to meet their local representatives and appeal for initiatives that are most important to them, which can be key to making an impact at a legislative hearing on a bill.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Please ensure your holiday lights are removed by **Monday, Jan. 15**.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Recycle your Christmas trees at the Community Center **until Thursday, Feb. 15**. Trees may be dropped off on the north side of the old maintenance building, behind the recycle and trash bins.



SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 14!

heARTs in El Dorado Gala and Art Auction, hosted by the PTA, to benefit the El Dorado Community School.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 5–8 PM at Legal Tender in Lamy. This is an adult-only event; tickets: www.eldoradopta.net.

ECIA Board Members—Our Important Volunteers



Perhaps the most important volunteer role for the ECIA is that of Board Member. Two Board member terms are expiring in 2024, so there are two positions up for election at the annual meeting this year.

What does a Board member do?

Board members are leaders responsible for overseeing the governance of the ECIA, the homeowners association which operates the *Eldorado at Santa Fe* subdivision. The Board governs the association by making decisions and adopting policies, rules and guidelines which guide the community association management company hired to operate and maintain the common property and amenities and enforce the governing documents in the best interest of the community.

How does the Board do its work? The Board does most of its work at monthly Board meetings. Board members also sit on, or are liaisons to, committees and task forces which the Board appoints to make recommendations and assist the Board in governing the community. Board officers like the president and treasurer meet regularly with the senior community association management staff to ensure policies are being followed. In order to be well-informed and represent the community's interests, Board members must read and contribute to the monthly Board packet which contains management and committee reports and recommendations, financial reports, member comments, draft policies and motions. Board members are also expected to attend at least some town hall meetings and community events including trainings and new resident welcome events, to meet and hear from residents.

What time commitment is necessary for being a Board member? ECIA Board meetings are typically two and a half

hours long. The Board meets on the third Tuesday evening of every month except December. Committee meetings vary in length and frequency, but most Board members also attend two, one hour long committee meetings most months, plus one or more events like town halls. At least quarterly all Board members attend mandatory events such as the annual meeting, the annual leadership retreat, and committee chair meetings. That requires a total of three to four meetings per month, plus a community event. Most meetings and all Board meetings require preparation in advance. Ideally Board members will also volunteer to periodically participate on short-term task forces to draft or revise policies or guidelines. Most members of the current Board work full or part time, but they have some flexibility in their schedules that allows them to participate in some meetings and events during the day.

Important qualities of effective Board members:

Board members are community leaders who must take their responsibility to serve the best interest of the ECIA seriously. They should have good character, integrity, and be open to listening to and working cooperatively with their Board colleagues, community members, staff, and committee leaders. Ideally, they have experience with previous volunteer service, enjoy working with a wide variety of people, and are interested in learning more about the community and their role. All Board members should read the governing documents, do their homework, ask good questions, and put personal preferences and agendas aside. They must be willing to support the votes of the majority of the Board, even if their position was in the minority.

Why do Board members serve? Most Board members are interested in doing more than routine administration. They join the Board to help improve the civic well-being of their community. They enjoy meeting their neighbors and making a positive difference. They feel pride and accomplishment as their leadership helps uplift and improve the community.

Vista Grande Public Library Welcomes 2024

Big thanks to everyone who has supported us through the years. Here's to a great 2024!

Vista Grande Public Library (VGPL), your community library, will feature two artists in the month of January—Heidi A. Vogel and Greg Cohen. Heidi will have her lovely watercolors and acrylics and Greg will be showing his 2-dimensional acrylic paintings on boards/canvas. The Artist Reception will be held **Saturday, Jan. 6, from 1–3 PM** in the library. These exhibitions at VGPL are for the enjoyment of patrons and guests and are open to viewing by the public during regular library hours.

Heidi started working in watercolors during the Covid-19 pandemic to keep her mind active and to fill the social gap left from lock-down. The exhibit, "The Birds and The Bees", includes small watercolors of birds, bees, flowers, and insects from the Southwest.

Greg's "Art to Make You Smile" is a collection of lively and charming acrylic paintings; from New Mexican landscapes with wild horses to pets studiously working in a painting workshop, these images are intended to lift your spirit and encourage a smile.

IT Classes, generally every other Monday, 9 AM: See website calendar, www.vglibrary.org, for details.

Special GROWN UP (movie is rated R, do not bring children) **Movie Night: Friday, Jan. 19, 6:30 PM.** Contact library or see website for movie title.

Tuesdays, 10 AM–12 PM: Eldorado Knitters

Thursdays, 10:30 AM: Toddler Story Time

Fridays, 3–5 PM: All Ages Chess

14 Avenida Torreon, Santa Fe, NM 87508 www.vglibrary.org

CORNER NOTES FROM GREATER ELDORADO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (GENW)

WATCH



To all our neighbors in Eldorado and neighboring communities, Greater Eldorado Neighborhood Watch (GENW) wishes you a peaceful and safe 2024.

January marks the time when many of us reflect on what we have not done the year before or tried to do but didn't complete. So, we make the proverbial resolutions again!

Instead of making resolutions, choose to do something entirely new—join GENW.

GENW offers you an opportunity to make a positive, tangible impact on others, feel good about the effort it takes you to do so, and enjoy that fact that something so worthwhile can be done with minutes of your time.

GENW is dedicated to aiding residents build a secure and informed community where we get acquainted, and we look out for one another.

Neighborhood Watch is a volunteer national program begun in 1972 by the National Sheriff's Association. Since then, neighborhoods throughout the Country have formed Neighborhood Watch groups.

Neighborhood Watch volunteers are neither investigators nor vigilantes. Never is anyone encouraged to involve themselves in taking personal risks. It also is not about spying on anyone.

It is about building neighborhood unity and quality by increasing awareness of crime prevention and by providing safety enhancement tips.

GENW is voluntary. Organized and led by residents, we use the concept of neighbor-to-neighbor communication. We work toward neighborhood improvement by addressing issues related to crime and safety. We encourage all neighbors to take personal responsibility for following security measures, implementing safety tips, reporting suspicious activity to the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, and helping one's neighbors do the same.

The tasks that need to be performed require little time. The Leadership Team receives crime alerts and other important prevention information from the Sheriff and County. This includes such things as Fire Prevention Guidelines, Domestic Violence Assistance and Shelters, and Child and Senior Services.

The Leadership Team emails these to volunteers on our blocks called Block Captains (BCs). They then email these to residents on their block. BCs encourage unity and cooperation and are a cornerstone of Neighborhood Watch.

Currently, we have approximately 100 BCs, but we need more. Consider adopting your block, or part of it, and volunteer to be a BC. The Leadership Team will provide you with all the information you need to easily succeed.

If you can't be a BC, then become a recipient of crime and safety prevention information by asking us to add your contact information to the list of a BC near you.

Make 2024 the year to choose to be part of the vital activity of helping your neighbors help themselves stay safe.

Learn more at <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com>. Or call Joe Loewy, 505 231-6462.

Look for the next Watch Corner in February *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

US POSTAL INSPECTOR: (877) 876-2455

Winter Weather Precautions

The winter season can bring extreme cold, heavy snowfall, freezing rain, sleet, ice, and high winds.

Prepare to act and protect yourself, your loved ones, and your home by planning, staying informed, and taking immediate precautions when necessary.

Winter Storm Warning: Life threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours.

Blizzard Warning: Sustained winds or frequent gusts of 35 MPH or greater, plus considerable falling or blowing snow reducing visibility to less than a quarter mile, expected to prevail for three hours or longer.

Wind Chill Temperature: As wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at a faster rate, driving down the

body temperature and making it feel much colder. The wind chill temperature is not the actual temperature but rather how wind and cold feel on exposed skin.

Winter Storm Outlook: Winter storm conditions possible in the next two to five days; stayed tuned to weather updates.

Winter Storm Watch: Winter storm conditions possible within the next 36 to 48 hours; review safety plans.

Winter Weather Advisory: Winter weather conditions expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous; remain cautious.

For information on how to prepare for winter emergencies, visit www.redcross.org > Get Help > Types of Emergencies > Winter Storm.

Night Skies Over Eldorado During January

As darkness falls on the first evening of 2024, Capricorn is poised above the western horizon, while Gemini rises in the east. By month's end, Capricorn is lost in the twilight glare and the sickle of Leo is rising on the opposite side of the sky.

Saturn and Jupiter are easily visible in the evening sky, but they're beginning to fade as they move away from Earth. Venus dominates the morning sky, with fainter Mercury and Mars rising during dawn. By the end of January, the three planets will be close together in Sagittarius.

A constellation that's often overlooked in favor of its brighter neighbors is Perseus. The constellation's name derives from Greek mythology in which Perseus, son of the god Zeus and mortal princess Danae, slays the Gorgon, Medusa, famous for her snake hair and turning people to stone with a glance. Perseus managed this feat by killing Medusa in her sleep. He then married the princess Andromeda after rescuing her from the sea monster Cetus.

While the constellation Perseus isn't home to the brightest stars, it does contain a swath of the Milky Way known as the Perseus Arm, a spiral arm of our galaxy located in the opposite direction from the galactic core. A casual perusal of the Milky Way in Perseus, using binoculars, is a rewarding experience.



The constellation Perseus is home to a number of interesting objects, including the Double Cluster (upper left) and the Alpha Persei Cluster (lower right), both visible to the unaided eye and easily viewed with binoculars. The Double Cluster is a favorite of many night sky enthusiasts, while the Alpha Persei Cluster is often overlooked, despite being the second largest star cluster in the sky, in terms of apparent size.

A favorite object in binoculars or a small telescope is a close pair of star clusters, known as the Double Cluster. These star clusters are unrelated to one another, with one being 180 light-years closer to Earth. Coincidentally, the two clusters appear to be almost connected to each other, as seen from our line of sight on Earth.

Mirfak, the brightest star in Perseus, is part of the Alpha Persei Cluster. This is a relatively bright and wide cluster, best suited for binocular observation.

Algol, the second brightest star in Perseus, is one of the first eclipsing binary stars ever discovered. Algol is actually three stars, gravitationally attracted to one another. The brightest of the three stars is partially eclipsed by the largest, but fainter star, every 2.86 days for a period of about ten hours, as seen from Earth. During this ten-hour period, Algol's magnitude or brightness drops from 2.1 to 3.4, returning to magnitude 2.1 when the partial eclipse ends.

The name Algol is derived from the Arabic 'al-ghul,' translated as 'ghoul' or 'ogre.' Today, Algol is commonly referred to as the 'Demon Star.'

KEY JANUARY NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

Jan. 1–22: The Zodiacal Light, sunlight reflecting off interplanetary dust particles, is still visible before dawn. From **Jan. 23 to month's end**, the Moon will be in the sky before dawn, effectively washing out the faint cone of light in the ESE.



According to EarthSky.com, you should look for the pre-dawn Zodiacal Light from late August through early November. In Eldorado's dark skies, you can see it from late June through late January. This photo of the pre-dawn Zodiacal Light was captured on Jan. 13, 2022.

Jan. 3–4: The Quadrantids meteor shower peaks on the **night of Jan. 3 and morning of Jan. 4** with about 40 meteors per hour visible. Unfortunately, the last quarter moon and shower radiant rise just after midnight, so we'll likely see fewer meteors.

Jan. 11: New moon.

Jan. 12: Mercury is at its greatest apparent distance west of the Sun, rising **about 5:40 AM** in the ESE, with brilliant Venus, above and to the right, and faint Mars, below and to the left.

Jan. 14: The waxing crescent moon and Saturn will be about two degrees apart as darkness falls.

Jan. 25: The full Wolf Moon occurs at **10:55 AM** in the constellation Cancer.

Jan. 27: Mercury and Mars will form a close pair in the **dawn** sky, low in the southeast. Viewing them will likely require binoculars or a telescope.

—Article and photos by Eric Saltmarsh

January Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	9, 23	3-5 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Katherine Mortimer	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Board of Directors	Tuesday	16	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>	Jody Price	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	Tuesday Bi-Monthly	2	7-9 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Thomas Brandenburg	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Covenant Compliance Task Group	Thursday	4	10 AM <i>CFR</i>	Katherine Mortimer and John McDermott	architecturechair@gmail.com
	Eldorado Volunteer Committee	Thursday	18	3-5 PM <i>Zoom / LR</i>	Kathy Ritschel	fandgchair@gmail.com
	Election Committee	Wednesday	10	2-4 PM <i>Zoom</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-12 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
Mthly/Semi-Mthly	Stable Committee	Wednesday	17	6:30-8:30 PM <i>Zoom</i>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
	Acoustic Jam	Sundays	7, 21	4-6 PM <i>CC Patio/ RR if weather</i>	Chris Harrell	clharrell505@gmail.com
	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>LR</i>	Pam Henline	phenline@comcast.net
	Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	9	1:30-2:30 PM <i>CFR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	enhnnm@gmail.com
	Social Games	Wednesday	10	11:30 AM-3 PM <i>LR</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
Weekly	Al-Anon	Saturdays		3:30-5 PM <i>CFR</i> (if closed email Phebe for Zoom)	Phebe Macrae	phebemacrae2@gmail.com
	Bible Study & Worship Service	Saturdays		12 Noon-2 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>	Lois Owens	505 670-8942 loisowens2@gmail.com
	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
*	Bylaws Review Town Hall	Wed. & Sat.	17, 20	Wed. 7 PM, Sat. 10 AM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	Jody Price	505 466-4248

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 January Community Events

Local Station Starts the New Year with Dance Party



Eldorado's own local, low-power broadcaster at the top of the dial, ELDORADIO 1660 AM, begins the New Year every Jan. 1 with a full day of dance music from the old-world Viennese tradition. Waltzes, polkas and more by the

famous Strauss family, recorded on past New Years in the Musikverein by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, puts listeners in a mood to enjoy the rest of a happy New Year, right after the morning news-weather-calendar morning program at 7 AM. The full day of frolic pre-empts the local commercial-free station's regular endless medley of classics,

jazz, pop, and world music, with a mid-morning weekday *BreakTime* at 10:30 AM and a *Sunset Headline* summary about half an hour before sundown, followed by *Music Through the Dark 'til Dawn*.



Saturday Matinee and *Retro Radio* at 12 Noon on weekends are part of ELDORADIO's special features. On New Mexico Statehood Day, Jan. 6, *Saturday Matinee's* recorded live concert features Johnny Gilbert from Taos. Other Saturdays this month highlight performances in concert by the New Mexico Symphony, Jazz at the Philharmonic, and chamber music from the Bravo, Colorado, festival.

Most of the day presents a variety of music, without chatter or commercials. Restricted by FCC rules, ELDORADIO's signal covers most of the community during daytime hours, but after sunset reaches only the center of Eldorado.

Welcome the New Year—
Opportunities await...
Wishing joy to all!

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.

New Year's Resolutions—A New Way of Thinking

Many people dislike New Year's resolutions because they know they will somehow "fail" at meeting their high expectations. Losing a certain amount of weight, going to the gym more often, cutting out sugar, etc. are often futile attempts at making oneself better in some way.

Personal, spiritual resolutions may help connect a person with their journey in life to deeper meaning and purpose. Consider what you value for yourself and others and where

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PEOPLE
WITH
KINDNESS

your concerns lie. Giving of your time can fill your heart more abundantly and cultivate a deeper sense of gratitude.

Kindness is a movement to bring civility,

understanding, and personal value to our cultural conversations through simple expressions of kindness that each of us has within our power.

“Our task is to mend the broken world. This is our job: to mend this shattered vessel, to repair the brokenness of the world. How do we do this? You might ask yourself this every single day, if you're anything like me. We do this through every act of loving kindness, every act of chesed. And we do this through every act of tzedakah, which is, for lack of a better translation, generosity, hospitality. It's sometimes translated as charity; it's an offering of ourselves, even when it's not convenient and not comfortable. The nice thing about Judaism, and this is true in Islam as well, is that our loving, kind thoughts count too. The actions [count], certainly, of course, but our loving thoughts make a difference. They help mend the world.”

—Passage provided by Mark Young

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