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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Vote! Vote! Vote! Meet Your Board Candidates

As we approach the 2024 Board of Director's election we have two open terms from May 2024–May 2026, and three candidates in contention vying for your support. Mary Bonilla, Anne Salzmann, and Jonathan Turkle. Below, you'll find their photos and bios for your consideration.



MARY BONILLA has been a nurse for 42 years with experience in the Emergency Room, Operating Room, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and as an industrial nurse. In addition, she was a family nurse practitioner in the military and three different practices. She retired from the US Navy Reserve in 2012 as a Captain (O-6) after 25

years and taught at the University of Central Florida and the University of Alabama in Huntsville for 23 years in the undergraduate, RN to BSN, and graduate programs. Mary has volunteered at the Madison County Health Department, giving COVID19 vaccinations, and has given presentations to various groups on Intimate Partner Abuse.

Mary graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Elementary Education (War Eagle!) and then attended the University of Alabama, Huntsville, where she received her BSN, MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Her field of research is Intimate Partner Violence.

Mary served on the COA Board for Villages of Research Park as Vice President and Secretary for four years. In her spare time, she enjoys making jewelry, cooking, reading, walking, and traveling. Eldorado has many of these opportunities, and she looks forward to enjoying them and getting involved in Eldorado.



ANNE SALZMANN I spent my childhood playing among the red rocks of Sedona, AZ, moved to Massachusetts for high school, college and graduate school, and then back to the Southwest in my 30's. But moving to Eldorado in 2002 felt like finally coming home.

I have a Master's Degree in Counseling and Consulting Psychology from Harvard University and worked in public, private and charter schools my whole career. I began as a school counselor with delinquent teens on the North Shore of Boston, was Director of Counseling at Phoenix Country Day School, followed by Head of School at Verde Valley School in Sedona. When my husband David and I moved to Santa Fe, I was an administrator at Monte del Sol Charter School for 7 years, followed by 10 years as founding Principal of The MASTERS Program Charter School on the Santa Fe Community College campus. As a retiree, I miss the deep satisfaction of being part of a school community, although as a mentor for the NM State Charter School Coalition, I still get to pass on the lessons I have learned to new young principals each year.

I care deeply about this beautiful planet and enjoy working with others who are finding ways to reduce their impact on this earth, including Eldorado/285 Recycles, the Reuse Center, and the Beyond

Plastics group. I am an animal lover (two older dogs & two new kittens), read a lot, tutor teens at YouthWorks, am on the Board of Directors of Monte del Sol and Rio Grande School, love to travel both near and far, and enjoy hiking around Santa Fe.

I am running for the ECIA Board because I feel fortunate to live in this beautiful place and want to give back to the community. I bring Board experience, good listening skills and a calm, inclusive approach to solving problems and dealing with controversial issues. My goal is to ensure that everyone is heard, that experts weigh in, and that we not rush the decision-making process so positive resolutions can be reached that benefit all our residents.

There is already too much angst and anger in the world, and I want to be part of proving that we can be kind, learn from one another and come together harmoniously to better all lives, no matter what issues we face.



JONATHAN TURKLE I was born here in Santa Fe at St Vincent's Hospital when it existed across La Posada. Because I had no choice, I followed my parents to NYC, where I was raised, went to high school, and eventually college in Maine. Oddly enough, even as a city kid, I always had a passion for the outdoors and

spent several summers at an overnight wilderness camp in Vermont and then took off across Canada when I was 17 with a buddy traveling the road and hiking across the continental divide.

Though I was thousands of miles away from Santa Fe, I found time to return to New Mexico for summers at the Humming Bird music camp in Jemez Springs and almost every winter holiday for the last 40 years. For most of my adult life, I lived in Colorado Springs and Boulder, CO. In those 43 years, I took advantage of every Colorado adventure I could find. I was hiking, camping, downhill and backcountry skiing, white water canoeing, and most recently, horseback riding. It must be true what they say about New Mexico. Indeed it must have a magical draw for those who lived here as both my parents and my sister all moved back here in their due time. Two years ago, after I sold my business, the bug hit me as well, and I moved back to Santa Fe after we visited and fell in love with the Eldorado community. Since then, my wife and I have continued the adventure exploring every nook and cranny of Eldorado Preserve and Green belt areas. With my passion for the outdoors and nature, I recently became a Conservation Committee member, where I have just started to get my feet wet volunteering on some of the various trail projects. Wasting no time, I have already asked to be scheduled to give a presentation to demonstrate the virtues and possibilities of using Geographic Informations Systems (GIS) as part of the conservancy. I hope to continue to be a cheerful voice for the ECIA community.

BOARD CORNER

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Thomas Stagle, the new Amenities Manager (promoted from the maintenance team) and Niamh Walsh, the new Committee Administrator (promoted from an administrative assistant), introduced themselves to the Board and members. Communications Director Jessica Neal has been promoted to a new position within HOAMCO, so has left her role with ECIA. HOAMCO has hired a new Communications Manager for ECIA, Raymi Reynolds-Lynch, who started **Mar. 13**.

The Amenities Manager is already working on recruiting lifeguards and preparing the pool for its traditional opening on **Memorial Day**. The Committee Administrator has met with all committee chairs about what administrative tasks she will be taking on, and how committee charters may be updated to reflect the balance of tasks between staff and committee chairs.

The FrontSteps portal is now ready for use by the Board, committees and members. It is a more efficient online document management system provided by HOAMCO that all owners have access to, and that enables the Board and committee volunteers to more easily share documents and communicate. Look for eBlast regarding log in information.

SAVE THE DATE: The new Maintenance Facility is almost complete. Planting the foster-raised plants in the new pollinator garden will begin in April and May. The newest cactus garden is under development. A ribbon cutting/open house celebration will be held **Friday, May 17 from 3–5 PM** at the new maintenance facility at the community center. The whole community is welcome to attend!

TREASURER'S/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez reported about 80% of annual assessments have been collected, as \$1.2 million out of the \$1.6 million has been received so far. This is about \$20,000 below where we were last year during the same time. He also reported that the ECIA's insurance agent and attorney recommend adding additional insurance requirements for community center rental events which serve alcohol. The proposed policy regarding an annual tax selection consent by members, which was approved for posting for public comment at the February meeting, was inadvertently not posted on the website last month. It is now posted and member comments are welcomed before the Board discusses and votes on this policy next month.

FACILITY MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE

As part of the Board's initiative to engage in strategic planning in 2024, it has asked the committees to likewise participate in their own strategic planning processes. Therefore, the Facilities & Grounds (F&G) Committee requested, and the Board approved forming a Facility Master Plan task force reporting to F&G, which will help F&G prepare a proposed plan for Board review which will coordinate future upgrades, repair and replacement of the facilities into the future.

STABLE DOG POLICY

The Board approved for posting for public comment a draft, revised rule clarifying where and under what circumstances dogs are allowed in the Eldorado Community Stable, which is posted online for public comment.

BOARD LIAISON CHANGES PROPOSED

After extensive discussion, including remarks by members, the Board approved for posting for public comment a draft, revised Board Liaison Role Definition document, which would confirm that Board members are authorized to serve on committees where appropriate. Now that ECIA has a Committee Administrator staff liaison to all committees, the old Board liaison role is no longer appropriate. The majority of the old role overlaps what a staff member will now do for committees. In addition, the Board discussed changing ECIA's unusual tradition of Board members not participating in Board committees. President Adair explained that this tradition is contrary to non-profit governance best practices, and contrary to Roberts Rules of Order. Going forward the Board proposes that it may appoint its members to committees as fully participating members if appropriate. For some committees, Board participation may not be appropriate; for others, it may not be necessary. If no Board member is a member of a given committee, then the committees can request a Board liaison be assigned. The Board also hopes that committee members who are invested in the mission of their committees may be more willing to join the Board if they don't feel they must resign from their committee to do so.

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) AND GIS PROJECT STATUS

At a special Board meeting held **Feb. 29**, ECIA's consultant, Jan-Willem Jansens, principal of Ecotone Landscape Planning, answered questions about his recommendation that ECIA apply for a \$25,000 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and New Mexico Counties grant that, if approved, will enable ECIA to participate in a CWPP planning process over the coming year. The Board approved the grant application. See details on page 3 in this *Vistas* issue.

At the March Board meeting, Vice President Turkle reported on the status of the CWPP process grant application and the ECIA's GIS mapping project.

MISSION & VISION STATEMENT UPDATE TASK FORCE GROUP

The Task Force composed of the Board, committee chairs and two community members once again met immediately after a shortened Board meeting to work on updating the ECIA's mission and vision statements. Draft statements will be sent to all members as part of the annual meeting packet, and the annual meeting **May 6** will include a town hall style discussion about these proposed revised statements.

MINUTES POSTED ONLINE

ECIA Board Meeting Minutes are available at eldoradosf.org
> Board & Committees > ECIA Governing Board.

ECIA BOARD & MANAGEMENT

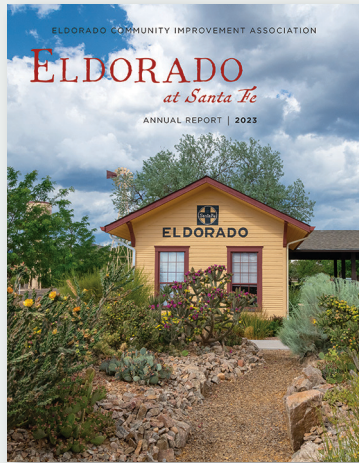
Board: *President Amelia Adair, Vice President Jonathan Turkle, Treasurer Joseph Gutierrez, Secretary James Herbert Williams, Director Mary Bonilla, Director Ken Howard, Director Carol Sanguinetti*

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.**

Annual Report Packets

Anual Report Packets have been mailed. If you do not receive yours by **Apr. 5**, please contact the office. Refer to the March *Vistas* for other information concerning this packet.



—Cover photo by Garret P. Vreeland

News Corral

ECIA MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS NOW ONLINE

Results can be viewed at www.eldoradosf.org/

ANNUAL TUMBLEWEED CORRAL

Bring your tumbleweeds to our dedicated dumpster, located at the northwest corner of the Community Center (near the Courts) from **Apr. 1** through **Aug. 31**.

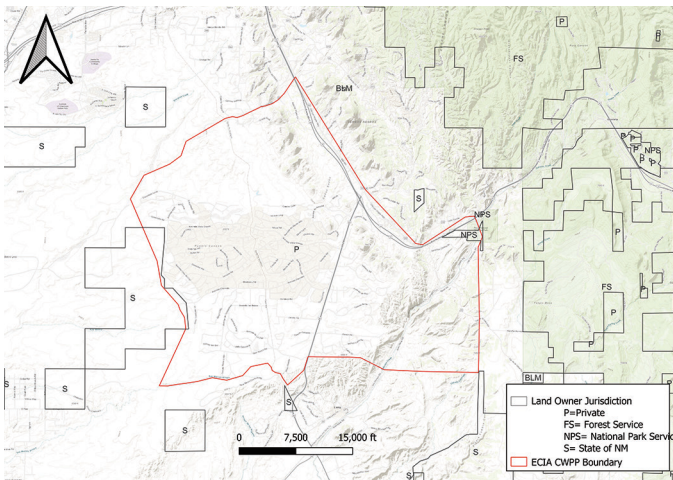
FREE, CLEAN HORSE MANURE AT ECIA STABLES

Available any day of the week. Great for xeriscape, herb, vegetable, and flower gardens. Bring a shovel and bin and take as much as you would like.

ELDORADO STUDIO TOUR REGISTRATION

The Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association is thrilled to announce artist registration is now open for the 32nd annual Eldorado Studio Tour™, scheduled for the weekend of **Sept. 21 & 22**, <https://www.eldoradoarts.org/>.

Update on The Community Wildfire Protection Plan



The Board is excited to share news of a significant recent decision it made in February. The ECIA has approved applying for a \$25,000 grant for a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) through the New Mexico County’s Wildfire Risk Reduction Program. ECIA will match this grant with in-kind work and with a \$2,500 cash contribution, which was planned for in the 2024 budget.

The Board’s approval is a commitment to apply for the CWPP grant without any specific outcome of this process. Approval of the grant application itself is now pending. If the grant is approved, the next step will be to begin public outreach as the planning process begins.

Eldorado faces interconnected risks, including wildfires, flooding, and erosion. The CWPP marks a proactive step toward more active management of these threats and enhancing community resilience. A CWPP is more than just a plan; it’s a collaborative effort aimed at inclusive decision-making by the community. It will guide ECIA’s resource allocation, allow

for ongoing collaboration, and establish systems for on-going collaboration and learning. Moreover, it will position us to seek additional grant funding to address the concerns identified.

To guide this process, we’ve hired Ecotone Landscape Planning, a long-time ECIA vendor specializing in landscape-scale ecological planning. Ecotone has been involved in projects in the Eldorado Preserve, as well as the Galisteo Basin Preserve, and Santa Fe Conservation Trust property in the Galisteo Basin. They also led the development of the 2023 Dixon Fire District CWPP and the 2022 Colfax County CWPP. If ECIA’s grant application is approved, Ecotone’s invaluable expertise will guide ECIA through the CWPP process and towards effective open space management strategies, including but not limited to wildfire mitigation.

The Board recognizes and appreciates the diversity of perspectives within our community as it looks to balance our shared goals of protecting the community while enhancing and preserving our beautiful, natural open spaces and wildlife habitat. To further those objectives, the Board intends to oversee a transparent process that fosters clarity, insight, and a shared vision for our future. A core group of members, alongside key partners like the Santa Fe County Fire Department and the Santa Fe-Pojoaque Soil and Water Conservation District, will participate as advisors to help shape the draft of our CWPP.

ECIA will keep the community informed about this process and how you can participate and share feedback. Interested individuals can learn more about the ECIA CWPP process, by accessing the short presentation and FAQ via the QR code provided at left, or <https://bit.ly/3T6VPTD>.



—Jonathan Turkle,
ECIA Board Vice President

Earth & Sky Fest, Apr. 21, Free & Fun Resident Event



We are excited to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us for a special Earth Day Celebration **Apr. 21 from 1–3 PM**. This event promises to be an inspiring and fun-filled day dedicated to raising awareness about environmental conservation and sustainability.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CELEBRATION INCLUDE:

- Interactive workshops on composting, recycling, and energy conservation
- Engaging educational sessions led by environmental experts
- Recycle/reuse/renew fashion show
- Opportunities to connect with local environmental organizations and learn about ways to get involved in green initiatives

Come together with friends, neighbors, and community members as we celebrate our planet and take steps towards a more sustainable future.

Rallying Eldorado for a Great Cause

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and it is important to shed a light not only on the problem, but on the solutions. The solutions involve education, trauma-informed care, and cohoused services (i.e., law enforcement, nurses, forensic interviewers, client advocates, and therapists) that reduce the burden on survivors throughout the legal process.

Solace Sexual Assault Services, a crucial resource center for survivors of sexual assault and their families in northern New Mexico, has been providing services for more than 51 years. Since its founding, Solace Sexual Assault Services has been a vital community resource, helping thousands of survivors of sexual assault in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Española, Las Vegas and the surrounding areas. Offering no-cost education and prevention services, therapy, forensic interviewing, and advocacy—both in Spanish and English—Solace Sexual Assault Services provides comprehensive support and healing for survivors. In addition, the organization provides a 24/7 hotline for those in need of services, counseling, or support. The organization works with people who have been sexually assaulted, stalked, sex trafficked or have experienced any type of sexual violence.

Solace manages to provide all of these services on an extremely tight budget. This year that budget is threatened by an expected 50% cut in federal funding for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the state is not able to cover the shortfall. Personal donations are also down 25% over the last year as people have had to tighten their own household budgets. Now more than ever, donations are critical to keep the doors of Solace open.

Please get involved and help us secure this vital resource for the community. The 3rd annual Race for Solace takes place

from **Apr. 1–30**. No running required! The Race for Solace is an online race to raise \$52,000 in honor of 52 years of service to the community. All you have to do is donate to help us reach the finish line. Every dollar helps. To donate, go to **www.findsolace.org/race-for-solace**. Together we can make a difference for our community.

Thank you to the current sponsors of the 2024 Race for Solace, for their generous support: Christus St. Vincent, HUB Insurance, Wayne Steen of State Farm, Ives Enterprises, MEA Rising Circle Ranch, Hutton Broadcasting, and the law offices of Egolf, Ferlic, Martinez and Harwood.

—Amy Adler and Kathleen Shiverdecker,
Eldorado Residents

CORNER NOTES FROM GREATER ELDORADO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (GENW)

WATCH



This April, Greater Eldorado Neighborhood Watch (GENW) is providing some information about the important issue of School Crime Safety and Prevention.

Even if we do not have children, it is important for everyone to understand issues relating to school crime. Children and teens are vulnerable to crimes such as theft; “stranger-danger” when going to and from school; bullying; cyberbullying; gangs and violence.

The National Center for School Safety (NCSS), the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and the Santa Fe Independent School District (SFISD) provide many resources and tips to help children and teens stay safe from crimes at school.

SFISD has a guide which explains issues and provides information about how to talk with children about these issues. The NASP and the NCSS provide information about how schools and parents can help prevent school crimes.

GENW now shares a few of the many things recommended by the above organizations. These include:

Learn the school policies and procedures for School Crime Prevention at your child’s school for preventing crimes and violence as well as what procedures to follow.

Don’t be afraid to talk with your children about crime issues. Talk with them about how they can help themselves stay safer and feel empowered.

Listen to your children. If they report something, take it seriously. Calmly decide upon a safe course of action to address the issues with the child, the school principal, and teachers.

Teach your children the same steps you take to prevent theft. Some include not wearing jewelry or taking lots of money to school. Avoid giving anyone locker combinations or any house or car keys. Paying attention to where their possessions are and being careful about letting others use or borrow.

Remind children to stay aware of their surroundings; don’t engage with strangers even if someone knows their name. Don’t walk alone or take shortcuts. Never give out phone numbers or addresses. Don’t put on social media any information about when the family will be away or for how long.

Explain bullying and cyberbullying. Provide age-appropriate examples of these so the child can recognize them and know how to avoid them. Teach them how not to engage or let what anyone else says scare them. Explain the value of reporting incidents or websites to you and/or to school authorities without being targeted as a tattletale. Contact mental health professionals if necessary to help your child.

Learn about gang presence in your child’s school. Talk with the school about their gang policies. Help your child develop healthy interests and activities to help them avoid interest in gangs. Know the child’s friends.

These are only some things to do to help children stay safer.

For much more information and plentiful resources contact the NCSS, the NASP and the SFISD. The NCSS, <https://www.nc2s.org>. The NASP, <https://www.nasponline.org> and SFISD, <http://www.sfisd.org>.

Find other crime prevention and safety tips, and helpful resources, go to the GENW website: <https://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com>.

Look for the *Watch Corner* in the May *Vistas* Newsletter.

—Leadership Team of GENW

April Events at Vista Grande Public Library

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Wine and Cheese Fundraiser with wild bee expert Olivia Messinger Carril such a success.

Rock Time Returns, Saturday, Apr. 6 from 11 AM–1 PM: Right in front of the library. Bring your rocks, your fossils, your questions and your curiosity! Local experts will inform and amaze you.

Medicare Information Session: Are you turning 65 within the next 6 months? Learn what you need to know and do to avoid delays, penalties, or rejection for your desired plans. This year, more baby boomers are turning 65 than ever before. Don’t get blind-sided by any previous things you thought you knew about Medicare and its benefits which no longer exist, Come to this information session on **Saturday, Apr. 13 at 10 AM** in the Library’s Meeting Room. Nancy Johnson, a certified Medicare Benefits Counselor and Eldorado resident will lead the session and answer your questions.

Family Movie Night: Friday, Apr. 19, 6:30 PM Disney new-release. Admission, popcorn and juice free.

Peggy Darr, Defenders of Wildlife, will give a PowerPoint presentation on “Private Landowners Protecting Pinyon Jays”, in the VGPL meeting room from **1–2 PM, Saturday, Apr. 20**.

Poetry Night: Friday, Apr. 26, 5:30–7:30 PM at the library and via Zoom. Six indigenous poets honor N. Scott Momoday. Books will be available for sale—please support the poets!

Join us for the second of a five part series on gardening in the Eldorado/Santa Fe Area: **Saturday, Apr. 27 from 1–2 PM:** “Pollinators and Honeybees,” presented by Ken Bower.

All Ages Chess: Every Friday, 3–5 PM

Toddler Story Time: Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM

Tech Classes: Apr. 1 & 15, see website calendar for time and details.

Eldorado Knitters: Tuesday 10 AM

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Night Skies Over Eldorado During April

April marks the shifting of the winter constellations into the west as the spring constellations, like Virgo and Bootes, rise in the east. Along with the return of warmer weather, April offers three celestial events worthy of viewing.

On **Apr. 8**, we will be treated to a partial eclipse of the Sun. At maximum eclipse, 78% of the Sun's disk will be covered by the Moon, as seen from Eldorado. In order to avoid eye injuries, it's important that everybody view the eclipse through eclipse safety glasses or some other heavily filtered lenses, appropriate for eclipse viewing. Eclipse times can be found in Key April Night Sky Events.



This photo was taken during the recent solar eclipse on Oct. 14, 2023, when the Moon had covered about one-third of the Sun. Note the two sunspot groups about to be eclipsed as the Moon passes in front of them.

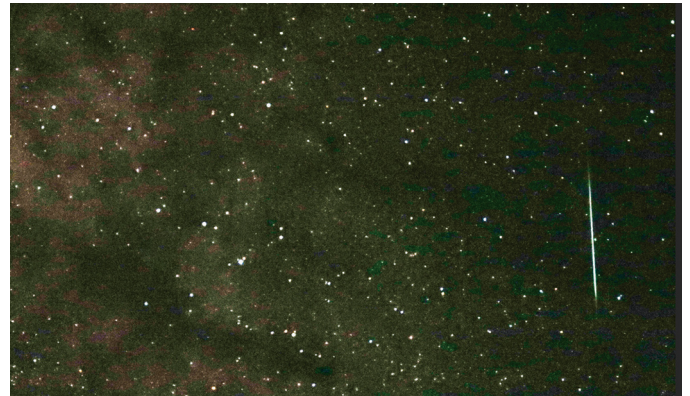
Throughout April, a comet can be seen with telescopes, binoculars, and possibly the unaided eye as it approaches and then moves away from the Sun. Known in the media as the 'Devil's Comet' and the 'Green Comet,' Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks starts the month in evening twilight in the constellation Aries and by **Apr. 14** is three degrees from Jupiter and neighboring Uranus.

On **Apr. 20**, the comet passes into Taurus, just one day before perihelion, the comet's closest approach to the Sun. On **Apr. 21**, the comet will set in the west about an hour after sunset. Since the Sun's heat and the solar wind help create a comet's tail, this is the time to watch for further tail development and increased brightness.

While comets are fickle and difficult to predict, Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks should brighten as it approaches the Sun. The latest forecast suggests that the comet may become as bright as magnitude 4.5 (the brightness of a faint naked eye star), but it could become more impressive.

The Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the night of **Apr. 22** and pre-dawn of **Apr. 23**. While the shower can produce about 20 meteors per hour during the peak, the light of the almost full moon will wash out the fainter meteors. However, the Lyrid shower can produce the occasional 'Lyrid fireball'—a meteor

brighter than the planet Venus. Lyrids appear to originate near the bright star Vega in the constellation Lyra, but they can be observed anywhere in the sky.



A Lyrid meteor slashes down through the Milky Way. The Dark Horse Nebula is on the left side of the photo.

KEY APRIL NIGHT SKY EVENTS:

Apr. 1–30: The spring Zodiacal Light is faintly visible in the west for about an hour after darkness falls.

Apr. 6: The waning crescent Moon, Saturn, and Mars make a close grouping in the dawn sky, when they rise about **5:45 AM** in the ESE.

Apr. 8: New moon and partial eclipse of the Sun. The eclipse begins at **11:18 AM**, reaches maximum eclipse (78% eclipsed) at **12:32 PM**, and ends at **1:49 PM**.

Apr. 8–11: Mars and Saturn make a nice pair in the ESE during dawn.

Apr. 10: The waxing crescent moon, Jupiter, and the Pleiades star cluster make a nice grouping in the west, during evening twilight.

Apr. 21: Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks will be at its closest point to the Sun, possibly visible to the unaided eye in the constellation Taurus.

Apr. 22–23: The Lyrid meteor shower peaks on the night of **Apr. 22** and pre-dawn of **Apr. 23**. At its peak, about 20 meteors per hour can be seen under ideal conditions. Unfortunately, moonlight from the almost full moon will reduce the number of meteors seen.

Apr. 23: The full Pink Moon occurs at **5:50 PM** in the constellation Virgo.



February's Snow Moon begins to set over the Jemez Mountains in early dawn.

—Article and photos by Eric Saltmarsh

April Meetings

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

ECIA Committee	Architecture Committee	Tuesdays	9, 23	5:30-7 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	Thursday	11	10:30 AM-12:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	Jody Price	505 466-4248
	Conservation Committee	No Meeting This Month			TBD	conservationchair@gmail.com
	Covenant Compliance Task Group	Thursday	TBD	10 AM	Katherine Mortimer	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 / CFR</i>	Bette Knight Butch Gorsuch	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
	Stable Committee	Wednesday	17	6:30-8:30 PM <i>Zoom / CR</i>	Lisa Bessone	stablechair1@gmail.com
Weekly / Monthly Groups	AA *Thursdays Women Only	Tues./Thurs./Fri. & Sun.		Tues: 5:45 PM <i>CR</i> Thurs: 6 PM* <i>CR</i> Fri: 6 PM <i>RR</i> Sun: 5:15 PM <i>RR</i>	Olivia Ogorek	oliviaogorek@gmail.com
	Acoustic Jam	2nd & 4th Sun.	14, 28	4-6 PM <i>CC Patio / RR if weather</i>	Chris Harrell	clharrell505@gmail.com
	Al-Anon	Saturdays		3:30-5 PM <i>RR</i>	Phebe Macrae	phebemacrae2@gmail.com
	Athletic Club	Mondays		8:30 AM <i>CR</i>	Megan Maher	msmaygin@gmail.com
	Bible Study & Worship Service	Saturdays		12 Noon-2 PM <i>RR</i>	Kevin Rehorn	kevinrehorn@msn.com
	Bridge Club	1st & 3rd Wed.	3, 17	1-4 PM <i>CR</i>	Susan Lovro	sulovro@aol.com
	Chair Aerobics	Tuesdays / Thursdays		10:30-11:30 AM <i>RR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	505 577-7305 naomiburtnick@gmail.com
	EACA	2nd Wednesday	10	10 AM <i>CFR</i>	Nancy Patmont	www.eldoradoarts.org
	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 Hikers	Tuesdays		8:30 AM <i>NE corner CC Pkg.</i>	Lois Owens	505 670-8942 loisowens2@gmail.com
	Eldorado Neighbors Helping Neighbors	1st Tuesday	2	1:30-3 PM <i>CFR</i>	Naomi Burtnick	enhnm@gmail.com
	Eldorado Resident Delegates	2nd Tuesday	9	6:30-9 PM <i>RR</i>	Henry J. Day	dayhenry8th@gmail.com
	Knitting Group	Mondays		10 AM <i>LR</i>	Frieda Claes	frmh@me.com 508 984-1704
	Social Games	1st Wednesday	3	11:30 AM-3 PM <i>LR</i>	Carol Hardin	caje8@comcast.net
	Yoga	Tues. / Thurs.		10 AM <i>CR</i>	Sue Schmitt	susha.schmitt@gmail.com
	* Earth & Sky Fest	Sunday	21	1-3 PM <i>CC</i>		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 April Events

We're Hiring!



Our 2022 certified lifeguard team.

Do you want an exciting and rewarding job as a certified lifeguard? The ECIA pool opens Memorial Day weekend, and we are looking for swimmers with a passion for safety to join the team. Not certified? A certification course will take place in May, prior to the pool opening. Applicants must be 15 years old by the time certification ends and pass a pre-course skills test. The pre-course skills include the ability to swim continuously for 300 yards (front crawl or breaststroke), a timed 10-pound brick retrieval, and two minutes treading water without the use of hands. Please contact Amenities Manager Thomas Stagle, tstagl@hoamco.com, if you are interested.

County Updates

Hike/bike trail upgrades: Santa Fe County has started paving the hike/bike trail alongside Avenida de Compadres and will soon be open for public use.

PNM Improvement Project Update: PNM's contractor is wrapping up construction on the project to upgrade the electrical power system in Eldorado. Crews were out beginning the week of **Feb. 12** to begin removing all temporary structures, tools, equipment, and supplies as well as all signs and flags that were put up during construction. Any disturbed surfaces requiring revegetation will be addressed and will be restored to their pre-construction condition. If ECIA members notice any areas of concern that have not been addressed, please feel free to call PNM at **833 910-3670** or visit www.pnm.com/workinyourarea.

Roads Reminder: all roads in Eldorado are public roads owned and maintained by Santa Fe County. Anyone with questions about roads in the Eldorado subdivision may contact Santa Fe County Public Works directly at **505 986-6219**, or visit their website at <https://www.santafecountynm.gov/public-works/roads> where an "online work order portal" is available to report road maintenance needed.

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*Hummingbirds return,
Nourished by fragrant spring blooms
Warmer days arrive!*

Mission Statement The mission of the monthly newsletter, *Vistas*, is to inform members of ECIA about issues before the Board of Directors, various committees, and the office staff. Any interesting events happening in Eldorado or the surrounding areas may be included. The publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision-making process.

Editorial Policy *Vistas* welcomes factual and objective submissions, which will be selected and edited at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Community announcements, photos, and articles of interest to homeowners are welcome. Submissions are due on the 5th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may be submitted to articles@eldoradosf.org. For help with any article, see the *Vistas* Style Guide: www.eldoradosf.org > News & Events > *Vistas* Newsletters.

ECIA's 3rd New Resident Welcome Event a Hit



David Rasch presents to a full house at the Welcome Event.

The Eldorado Community Improvement Association (ECIA) held its third New Resident Welcome Event on **Saturday, Feb. 10**. Forty-six residents and several members of the Board of Directors were in attendance. The New Resident Welcome events are a collaboration with the Eldorado Volunteer Committee (EVC) and HOAMCO staff. These sessions provide newcomers with information about living in Eldorado. Several long-term residents also enjoyed learning new things about our community.

Attendees spent two hours hearing short presentations.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Eldorado's 50-year history—from its origins as a private ranch until its development into the largest unincorporated community in New Mexico.

- The relationship between the ECIA Board of Directors and HOAMCO, the firm contracted for the responsibility of the day-to-day operations of our community.
- The importance of community and being good neighbors and the value of getting involved as a volunteer in Eldorado in any of several ways.
- An introduction to the many amenities offered to residents, including our pool, pickleball/basketball courts, disc golf, social clubs, and our newest addition, the pollinator garden, to open this spring.
- Learning about the flora and fauna surrounding us in this Juniper Savannah, often referred to as living in the high desert. Emphasis was on the dangers of pesticides and rodenticides to our local coyotes, owls, bobcats, etc.
- Joining the Greater Eldorado Neighborhood Watch program: neighbors watching out for neighbors.

Attendees expressed their appreciation for this event, enjoying meeting each other and El Dorado Volunteer Fire Department members, who arrived as the snow was coming down at a good clip. Joe Newman of the Cactus Rescue Project presented on the fauna in Eldorado, and a team from Neighborhood Watch had extensive information available at tables set up for Q&A sessions. Be on the lookout for our next New Resident Welcome Event this Spring.

—Photo by Jim Brown



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